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## Letter from the President

Dear Sea Gull Family,

This summer marks the conclusion of my first year as President of Salisbury University. Victoria and I cannot thank you enough for the warm welcome and kindness that we have received from the entire community. You have reinforced something that we already knew – this community is a family – and you’ve made us both feel at home. When I was driving back from the airport after visiting my daughters during Thanksgiving, I was tired from a long trip and all I wanted to do was to get home. It was at that moment that I realized that Salisbury truly is now our home.

When I arrived last summer, I embarked on a listening tour where I met with and heard from many students, faculty, staff and community members. I was impressed by the importance that SU has for our region and the dedication that people expressed for supporting the success of our students. This University and its people are doing great things, and I am truly fortunate to be a part of that.

One of the joys of my job is watching our students perform. Whether it is attending an athletics event during the runup to a championship, or enjoying a musical or theatrical performance, or listening to a student tell a compelling personal story to an attentive audience, I am deeply impressed with their courage, leadership, intellect and resilience.

There are some areas where I would like to build on the great work that is already underway at SU: ensuring affordability and access to higher education, building a culture of inclusion on campus, being responsible stewards of our financial and environmental resources, and building even greater community partnerships. All four of these areas of focus will help our students to be even more successful, which is the core mission of this university. I’m deeply impressed by how successful our alumni are and want that to continue for current and future students.

In June, we began the public phase of “We Are SU” – a comprehensive fundraising campaign for Salisbury University. Unlike our previous campaign, which was about building our campus infrastructure, this campaign will center around people. In order for us to meet our \$75 million goal, we need everyone to participate with an investment in our most valuable resource, our people. New scholarships will ease the financial burden that all students face, new funding will enhance our academic programs across campus, and new endowments will ensure that Salisbury University can sustain our support for students and faculty for generations to come.

You, our alumni, play a central role in helping with these areas. Whether it’s through your participation in the “We Are SU” campaign or through sharing your time, talents and resources in another way, you can help to ensure that the experience of future Sea Gulls will exceed expectations. As you think about your own experience at Salisbury University and how you will play a role in shaping our future, I invite you to contact us to share your thoughts.

With kindest regards,



Charles A. Wight  
President, Salisbury University

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## President Shares His Plan at Inauguration

“ Welcome, everybody. Thank you for coming today. Secretary Fielder, Chancellor Caret, Regent Johnson, Regent Rauch and Regent Frazier, thank you; I’m truly honored. Welcome to fellow presidents and delegates from sister institutions, students, faculty, staff, alumni and many dear friends. And a special welcome to my family: to those who are here in person: my Dad and his wife Corki, my sister Ruth and her husband Rick, and my cousin Randy. And to many family members who are watching online from afar: my Mom, my three daughters and their families, including my three precious grandchildren, brothers and sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. Welcome. And to my dear wife, Victoria Rasmussen: Thank you for your constant love and support. Thank you for always being by my side with advice and encouragement. And even when you have to tell me I’m being a knucklehead, thanks for standing with me when you say it. I love you.

President Janet Dudley-Eshbach, would you please stand for a moment? During my 100-day listening tour last summer and fall, it took only a short while for me to recognize that this institution is in great shape. It is highly ranked, and it’s on all the best value lists. The faculty and staff are dedicated, the students are very successful, and the campus is spectacular. Those are testaments to your great leadership over 18 years as our eighth president, truly shaping us as *A Maryland University of National Distinction*. Thank you for the tremendous privilege of inheriting a healthy institution, and I look forward to working with you as a member of our faculty.

An inauguration is a formal opportunity to set an agenda, for a new president to create some expectations. The things I’ll talk about are not broken, because they’re actually things that we do well already. But there are four areas where I will spend some of my personal time and energy taking us to the next level.

The first is increasing affordability and access to higher education. Let’s face it, college is much more expensive than it



used to be, and we are already pricing some very worthy students out of the market. There are many benefits to a college education that go beyond opening doors to great career options, but some universities are already at the point where the financial return on investment is being seriously questioned. We need to make certain that money is never an insurmountable barrier to a college education. We need to create this opportunity for every student who is willing to commit to a plan of study, work hard and succeed.

The second area is to build a culture of inclusion so that every person not only feels welcome at Salisbury University, but also develops a true feeling of belonging at this institution. No university can fulfill its true potential for educational excellence unless it embraces the idea that the best learning occurs when we gather people together from different backgrounds, different experiences, different cultures, different races, different religions and different nationalities to have respectful conversations about our differences. It’s easy to have these discussions when everyone in the room shares common experiences and we close the door to outsiders. But the true test of inclusion is when we are willing to invite those to the table who disagree with us. This year, we have made a pretty good start, with the establishment of a new Center for Equity, Justice and Inclusion, but there is much more work to do.

*Dr. Charles “Chuck” Wight was inaugurated as Salisbury University’s ninth president on Wednesday, April 10. At the festive ceremony attended by the campus community as well as state and regional leaders, Wight officially outlined his priorities for the University: ensuring educational accessibility and affordability, building on SU’s culture of diversity and inclusion, being a steward of financial resources and the environment, and furthering mutually positive community relationships – all with the ultimate goal of providing students with the greatest opportunities for success. Read on for the full text of President Wight’s Inaugural Address.*

The third area is stewardship. It starts with being responsible financial stewards, of student tuition dollars, of Maryland taxpayer dollars, and of the generous gifts of countless donors. But it goes beyond this to making everyday decisions that ensure the long-term future of the institution, and the long-term sustainability of our planet. In many ways, the Eastern Shore is ground zero for the adverse consequences of living beyond the means of the Earth. It is therefore our responsibility not only to teach our students about environmentally sustainable practices but to model those practices ourselves as an institution.

The fourth area is to build even greater partnerships with organizations in our community. This means not only welcoming people to our campus to experience some of the amazing things that Salisbury University has to offer, but also sending students, faculty and staff out into the neighborhoods to work with our partners for the benefit of our community. Governor Hogan recently announced his Day to Serve initiative, and I received a proposal from our Staff Senate to allow each SU employee to participate in a community service project next fall, with four hours of paid leave. And I'm proud to announce that we're going to do it.

Our relationship with the City of Salisbury is better than ever, thanks in great part to the work of Mayor Jake Day and the City Council. But for just a moment I would like to highlight our emerging partnerships with the University of Maryland Eastern Shore and its new president, Dr. Heidi Anderson. Together, our institutions are working to better serve the Eastern Shore with a Delmarva Public Media collaboration. Together we are working on a plan to recruit, train and retain highly skilled and much needed health care professionals on the Eastern Shore. And together, we are taking responsibility for serving the comprehensive higher education needs of people in this region. I believe that every university has a sacred duty to be a leader in its community, for economic prosperity and for social justice. Our partnerships with UMES, with the city, the Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Salisbury Committee and many other organizations will help to ensure our success as a university and as a community.

All four of these initiatives will help our students to be even more successful, which is the core mission of this university. I'm deeply impressed by how successful our



USM Regent Robert Rauch, Victoria Rasmussen, SU President Charles Wight and USM Chancellor Robert Caret

students are now, and you have seen evidence of that success even in this inauguration event.

One of the reasons I am so impressed is because being a college student is much more difficult in today's world than it was when I was a student. It's certainly more expensive, but there are also many more distractions than there used to be. Every day we are bombarded with news about political gridlock, mass shootings, scandals, plane crashes, terrorism and more. So, in addition to everything else that we are trying to teach our students, it is my sincere hope that they learn two more things. (Faculty and staff, I'm going to need your help with these.)

The first is serenity. Throughout my adult life from time to time I have sought out places that are profoundly quiet. These are places far from the roar of bustling cities. Some are in wilderness areas, and others are near the tops of mountains where I can listen for the sound of my own soul and reflect on what is really important in my life. Here on the Eastern Shore there aren't any mountains, but one of my new favorite things to do in Maryland is to watch the sunrise over the water, whether it's the Atlantic Ocean or the Chesapeake Bay, or over Tony Tank Pond near our home. I hope that our students will learn to take the time to shut off their phones and go someplace both beautiful and quiet to rediscover themselves in serenity.

