Prior to 1970

Dr. John H. Williams ’58 has retired from the Indian River (DE) School District. He was the assistant principal at Sussex Central Middle School for nine years.

Linda Thater Layton ’68 has been selected by the Daily Record, Maryland’s legal and business newspaper, as one of the Top 100 Women in Maryland for 2002.

Vera Disharoon Torrence ’68 has received a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Virginia Tech. Dr. Torrence’s area of study was Educational Leadership and Policy Study. Her dissertation was “Principals’ Use of Data: A National Perspective.” The study used survey research to survey members of the National Association of Elementary Principals (NAESP) on use of data as instructional leaders and the variables that influence their use of data. Dr. Torrence’s dissertation was recognized this spring by the local chapter of Phi Delta Kappa International and will be electronically available through Virginia Tech in one year. She will return to Montgomery County Public Schools this summer in an administrative position.

1970s

Linda B. Windsor ’72 has won the Best Book of the Year Award from Romance Reviews Today for her book, Riona, and the Reviewer International Organization’s Dorothy Parker Award of Excellence for her book, Maire. She has also received other recognitions for her work.

Margaret “Peggy” Pasbach Elliott ’74 is an academic learning tutor at Anna Reynolds Elementary School in Newington, CT. Her husband, David, is a defensive coordinator at Central Connecticut State University. Her daughter, Catherine, is a sophomore at University of Iowa and daughter, Christina, is a junior in high school.

Robert J. Kemmery Jr. ’74 was selected as the Association for Career and Technical Education/McDonald’s Outstanding Career and Technical (ACTE) national winner. He was recognized at the national convention in New Orleans on December 13, 2001. Robert was selected from among five regional winners. He will now serve as the national spokesperson for career and technical education programs.

Grace Murdock ’75 is the owner of Professional Grace, a business that specializes in staff development. She also does consulting for personal image development.

David A. Taylor ’75 has earned membership in the 2001 Captain’s Club. Captain’s Club membership is given to distinguish representatives who produce $1 million or more in a calendar year in Hartford Investment Products.

Amy S. Meekins ’76 (center) was honored for two years of service on the board of directors at Coastal Hospice’s annual meeting in Salisbury, Organization President Marion F. Keenan ’90 and Board Chairman Thomas E. Mahn ’90 recognized her for her overall contribution and service.

1980s

Dr. Diane Davis ’80 was awarded Salisbury University’s Distinguished Faculty Award, the University’s highest honor. She was cited on her ability to relate complicated subject matter to real life laboratory situations.

Peter Palmer ’80 has recently joined I.G. Burton Mercedes-Benz. He has six years of experience in the auto industry and is a Mercedes-Benz star recognized member.

Glenn E. Norris ’81 was inducted into the Greater Baltimore Lacrosse Hall of Fame on February 2, 2002.

Donna K. Adams ’82 has been promoted from senior vice president of Hebron Savings Bank to executive president. In addition, she is the bank’s chief financial officer.

Leslie Donnelly ’83 was recently a panelist for the Woman 2 Woman Summit that hosted a community dialogue on the impact of terrorism at Salisbury University.

Laura Backus Scott ’83 has joined Carpenter Technology Corporation of Wyomissing, PA, as vice president and chief information officer.

A. Antonio Coffield Sr. ’85 is currently the director of the Druid Hill Family Branch of the YMCA. He is working to enact high levels of excellence and to earn the respect of the community along with enhancing the branch’s relationship with the church community. He is also putting the Druid Hill staff through a rigorous training program on customer service as well as hiring new youth directors and enhancing programs. Coffield previously worked with the Associated Black Charities.

Amie Blackwell ’86 is a senior travel agent at AAA Salisbury and was personally recognized for having achieved more than $200,000 in total Disney sales. AAA Salisbury was awarded the Central Region 2001 Branch of the Year by Disney Cruise Lines.

Daryl Jones ’86 is opening the House of Learning in Fruitland, MD. The school will require students to have laptop computers and attend classes 11 months a year. To learn more visit www.houseoflearning.org.

Anthony Jenison ’87 was recently appointed the special assistant for diversity initiatives/affirmative action at Salisbury University.

William R. McCain ’87 has been awarded the MAI designation by the Appraisal Institute. This is a designation for appraisers involved in the valuation and analysis of real estate.

Martin T. Neat ’87 was recently elected chairman of the board of directors of the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.

Kelly M. Willison ’88 recently won the Tier I honor, from American Express, Tax and Business Services. This was a nationwide recognition with over 25 offices taking part.

Bonnie Marie, 3; Jack Robert, 2; and Evan Michael, 1, are children of R. Michael Burton ’88 and Dawn Leonetti Burton ’87.
Networking Works!

