President’s Farewell Celebration

SU celebrates President Janet Dudley-Eshbach’s 18 years of student achievement, academic excellence, championships, growth, scholarships, empowerment, friendship and success 3-5 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, on Sea Gull Square Lawn (rain location: Guerrieri Student Union, Fireside Lounge).

Students, faculty and staff are invited to wish farewell to the President, who steps down in June. Dress is casual beachwear.

In lieu of gifts, contributions in her honor may be made to the Janet Dudley-Eshbach Study Abroad Scholarship Fund. For more information visit https://salisburyu.givecorps.com/causes/13061-the-dudley-eshbach-study-abroad-scholarship.

To RSVP email donorengagement@salisbury.edu.

SU Spring Commencement

Norman H. Conway studied hard to earn his B.A. in education from then-Salisbury State Teachers College, culminating with his graduation in 1965. The long-time educator returned to earn his M.Ed. in 1970.

On Wednesday, May 23, he receives yet another degree from his Alma Mater during SU’s 92nd-year Spring Commencement: an honorary doctorate of public service. The award is presented during the 6 p.m. graduate ceremony.

From 1965-1986, Conway played a prime role in molding young minds as a teacher, vice principal and principal at Salisbury’s Pinehurst Elementary School. He continued his career with the Wicomico County Board of Education as supervisor of the school system’s Chapter I programs until his retirement in 2004.

Conway’s public service extended far beyond the classroom, however. He served on the Salisbury City Council from 1974-1987, including five years as president. In 1986, he was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates, a position he held until 2015.

During that time he served as a staunch advocate for his native Eastern Shore, as well as his Alma Mater. Named chair of the Capital Budget Subcommittee in 1986 and then chair of the powerful House Appropriations Committee in 2003, he helped secure funding for numerous capital projects throughout the region, including the campus.

This is Conway’s second SU Commencement honor in recent years. In 2014, he received the University’s inaugural President’s Medal in recognition of his service to the citizens of Maryland and support of education.

Joining Conway during the ceremony will be some 238 master’s and 14 doctoral graduates. SU awards its first Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degrees to six students that evening.

Undergraduates earn their degrees during two ceremonies on Thursday, May 24. Students in the Henson School of Science and Technology and Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies turn their tassels at 10 a.m. Students in the Fulton School of Liberal Arts and Perdue School of Business cross the stage at 2:30 p.m. Some 1,392 receive the Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts and Bachelor of Arts in Social Work.

This Commencement marks the last to be presided over by SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach, who will step down on June 30 after 18 years. University System of Maryland Board of Regents Chair James Brady joins her on stage for all three ceremonies, held at the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center. USM Chancellor Robert Caret is scheduled to attend Thursday’s festivities.

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**Art-A-Thon Competition**

Local artists go brush-to-brush to compete for cash and other prizes during the SU Art Galleries Downtown “Art-A-Thon” competition. The event takes place during the Salisbury Arts & Entertainment District’s monthly 3rd Friday celebration in downtown Salisbury on May 18.

Student, amateur and professional artists will have four hours, from 3-7 p.m., to create their work live in front of those attending 3rd Friday events. Viewers select the artist whose work they like best. Winners are announced at 7:30 p.m.

Check-in and setup begin at 1 p.m. Artists must bring their own supplies. Drop cloths, tables and chairs are provided. Entries may be comprised of any material that is not hazardous, illegal or damaging to the provided space.

SU Art Galleries sponsors the competition. Interested artists must sign up by Tuesday, May 13, at www.suartgalleries.org.

Entrants should include two to five images of past work in jpg format, at a resolution no higher than two megabytes per file, along with a brief description of their art and what they plan to create during the event.

For information call 410-548-2547, email galleries@salisbury.edu or visit www.salisbury.edu/universitygalleries.

**Cars for Critters**

Students in Dr. Laura Anderson’s Project Management class host a “Cars for Critters” car show in connection with the Humane Society of Wicomico County’s 24th annual “Cause for Paws” 5K Run and Walk on Saturday, May 19.

The rain-or-shine event takes place from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Winter Place Park. Car show entrants are asked to register by noon. There is no fee to participate in the show. Donations from participants will benefit the humane society.

To register in advance visit carsforcritters.eventbrite.com. For information email sucarsforcritters@gmail.com.

For information about Cause for Paws call 410-749-7603 or visit www.wicomico humane.org/walk-for-animals.

**Commencement continued**

ceremony. Kristin Cashman, receiving her M.Ed. Reading Specialist, represents her class at the graduate ceremony. Undergraduate ceremony speakers are Ifiat Sarfraz, receiving her B.S. in mathematics, at 10 a.m.; and Tyler McGinnis, earning his B.S. in psychology and conflict analysis and dispute resolution, at 2:30 p.m.

A reading intervention teacher at Wicomico Middle School, Cashman earned her B.S. in elementary education in 1998 before relocating to teach in Pennsylvania. Upon returning to the area in 2007, she decided to pursue the next level of education – and knew her Alma Mater was exactly where she wanted to be.

“The name changed during the journey,” she said, referring to the transformation from Salisbury State University to SU in 2001, “but the campus stayed the same.”

That included the quality of education she had come to expect from SU’s education faculty, such as the late Dr. John Wolinski, a past mentor; as well as Drs. Laurie Andes, Judith Franzak, Patricia Richards and Joyce Wiencek.

“As a teacher, I set high expectations for my students, and I like when someone does that for me,” she said. “They definitely set the bar high.”

She encourages her fellow graduates to remember the importance of lifelong education – just as she did upon returning to SU to earn her master’s.

Sarfraz began her collegiate years with plans to attend medical school, but quickly changed her focus to her first academic love: mathematics. She also graduates with minors in statistics, physics, chemistry, biology and English.

Outside the classroom, Sarfraz enjoyed extracurricular activities including serving as a writing consultant at the SU Writing Center and as president of the Muslim Student Association.

After Commencement, she hopes to further her mathematical studies in graduate school, following the same advice she offered her fellow graduating students: “Work hard and work smart.”