The second thing is resilience. In the midst of the everyday chaos that is our lives, we sometimes also encounter profound tragedy. An especially high-profile example is when one of our students, Jack Ferguson, a captain of our men's basketball team, became gravely ill last year. The news of Jack's illness before the start of the season was devastating for the team, and in

the midst of this tragedy they also had to deal with an unexpected, and frankly unwelcome, change in the head coaching position. All of the players were saddened, discouraged and angry. A few of them quit the team. But the players who remained did something that was truly amazing to watch. They put aside their anger and their grief, they committed themselves to playing together as a team, and they dedicated their season to Jack Ferguson. And they started winning. They won nine games in a row to start the season and won 12 of their first 13 games. They dealt with injuries and illnesses along the way. Often, they found themselves behind in the second half of a game, but rallied together and found a way to win. They played well in the Capital Athletic Conference championship tournament, and they received a bid to play in the NCAA national tournament. Unfortunately, Jack passed away in March, and we miss him. But I am so proud of these young men for how they handled themselves this year, and my hope is that every student at Salisbury University develops the capacity, the mental toughness and the courage to face adversity in extremely difficult situations and to excel in spite of it all.

Before I relinquish the podium, I would like to say thank you. To my staff for organizing this event, to the students, faculty and staff who all played roles in it, and to all of you for coming to celebrate this new beginning. Chancellor Caret and members of the Board of Regents, thank you for this amazing opportunity to lead a great institution. Thank you for placing your trust in me as its president.

Thank you. ”

Highlights from the ceremony are available at [www.salisbury.edu/inauguration](http://www.salisbury.edu/inauguration)

# For Alumni Authors, SU Is A Great Opening Paragraph

Just flip through the Class Notes of *SUMagazine* and you will discover that the Sea Gull Nation is home to several published authors. Two such authors recently shared how Salisbury University put them on the path to publication.

## Cultural Exploration Leads to Perspective

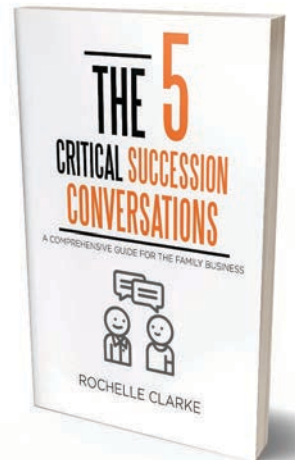
Rochelle Clarke's professional and higher education career can be summed up in one word: perspective. As an international student from Guyana, she had a different perspective entering Salisbury University than most other students. Learning in a new environment, she quickly adapted and excelled in the classroom and at her part-time job in the Financial Aid Office. All the while, she was learning from every experience she encountered and gaining a new perspective on what life could be after SU.

A 2003 SU graduate, Rochelle was a double major in international business and finance, a minor in Spanish, and a member of the Honors Program. Following Salisbury, she earned her M.B.A. in strategic management from the famed Wharton

School of Business, but it was the experiences that she had during her time at SU that lead her to a career working with succession planning and writing her book, *The 5 Critical Succession Conversations, A Comprehensive Guide to the Family Business*. In her book, Rochelle describes how owners and successors can communicate more effectively by mastering five conversations that are difficult but necessary for a smooth succession transition. Many of the skills that Rochelle uses when dealing with clients and to write her book came from her experiences in the classroom and beyond at SU.

"I participated in the study abroad program where Dr. [Dick] Hoffman took a group of business students to London and Dublin. The trip did not start off well for me when a visa issue left me on one side of a barricade from all of my classmates when we went through customs. Luckily for me, Dr. Hoffman saved the day by working through the situation with the proper authorities, and I was able to join my classmates. During this trip, I learned through our classwork and social activities that each country had a distinct system of values and beliefs that I needed to know to really connect with its people. I see this today as I routinely travel between Miami, New York and the Netherlands to work with clients from all over the world who need help with their succession planning. For me to be effective, I have to understand the culture of my client's native country so I can guide the conversations to achieve the desired results."

"My experiences at SU directly impact my professional life on a daily basis," Rochelle explained, and she shared that SU was the springboard for her career and subsequent book on succession planning. Many of the lessons learned in her international business classes have helped her navigate the world not only in business but also in gaining perspective in her personal life.



## Children's Lit Superstar Returns to SU

Sue Fliess, pronounced "fleece," joked that her professional children's book writing career began during the "sleep-depriving and non-paying-but-constantly-rewarding position of stay-at-home mom."

We recently caught up with Sue during her visit to SU's campus to present at our annual Children's and Young Adult Literature Festival and speak at the SU chapter of Lambda Pi Eta's (National Communication Honor Society) Honor Ceremony. She shared with us her path from SU to successful children's book author.

Sue shared that when her oldest son turned two, he had a penchant for outer space, prompting Sue to write a story for him. That, coupled with the encouragement and advice from a children's librarian and friend, as well as local authors, was when she began her adventure into writing for children. Though that space book never got published, it set the wheels in motion and she's been hooked ever since.

A 1995 SU graduate with a bachelor's in communication arts and a minor in fine arts, Sue's career path wasn't exactly linear. Out of school, she accepted a job in New York as a publicist for Penguin, where she wrote press releases and pitch letters and networked. It was during that time that Sue joined her first writing group, filling a creative outlet that she later realized could turn into more than just a hobby. When her life took her across the country to Northern California, Sue held positions, including copywriter, event planner and marketing communications manager. But even as she wrote product datasheets, signage copy, newsletters and web content, the dream of writing her own stories was never too far out of sight.

After several years of rejections from publishers, Sue's big break came in 2011 with the publication of her first book, *Shoes for Me!* That book was developed into a series of three and the demand for Sue's work grew. She now has 32 books published, including the bestselling Little Golden Books *Robots*, *Robots Everywhere!* and *I'm a Ballerina!* Her books have sold roughly 1,000,000 copies worldwide, have received industry awards and honors, have been used in school curricula and museum educational programs, have been named to many best books lists, and have even been translated into three languages. The *Bug Book* was selected three years in a row to be featured in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library with distribution to over 250,000.

When Sue returned to campus this April to share her books and path to publication during the festival, she received the Salisbury University Alumni Mentor Award for her widespread impact on youth and her continued effort to share her knowledge and expertise with SU students.

"My experience at Salisbury – even if I didn't recognize it at the time – gave me all the tools I needed to be a successful writer, speaker and marketer. I was so humbled to receive the Alumni Mentor Award. Being back on campus and seeing the beautiful new buildings and upgrades makes me want to get another degree!" But with five books out in 2019 and five more publishing in 2020, she admits that a second degree may have to wait. "I only ever wanted to sell one book," said Sue. "It often feels like an embarrassment of riches, but I never take it for granted and am doing my best to enjoy every minute of this journey."



## Tools to Master the Writing Trade

The faculty who make up SU's writing program make sure their students are not just writing good poetry and fiction, but learning how to get it published, as well.



In recent years, writing program graduates have been accepted to M.F.A. programs (many with full funding), created their own literary journal with a national following, had dozens of poems and stories published, been nominated for the prestigious Pushcart Prize for poetry, and one recent grad won one of the United States' most prominent literary prizes.

Emma DePanise '18 was winner of the 2018 Pablo Neruda Prize for Poetry. The national honor, part of the Nimrod Literary Awards, is open to poets of all experience levels. For example, that year's runner up, Megan Merchant, is an editor and author of three books. When she won the prize, DePanise was a 21-year-old senior Honors student majoring in English.

It's unusual for undergraduate students to publish, let alone win a prize of this stature. "One of the strengths of SU's creative writing program is we are encouraged and tutored, while we're students, in how to publish," said DePanise. "We not only study great writers and develop our own portfolio, we are taught about the work required to be a literary professional."

DePanise's poems, "Dry Season" and five others have been selected for publication in the *Nimrod International Journal*.

When she first came to SU, DePanise planned to major in music education. Poetry, with an emphasis on rhythm, spoken performance and sound, allows her to express her innate musicality, as well as blur lines between fact, fiction and personal expression, which she likes. And SU's team approach to studying writing provided not only support, but a sense of community.

DePanise currently is pursuing her M.F.A. at Purdue University.

"... we are taught about the work required to be a literary professional."

# Blue Skies and Spirits: An Alum's Entrepreneurial Pursuit

By Christina K. Howard '03

Oftentimes, we are told to follow our dreams; sometimes that means packing up every earthly belonging you own and heading cross-country in a Ford conversion van. Shortly after graduating from the Perdue School of Business in 2000, Matt Levitt headed for California in pursuit of an outdoor lifestyle, never looking back. His van coasted into beautiful Lake Tahoe, CA, where he was greeted with crisp air, clear water and sunny skies. Ten years later, Matt would develop a national, award-winning vodka that embodied the lifestyle of the area, Tahoe Blue Vodka.

"My time at Salisbury University fostered my love of entrepreneurial thinking. As far back as I can remember, I always had business and product ideas. My classes at Salisbury inspired me to pursue a life outside of the confines of a traditional career," shared Matt. "Lake Tahoe means so much to so many people. I wanted to capture the love affair of beautiful blue skies, clear water, top-notch skiing and boating, and everything else that the area evokes. We began with creating a vodka recipe that included a unique blend of grapes, corn, sugarcane and pure Tahoe water."