Joe Graziano ’92 and Mike Arlinsky ’93 were in the College Republicans at SU together. Joe was president and Mike was vice president. According to Mike, they raised all kinds of heck with their political doings. In fact, the club was voted 1989’s “Most Active Club of the Year.”

Don’t miss the opportunity to network with other SU alumni in the Work Information Network (WIN). WIN is a database of hundreds of alumni volunteers willing to offer career information and/or provide assistance with exploring career paths. This dynamic career opportunity is on the Web, enabling accessibility anytime and anywhere. The offices of Alumni Relations and Career Services welcome new alumni participants in WIN. Go to www.salisbury.edu/alumni/ and click on the “WIN” link to register. If you’re already in WIN, try to keep your information up to date.

Texas Teachers Are Tops!

Dr. Keith Connors, education faculty member, reported, “Without a doubt, the two most powerful teacher recruiters ever to visit the Salisbury campus are Therese Harkowa ’94 and Sarah Hoffman Weeks ’94. This dynamic duo offered 15 letters of intent to hire on behalf of the Fort Worth, TX, public schools at a recent SU Career Fair.”

What is the appeal of Texas? “It seems to be a combination of factors,” noted Connors, “including a strong starting salary, signing bonuses, an affordable cost of living, opportunities for professional development and rapid advancement and an appealing social life for young people in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.”

The 30 or so Salisbury alumni now teaching in Fort Worth have proven to be among the district’s stars, including Gillian Smoak ’99 who just won a prestigious Tandy Award of $2,000 in a competition involving hundreds of middle and secondary school math teachers.

1990s

Michael Abercrombie ’90 was elected president and chief operating officer of Cato, Inc., in Salisbury.

Oliver Waters Jr. ’92 has been promoted to compliance officer of First Shore Federal Savings and Loan Association.

Donna L. Bullock ’94 recently won her county’s Outstanding New Science Teacher Award in West Palm Beach, FL, and has been nominated for the Dwyer Award, a multiple county award given by business people within the community.

John E. Phillips III ’94 was recently named vice president of broadband solutions of Delmarva Online.

Kelly Schaeffer ’94 created and sold the “Spirit of America” poster to help those in need in the aftermath of September 11. She used her talents by taking pictures around Washington, D.C., and also using some pictures from the Associated Press files. All proceeds will benefit the American Red Cross.

Erica Cramer Messer ’95 is currently a writer for the new ABC show Alias.

Martin P. Brennan ’96 has been named head football coach at Liberty High School in Carroll County, MD.

Daniel M. O’Connell II ’96 was awarded the 2001 Joe R. Doupnik Client Service Award. He joined Pigg, Krahrl, Stern and Co. in 1995 and is a supervisor in the accountancy and auditing department.

Jeffrey S. Reed ’96 recently received the Clifford G. Dorf Memorial Scholarship as a fourth-year medical student at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Kathy A. Swann ’96 is a training specialist for Blue Cross Blue Shield in South Carolina.

2000s

Xinhua Z. Bell ’00 was accepted into the Legal Nurse Consultant Program at Salisbury University.

Bowen Bennett ’00 has been elected vice president of the Writers’ Bloc, a nonprofit organization for the literary arts in Salisbury.

Pamela Knox Collins ’00 was recently awarded a graduate research assistantship in history at Salisbury University.
Marion Dawson Phillips ’00 has recently been appointed as marketing and administrations director at the Salisbury Rehabilitation and Nursing Center. She will be responsible for the Admissions Department as well as public relations and marketing.

Lee R. Roth ’00, employed by Ogilvy & Mather in New York City, has been working closely with Ogilvy’s president on a book dedicated to New York’s firefighters, that includes a photo of every firehouse in New York that lost a firefighter on September 11. It also has passages by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Frank McCourt, Mayor Rudy Guiliani and New York Fire Commissioner Von Essen. All proceeds from this book will go to the Twin Towers Fund and to the FDNY Fire Safety Education Fund.

Robert L. Thomas ’00 was named head coach of Severna Park (MD) High School’s junior varsity soccer team. He had previously served for two years as the school’s assistant coach for its varsity team.

Matthew A. Kraft ’01 recently joined the Montgomery Community (MD) Television (MCT) staff as the studio instructor. Matthew will be teaching the Advanced Studio Director, Studio Producer and Studio Technician classes. He also consults on other studio productions created by community volunteers.

Lisa C. Taylor ’01 has joined Laser Letters, Inc., of Easton, MD, a communications and printing company. Her duties include all aspects of design and customer service.

## Alumni Online Services

Visit the SU Alumni Web site at [www.salisbury.edu/alumni/](http://www.salisbury.edu/alumni/) to discover the number of services available to alumni. Go to the Online Directory to locate a college friend. Post a message to other alumni in NewsGroup. Browse through the Photo Album, discover alumni Benefits, review the Calendar of Events or register for an event from among the increasing number of chapter events. From our home page, you can find a link to an interactive Virtual Campus Tour, as well as many other hot links.