That’s what McGinnis did to earn his SU degree – though it wasn’t always easy. Placed on academic probation following his sophomore year, he soon learned he had attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, which previously had been undiagnosed.

With a new focus, he dug into his studies and sought guidance from faculty across departments, including Drs. Heidi Fritz in Psychology, Brian Polkinghorn in Conflict Analysis and Dispute Resolution, Cynthia Payne in English, and Kristen Walton in History.

“These professors put their reputations on the line for a student who, on paper, seemed to lack any sort of drive or ambition,” he said. “They exemplify what it means to be a member of a community and that everyone has something to contribute.”

With their help – and support from his classmates – he raised his grades and earned his SU degree. His advice in return: “Together, we can prove how important it is for us to invest in the success of one another.”

Admission to Commencement is by ticket only. A reception at the Civic Center follows each ceremony.
PRESTO Recitals
Students taking lessons through SU’s PRESTO performing arts outreach program will share their talents during recitals at 5 and 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, in the Great Hall of Holloway Hall.

The students range in age from 5 to adult and in ability from beginner to advanced. They perform piano, violin, viola, cello, percussion, guitar, theatre and voice works.

Selections include “Emerald” from the piano album Talismans by Victoriya Babayeva; “Prelude in E Minor” by J.S. Bach; and “Restless” (a marimba solo) by Rich O’Meara, among others.

PRESTO instructors include Dr. Sachi Murasugi, Bobbie Thamert, Hunter Lupro, Anthony Constantine, Allison Guy, Christopher Sajadi, Mary-Tyler Upshaw, Jeffrey Todd, Desiree Borges, Maggie Jones, Dr. Linda Cockey, Mary Venos, McCabe Dignam, Tim Shepherd, Geneque Garrison, Martha Mancuso, Dr. Danielle Cumming, Becca Doughty, Eric Shuster, R.J. Duvea, Martha Pfeiffer and Chelsea Eline.

Sponsored by the SU Center for Extended and Lifelong Learning, admission is free and the public is invited. For more information call 410-548-2985 or visit the PRESTO website at www.salisbury.edu/cell/kids.html#presto.

Jazz Ensemble Concerts
The SU Jazz Ensemble, directed by Jerry Tabor, continues SU’s annual Spring Music Festival, “American Adventures: Music That Inspired a Nation,” 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 10, in Holloway Hall Auditorium.

Members of the EKW Trio – award-winning recording artists David Kikoski (piano), Ben Wolfe (bass) and Donald Edwards (drums) – join the ensemble during the performance, at which Tabor debuts several original contemporary jazz compositions.

Sponsored by the Music, Theatre and Dance Department, admission is free and the public is invited. For more information call 410-548-5588.

SU Welcomes Next President
The SU community gave its next president, Dr. Charles Wight, a warm welcome and standing ovation during his first official campus visit.

Wight was introduced by University System of Maryland Chancellor Robert Caret, as well as Regent D’Ana Johnson, who led the search committee that recommended him. Outgoing President Janet Dudley-Eshbach also ceremoniously passed the University mace to Wight.

“We believe we have absolutely the ‘right fit’ in Dr. Wight,” Caret told students, faculty and staff gathered in Holloway Hall Auditorium.

During opening remarks, Wight shared some of his professional experiences and memorable interactions with students. He also applauded Dudley-Eshbach for her leadership, introduced his wife, Victoria Rasmussen and took questions from the audience. He plans to embark on a “listening tour” when he arrives.

Wight has served as president of Weber State University in Utah since 2013. He takes office at SU on July 1.

Fulton Faculty Colloquia
Faculty in the Fulton School of Liberal Arts share their research and expertise during the Fulton Faculty Colloquia series. The final presentation of the semester is 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, in Conway Hall Room 152.

Student Runs for Cancer
With approximately 25 fellow cancer fund supporters, comprising Team Baltimore, marketing major Anna Wagner will embark on the Baltimore-based Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults’ 4K for Cancer, a national program raising money to provide cancer patient support through cross-country cycling (and later long-distance running).

Beginning on June 15, the cross-country run from San Francisco to Maryland is a relay-style event, where each teammate will run 12-16 miles every day – approximately a half marathon – for seven weeks, ending in Baltimore’s Federal Hill neighborhood on Saturday, August 4.

In between, runners will deliver care packages to cancer patients roughly their own ages – from late teens to mid-30s – and announce recipients of scholarships presented by the organization across the U.S. They also will help spread the news about 4K for Cancer’s other initiatives, such as a planned facility in Baltimore that will provide housing for patients and their families while they receive treatment in the metro area.
**SU’s Lights of Literacy**

The Friends of Wicomico Public Libraries recently honored SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach, Education Professor Patricia Dean, and others from campus during its 2018 Light of Literacy Awards.

Dudley-Eshbach received special recognition for her 18 years of leadership at SU and her work “promoting the power of education and literacy … and celebrating multiculturalism in our community.”

Dean, associate professor in SU’s Early and Elementary Education Department, was named the Higher Education Luminary. The award honors an individual whose actions demonstrate a passion for literacy in post-high school education or training.

Dr. Memo Diriker, director of SU’s Business, Economic and Community Outreach Network (BEACON), was part of the Lower Shore Health Literacy Initiative team that received the Health Literacy Luminary.

Several campus members also were Light of Literacy nominees, including junior Eleanor Brown for the Student Luminary Award. Nominated for the Adult Luminary Award were Rachel Barnes, Political Science Department assistant, for her work with Project READ and Richard Culver, media relations director, for his dedication to the written and spoken word, especially through theatre.

The event was hosted, in part, by Dr. Maida Finch, Seidel school faculty and chair of the Libraries’ Board of Trustees. Founded in 2013, the Light of Literacy Awards recognize local organizations and individuals who support literacy and education.

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**Barry’s Blasts for Charity**

Jack Barry, a junior on the SU baseball team, was invited to participate in the International Power Showcase, an amateur event in Miami in December. The invitation also provided Barry an opportunity to give back to a local charity.