In the early days, he financed his product with his savings and sold it out of the trunk of his car. Soon after, Matt began working with a distributor and was excited to see Tahoe Blue Vodka on local store shelves. His product moved slowly for the first few months, and Matt decided to leave his job to devote himself fully to marketing his vodka. "I was fascinated with consumer behavior and behavioral psychology during my undergrad at Salisbury, and I used what I learned to take Tahoe Blue Vodka to the next level," Matt noted. Tahoe Blue Vodka quickly gained momentum and began winning awards, including the Los Angeles



International Wine and Spirits Competition and the San Francisco World Spirits Competition. In 2013, Tahoe Blue Vodka won first place for best unflavored vodka in the prestigious Ultimate Spirits Challenge in New York, beating out top players like Chopin and Belvedere.

This past winter, Matt visited his Alma Mater to talk to students about his experience as an entrepreneur: "I told them that in order to be a successful entrepreneur you have to work much harder than the average person and believe in yourself 100%; sometimes you're the ONLY one who believes. You have to have unlimited reserves of both optimism and enthusiasm for your business. There are often 12-14-hour days, but you have to dig deep with a desire to be successful." While on campus, Matt also had the opportunity to learn more about the current entrepreneurial offerings at Salisbury University.

Each year, the Perdue School hosts its annual Student Entrepreneurship

Competition, formerly the Bernstein Business Plan Competition, as well as a regional entrepreneurship competition, the Philip E. and Carol R. Ratcliffe Foundation Shore Hatchery; these competitions award approximately \$300,000 in cash and services annually. On campus, the Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Hub offers training and workshops for competition participants, and soon, the Downtown Center for Entrepreneurship will open in Downtown Salisbury. Additionally, this fall, students will be able to enroll in a brand-new entrepreneurship minor.

"What SU has is so much more developed than anything I have ever seen. For students to have access to these programs is beyond exciting and potentially life altering," he exclaimed.

For more information about Tahoe Blue Vodka, please visit [www.tahoebluevodka.com](http://www.tahoebluevodka.com)



## Help Us Grow the Flock!

As alumni of Salisbury University, you are among our best ambassadors in recruiting new students. Your stories and successes are a testament to the value (both personally and professionally) of an SU diploma.

Have you met a student who you think would thrive at Salisbury? If so, please put us in contact with them through our Alumni Student Referral Program. Just visit our website and tell us about the student – we’ll do the rest! [www.salisbury.edu/alumni-student-referral](http://www.salisbury.edu/alumni-student-referral)



## Teaching the Teachers (Sometimes Gull to Gull)

If you walk into a public school classroom across the region, there is high chance you will be greeted by a banner that reads: “We Are Proud to Partner with Salisbury University in Preparing Future Teachers.” These schools are part of SU’s Professional Development School (PDS) Network, which helps train hundreds of teacher candidates annually.

Most semesters, SU has nearly 550 teacher candidates in schools, including full-time interns, and students in methods and foundational courses.

“Our campus has a rich history in educator preparation,” said Dr. Laurie Henry, Seidel School of Education dean. “Our roots began in training teachers for rural classrooms, and now, more than nine decades later, we are helping to address the most pressing, complex issues facing education today.”

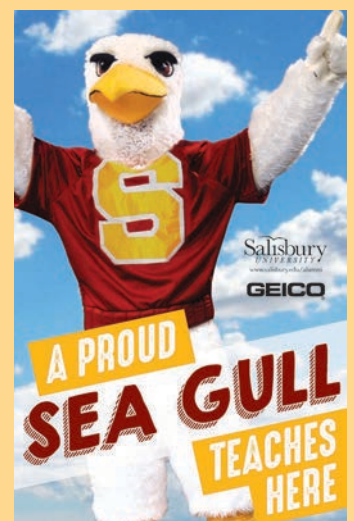
The National Association of Professional Development Schools (NAPDS) has honored SU five times in 10 years. According to Seidel faculty, Salisbury is the only non-research one university to have nationally recognized PDS partnerships at the elementary, middle and high school levels. In 2009, SU’s teacher education program earned the Spirit of Partnership Award. Then NAPDS bestowed its Exemplary PDS Achievement Award for partnerships with Worcester County schools in 2011, Mardela Middle and High in 2015, and Snow Hill Elementary in 2017. An SU teacher candidate also was named an Emerging PDS Leader last spring.

With so many Sea Gull graduates leading the way in the classroom, it is often the case that an SU graduate will be the teacher candidate’s mentor teacher, as was the case for recent graduate Maya Batson ’19 last spring when she interned in Niya Browne’s ’15, M’18 classroom. For Browne, it was a “full circle” moment: “Not long ago, I was an SU intern. So, for me to have an intern now myself is completely surreal. For me, it’s more of an opportunity to give back like others gave to me and give everybody that comes in my classroom that experience that I had – and more.”



Niya Browne (left) and Maya Batson

The University’s Office of Alumni Relations started providing Seidel graduates with classroom posters that say “A Proud Sea Gull Teaches Here” in 2016. Since then, it has sent more than 570 to alumni educators across Maryland and in other states. If you are a Sea Gull teacher and would like a poster for your classroom, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 410-543-6042 or [alumni@salisbury.edu](mailto:alumni@salisbury.edu)





# Love Stories

## THAT BEGAN AT SU

By Amy Luppens

### Bob and Glenda Clarke

The story began on a crisp fall day in 1968 as freshman students eagerly gathered in line to register for classes at Holloway Hall. Arranged in alphabetical order, all were anxious and hopeful to start the year off on the right foot and get into the classes that would set them on a successful path. Somewhere amidst the "Cs" a young woman and young man, last names "Chatham" and "Clarke," were fatefully standing side by side. It was, most certainly, Bob who struck up conversation, saying something that made Glenda giggle, and from that day, the lives of Glenda Chatham '72 and Bob Clarke would be forever intertwined.

Bob left Salisbury University after his sophomore year to join the Air Force while Glenda finished her four years with a bachelor's in English. Shortly after her graduation, the two were married. To hear Bob and Glenda tell their story, one can't help but notice the spark in their eyes that burns brighter than ever, even after 50 years together.

Bob's Air Force career took them all over the United States. Wherever they landed, Glenda found teaching positions, primarily teaching English and working as a reading specialist. When his Air Force career concluded, Bob took a position at Northampton Community College eventually becoming dean of business, engineering and technology. Bob and Glenda finally graduated together at Lehigh University in 1983 when he received his doctorate and she her master's degree.



Then, in 1984, the couple moved to Vermont. At age 33, Bob had been selected as the president of Vermont Technical College and served there until 1999. From there, he was appointed as the Chancellor of Vermont State Colleges for the next 10 years until his retirement in 2009.

In 2012, the couple moved back to the Eastern Shore of Maryland to be closer to family. Settling in Snow Hill, they continue to stay busy and immersed in the community, with Glenda most recently serving as the immediate past president of the Worcester County Garden Club and Bob serving on the Board of Trustees of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC).

In fall 2018, 50 years after meeting in the registration line, the couple returned to Salisbury University for a visit. During their tour, they took note of the many changes since their time on campus and shared observations and memories. They spoke of their desire to make a gift to the University, the place where their story began, and to honor Glenda's mother, Nina. They accomplished this by endowing the Nina Dixon Chatham Scholarship, supporting first-generation students from James M. Bennett Senior High School, Glenda's alma mater.

Bob and Glenda's story is a bit of a fairytale in the way that it unfolded and the duration and strength of their love. How many other love stories started at Salisbury University? No doubt there are hundreds, if not, thousands. They are a reminder that Salisbury University's impact is far beyond that which is taught in the classroom.



## It's All in the (Sea Gull) Family: The Urbans

*There are several "Sea Gull Families" at Salisbury University. Sometimes, their stories span generations. Other times, they are a set of siblings with a Salisbury University story to share: the oldest brother attended Salisbury State University; the four youngest siblings followed in his footsteps; they excelled in the classrooms and on the athletic fields; all five stayed in the Salisbury area and give back to the community in a variety of ways. Here is the story of one such family.*

By Scott Urban '94

Salisbury is a special place for the Urban family. Growing up in a large family, my parents instilled the importance of work ethic, family pride and giving back to the community. Salisbury University helped support these values in me and four of my seven siblings, while my two oldest sisters fostered these values while attending University of Maryland College Park.

