Whether you set your sights on traveling or planning an exciting career move after you leave Salisbury University, your SU Alumni Association can help get you where you want to go. Or if you want to continue the social life you had on campus, you can do that too.

"Your relationship with your Alma Mater is not limited to the years you spent on campus as a student," said Pam Winters Dolle ’76, president of the SU Alumni Association. "We want you to stay involved with us so you can benefit from the social, educational and professional opportunities the University and the Alumni Association provide, and we can benefit from your network of contacts and professional experiences."

Part of this involvement can come through participation in alumni chapters in locations where we have large numbers of alumni. Sea Gulls all throughout the mid-Atlantic are now benefiting from career networking, education and a variety of social activities, such as receptions and happy hours, as a result of alumni chapters.

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"Enter A New Chapter In Your Life ...
These Alumni Have!

New York

North Carolina

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The SU Alumni Association has a growing list of cities where chapters have sponsored activities and events over the past several years. The Baltimore chapter has sponsored cruises from the Inner Harbor and Alumni Night with the Orioles for years. More recently the New York City chapter had over 100 alumni in the greater NYC area attend a Yankees game. The Annapolis and NC Triangle chapters both sponsored family picnics as their first events. Alumni on the lower Eastern Shore have enjoyed events in Ocean City and are planning a picnic outing with the Shorebirds, a minor league Orioles affiliate, on August 1. The newest chapter in the greater Philadelphia area is sponsoring a similar outing at Campbell’s Field in Camden, NJ, with the Riversharks on August 16.

Washington, D.C., area alumni have enjoyed the most activities. During the last couple of years, their monthly program has included events as varied as a play at the Kennedy Center, a night at Dave and Buster’s, tours of the National Zoo, Wizards basketball and happy hours in several local hot spots.

In this extremely busy and stressful world we live in, why do alumni volunteer to serve as chapter chairs? Kendra Lowery ’97, chair of the Washington, D.C., area chapter (see related profile on the next page) said, “I had a great experience at Salisbury and enjoy meeting others who had a similar experience. Salisbury University is wonderful, and I like keeping its name out there.”

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“I’m impressed by the numbers of our alumni who serve the Alumni Association in the cities where they live,” Pam said. “All these chapter events help to keep alumni connected with each other and with the University. After participating in their respective areas, many then serve on committees of the Alumni Association, like Faculty Appreciation, Homecoming or Alumni in the Classroom.

“I hope more of you will consider becoming involved in the alumni chapters in the future,” Pam said. “Get involved and experience the power and fun of your SU connection!”

Enjoying the picnic prior to the May 31 Orioles game in Baltimore are from left: Tammy Brumwell Bresnaham ’00, Dorothy Fleming Sheppard ’83, Scott Sheppard, Steve Bresnaham ’83 and Michelle Vardy ’83, chapter chair.

Alumni from Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties attended a Happy Hour on May 8 at Seacret’s in Ocean City. Tina Wootten Grazulis ’97 and Matthew Grazulis, center, were the first to register for the Seacret’s event on www.SalisburyAlumni.com. Surrounding them on the beach at Seacret’s are from left: Hondo Handy ’75, Shelly Hance ’00, Kerrie Jones Bunting ’92 and Pam Winters Dolle ’76.

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The SU Alumni Association has launched a new Web site, and now all the alumni chapters can have their own separate Web pages for event registration and follow-up photos. Go to the homepage at www.SalisburyAlumni.com and click on any of the chapter names for events, a contact name, e-mail, etc. for that chapter. This site is maintained by the SU Alumni Office and crosslinked with the www.salisbury.edu/alumni/ site. We believe this new “dot.com” site will benefit the chapters and their activities. Feel free to offer suggestions about this new site by e-mailing us at alumni@salisbury.edu. Costs associated with www.SalisburyAlumni.com were funded by a grant from Alumni Association-International, Inc.
Annapolis

Dawn Bennett Robson ’84 recently interviewed Kendra Lowery ’97, D.C. Chapter chair, providing you with a view of an alumna who’s living the “Chapter Life.”

You graduated from the Perdue School of Business in 1997.

What was your major?

I was a double major—accounting and business administration.

Are you married? Any children?

No and no.

Where’s your hometown?

Georgetown, DE

Where do you live now?

Sterling, VA (in Northern Virginia near Dulles Airport)

Why did you choose Salisbury University?

It was close to home, but far enough that I would still be independent and on my own at school.

Did it prove to be a good choice for you?

Definitely. I gained a good knowledge base and met some of my best friends.

What was your first job out of college?

Auditor at a public accounting firm in Vienna, VA (Grant Thornton LLP).

What are you doing now?

I’m working for the same firm, but now I’m a manager.

What’s the most important and useful advice that you would give to the University’s new 2003 graduates?

Network—It’s the best way to find a job and a good way to make new friends when you leave the safety of college.

When and how did you become involved in the Alumni Association’s D.C. Chapter?

I got an e-mail from a friend who was going to a planning committee meeting and invited me to come along.

How did you become chapter chair?

By voting, but I guess you could say that I became the chapter chair because I was willing to volunteer to do it.

How many members in your chapter?

The planning group consists of about a dozen of us, but at chapter events you will find anywhere from 50 to 200 people.

What kind of events does your chapter sponsor?

We’ve organized happy hours, trips to sporting events (D.C. United soccer, Wizards basketball) and tours of D.C. historic sites. We try to have something organized every month.

Which event is your personal favorite?

I don’t really know—they all have good points. It’s the getting to hang out with old friends that makes an event fun.

What does your chapter have planned?

We’re planning comedy club, bowling and amusement park outings in the future.

Why should fellow alumni plan to participate in the events or projects you have planned?

Because it’s a great opportunity to meet new people and to run into an old friend with whom you may have lost touch or you didn’t know lives in the area.

What advice would you give alumni from other areas of the country who might be interested in establishing a new chapter of the SU Alumni Association?

Diversity is key—You have to have events for singles as well as couples with children, both young and old. Be prepared for a small turnout, but don’t let that discourage you from planning the next event.

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The NC Triangle chapter met in May for an Alumni Family Picnic in Raleigh. Pictured are, from left: Ralph Puccini ’81 chapter chair, Jay Dempsey ’78 and Julie Applegath Pruett ’77.