The showcase includes the “Home Runs for Help” campaign. The derby-style contest asks each invitee to partner with someone with a life-threatening illness, as well as a charity or organization that works to help those suffering from the disease.

Barry knew right away who it was he planned to represent. The mother of teammate and close friend Simon Palenchar, Nicole, had been diagnosed with stage four breast cancer. When he first reached out to explain his intentions, the Palenchars were unsure how comfortable they would be receiving money directly.

“She [Nicole] suggested that I go through the Women Supporting Women Foundation,” Barry said. “They had already been supporting her throughout her treatment and battle with stage four.”

Women Supporting Women is a Delmarva-based foundation that supports women in the region dealing with a breast cancer diagnosis. They help by collecting money to make wigs and put together care packages for those in the hospital.

Before leaving for Miami, Barry started a GoFundMe page in Nicole’s honor that ended up raising over $1,500 in a month and a half. All of the proceeds were then sent to the Women Supporting Women Foundation.

Barry said his experience was a lot of fun and one he’ll never forget, but he’s also grown as a person from being able to help out and provide financial assistance to an organization he truly believes in. He also said he hopes he’ll have opportunities in the future to do something similar.

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**PACE Capstone Research**

For the past three semesters, SU’s Presidential Citizen Scholars have studied the feasibility of creating a judgement-and stigma-free campus food pantry for food-insecure students.

They share their research on the initiative during a capstone presentation 6 p.m. Monday, May 14, in Conway Hall Room 153. Topics include the urgency of need for a food pantry, steps taken to secure a location, food donations and administrative support; and actions planned this summer to make the project a reality next academic year.

Sponsored by SU’s Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement (PACE), admission is free and the public is invited. A reception follows. For information call 410-677-5043 or visit www.salisbury.edu/pace.

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**Memoir of a Skipjack**

When Dr. Randolph George purchased the skipjack Martha Lewis in 1993, he had no idea that he was not just buying a boat – he was signing up for an adventure.

In restoring the vessel, he discovered the histories, places and people connected to the time when skipjacks represented a way of life for the watermen of the Chesapeake Bay. He shared his journey in the 2017 book *Memoir of a Skipjack*.

George discusses the labor of love that started it all – and the connections he made along the way – during the presentation “Memoir of a Skipjack” 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, in the Patricia R. Guerrieri Academic Commons Assembly Hall.

Sponsored by the Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture, admission is free and the public is invited. For information call 410-543-6312 or visit www.salisbury.edu/nabb.
Sea Gull Century Hits 30

SU’s Sea Gull Century bicycle tour celebrates 30 years this fall. Registration for the annual event opens Tuesday, May 15. The ride is set for Saturday, October 6.

The recently unveiled 2018 Sea Gull Century design, created by graphic artist Earnest Gould, features a map of lower Delmarva embossed with cyclists—and seagulls.

The Sea Gull Century team is currently coordinating volunteer efforts with campus and civic groups, and registering expo vendors.

Symphony Concert

Guest shakuhachi (end-blown Japanese flute) player Christopher Yohmei Blasdel joins the Salisbury Symphony Orchestra at SU (SSO) for its annual Spring Concert, “East Meets West,” 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 12, in Holloway Hall Auditorium. The concert is the culminating performance in SU’s annual Spring Music Festival.

Directed by Dr. Jeffrey Schoyen, selections include Joseph Swenson’s Spring Music Festival, culminating performance in SU’s annual Spring Music Festival.

Blasdel began his study of the shakuhachi with Goro Yamaguchi, who was named one of Japan’s National Living Treasures, in 1972, earning his M.F.A. in ethnomusicology from the Tokyo University of Fine Arts in 1984. Yamaguchi gave him his professional name, “Yohmei.”

Concert admission is $25, $20 for seniors age 60 and older, $10 for SU faculty and staff, and $5 for students and children 18 and under. Advance tickets are at www.SalisburySymphony Orchestra.org and at the Guerrieri Student Union Information Desk.

In addition, Blasdel provides a shakuhachi demonstration and talk, “The Exotic East: A Glimpse of Japan Through its Traditional Flute Music,” 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 10, in the Great Hall of Holloway Hall. Admission is free and the public is invited.

For information call 410-543-8366 or visit the SSO website.

Civic Engagement Citation

Salisbury Mayor Jake Day recognized Dr. Sarah Surak, assistant professor of political science and environmental studies, and 10 students from her Public Administration class, with citations for their civic engagement.

The students have supported the city’s sustainability efforts. These include a goal of zero waste at the National Folk Festival, which Salisbury will host from 2018-2020; rebranding the city’s recycling information; and helping local businesses become more sustainable.

Students presented sustainability policy proposals to the city in December. Several are in the process of being implemented. The class supports continuing education work through SU’s Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement.

Students recognized include Eleanor Brown, William “B.J.” Darden, Jacob Fisher, Terri Gladus, Alyssa Massey, Gabrielle Miles, Abigail Mulhern, Nicole Stafford, Evan Treworgy and Lillianie Walters.

M.S. GISM Is Tops

SU offers the nation’s top Online Master’s Degree in Geographic Information Systems, according to Best College Reviews.com. “Salisbury, which secured the No. 1 position, was chosen for the program’s comprehensive core curriculum, for its faculty’s excellence and the commitment to providing non-traditional students with all of the tools that they need to achieve their educational and career goals,” the organization said.

International Grant Peer Reviewers

The U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE) seeks peer reviewers for the several FY18 grant competitions being conducted by its Office of International and Foreign Language Education (IFLE). Serving in peer-review panels can provide a sense of what qualities separate funded proposals from those that aren’t and illuminates how the review process works. Programs include Fulbright-Hays Seminars and Group Project Abroad, Undergraduate International Foreign Language Program, and Centers for International Business Education. The tentative peer review date range is June-August 2018. Anyone seeking to serve as a peer reviewer for IFLE and/or OPE must register with G5, the online grant management system, at www.g5.gov.
FMA Celebrates 30 Years

In 1987, Dr. Kashi Khazeh of the Economics and Finance Department returned from the annual meeting of the Financial Management Association (now FMA International) with a proposal that SU begin its own collegiate chapter and National Honor Society. Three decades later, the FMA@SU is still going strong, celebrating its 30th anniversary.