As the proud owner and operator of the Irish Penny Pub and Grill, a local restaurant within walking distance of SU's campus, SU's Perdue School of Business helped make my entrepreneurial dream a reality. My older brother, Mark Urban '93, is the director of technology, infrastructure and development for a local software firm. All three of my younger sisters – Nicole (Urban) Ingley '96, M'98; Danielle (Urban) Jackson '98, M'06; and Cortney (Urban) Monar '99, M'07 – earned their teaching degrees and master's degree from SU and are making a positive impact on the lives of so many children on the Eastern Shore. Nicole is also part owner in Olympia Fitness Center and currently serves on the board of SU's Maroon & Gold Club. While at SU, we all worked hard in the classrooms to earn our degrees that started our careers. My siblings also worked even harder on the athletic fields, playing multiple sports for SU.

"Family" is a word that the Urbans protect and are extremely proud of. The SU family runs deep into ours. Mark, Nicole, Cortney and I each married SU alumni who all take pride in being Sea Gulls. You can often find many of us cheering on the Gulls at Sea Gull Stadium or supporting student groups on campus.

My family and our extended family believe that giving back to our community is extremely important. Although all our careers allow us opportunities to give back to the community, it's the creation of the Falcons Youth Sport Organization, located just south of SU's campus in Fruitland, which really allowed us to touch the lives of children. When youth sports opportunities were limited, the Fruitland Falcons provided a place to strengthen family relationships and give back to those in the area.



The Urban family and spouses (from left, back) Mark '93; John Monar '97; Mike Ingley '96; (center) Danielle Jackson '98, M'06; Nicole Ingley '96, M'98; Andrea Urban '91, M'98; and Cortney Monar '99, M'07; and (front) parents Ed and Fran.

Being part of athletic teams all our lives has helped shape our character and leadership skills. Character and leadership are values we try to teach the youth of our community through football, field hockey, cheerleading, wrestling and lacrosse at the Falcons. Each year, SU and the roughly 1,000 youth involved on the Falcons team get together for youth football games and lacrosse games at Sea Gull Stadium and have special "Falcons Days." Our young athletes look up to the SU men and women athletes.

Together, as a family, we always proudly represent Salisbury University Sea Gulls.



Scott and Molly Urban



# Nursing Celebrates Four Decades of Quality Care

The first bachelor's degrees were awarded to nursing majors at then Salisbury State College in 1979. Since then, the campus has produced some 3,000 nursing graduates who work all over the nation.

This spring, Salisbury University celebrated 40 years of nursing education with faculty, staff, students, graduates, community partners and others. Among the attendees were a few founding faculty members: Karen Badros, Mary Kane, Barbara Kellam and Edna Quinn. Many other professors and administrators also were credited with providing extensive support over the years.

"Our nursing programs are known for high-quality outcomes," said Dr. Jeffrey Willey, director of SU's School of Nursing. "Our pass rate on the licensure examination for registered nurses is consistently high (98% this year), and we have the highest 10-year average of all University of System of Maryland

campuses. Our pass rate on the family nurse practitioner certification exam is 100%, with many graduates staying in the region to provide health care to local citizens."

SU's nursing offerings have expanded dramatically over four decades. A master's degree for rural nursing started in 1982 and later was named a Maryland Higher Education Commission distinguished program. An accelerated option for career changers earning second bachelor's degrees started in 1989 and remains a highly popular option.

In 2012, the Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) was launched as the University's first doctoral degree, with nine initial students graduating in 2015. Recently, SU began awarding official B.S.N. and M.S.N. degrees (instead of the B.S. or M.S. for nursing). SU nursing faculty are highly qualified, as all 23 have or will soon finish their doctorates.



Nursing Program leadership from earliest days to present:  
 Drs. Libby Barfield, Karen Badros, Susan Boyer Battistoni,  
 Jeffrey Willey and Lisa Gottsegen Seldomridge

Methods of teaching nursing students also have changed with new technologies, said Dr. Lisa Seldomridge, longtime nursing faculty and director of SU's Richard A. Henson Medical Simulation Center, which opened in 2011.

"Today our students engage in realistic clinical scenarios with high-fidelity human patient simulators that respond as humans would," she said. "There are also learning opportunities for neighboring colleges and practicing health professionals."

Having the Simulation Center and expanding from a department to a school in SU's new College of Health and Human Services also provide excellent opportunities for nursing students to work side-by-side with peers across disciplines, as they will in the real world. Seldomridge expects more interprofessional collaborations in the future.

In addition, Seldomridge said SU is known for such innovations as its Eastern

Shore Faculty Academy and Mentorship Initiative, a collaboration with area community colleges that helps clinical nurses become part-time faculty. To date, it has produced nearly 150 graduates to help meet nurse faculty shortages, and is expanding with partner campuses in central and western Maryland to provide statewide solutions.

"Our future is bright with myriad opportunities," Seldomridge said. "We have classes that are delivered in person and online using a variety of software, so graduate students can study from hundreds of miles away. We hope to increase enrollments in our M.S.N. and D.N.P. programs to meet the need for educators, nurse practitioners and leaders. In addition, expanding our traditional and R.N. to B.S.N. programs will help with national goals to prepare more of the nursing workforce with bachelor's degrees."

Dr. Jordan Braniff '12, D'18, a two-time

graduate of the second-degree bachelor's and D.N.P. programs said it was no problem getting a job with his SU nursing degrees. He was an emergency room nurse before becoming a family nurse practitioner in the region.

"I wouldn't be where I am today without SU," he said, adding that it gave him a great basis of knowledge and skills. "Achieving my doctoral education was something I never thought I'd do, but I did because of the mentorship and experience at SU."

*Are you interested in advancing your degree or becoming a part-time nursing faculty at SU? Contact Dr. Jeffrey Willey at [jawilley@salisbury.edu](mailto:jawilley@salisbury.edu).*



# A Silver Anniversary for the First Men's Lacrosse Champs



With a foundation of hard-nosed players and talented coaches, the early years of Salisbury lacrosse had a significant number of successes, with many regular-season wins and NCAA tournament appearances.

During the 1980s and early 1990s, Division III lacrosse was ruled by powerhouse Hobart College, who at one point won 12 straight national championships and 13 overall in 14 years. One of those national championships was won in 1991 over then up-and-comer Salisbury State University. It was year three of the Berkman era, and the Sea Gull freshmen who were on that team would have their revenge as seniors during the 1994 season.

Spring 1994 was Hobart's last season in Division III before making the jump to Division I, but they would not end their run with a win. The Sea Gulls defeated powerhouse Hobart College 15-9 to win its first national championship and send Hobart to Division I with a loss. This was the first of many national championships – 12, and counting – but there was more to this win than the casual fan realizes. Since that freshman Class of 1991, every four-year men's lacrosse player who has worn the maroon and gold has won a national championship.

The 25th anniversary of that first men's lacrosse national championship was celebrated this spring by many of the teammates and coaches who were on the field that Memorial Day Sunday in 1994. The experience of that year, of finally breaking through and winning a national championship, has created a bond between the players and coaches that can't be described in mere words. Although it may seem the norm that Salisbury has won another national championship in men's lacrosse, this is the group that set that standard of success that continues today.

## FLASH BACK TO 1994 ▲

Front Row: Russ Hewitt, Chris Murphy, Dod Poe, Erik Miller, Trent Wisnaukas, Tom McAuliffe, Ron Anson, Todd Cliggett;  
 Second Row: Sean O'Connell, Ryan Murphy, Dan Mergott, Andy Gordon, Matt Marchetti, Mike Sabol, Chris Belotte;  
 Third Row: Jayme Black, Joe Milano, Tom Murrell, Jeff Doolan, Steve Griner, Dan Wolf, Keith Kretkowski, Emilio D'Alisa;  
 Fourth Row: Francis McAndrews, John Fitzgerald, Greg Wallrapp, Mike Austin, Jason Coffman, Chris McQueeney, Jay Owen;  
 Fifth Row: Andy Kolchins, Scott Melvin, Gideon LaClair, Brent Baldwin, John Schubert, Paul Smith, Dennis Leonard;  
 Sixth Row: Scott Kelly, Brendan Bellotte, Jake Bergey, Sean Radebaugh, Matt Agee, Jeremy Michalski, Rob Schmitt;  
 Seventh Row: Kit Neyland, Lauren Reich, Mike Orton, Jason Macrides, Rich Reilly, Kevin Henry;  
 Back Row: Jim Berkman, Chris Hasbrouck, Chris Soper, Mike Esham, Mike Gallagher, Rick Berkman; Not Pictured: Scott Petrie.



**FLASH FORWARD TO 2019:** The 25th anniversary of the first men's lacrosse national championship was celebrated this spring.



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## Civic Reflection Finds a Home

Salisbury University is the new home for the national Center for Civic Reflection.

Founded by Dr. Elizabeth Lynn at Valparaiso University, IN, in 1998, with support from Lilly Endowment, Inc., the center promotes listening to others and to one's self, and thinking carefully about civic choices and values.

