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On behalf of Human Resources, Staff Senate and the President's Office, we are honored to present the Meritorious Staff designation for 2024 to four distinguished retired staff members.

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MERITORIOUS STAFF AWARD RECIPIENTS

Mike Boolukos

Mike retired in February 2023 as an IT programmer, with 37 years of service to Salisbury University. During his time at SU, Mike worked with many departments keeping them on pace with the evolution of technological advances to serve our students and employees. Mike was also a founding member of the Sea Gull Century bike ride, serving on the organizing committee for all 35 years of its existence, and he remains involved since his retirement. Many do not know that Mike creates the 100-mile and metric routes every year and volunteers countless hours at this event, which financially benefits SU students and employees. As noted in his nomination: "Mike is one of those staff members who quietly played a huge behind-the-scenes role in making SU what it is today!"

Kevin Mann

Kevin retired in March 2022 as director of the Physical Plant, with 33 years of service to Salisbury University. As an alumnus, Kevin has been part of the SU community for over 35 years, working his way up from a student employee to overseeing the largest staff on campus and responsible for millions of project dollars. Kevin was always an advocate for education and professional development, always pushing himself and others to learn and grow along the way. As his nomination stated: "From being part of the first Sea Gull Century and continuing to volunteer every year, to being a member of the Maroon and Gold Club, serving on countless campus committees, and representing SU as president of the Eastern Shore Region Association of Physical Plant Administrators, he is and always will be a Sea Gull through and through."

Wayne Shelton

Wayne retired in February 2023 as director of Campus Sustainability and Environmental Safety, with 36 years of service to Salisbury University. He was the first University employee to be responsible for sustainability and created the campus' first Climate Action Plan. His nominator stated that: "Wayne's dedication to his Alma Mater was evident in everything he did, and his passion for making SU a safer and more sustainable place for our community was displayed in the enormous list of awards and recognition he was responsible for bringing to the University." Examples of these include Princeton Review's Top Green Colleges, Bicycle Friendly University, Maryland Bird City Bird Campus, Maryland Worker Safety Award, Maryland Green Registry Leadership Award and WMDT/Mountaire Farms Environmental Star Award.

Beth Walsh

Beth retired in January 2023 as grant specialist, Office of Sponsored Programs, Graduate Studies and Research, after serving the University for 25 years. Over the years, Beth assisted many faculty members with complicated research proposal processes and did so with an attitude of kindness and positivity. She submitted close to 3,000 external proposals, which amounted to over \$100 million in funding. In 2018, Beth received the University System of Maryland Board of Regents Staff Award for Effectiveness and Efficiency for her instrumental role in implementing a new electronic research administration system. She was also devoted to our campus with many volunteer activities such as Commencement, Move-in Day, Sea Gull Century and community service events. As noted in her nomination: "Beth was an absolutely beloved member of our department and campus, as was evident in her truly successful career and enduring relationships with faculty and staff."