“For three decades, Dr. Khazeh has led the FMA to great success at SU,” said Dr. Christy Weer, Perdue School dean. “The organization provides not only wonderful opportunities for students, but experience they can take with them into the work force as alumni.”

Each year, SU’s FMA chapter invites speakers to campus and fundraises for a trip to New York City’s financial district. In its early years, remaining money from the trip helped fund a year-end picnic. It occurred to Khazeh, however, that as the FMA was a finance organization, a savings and investment strategy might make more sense. Over the years, that money has added up and allowed the organization to make unique contributions to the University. In 2012, the association gifted $10,000 to the SU Foundation, Inc. to name the FMA Team Study Room on the second floor of Perdue Hall. A plaque with the names of each SU FMA president since 1988 hangs there.

The organization also established an endowment in excess of $12,500 with the SU Foundation (through rollovers as well as alumni donations) to support the FMA@SU Leadership Award. Each year during SU’s annual spring Honors Convocation, $500 is awarded to a graduating FMA leader based on their academic and leadership achievements.

After three decades at the helm, Khazeh plans to step down as the chapter’s faculty advisory in May. FMA@SU is fortunate to have Dr. Ani Mothers, also of the Economics and Finance Department, stepping into the position, he said.

In the Media Spotlight

The Public Relations Office extends its appreciation to the following faculty, staff, students, alumni and guests who responded to media inquiries from April 19-May 4:

• Tmsuye Addis, Khadijah Bangura, Deonya Greene, Mario Kamara, Chinazom Ojiaku, Gabriela Torres, and Kourtney Washington – Multicultural Festival Day, The Dispatch
• Madison Andrews, Mary Guest, Caitlin Harris, Nicholson Porter, and Joshua Smalls – SU Relay For Life, The Dispatch
• Nelson Bengel and Lionel Dwyer – Ward World Wildfowl Carving Championship, WRDE
• Lora Bottinelli and Kent Kimmel – Ward Foundation 50th anniversary, Delmarva Public Radio
• Michael Bowman – Education to help improve St. Martin River, Daily Times
• University System of Maryland Chancellor Robert Caret – SU presidential introduction, Daily Times
• Sydney Currie, Kay Downey and Mary Holden – SU Relay For Life, WMDT
• Deanna Dunn and Aaron Willis – Opioid forum, WBOC
• Mike Dunn – SU presidential search committee, Daily Times
• President Janet Dudley-Eshbach – Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce Business Professional of the Year award, Salisbury Independent; and SU presidential introduction, Daily Times
• Danny Ervin – Op-ed cautioning against dependence on wind and solar energy, Daily Times
• Bill Folger – Spring Music Festival, Salisbury Star, SU on the Air
• Tom Horton – Op-ed on imagery as inspiration for nature writing, Daily Times, Salisbury Independent, Star Democrat, Kent County News, Chestertown Spy; and Maryland environmental issues, Delmarva Public Radio
• Arthur Lembo – SU presidential search committee, Daily Times, WBOC
• Mike O’Loughlin – Op-ed on hypocrisy of U.S. foreign policy, Daily Times
• Karen Olmstead – SU Commencement cap decorating policy, WMDT
• Tim Stock – Fenix Youth Project BARS digital storytelling program, Daily Times
• Sarah Surak – SU presidential search committee, WBOC
• Jerry Tabor – Spring Music Festival, SU on the Air
• Charles Wight – SU presidential introduction, Daily Times, Salisbury Independent, WBOC, WMDT, Delmarva Public Radio
• Steven Williams – Gathering soil on site of Salisbury lynching for Equal Justice Initiative: Legacy Museum, Washington Post
• Adam Wood – Free speech and civil society, Delmarva Public Radio
Regents Faculty Awards

Two SU professors have earned the University System of Maryland’s highest faculty accolade: the Regents’ Award for Excellence. Dr. Arthur Lembo of the Geography and Geosciences Department was honored for teaching. Dr. Loren Marquez of the English Department was lauded for mentoring.

Lembo is the technical director of SU’s Eastern Shore Regional Geographic Information Science (GIS) Cooperative (ESRGC).

“Dr. Lembo’s ability to connect with his students is extraordinary,” said Dr. Michael Scott, interim dean of the Henson School of Science and Technology. “What sets him apart from his peers is his deep empathy for his students and his constant modeling of professional academic practices that his students pick up on and emulate.”

These include one-on-one teaching for student research projects, mentoring of junior faculty and scholarship that has resulted in his publication of “what most geographers consider the most accessible and pedagogically sound English-language textbooks on spatial analysis,” Scott said.

Marquez is director of SU’s First-Year Writing Program and supervisor of English graduate teaching assistants.

Dr. Maarten Pereboom, dean of the Fulton School of Liberal Arts, praised Marquez’ development of the school’s required composition course, through which students produce some 50 pages of writing each semester.

“This is the only course we offer that has a significant number of teaching assistants leading sections, and we would not do it if we did not have such an outstanding mentor-teacher as Dr. Marquez guiding their efforts,” he said. “The vibrancy of our rhetoric and composition programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels is due in no small measure to her teaching and mentoring excellence.”

Bown Research Published

In the small mountain communities of Ecuador, women’s motivation to lead is based on a collective aspiration to improve their communities.

That was the conclusion drawn by Drs. Carolina Bown, Modern Languages and Intercultural Studies Department, and Jeffrey McClellan of Frostburg State University’s Management Department through their study “Culturally Situated Leadership in the Ecuadorian Andes.”

Their research was published in the Journal of Leadership Studies.

Results of the study may have implications for public policymakers who wish to empower female leaders in underprivileged communities or promote organizational success in Ecuadorian communities, they said, adding the research also may prove useful for other studies of Latin American leadership.

Theatre Student Honored

Freshman Georgia Fried was named among the best collegiate costume designers in the U.S. Fried recently placed second at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival in Washington, D.C. The event is considered one of the most prestigious in the nation for collegiate theatre.