"People need opportunities to speak deeply with one another," said Dr. Alexander Pope, co-director of SU's Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement (PACE), which will oversee the initiative at Salisbury. "Civic reflection teaches us to consider the beliefs and values that underlie our community commitments and allows us to better reach our shared goals."

Lynn praised Salisbury's commitment to helping students become engaged citizens who act thoughtfully and who treat others with respect and mutual regard.

"That commitment literally shines on this campus," she said. "I am profoundly excited to see how Dr. Pope and his colleagues grow the center and the practice of civic reflection as part of higher education. They have vision and energy and will be leaders in this work, helping others learn from what they do."

Last fall, the center recognized SU as the first university in the U.S. to incorporate civic reflection into its new student orientation program. Pope hopes to continue that trend this year, possibly expanding it to students in local public schools, as well.

In the past two decades, the center has led more than 20,000 people in civic discussions in 42 states and internationally in countries and territories including Singapore, Jamaica and Guam. During these conversations, participants begin by discussing an image, video or short reading. This gradually leads to larger questions about civic engagement and deeper reflection about community issues.

The center's clients have spanned from small local non-profit boards to large national programs, including social service agencies, K-12 educators, college and university initiatives, healthcare providers and other civic leaders. Their discussions often have led to new organizational, business and classroom strategies.



## Finding a Place to Belong

This winter, Salisbury University cut the ribbon on a new center for historically marginalized populations that provides space for research, programming and just hanging out — nurturing a more robust sense of identity and community.

The first occupants of the Center for Equity, Justice and Inclusion (CEJI), housed in Blackwell Hall (the former campus library) represent three diverse communities: LGBTQIA+, the Women's Forum and disAbility (sic).

"The center is a work in progress," said Vaughn White, director of Multicultural Student Services, which oversees its daily operation. Each of the three have their own office and share access to a board room and a larger meeting room holding up to 75. As the center continues to develop, other groups are expected to join.

"This space is part of a larger commitment by Salisbury University to build a culture of inclusion in which all people are treated equitably and share a strong sense of belonging," said SU President Charles Wight. "The Center provides support for under resourced communities, benefitting students, faculty and staff, and helping all of us to lead in an increasingly diverse world."

"LGBTQIA+ students spearheaded its creation and were the first group to submit a formal proposal," said Humberto Aristizabal, associate vice president of institutional equity. That led to greater conversations on campus with key stakeholders and committees about a more inclusive, umbrella-like space that honored the identities of several historically marginalized populations."







Pictured, from left, are Dr. Elsie Walker (representing the SU Women’s Center); Humberto Aristizabal, SU associate vice president of institutional equity; Will Fried and Mollie Jewell (representing the disAbility Center); Thomas Mannion III and Ben Lenox (representing the LGBTQIA+ Center); Vaughn White, director of Multicultural Student Services; and SU President Charles Wight.

“The LGBTQ+ community has had a long-standing history of being pushed to the edge of society, which usually results in erasure of LGBTQ+ identities and stories,” said Thomas M. Mannion III, president of the Sexuality and Gender Awareness student organization. “To have a physical space dedicated to queer individuals on campus shows the SU community that queer people are a part of Salisbury, that we belong here.”

The new disAbility Center is spearheaded by Delta Alpha Pi (DAP) International Honor Society “which honors academically successful students with disabilities. We want to build a strong community around disability and provide resources and educational opportunities,” said Mollie Jewell, DAP president. “Delta Alpha Pi created a mentorship program that pairs DAP members with students with disabilities to assist them with the transition into college. As peers, we understand what having a disability means . . . .

“We definitely plan on collaborating with other CEJI users because people typically have more than one self-identity. There are women, LGBTQIA+, veterans and so many others who also identify themselves as ‘disabled.’”

Although the SU Women’s Forum has been in existence for three years, CEJI is its first home, said Dr. Elsie Walker, faculty chair. “The new Women’s Center is a place for everyone who cares about gender equity, gender politics, all-embracing human rights, family life and culture, balancing academic and personal lives, and female identities broadly understood.

“People visiting our space find examples of learning opportunities (such as syllabi), scholarly resources (including articles by SU faculty), campus community initiatives (like support groups for parents) and inspiring artwork created by SU female faculty and students. We are a ‘one-stop-shop’ for finding out about SU initiatives that champion and protect women’s rights for a new generation of scholars and professionals.”

“We’re confident the folks occupying these spaces are going to interact with each other and the campus in new and innovative ways that are sure to transform the landscape of SU for the better,” said Aristizabal.

One new addition to the campus landscape came during the reception and open house after the ribbon cutting. Guests added their handprints, dipped into colorful paint, to a wall-sized, mural-like tree representing campus diversity.



## The Campaign For Salisbury University

In June, a launch party inaugurating the public phase of “We Are SU: The Campaign for Salisbury University” was held in the Patricia R. Guerrieri Academic Commons. The \$75 million fundraising initiative is the largest in campus history. Guests included SU Foundation and Alumni Association board members, faculty and staff, members of the greater community, and benefactors, including Dave Rommel, chair of the campaign.

*“This campaign will help us build the University’s future. We want to invest in people. We want to provide more scholarships to help students attend SU and more funding for faculty and staff to enhance the opportunities available to them, all ultimately helping to enrich our community.”*

— Jason Curtin '98,  
Vice President of Advancement and External Affairs,  
and Executive Director of the SU Foundation, Inc.



# WE ARE SU





## Why Invest In SU?

### Transform Tomorrow

Our alumni are our legacy. They are the teachers in our classrooms, the nurses in our hospitals, the civil servants in our government and the entrepreneurs creating jobs in our communities. Our diverse and dynamic students need a broad educational experience to prepare them for a challenging future. During their lifetimes, they will make multiple career changes, solve problems we cannot imagine and live with dizzying change. We produce the continuous learners who will be an integral part of our society and communities in the 21st century. *Together, we can provide scholarships and resources to unlock students' limitless potential.*

### Shape Success

Learning is an evolutionary journey of discovery about self, knowledge and the world. Students learn truths about life on athletic fields, with clubs and organizations, and in the classroom and community. Guiding them are SU faculty and staff, who become trusted mentors and role models. Our teacher-scholars provide excellent learning opportunities. Coaches help student-athletes compete and succeed. Other caring professionals support intellectual and emotional growth. The heart of our University, they all play critical roles in supporting each student. *Together, we can help dedicated faculty and staff open doors and inspire unequalled experiences.*

### Create Connections

SU is an integral part of the Delmarva Peninsula. As a regional, comprehensive university, we not only educate students but serve as a resource for our neighbors, with centers and institutes, events and activities, performing ensembles and artists, and countless opportunities for learning and interaction. Civic engagement is a pillar of students' education – and our campus is a hub for cultural experiences, new ideas and entrepreneurial thought. We play a vital role in the area we call home, creating opportunities and inspiring action. *Together, we can enrich collaborations woven across the region, strengthening our communities.*

Join Us!

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#### "Why I Give"

Dave and Patsy Rommel made a firm commitment to helping a new generation of entrepreneurs: a \$5.5 million gift to support SU's Center for Entrepreneurship in downtown Salisbury and other activities of the campus and its Franklin P. Perdue School of Business. *Watch their video sharing why they give online* ▶



#### "Thank You for Giving!"

As a math and computer science double major, Lela Bones received several scholarships that allowed her to explore competitive, national research opportunities. She thanks SU's generous donors for their contributions that impact students' lives. *Watch her video explaining the impact of her scholarship online* ▶



# ALUMNI NEWS

## Dear Fellow Alumni,



It is an honor to introduce myself as your new Alumni Association president. I am a two-time graduate of Salisbury University – this amazing institution changed the trajectory of my life, and I am proud to give back to the place that has given me so much.

One of my favorite things about higher education is that everyone has their own story; we all come from different backgrounds and have different experiences, but being Salisbury alumni connects us all! I encourage you to reflect on your own Salisbury story and think about how you can give back in ways that are meaningful to you – whether it’s a financial gift, volunteering your time as a student mentor or simply having a conversation with a parent of a prospective student in line at the grocery store. The power of the Salisbury alumni community comes from our collective efforts ... and no effort is too small.

Salisbury University has had an incredible 2019 so far! SU’s third-annual Giving Day this spring was a resounding success. Thanks to a generous matching gift by alums Wayne ’89 and Melissa ’89 Judkins, over 2,000 alumni came together to raise more than \$200,000 – *in just 24 hours!* Check out page 23 of this magazine for complete 2019 Giving Day results.

