

President's Message & University Honors



Greetings from the President

Academic year 2016-2017 was another busy and productive one on campus. Kicking off the year was the opening of our largest building, the Patricia R. Guerrieri Academic Commons, pictured on the cover of this report. A magnet for students conducting research, meeting on group projects, using one of the hundreds of computers available or simply checking out books from the library, the Academic Commons has been well used since its doors opened. Other needed physical facilities also were constructed, including the new Softball Stadium and the new video scoreboard at Sea Gull Stadium. The affiliated Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art also cut the ribbon on its new education facilities.

As always, students and faculty garnered recognition and significant accomplishments throughout the year, as did our student athletes, who won a

Division III NCAA national championship in men's lacrosse (their 12th!), and our field hockey team who put up a strong fight, appearing in their 32nd NCAA championship tournament! Many other highlights of student, faculty and staff accomplishments appear throughout this report.

Salisbury University continued to show strength in academic excellence, enrollment, graduation rates, and effectiveness and efficiency. Our goals for campus safety, sustainability, civic engagement, undergraduate research and diversity are illustrated throughout the accomplishments described in these pages.

I hope that you enjoy reading about all of the many achievements that continue to build upon our reputation as *A Maryland University of National Distinction*.

Dudley-Eshbach Is A Maryland Leader

The Daily Record again named SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach to its listing of Influential Marylanders. The President acknowledged her colleagues and their role in the award. "The hard work of faculty and staff is the reason Salisbury University is such a success," she said. "They daily shape and influence the lives of young people who are the future of our state and nation. I am grateful to be part of such a team."

This is the latest honor the Baltimore-based newspaper has bestowed upon Dudley-Eshbach. In 2012, the publication named her among Maryland's Most Admired CEOs. The paper also ranked her among Maryland's Top 100 Women three times, inducting her into its Circle of Excellence in 2010.





SU: Rated Best And Beautiful

SU remains on the roster of best colleges for quality and value, and recently was recognized for its grounds. Best College Reviews, an online ranking service for U.S. colleges and universities, named SU among the nation's "Top 50 Most Beautiful Autumn Campuses."

With its wide-reaching sustainability efforts, SU continues to be featured in The Princeton Review's *Guide to 361 Green Colleges*, which highlights impressive environmental and sustainability programs at campuses throughout the United States and select institutions in Canada. SU has a long history of sustainable efforts. In 2008, SU's Conway Hall became the first LEED-certified new construction project on the Eastern Shore, earning Silver status. Since then, 10 more new or renovated campus buildings have earned LEED Gold or Silver certification.

Faculty And Staff Honored With USM Awards

Two SU professors earned the University System of Maryland's highest faculty accolade: the Regents' Award for Excellence. Dr. Stephen Habay of the Chemistry Department was honored for teaching. Dr. Michèle Schlehofer of the Psychology Department was lauded for public service.

Dr. Habay's teaching approach allows students to intellectually 'own' the material. His research also is focused on student learning: In 2015, he earned a nearly \$300,000 Academic Research Enhancement Award from the National Institutes of Health to expand undergraduate lab opportunities and enhance equipment.

Much of Schlehofer's work has arisen from an ongoing collaborative partnership with the Wicomico

Partnership for Families and Children (WPFC). She designed and led its two-year state-mandated needs assessment of programs and resources for parents and children in the county. The effort became a community-based research project for SU students, with over 150 from 11 courses assisting with surveys and interviews.

In addition, SU Web Communications Manager Todd Smith received the Board of Regents' Staff Award for Excellence. Recognized specifically for Effectiveness and Efficiency in Administrative Transformation Resulting in a Minimum Cost Savings of \$10,000. Smith used his expertise to complete projects estimated up to \$30,000 per job in house, significantly reducing costs while providing institutional knowledge critical to development and completion.



DiBartolo Earns Distinguished Faculty Award

Dr. Mary DiBartolo of the Nursing Department was honored with SU's 2016 Distinguished Faculty Award. DiBartolo integrates the latest technology to reach students across all levels; her innovative teaching methods include case studies, clicker quizzes, videos, role playing, gaming, simulations and the use of standardized patients. In the past five years alone, she served as a reviewer for five journals, published 11 peer reviewed articles and delivered over 20 presentations. She provides free educational programs for family dementia caregivers and is an educator and consultant for the renowned Integrace Institute at Copper Ridge, providing Alzheimer's/dementia care training. She also was selected by the Parkinson's Disease Foundation for its Edmond J. Safra Visiting Nursing Faculty Scholar program, where she has presented staff training programs.