With a win at the festival’s Region II competition at Indiana University of Pennsylvania in February, Fried was one of eight costume design students nationwide to earn a spot at the national event’s design, technology and management (DTM) competition, held at the Kennedy Center. There, she placed second in the nation.

At both, she entered costume designs she made for last fall’s SU Bobbi Biron Theatre Program production of the Branden Jacobs-Jenkins play Appropriate. Being selected as the student designer for that show was almost an award unto itself, she said.

In addition to her impressive finish in the DTM competition, she earned a summer fellowship with the Contemporary American Theatre Festival at Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, WV – the only DTM participant to do so.
Dudley-Eshbach was an invited participant in former U.S. President Bill Clinton’s Global Initiative University Meeting in 2009.

Following “Snowmageddon” in 2010, the President joined students to create a Sammy the Sea Gull snowman on Holloway Hall Lawn.

Presenting alumni and benefactor Jim Perdue with the Perdue Leadership Award, 2018

Presenting community leader Mitzi Perdue with an honorary doctorate, 2008

Presenting former South African President and Nobel Laureate F.W. de Klerk with an honorary doctorate, 2007

With U.S. Senator Joe Biden, Fall 2000 Commencement speaker (and future U.S. vice president)

Presenting community leader Mitzi Perdue with an honorary doctorate, 2008

With SU track and field student-athlete Luke Campbell, five-time NCAA Division III champion
Celebrating President Janet Dudley-Eshbach’s Legacy

For the past 18 years, President Janet Dudley-Eshbach’s leadership of SU has been transformational, with a strategic vision that has resulted in the University’s growth in size, reputation and private support. When she steps down on June 30, more than half of SU’s 50,000 alumni will have graduated during her tenure. She also has brought energy and humor to her presidency. The selected images on these two pages offer a snapshot of her time at Salisbury.
Supporting Military Heroes

SU students battled on the softball diamond to benefit those who battled overseas during the inaugural Homers for Heroes tournament, hosted by SU’s Pi-Sigma chapter of the Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Placed on SU’s newly installed artificial turf intramural fields, the event raised some $1,200 for the Kappa Sigma Military Heroes Campaign to support ongoing care for veterans and their families.

A squad consisting of members of the SU football team won the men’s bracket, while the Alpha Sigma Tau sorority took top honors in the women’s. Other teams included a Pi Sigma alumni squad, which joined the fraternity’s current members for dinner after the tournament.

Supplemental fundraisers included T-shirt sales, concessions and local restaurant benefits. Internationally, the Kappa Sigma Military Heroes Campaign has raised more than $1 million since 2007.

SU-Colorado Partnership

SU has launched a series of new partnerships with educational institutions throughout Colombia. They include the Ministry of National Education and six leading university campuses.

Called Initiative Colombia, it will provide summer English training for Colombian faculty, and undergraduate research and English programs for Colombian students in Salisbury, as well as teaching opportunities for SU faculty and graduates in Colombia. SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach recently led a delegation of campus leaders to Colombia to further develop the new collaborations.

For more information on SU’s Initiative Colombia, visit www.salisbury.edu/intled.

‘Two Koreas’ Lecture

Dr. Taehyun Nam, Political Science Department, discusses the political situation in the Korean peninsula during the presentation “Understanding Rocket Man: The Two Koreas, Trump and Nuclear Weapons.”

His talk is 5 p.m. Monday, May 14, in the Great Hall of Holloway Hall.

Social Work Student Honored

A research poster by Eleanor Brown, junior social work and political science major, placed second at the Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors’ annual conference in Atlanta.

Her poster, “Double Jeopardy: Employment Discrimination Experienced by Returning Citizens,” focused on previously incarcerated individuals who have returned to their communities on the Lower Eastern Shore.

Brown’s research was inspired by her experience with SU’s book discussion program at Eastern Correctional Institution in Westover, MD, in partnership with SU’s Social Work and Philosophy departments and the Maryland Department of Corrections.

Sales Education Leader

The Sales Education Foundation (SEF) has named SU among its 2018 “Top Universities for Professional Sales Education.” SU also received the honor in 2017.

Dr. Amit Poddar, chair of the Management and Marketing Department, founded the Sales Program in 2015, establishing the Mid-Atlantic Sales and Marketing Institute (MASMI). The institute joined the national University Sales Center Alliance in 2016, earning full membership last year.

McDermott Earns Fulbright

Dr. E. Patrick McDermott, professor of management and law, has been awarded a Fulbright to the University of Bucharest in Romania. He will teach commercial arbitration and employment law, and research workplace dispute resolution during the 2018-19 academic year.

This is McDermott’s second Fulbright. Previously, he spent 2007-08 as a professor of law at East China University of Political Science and Law in Shanghai.

The Fulbright Scholar Program is America’s flagship international exchange program and is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

During the lecture, Nam provides analysis of the current political climate, what North Korea may want and whether President Trump can triumph over North Korean president Kim Jong-un when the two meet.

Sponsored by the Political Science Department and International Studies Program, admission is free and the public is invited. For information call 410-543-6430.
Hamilton Aids Climate Policy Worldwide

A global database of mangrove forests co-created by Dr. Stuart Hamilton, Geography and Geosciences Department, could aid coastal preservation efforts and impact climate policy discussions worldwide.

Mangroves store high densities of carbon and when they are deforested, harmfully, is emitted into Earth’s atmosphere, Hamilton explained. To help curb this, he and his colleague, Dr. Daniel Friess of the National University of Singapore, set out to determine just how much carbon mangroves contain—and how much is being lost. The results, they believe, can be used for decision-making by municipalities and environmental benchmarking by international organizations.

Their results were published in Nature Climate Change, a journal dedicated to such research and implications on economies, policies and the world. It also garnered attention from Mongabay, a global environmental news site; Climate Brief, a United Kingdom-based website; and other outlets from South Africa to Asia.

Health and Human Services Conference

More than 130 students in disciplines affiliated with SU’s new College of Health and Human Services (CHHS) participated in an Inter-Professional Education Conference.