The excitement continued as Dr. Charles Wight was inaugurated as Salisbury’s ninth president in mid-April. If you haven’t met him,

I hope you do soon. He and his wife, Victoria Rasmussen, are both wonderful people who are truly committed to the place we all love so much. (By the way, Dr. Wight will likely insist you call him “Chuck.” Just go with it. He’s a cool guy.)

Of course, there have been countless student, faculty and staff awards to celebrate – you’ll see many of them highlighted in this magazine. Each one of these accomplishments elevates the profile of our beloved Alma Mater and accentuates the value of our degrees. Reading about these accolades fills me with pride; I hope you feel the same way about your fellow Sea Gulls.

Finally – have you seen campus lately? It’s looking awesome! If you haven’t been back recently, you should come see for yourself. Alumni Homecoming and Family Weekend 2019 is scheduled for October 18-20 – plenty of time to pick out your best maroon and gold outfit and coordinate a Sea Gull carpool to the Eastern Shore. During your visit, be sure to stop by the Alumni Association tent to say “hi” and get some SU gear!

Go Gulls!

Respectfully,

*Lili W. Leonard '09, M'11, Ed.D.  
Alumni Association Board President*



## A New Way to Honor Alumni

For many years, alumni from Salisbury University have been honored at our winter commencement ceremony with various distinguished alumni awards that celebrated their many accomplishments.

Past recipients include notable alumni like Frank Perdue '41 and Sam Seidel '43, whose philanthropy transformed our campus. We also have honored alumni like Dan Gladding '78, whose continued service to the University and the Alumni Association is nothing short of spectacular; and Jennifer Truitt-Lewis '04, who overcame tremendous odds to earn two master’s degrees and is now the principal at Fort Huachuca Accommodation School District in Arizona. Presenting awards to our worthy alumni at winter commencement has been an incredible opportunity for the SU Alumni Association to recognize our award recipients’ in front of our most recent graduates – our newest crop of alumni.

Looking to next year, the Alumni Association has evolved the way in which we will celebrate our notable alumni. With the addition of a new reception space on campus in the spectacular Guerrieri Academic Commons and a revamped awards process, the SU Alumni Association will now be hosting its inaugural awards night in spring 2020.

By creating a separate awards night, we are finally able to recognize our most engaged alumni at an event that reflects our true appreciation of their impact on campus and the community. The SU Alumni Association’s revamped awards structure will give areas across campus the opportunity to honor alumni who give back their time, talent and treasure along with our current slate of awards.

This is the perfect time to nominate a friend, colleague or acquaintance who is an SU alumnus who deserves special recognition. To learn more about our current list of alumni awards, their criteria and our previous winners please visit [www.salisbury.edu/alumni-awards](http://www.salisbury.edu/alumni-awards). Nominations will remain active as long as the individual continues to meet the criteria of the award. Look for more information about our inaugural event this fall!



### ALUMNI BENEFIT!

As an alumnus, you may be eligible for a special discount on your auto insurance with GEICO. GEICO has a partnership with the Salisbury University Alumni Association and supports SU programming – such as our Senior Celebration that we host each spring



## Alumni Spotlight: *Joe Schneider '99*

Arthur Buddhold is quoted as saying, "Follow your passion and success will follow you."

Joe Schneider knows a thing or two about just that. An Eastern Shore of Maryland native, Joe attended Salisbury University (then Salisbury State University), traveled extensively, built a successful commercial real estate business and then decided to follow his entrepreneurial spirit to create a product that is taking the sports fishing industry by storm.

After short stints at Chowan University and Coastal Carolina University, Joe graduated from Salisbury State University in 1999 with a major in environmental science. A lover of sport and the outdoors, Joe moved to California following graduation where he worked for Sector 9 Skateboards and surfed as much as possible. He later went on to pursue his passion for fishing and surfing in Mexico and later Florida. Joe eventually returned to the Salisbury area where he began his 15-year career in commercial real estate before taking a leap of faith, creating HUCK Performance Buckets.

"My bucket story started as far back as I can remember as a kid fishing and hunting, building forts, and doing what kids did back then. It seemed like I always ended up with a 5-gallon bucket in my hand for one use or another. As I grew up and continued my outdoor pursuits, whether in my work life or my recreation, a 5-gallon bucket was never too far away. Cleaning boats, carrying fish, catching bait or rigging bait, or as a makeshift seat in a dove field or a turkey blind, a quick step stool, you name it, I had a task for a bucket. Fast forward to one specific day when I was getting ready to go fishing at my dad's in the Florida Keys: I was carrying a bucket full of beautiful ballyhoo to go snapper fishing when the handle on the bucket I was carrying broke. I lost all my bait as the bucket went overboard.

"It was at that moment, after a few choice words and the realization I had no bait left to fish with, that I thought about how long I had been having the same issues with the tool I had come to use so religiously. I wanted to build a bucket that



Pat Healey (left), owner of Viking Yachts and Carmine Galati (right), owner of Galati Yacht Sales with Joe at the Viking Key West Challenge.

would last. I wanted it to be able to stand up to the abuse we bucket users put our buckets through on a daily basis. I wanted this new bucket to have a comfortable handle that does not pull out. And, I wanted this bucket to be user friendly," shared Joe.

During the beginning stages of HUCK, he saved as much money as possible from his commercial real estate job to use to secure an intellectual property patent and injection molds; he began production just four short months after he conceived of the idea. "From there, I cold called the global footwear company Vibram, who uses premium rubber compounds used in boots and shoes for the U.S. military," Joe explained. "I wanted to use their material to create the gripping 'feet' and side handles for my buckets. I spoke with their secretary and received approval up the chain of command all the way to the owner, an Italian billionaire; at that point, I knew my product had potential."

With his concept taking shape, and the approval of industry leaders, Joe returned

to his Alma Mater and entered the Shore Hatchery Entrepreneurship Competition hosted by the Perdue School of Business. "I won \$25,000, which was a huge help in paying some of the never-ending bills while establishing our operation." In addition to the support provided by the Shore Hatchery Competition, Joe feels that his time as an undergraduate at SU taught life lessons in planning, meeting deadlines, stepping up to the plate and knowing how to keep many balls in the air simultaneously.

Today HUCK is experiencing exponential growth; they are working with Viking Yachts, the leading sportfish yacht builder in the world; Jarret Bay Boatworks, one of the leading custom sportfish brands worldwide; as well as, Airstream Trailers and Jeep, just to name a few. Joe's passion for the outdoors, along with the foundation he received at Salisbury University, have led him on a path to success that continues to grow. "I have some meetings coming up with some iconic brands that we are excited to partner with and would be great exposure for HUCK, but I'll keep those under my hat until they happen; I don't want to jinx my efforts," he shared with a laugh.

For more information about HUCK, please visit [thehuckbucket.com](http://thehuckbucket.com)

# Alumni Gatherings

- Alzheimer's Information Session at SU - March 28, 2019
- Perdue School of Business Alumni in New York - March 28, 2019
- Opioid Crisis Information Session at SU - April 11, 2019
- San Diego Seals Lacrosse Game - April 27, 2019
- Nursing Program 40th Celebration - April 28, 2019 (read more on p. 11)
- SweetWater Brewery in Atlanta - April 30, 2019
- Dogfish Brewery in Milton, DE - May 16, 2019
- Orioles Game at Camden Yards - June 29, 2019



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Alumni Athletic Reunions: Gulls Fly Home



Women's Basketball Alumni Game  
January 26, 2019



Women's Rugby Gathering  
October 13, 2019



1999 NCAA DIII MFLX Championship Team Reunion  
May 26, 2019



Women's Soccer Alumni Game  
August 25, 2018



Men's Soccer Alumni Game  
August 25, 2018



Baseball Alumni Gathering  
February 9, 2019



Field Hockey Alumni Game  
August 26, 2018



1994 NCAA DIII MMLAX Championship Team Reunion  
March 23, 2019



Football Alumni Social in Annapolis  
March 28, 2019



Soccer Alumni Social in Annapolis  
May 29, 2019



Women's Lacrosse Alumni Game  
March 31, 2019



Men's Basketball Alumni Gathering in Honor of Sally Lambert  
January 26, 2019



Football Golf Tournament  
July 21, 2018



Men's Lacrosse Golf Tournament  
April 19, 2019



Volleyball Alumni Game  
March 31, 2019

## New Alumni Board Members

The Alumni Association welcomes three graduates to its board of directors: Lori Defnet, Melissa Stansbury and Danielle Twilley Sweitzer.

Defnet earned a B.S. in both accounting and information systems in May 2014. A Certified Personal Accountant, she currently is a financial reporting manager for WillScot Corporation, a leader in temporary workspace solutions. Previously, she was a senior accountant for Under Armour, Inc, and audit senior associate for KPMG, LLP.

