



## Conway Hall Dedicated

SU alumnus Norman H. Conway has dedicated his life to education and the public good, and SU recognized his devotion to learning, to the Eastern Shore and to all of Maryland by rededicating its award-winning Teacher Education and Technology Center as Conway Hall.

A member of the Maryland House of Delegates from 1987-2015 and chair of its powerful Appropriations Committee from 2003-2014, Conway was instrumental in helping SU secure funding for the building, which opened in 2008.

After earning his B.A. in education from what was then Salisbury State Teachers College in 1965, Conway returned to pursue his M.Ed., which he received in 1972. He became a well-known figure in the Wicomico County education community as a teacher, vice principal and principal. During this time, he was elected to the Salisbury City Council, serving four years as president. In 1986, he was elected to the House of Delegates, quickly rising through the ranks of leadership.

At the time of its opening, Conway Hall was the largest academic structure on campus and was the first U.S. Green Building Council LEED-certified new construction project on Maryland's Eastern Shore. *College Planning & Management* magazine also named it one of the 10 best-designed new higher education buildings in the U.S. for 2009.

Conway Hall is home to the May Literacy Center, offering after-school tutoring and reading programs and the Curriculum Resource Center. Other distinctive features include distance-learning classrooms, a 3,000-square-foot high-definition digital video production studio and an audio recording studio with the capability of 24-track recordings, as well as 15 video editing suites, five audio editing suites and the SU Art Galleries' Electronic Gallery.



Germany Graduation Class



M.S.W. Hooding in Germany

## Graduates In Germany

In the spring, SU welcomed its inaugural cohort of social work graduates – including two bachelor's and 13 master's degree recipients – in Kaiserslautern, Germany, through an overseas partnership with University of Maryland University College (UMUC). SU's collaboration with UMUC began in 2014 after UMUC was awarded a Department of Defense contract to offer exclusive undergraduate and graduate instruction at military installations across Europe. The social work program meets a need that has been growing over the past decade for social workers who are well-trained to assist those with military connections. The department uses creative instructional approaches to reach students statewide and this collaboration enables them to do the same for military personnel stationed outside the U.S.



# Samuel W. & Marilyn C. Seidel School of Education & Professional Studies



MHEC Grant



Energizing New College Hopefuls



Marilyn Seidel (center)



Lower Shore Visiting Intervention Program



## MHEC Grant for College Prep

Dr. Brandy Terrill, Teacher Education, and Dr. Randall Cone, Mathematics and Computer Science, earned a one-year, \$150,000 grant from the Maryland Higher Education Commission's College Preparation Intervention Program to help educate local students about attending college. Working with Wicomico County, their project is focused on "Energizing New College Hopefuls through the Arts, Numerical Sciences and Technology."

As part of the grant, they hosted 30 incoming ninth graders and 12 middle and high school teachers for a week-long summer academic experience. The camp includes such sessions as art and arithmetic; baseball and math; poetry; supercomputers; argument, debate and opinion; personal narratives; math and money; and more.

Terrill and Cone also want to help the students do better on standardized testing in high school by showing them how their reading, writing and mathematics skills are connected to the world around them.

## Addressing Developmental Concerns

SU was awarded \$40,000 from the Quality Health Foundation of Easton, MD, to continue expanding its Lower Shore Visiting Intervention Program (LSVIP). The LSVIP addresses behavioral, mental health and social/emotional developmental concerns exhibited by children from birth to age 5. It provides screenings for children, and offers information, intervention strategies, referrals and assistance in navigating community resources for parents. Originally, SU's early intervention program reached only those involved with licensed daycare providers. Thanks to an initial grant from the foundation last year, visiting intervention services were started to help families and children who are not enrolled with licensed daycares.

## In Memoriam: Marilyn Seidel

SU celebrated the life of one of its benefactors, Marilyn "Lynn" Seidel, at the time of her passing last year. She and her husband, Sam, endowed the Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies in 1997, making it the first named endowed school of education in Maryland and, at the time, only the second in the United States. The \$1 million Seidel gift meant that all four of the University's schools were endowed, a rarity among public institutions nationwide. Much of the endowment was earmarked for scholarships as well as programs supporting faculty and library acquisitions. Prior to their bequest, the Seidels had been recognized leaders in promoting education. They had financed some 14 scholarships throughout the region, seven at SU.