“Students had the opportunity to interact in a way that will become an expectation for them as they graduate and pursue careers in health and human service fields,” said Dr. Kelly Fiala, CHHS transitional dean.

Students worked together on two breakout case scenarios on traumatic brain injury and substance abuse, and heard a keynote address by Dr. Robert Wellmon, a physical therapist and associate professor at Widener University’s Institute for Physical Therapy Education.

The event was organized by members of the CHHS Faculty Learning Committee. Represented at the one-day conference were faculty, staff and students from nursing, respiratory therapy, social work, medical laboratory science, community health, exercise science and athletic training.

Burke and Baker Join Leadership Maryland

Two representatives from SU have been selected for the Leadership Maryland Class of 2018.

William Burke, SU executive director for economic development, director of the University’s Ratchliffe Shore Hatchery program, director of entrepreneurial activities, and professor of the practice in SU’s Information and Decision Sciences Department; and Mary Angela Baker, founding director of SU’s Center for Extended and Lifelong Learning (CELL), will join 50 other leaders from across the state.

Founded in 1992, Leadership Maryland is an independent, educational, non-profit organization designed to inform top-level executives, from the public and private sectors, about the critical issues, challenges and opportunities facing Maryland and its regions.
Habay Earns Mentor Award

Dr. Stephen Habay of the Chemistry Department earned SU’s 2018 Outstanding Research Mentor Award. Presented at SU’s 17th annual Student Research Conference (SUSRC), the honor celebrates faculty who are excellent supervisors of student research or creative work.

Habay was nominated by numerous students who applauded him as “a prime example of what a great mentor looks like.” They called him “a phenomenal teacher” who “goes above and beyond” and “cares about his students and their success.” They said he often “manages multiple students at a time in the lab,” and his dedication has provided them with “the confidence to work independently.”

Since arriving at SU in 2008, Habay has mentored over 30 student research projects. These include six funded by the University’s Guerrieri Summer Research Fellowships, and nine federally funded through the National Science Foundation and National Institutes of Health (NIH). Habay has published two research articles with undergraduate co-authors, and his students have earned honors from the American Chemical Society, as well as travel grants. Ten of his students have presented professionally at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, National Organic Chemistry Symposium, Capital Science Conference and Interscholastic Student Chemists Competition, among other regional events. Nearly all of his research mentees have gone on to graduate school or launched careers in their field in the public and private sectors.

Cammarano Earns Fellowship

Through Dr. Cristina Cammarano’s, assistant professor of philosophy, Philosophy in Education program, Wicomico County elementary school students learn not only critical thinking and communication skills, but how to respect others’ opinions.

The New York-based Whiting Foundation recognized Cammarano’s work with these students, awarding her a $50,000 Whiting Public Engagement Fellowship. Hers was one of only seven offered in the current cohort. The program has grown in the past four years in response to requests from teachers, students and parents.

Cammarano plans to use the fellowship to launch a new phase, including a summer camp for high school students, a “Philosophy Saturdays” series for families and a summer institute to help teachers lead philosophy sessions in their classrooms.

Lamey Honored by CoARC

Thomas Lamey, respiratory therapy program, earned the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care’s (CoARC) Louis Sinopoli Educational Research Scholarship.

The $2,000 annual scholarship is awarded to a faculty member of a CoARC-accredited program for educational or accreditation research that has practical value to the respiratory care profession.

Lamey presents his dissertation research at the American Association for Respiratory Care’s (AARC) 2018 Summer Forum in San Antonio, TX. He explores instructional strategies for pulmonary rehabilitation programs to improve rescue inhaler proficiency and self-efficacy among adults. Lamey is a doctoral candidate in the Instructional Design and Development Program at the University of South Alabama in Mobile.

SU’s Climate Commitment

When President Janet Dudley-Eshbach joined leaders from more than 400 institutions in signing the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment in 2007, she pledged SU would take steps to reach a goal of zero net greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

More than a decade later, SU has made significant progress, according to Second Nature, the network that oversees the initiative. SU recently earned the organization’s “Marks of Distinction” for reducing its carbon footprint by 25 percent and sourcing more than 50 percent of its electricity from renewable energy sources in the past decade.

Ratti Gives TED Talk

Dr. Manav Ratti, associate professor of English, delivered a TED talk in Australia’s capital, Canberra. He also won a prestigious research award from the Gandhi Ashram, home of Mahatma Gandhi.

His presentation was viewed on YouTube and endorsed by former under-secretary general of the United Nations Dr. Shashi Tharoor and by Nandita Das, a prominent Indian actor and director.

Ratti was invited by the Australian-American Fulbright Commission as one of a handful of Fulbright Scholars to speak at its inaugural TED event, with the theme “Empathy and Transformation.”

Ratti spoke on “Ten Ways to Become a Better Person” before an audience that included the U.S. ambassador to Australia, U.S. embassy staff and the executive director of the Fulbright Commission. His talk is available for viewing online at www.youtube.com/watch?v=OL0gJUSgQyc.

Ratti’s invitation to speak arrived while he was in India on a research fellowship awarded by the Gandhi Ashram. A world-renowned heritage site, museum and archive, the Gandhi Ashram was the home and spiritual haven (“ashram”) of Mahatma Gandhi. The Ashram is supporting Ratti’s research on justice, human rights and the Indian independence movement.
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Big Event: President Janet Dudley-Eshbach and Salisbury Mayor Jake Day joined nearly 600 SU students from 36 organizations who united to help the community during the 14th annual Big Event cleanup day. The Student Government Association-sponsored event also gave hundreds of high school students on campus for an admissions open house a chance to see what their future lives as Sea Gulls potentially could entail. President Dudley-Eshbach thanked the students for all they have done for the community and for helping to build positive town-gown relations. The students cheered with Day’s rallying cry of “Go Gulls!” before spreading out to help dozens of campus neighbors with yardwork and other outdoor household chores.

Martin Publishes Book
SU Scholarly Communications Librarian Victoria Martin’s new book, Transdiciplinarity Revealed: What Librarians Need to Know, recently was published.