At SU, she was a student business leader in the Franklin P. Perdue School of Business and competed on successful teams at entrepreneurship and case competitions. She also helped lead SU club field hockey to its first club national tournament in 2013.

A two-time SU alumna, Stansbury earned a B.S. in exercise science in 2011 and an M.S. in applied health physiology in 2013. Currently, she is pursuing her Ph.D. at the University of South Carolina and she works as a research

assistant at its Technology Center to Promote Healthy Lifestyles.

Previously she was a health and wellness specialist for EXOS|MediFit, and was general manager of Merritt Athletic Clubs in Towson, MD. She also was an assistant volleyball coach for SU and Towson University.

A three-time graduate, Sweitzer earned a B.S. in elementary education in 2008, an M.Ed. in post-secondary education in 2009, and a B.S. in nursing in 2011. She will finish her M.S.N.-Family Nurse Practitioner from Wilmington University in December. She is a registered nurse in Peninsula Regional Medical Center's Emergency Department and a nurse manager for infections control at Peninsula Plastic Surgery.

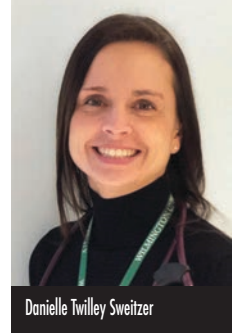
As a player on the SU field hockey team, she won two NCAA Division III national championships in 2004 and 2005, and added a third as an assistant coach in 2009. She is a two-time first team All-American. Her husband, Colin, also graduated from SU in 2000.



Lori Defnet



Melissa Stansbury



Danielle Twilley Sweitzer

“We are grateful for the enthusiasm and support of our newest members,” said Jayme Block, assistant vice president of development and alumni relations.

The board members serve two three-year terms.

## Giving Day 2019 #SUGivingDay

By Michelle Pryor '13, Annual Giving Coordinator

Salisbury University's third annual Giving Day ignited a culture of philanthropy on SU's campus.

On April 2, SU's Giving Day encouraged all Sea Gulls to give back to current students – in any amount. Generous alumni donors Wayne '89 and Melissa '89 Judkins issued another exciting matching gift to inspire alumni and students to give back to the areas of campus that they care about most.

This year, the Judkins' challenge motivated several other supporters to join in on the action. SU Alumni Association board member Kim Gillis '99 and her husband Brad Gillis issued their own challenge to match every Alumni Board member gift. Dr. Diane Davis '80 and Dr. Memo Diriker encouraged giving to specific programs with matching gifts for the Medical Laboratory Science Program and the Business Economic and Community Outreach Network (BEACON). Even Housing and Residence Life was supported by a last-minute challenge from Jenny M'99 and Jeff Orzolek, who promised \$1,000 if the program could increase last year's donors by 20%. We succeeded!

When midnight marked the end of the 24-hour event, 2,068 unique donors had given over \$146,000 to help various programs across SU's campus. Donors earned over \$60,000 worth of matching gifts from the Judkins family for a grand total of over \$200,000 raised. The leaders of hundreds of deserving organizations, academic



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\$200,000  
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2020 Ambassador!**

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- Encourage fellow alumni to support their favorite area of campus
- Make a lasting difference for current students

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departments and student groups are now using Giving Day funds to improve the Salisbury experience.

The brand-new Comedy Gulls club plans to use the funds for comedy performances and improve workshops, while the Medical Laboratory Science Program is saving long-term to replace old microscopes. As a special project, the WXSU student radio station plans to purchase new and improved equipment for on-air streaming, and the Women's Rugby Club will fund national competition travel.

Next year, join the excitement on Tuesday, April 7, for Giving Day 2020. Not only can you show your support by making a gift on Giving Day, but you can also assist in several other ways. Dedicated alumni will serve as ambassadors for various campus departments or organizations beginning as soon as this fall. As an ambassador, you will spread the word about Giving Day to fellow alumni, encouraging them to give back. Inspire others by sharing on your personal social media why making a difference at Salisbury University is important to you.

Giving Day truly demonstrates how the value of one gift – combined with others – can make a difference. Thank you to all of those who helped make SU's Giving Day a success!



## Call for Nominations: *Faculty Appreciation Awards*

Was there a faculty member who was influential in making a positive impression on you while at SU or one whose teachings have further enriched your professional or personal life? Nominations are being taken for Faculty Appreciation Awards to be presented by the Salisbury University Alumni Association at the December 2019 Commencement ceremony. The Alumni Association will honor one faculty member from each school/college who has made a lasting impression on alumni.

For a complete list of eligible faculty members and nomination guidelines, go to: [www.salisbury.edu/alumni/facultyawards](http://www.salisbury.edu/alumni/facultyawards)

### College of Health & Human Services **MARY DIBARTOLO – NURSING**

*"During my time at SU, Dr. DiBartolo not only taught us how to be efficient and thorough nurses, but she taught us the importance of compassion and empathy. Like Mary DiBartolo, I have a passion for nursing and love taking care of patients. I truly love being a nurse, and I can't imagine doing anything else."*

### Fulton School of Liberal Arts **DEAN KOTLOWSKI – HISTORY**

*"My relationship with Dr. Kotlowski has evolved from student to colleague and friend. I remember how postcards, photographs, buttons, films and songs brought to life readings and lectures; they helped me connect to eras that were otherwise hard to imagine."*

### Henson School of Science and Technology **DON SPICKLER – MATH AND COMPUTER SCIENCE**

*"Dr. Spickler gives students the ability to climb up the ladder of success to reach the high bar that he sets. His style of teaching involves solving problems without the aid of notes. This strategy demonstrates to his students that they are fully capable of understanding the material, and it is a lesson I carried with me through graduate school."*



The 2018 Faculty Appreciation Award winners were honored during the 2018 Fall commencement. Pictured are (from left) Dr. Dean Ravizza, Dr. Mary DiBartolo, Dr. Don Spickler, SU President Charles Wight, William Burke and Dr. Dean Kotlowski.

### Perdue School of Business **WILLIAM BURKE – INFORMATION AND DECISION SCIENCES**

*"Bill focuses on the necessities of the curriculum while finding innovative and creative ways to help students learn. He also assists students with life beyond SU. I run into him at my current place of employment, assisting other students with internships. This is Bill going above and beyond to ensure that his students have everything necessary to succeed."*

### Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies **DEAN RAVIZZA – SECONDARY AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

*"Dr. Ravizza's Adapted Physical Education course left a lasting impression that changed my life. [He] observed my passion for the field and international travel, and provided me with information on an adapted physical activity program in Leuven, Belgium. The program led me to my current career."*

## In Memoriam: *Garnette Crawford*

Mrs. Garnette Crawford, the wife of Salisbury University's fifth president, the late Dr. Norman Crawford, passed away on Friday, July 19. She is remembered as being a Sea Gull enthusiast, who always enjoyed interacting with students.

The Crawfords arrived at then Salisbury State College in 1970. Garnette supported Norm as he worked to increase diversity, build academics and help lay the foundation for many successes the campus enjoys today.



The Crawfords returned to the Eastern Shore in retirement and were dedicated athletics fans. They often were seen at campus events, including alumni socials, and continued to take pride in the University. A few weeks before Dr. Crawford's passing in 2016, they attended the opening of Sea Gull Stadium, where he was recognized.

"Since they moved back to the area, they were frequent supporters of our games," said Dr. Gerry DiBartolo, director of athletics and campus recreation. "Football and men's lacrosse were their favorite sports, and they'd come to others as well. In fact, Mrs. Crawford was at some lacrosse games this spring."

"She liked being with the crowd in the stands," he added. "I would ask if she'd like to sit in the box and she'd say, 'No, no, I'm fine here.' She was a wonderful, kind woman."

Others recall her as being a great story teller about campus life during Dr. Crawford's presidency. She fondly remembered and talked about the students they knew. For a long time, she personally contacted the Alumni Office with updates on graduates (marriages, moves, children, etc.), as her relationships with them carried on throughout the years.

Mrs. Crawford is survived by their daughters, Sally and Ellen. If you wish to reach them, please contact the Alumni Office. Those interested in remembering her may contribute to the Crawford Memorial Fund, in care of the SU Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 2655, Salisbury, MD 21802.

# Developing the Broadcast Team of the Future

Established in 2011, the Sea Gull Sports Network (SGSN) has carried nearly 1,000 Salisbury University sporting events via live video. SGSN started with a schedule of 16 broadcasts its first year and has grown to 129 live webcasts to more than 41,000 viewers during the 2018-19 academic year. While SGSN is overseen by the Sports Information Office, once the webcasts go live, students run the entire production. The SGSN staff features students from all majors and disciplines within the University. Here are a few of the Sea Gull Sports Network's alumni success stories ...