Nearly 5,000 alumni who have registered their e-mail addresses with the Alumni Office now receive SUpdate, a monthly e-newsletter. If you do not receive SUpdate and would like to subscribe, notify us at alumni@salisbury.edu.

Please keep your personal information up to date in the Alumni Office. This way, you won’t miss notification of alumni events taking place near you.

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### Communications Survey

The Communications and Public Relations Committee of the SU Alumni Association would like to know how you feel about our publications. Thank you for taking a minute to complete this survey. You can also complete the survey online by going to [www.salisbury.edu/alumni/](http://www.salisbury.edu/alumni/) and clicking on the “Communications Survey” link.

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4. **Do the publications increase your interest in alumni activities/events?**

   Yes_____No_____Please give a reason(s) for your answer.

5. **If you could recommend one single change to make our publications better, what would that be?**

6. **What is your year of graduation?**

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Salisbury University
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Salisbury, MD 21801-6837
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Sports Alumni Keep on Playing!

Amy Beth Taylor '97 celebrates her wedding with fellow Salisbury University alumni. From left they are Jennifer Bealuk Zakalik '97, Kimberly Burgess '97, Kelly Quinn Thompson '97, Brian Mills '97, Amy Joiner Mills '96, Mark Truszkowski '97, Danielle Gallup Truszkowski '97, Christy Crockett '98, Mike Benson '97 and Elizabeth Mariner Benson '98. Randy Zakalik '97 is pictured in the front with the bride.

Men’s Basketball Alumni Game, February 2, 2002

Women’s Lacrosse Alumni Game, April 6, 2002

Relay for Life

The first SU Relay for Life to benefit the American Cancer Society (ACS) was held April 13 and 14 at the intramural fields. The student committee was co-chaired by Rebecca Lyons '04 and Jessica Parrot '02 and assisted by ACS staff Debbie White '86, Jennifer Berkman '81, director of student health services, and Heather Holmes, director of student activities. Twenty teams raised $23,000.

Marriages

Milton Glen Catlin ’77 - Michele Geballa Chamberlain
Cara Griffin Eline ’83 - Christopher W. Rozaieski
Crystal Foard ’87 - Robert Regels
Stephen Quattrochi ’87 - Caroline Quattrochi
Helen Ann Koester ’89 - Bennett Dale Young ’99
Laura Anne Tyndall ’89 - John Gilbert Kamps
Tara Evans ’91 - Timothy McMichael
Ruth Marie Rowe ’96 - Bryan Burall Jr.
Lori M. Ashby ’97 - Jeffrey Pleines
Jayme Edward Block ’97 - Megan Elizabeth Hopper ’99
Jessica Hopson ’97 - Ryan Eismann
Amy Beth Taylor ’97 - Robert Clark
Births
Beth Rosing-Hinkle '89 - son: Brett Dawson
Donna Nestor Moran '91 - son: Corey Patrick
Tammie Dixon Neall '91 - Brian Neall '93 - daughter: Madison Marie
Claudine Chambers Pankok '91 - daughter: Megan Justine
Amy VandePutte Brewer '93 - daughter: Kyra
Ann Marie Tirocchi Byrd '93 - daughter: Rileigh
R. Douglas Wilson '94 - Amy Rosen Wilson '96 - son: Daniel
Jason E. Bartolomeo '95 - Lori Bartolomeo '96 - son: Dominic

Matthew Marchetti '96 - Christine Fellona Marchetti '97 - daughter: Taylor
Julie Peterson Priebe '96 - son: Joshua Lawrence
Gerald W. Smith '97 - son: Brian Andrew (left)

Obituaries
Elizabeth M. Harris '27 - October 2001
Madeleine W. Poist '29 - January 2, 2002
Lillie Hughes Cinno '32 - March 5, 2002
Blodwin Shipleys Potee '32 - June 28, 2001
Bernice W. Horsman '40 - January 12, 2002 (PGH School of Nursing)
Robert Garrison '42 - March 1, 2002
Addelle S. Schmick '43 - January 15, 2002
Franklin Mittleman '44 - September 16, 2001
Jean Powell Stephens '56 - January 1, 2002
Barbara Ryall Orth '60 - January 9, 2002 (PGH School of Nursing)
John Edward Weaver Sr. '71 - December 6, 2001
Leon P. Smith '79 - March 12, 2002
Wilmer Ogden Lankford III '89 - March 2, 2002

Margaret H. Black
Margaret H. Black died on November 28, 2001, at the age of 98. She taught at the Normal School from 1932 until 1933. She then was the director of music at Salisbury State College from 1933 to 1943. Later on, she was also the director of Student Personnel Services at Salisbury State College and taught as a professor of music for one semester. In 1992, she was made professor emerita at Salisbury State University.