When it comes to issues such as national security, sustainability or human health risks resulting from new technologies, many scholars agree on one thing: It’s impossible for a single academic discipline, or even multiple disciplines, to determine solutions. Enter transdisciplinary research.

The concept of transdisciplinary, introduced by Swiss psychologist Jean Piaget in 1970 and furthered by Basarab Nicolescu, founder of the International Center for Transdisciplinary Research and Studies (CIRET), has increased in popularity in recent years. It allows collaborators from multiple disciplines to partner with non-academics to tackle real-world societal problems in a way that looks at actual issues instead of simplified “laboratory” versions of them.

The book is available online at www.abc-clio.com/ABC-CLIOCorporate/product.aspx?pc=A5037P. Martin is also the author of 2014’s Demystifying eResearch, through which she discovered the idea of transdisciplinarity while writing.

Social Work Conference

More than 30 social workers from across the state attended their workshop, “Why (Some) Black Lives Don’t Matter and What to Do: Interactionist and Intersectional Perspectives.” They offered a theoretical explanation of police profiling and biased violence against blacks and, with participants, identified possible theory-guided, evidence-informed strategies for changing such patterns. The SU students provided case profiles of “Black Lives that Didn’t Matter” and reported on their own experiences as targets of prejudice and discrimination.
Teachers of Promise
Seven soon-to-be graduates of SU’s Seidel School were recognized as Teachers of Promise by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE).

Honored were seniors Saylor Guy (B.S. Earth Science); Elizabeth Harman (B.S. Elementary Education); Lauren Hitchens (B.S. Physical Education); Derrick May (B.S. Elementary Education); Lorelei Phillips (B.S. Early Childhood Education); and Dionte Weldon (B.S. Early Childhood Education); as well as graduate student Matt Cameron (M.A.T. History).

“Each student has excelled academically at SU and was nominated by their internship supervisor for their fine work in their placements,” said Paul Gasior, coordinator of field experience at SU.

Climate Change Series
The Fulton School of Liberal Arts explores the topic “Responding to Climate Change” during the semester-long “Changing Climate, Changing World” lecture series this spring.

Bill Wolff, Art Department, presents “Visual Artists Respond to Climate Change (or Not)” from 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, May 14, in Fulton Hall Room 111.

The final event in the series takes place in the Patricia R. Guerrieri Academic Commons Assembly from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17, featuring exhibits from campus and community groups on how they are responding to climate change.

Admission is free and the public is invited. For more information call 410-543-6450.

Shore Hatchery Returns
The 10th round of a 10-year, $2 million program to create new jobs takes place Thursday, May 10, at SU as entrepreneurs vie for their share of $98,000 in business funding.

The Philip E. and Carol R. Ratcliffe Foundation Shore Hatchery program was established with an initial $1 million contribution in 2013 and will continue an additional five years thanks to a new $1 million gift from the foundation, announced in 2017.

A public exhibition of applicants, featuring information about their submissions, begins at 1:30 p.m. on the third floor of Perdue Hall. Winners are expected to be announced at approximately 5 p.m. in the Perdue Hall Atrium, followed by a reception.

Ratcliffe Shore Hatchery board members include Jim Perdue of Perdue Farms; Dave Rommel and Mike Cottingham of Rommel USA; Jennifer Layton of Layton’s Chance Vineyards and Winery; Bruce Rogers of Sherwood of Salisbury; Katherine Kiernan, chair of the Perdue School Executive Advisory Council; and Sandy Fitzgerald-Angelo of Pohanka Automotive Group of Salisbury, among others.

Admission to the public exhibition, announcement of winners and reception is free, and the public is invited. For more information call 410-546-4325 or visit http://shorehatchery.salisbury.edu.

Adams at Stanford
Dr. Stephen Adams, chair of the Management and Marketing Department, was a guest speaker at Stanford University.

Adams discussed his paper “Before the Garage: The Innovation System that Produced Silicon Valley” at a Stanford Humanities Center event co-sponsored by the Economics Department and the Approaches to Capitalism Workshop.

His seminar was part of a series that during the 2017-2018 academic year includes faculty from Harvard, Yale, the University of Chicago, UC Berkeley, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the London School of Economics.

Feature Friday Concert
SU’s spring Feature Friday downtown Salisbury performance series concludes with Red Letter Day 6-7 p.m. May 11 at The Brick Room, 116 N. Division St.

The group features Suzanna Mallow, SU multimedia assistant (guitar); Colleen Clark, assistant professor of music technology (guitar); and alumnas Andrea Jones (saxophone) and Becca Doughty (percussion).

Sponsored by the Whaley Family Foundation and SU’s Center for Extended and Lifelong Learning (CELL), admission is free and the public is invited (must be 21 to enter). Charges apply for food and drinks. For information call 410-546-6090 or visit www.salisbury.edu/cell.
**Piano and Strings Concert**

SU piano and strings students perform in recital 3 p.m. Friday, May 11, in the Great Hall of Holloway Hall.

Piano performances include Chopin’s “Waltz in A Flat Major,” Op. 69, No. 1, by Anna Avrick; Gershwin’s “Prelude No. 3” by McCabe Dignam; Haydn’s Sonata in C Major (Hob. XVI: 35), Movement 1, “Allegro,” by Genequie Garrison; Beethoven’s Sonata – Op. 13, Pathétique, Movement 3, “Allegro,” by Sungryung Kim; J.S. Bach’s Well-Tempered Clavichord (Book 1), “Prelude in F Minor,” by Timothy Shepherd, and “Invention No. 8 in F Major” by Charrese Vandyke; and Liszt’s “Consolation No. III” by Alex Venmos.

Strings performances include Rebel’s “Bells” by Katherine Bobele; Stamitz’ “Concerto in D” by Anthony Constantine; Komarowskis’s “Concerto in E Minor” by Alison Guy; Mazas’ “Etude,” Op. 36, No. 8, by Hunter Lupro; Seitz “Concerto in G Minor” by Peyton Reynolds; and Fauré’s “Berceuse,” Op. 16, by Peyton Reynolds.

The students are from the classes of Drs. Linda Cockey and Sachi Murasugi of SU’s Music, Theatre and Dance Department.

Admission is free and the public is invited. For information call 410-548-5588.

**Senior Art Shows**

Some 29 graduating art students showcase their works during SU’s 58th biannual Senior Exhibition, “Chroma.”

For the first time, the fine arts portion of the show is located at the SU Art Gallery Downtown (SUAGD), 212 W. Main St., through May 12. The exhibit showcases 2-D and 3-D works by 15 students, including Alec Aita and Marghi Barnes, who display site-specific installations.

The graphic design portion of the show is scheduled through May 19 in the University Gallery of Fulton Hall. A reception is 5-7 p.m. Friday, May 11. The exhibit features the works of 14 students who go beyond the standard format to explore graphic design’s incorporation into various mediums.

SU alumnus John Kerr, web developer, designer and graphic artist at JKerr Designs, judges the exhibit.

SUAGD hours are noon-6 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, noon-4 p.m. Friday-Saturday. University Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, noon-4 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

Sponsored by the Art Department and the Fulton School of Liberal Arts, admission is free and the public is invited.

For information call 410-548-2547 or visit www.salisbury.edu/universitygalleries.

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**Porter Honored**

The International Center for Supplemental Instruction honored Heather Porter, Center for Student Achievement (CSA) assistant director, with its Outstanding Supplemental Instruction (SI) Support by a Campus Administrator Award.

According to Dr. Heather Holmes, SU CSA director, Porter’s impact on Salisbury’s program has included helping it grow from 47 SI sections serving over 1,700 students in fall 2012 to 107 sections serving nearly 4,200 students just five years later.

Porter also has introduced new initiatives into SU’s CSA and assisted with implementing the center’s TutorTrac software to track SI visits and use of the facility. On the budget side, Porter served as co-principal investigator on an initiative examining the financial impact of SI on institutional effectiveness, saving SU approximately $500,000 in its first three years of implementation by helping students maintain and increase their grades.

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**Entrepreneurship Competitions**

SU’s Perdue School of Business hosts its annual Entrepreneurship Competitions for students Friday, May 11, in Perdue Hall, with a prize pool goal of $100,000.

Events include an “Invest in My Idea” poster session and a Shark Tank/Gull Cage round, during which students will present “elevator” pitches to the judges.

The top four finalists move on to the annual Bernstein Achievement Award for Excellence competition, vying for a grand prize of $20,000. Their presentations, open to the public, begin at 2:30 p.m. in Perdue Hall’s Bennett Family Auditorium. An awards reception follows at approximately 5 p.m. in the Perdue Hall Atrium.

Admission is free and the public is invited. For information call 410-546-4325 or visit www.salisbury.edu/perdue.
The Organizer presents campus-based activities planned for the upcoming weeks. For a complete list of athletic contests and arts and cultural events, contact the Public Relations Office (Holloway Hall, Room 140, 410-543-6030) or visit SU’s calendar (www.salisbury.edu/calendar).

THROUGH MAY 12
- Exhibit: 58th Bi-Annual Senior Exhibitions: Fine Arts - SU Art Gallery Downtown

THROUGH MAY 13

THROUGH MAY 19
- Exhibit: 58th Bi-Annual Senior Exhibitions: Graphic Design - Fulton Hall, University Gallery; Reception: Fri., May 11, 5-7 p.m.

THROUGH MAY 26
- Exhibit: Margaret Noble: Resonating Objects - Electronic Gallery, Conway Hall 128

THROUGH MAY 31
- Exhibit: You’re on Indian Land . . . - Guerrieri Academic Commons, First-Floor Lobby; Open During GAC Hours
- Exhibit: For the Love of Quilting: Modern Quilts of the Eastern Shore - Guerrieri Academic Commons, Thompson Gallery, Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

THROUGH AUGUST 19

**MAY**

**THURSDAY, MAY 10**
- Concert: Jazz Ensemble - Holloway Hall Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, MAY 11**
- Concert: Piano/Strings Recital - Holloway Hall, Great Hall, 3 p.m.
- Concert: Feature Friday: Red Letter Day - Brick Room, 6-7 p.m.

**SATURDAY, MAY 12**
- Salisbury Symphony Orchestra: East Meets West • Featuring Christopher Blandel, Shakuhachi - Holloway Hall Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

**MONDAY, MAY 14**
- Lecture: Understanding Rocket Man: The Two Koreas, Trump and Nuclear Weapons - Holloway Hall, Great Hall, 5 p.m.
- Special Event: Presidential Citizen Scholars Capstone Presentation - Conway Hall 153, 6 p.m.
- Lecture Series: Responding to Climate Change - Fulton Hall 111, 7-8:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, MAY 15**
- Classes End
- Fulton Faculty Colloquia: (Trans)formation and (Re)discovery: Community Ukulele Jams - Conway Hall 152, 3:30 p.m.
- Concert: PRESTO Recital - Holloway Hall, Great Hall, 5 & 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 16**
- Special Event: President Janet Dudley-Eshbach Farewell - Sea Gull Square, 3-5 p.m.

**THURSDAY, MAY 17**
- Discover SU: Campus Arboretum - 2:30 p.m.
- Concert: Salisbury Youth Orchestra - Holloway Hall Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- Special Event: Climate Change Presentations - Guerrieri Academic Commons, Assembly Hall, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, MAY 18**
- Special Event: Art-A-Thon - SU Art Galleries | Downtown, 3-7 p.m.

**MAY 18-SEPTEMBER 23**
- Exhibit: Through Artist Eyes: The Eastern Shore Revealed - Ward Museum, LaMay Gallery; Reception: Fri., May 18, 5-7 p.m.

**TUESDAY, MAY 22**
- Lecture: Memoir of a Skipjack - Guerrieri Academic Commons, Assembly Hall, 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 23**
- Graduate Commencement - Civic Center, 6 p.m.

**THURSDAY, MAY 24**
- Undergraduate Commencement - Civic Center - 10 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

**MONDAY, MAY 28**
- Campus Closed - Memorial Day