**SGSN**  
Sea Gull Sports Network

2018-19 ACADEMIC YEAR STATS:

129 live webcasts

41,000+ viewers

31 student workers



Steven  
Jenkins



Travis  
Nardella



Chris  
Mackowiak



Kristen  
Wolfe

## Steven Jenkins

- Years worked at SGSN: 2011-2013
- Job title at SGSN: Broadcaster, Camera Operator, Producer
- Current employer: Washington Redskins (2013-2019), University of Alabama Football (2019-present)
- Current job title: Director of Video Production (Washington Redskins), Assistant Director of Video Production (Alabama)

Salisbury University and the Sea Gull Sports Network were incredibly important to my development as a professional in the sports industry. I gained so much hands-on experience because of the size of our school and the amount of work that needed to be done for our athletic programs.

Being a huge fan of Al Michaels and Joe Buck, I always wanted to get into live production and play-by-play of sporting events. SGSN was able to provide me with that rush. I even got to operate a camera for live events, cover the sports teams more closely and start to get a gauge of how to cover sporting events. When I became an intern for the Washington Redskins, there is no doubt in my mind that working in a hands-on environment helped me succeed. I was in a class of students from Syracuse, University of Maryland and USC; I stood out among all of them because I could be self-sufficient on events and in videography.

Go Gulls, HTTR and Roll Tide! Good luck to all future Sea Gulls trying to make it in the sports industry!

## Chris Mackowiak

- Years worked at SGSN: 2015-2018
- Job title at SGSN: Play-by-Play Broadcaster
- Current employer: VISTA Worldlink (Dania Beach, Florida)
- Current Position: Play-by-Play Broadcaster & Digital Media Assistant

The Sea Gull Sports Network was a central factor to me when deciding to attend Salisbury University. After working in sports television production throughout high school, I was looking for a way to best improve my skill sets, whether play-by-play broadcasting, producing or directing. SGSN certainly provided me with those opportunities, along with much more. I was able to get started during the first weekend of my freshman year, broadcasting a soccer game.

I have always thought that something that makes SGSN unique is that when live, we are generally student-run with SU students occupying all positions. The crew learns and adjusts with each other in real-time, which allows us to practice for our future careers in live production. After college, I was fortunate to join a soccer television production company where I contribute on the air as a play-by-play broadcaster and off it as video editor and digital video archivist. The lessons and experience at SGSN certainly put me on the right track to conquer challenges in my industry and contribute greatly to my current company.

## Travis Nardella

- Years worked at SGSN: 2014-2016
- Job title at SGSN: Student Broadcaster
- Current employer: Major League Baseball Advanced Media (New York City)
- Current job title: Replay Media

While with the Sea Gull sports Network, I mainly worked as a broadcaster, and toward the end of my time there, I helped out with making graphics for the broadcasts. I now work for Major League Baseball as a video editor for the replay department in Chelsea, New York City. Growing up, I always knew I wanted to work in sports, originally as a broadcaster or analyst. SGSN allowed me to live that dream while also helping to pave a way to my next journey. I got a taste of what is like to work in the sports industry as well as what everything looks like behind the scenes. SGSN is a great opportunity for students who want to go into any type of career in sports, whether it be on-air talent, producing, stat tracking, et cetera. I will never forget my time with SGSN no matter where I go in life. (I still have all of the game programs and scoresheets from every game I worked in my four semesters there.)

## Kristen Wolfe

- Years worked at SGSN: 2012-2014
- Job title at SGSN: Producer/Editor/Squawk Talk Host
- Current employer: WPTV NewsChannel 5 (West Palm Beach, Florida)
- Current job title: Creative Services Multimedia Producer

During my freshman year at SU, I decided playing a sport while at college wasn't for me and I needed to focus on my classes. My love for sports attracted me to the Sports Information Office. The summer before my sophomore year, I reached out to the sports information director and I was able to help with gathering statistics during game days, but once the opportunity to start a bi-weekly sports show was mentioned, I felt like this was the best way I could help the department and the University. In addition to the show, I managed the video crew for game day filming and learned so much about scheduling a crew of busy students! As I look back on my time in the SGSN, there was so much trust in my work; we all worked as a team and supported each other. SGSN was such a huge part of who I was at SU and who I am now. It's important to have a team on your side during these important years of your life and SGSN was that team for me.

# CLASSNOTES

Information received prior to May 1, 2019  
M = Master's Degree

## 1950s

**Joseph T. Howard '53 & M'56** was inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame on October 25, 2018. Mr. Howard is the father of **Michael Howard '75** and grandfather of **Pax Howard '18**. Since Joe retired, he is volunteering with services that educate others and give enjoyment to many in sharing his love of nature.



Joseph Steelman '58

**Joseph Steelman '58 (left)** attended, for the first time ever, the men's soccer alumni game. Joe was an alum soccer player from the Ben Magg's coaching era. He did the run to the field through the line and hung out on the sidelines during the game.

## 1960s

**Ann (Brittingham) Suthowski '62 & M'76** was elected to Wicomico County School Board, District 4, with her top three issues being discipline, parental involvement and communication.

**Jean Bulkeley '64** was awarded the Daisy Award by Peninsula Regional Medical Center, Salisbury, MD, for her selfless acts as nursing supervisor.

**Barry Tull '67** retired at the end of the 2018 school year after 33 years as headmaster at Worcester Preparatory School

## 1970s

**Philip Widdowson '72, Keith Widdowson '82 and Kevin Widdowson '93** were honored by Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan with a Century Farm designation for their commitment to farming and leadership in preserving agricultural land.

**Patrick Donahue '74** was appointed as first vice president of the University of Maryland Alumni Association-International, Inc.

**Palmer Gillis '75**, founder of Gillis Gilkerson, marked 35 years of transformative construction and development in the Salisbury/Wicomico area.

**Hondo "Al" Handy '75** retired from the Ocean City Recreation and Parks Department after 39 years of loyal service.

**Robert Livingston '75** was appointed to the Board of Directors for Amphenol Corporation, Lincolnshire, IL.

**Grace Murdock M'75** worked with Salisbury Mayor Jake Day to begin the process of making Salisbury a World Kindness City. She also received *The Daily Record's* 2019 Top 100 Women award.

**Grace Murdock M'75 and Matina "Beth" Sheller '98** were contest winners sponsored by Focus Features for the Mr. Rogers documentary *Won't You Be My Neighbor* when Sheller shared Murdock's kindness initiatives.

**John "Jack" Price '75** won a gold medal at the American Homebrewers Association's 40th National Homebrew Competition in Portland, OR, for a Belgium golden strong ale.

**Teresa "Terry" Emge '76** received the Daisy Award from Peninsula Regional Medical Center, Salisbury, MD, for her

service as an outstanding registered nurse with commitment and dedication to patients.

**Dana (Lynch) Jefferson '76** was featured in the *Altoona Mirror* newspaper for opening Nine Waters Group, in Huntingdon, PA, which offers hypnotherapy.

**Mervin Daugherty '77 & M'82** was named superintendent of Chesterfield (VA) County Public Schools.

**Ellen C. Wallace '77** announced her retirement from Wor-Wic Community College, Salisbury, MD, as financial aid grant coordinator after 26 years of service.

**Iris Hudson '78** was awarded the Daisy Award for excellence in nursing by Atlantic General Hospital, Berlin, MD.

**Michael Seidel '79**, meteorologist for The Weather Channel, was honored by the Delmarva Shorebirds with his own bobblehead.

**Andrea Williams '79** is the newest member added to the board of directors at Peninsula Regional Medical Center and Health System, Salisbury, MD.

## 1980s

**Allen Brown M'82** was elected to Wicomico County's Board of Education, District 1.

**Mark Bowen '82** was elected as Judge of the Orphans' Court, Wicomico County.

**Dwight Miller '82**, president of Gillis Gilkerson, marked 35 years of transformative construction and development in the Salisbury/Wicomico area.

**Donna (Cunningham) Stubbs '82 & M'89** joined University of Maryland Community Medical Group as a certified registered nurse practitioner.

**Louis H. Taylor '82 & M'89** was honored by the Worcester (MD) County Board of Education when they named their football stadium after him. He was named a Superintendent to Watch by the National School Public Relations Association, honoring one of 14 superintendents in the country.

**Michele Garigliano '83** retired from K&L Microwave, Inc., Salisbury, MD, as vice president and general manager after 19 years of service.

**Robert C. Wheatley '83** announced his running for the 21st District Delaware State Senate. He also was named one of 2018's Top Producers for Keller Williams Realty in Lewes, DE.

**Patrick Wynn '83** was honored with the InfraGard Members Alliances Leadership Award for the southeast region of Maryland for demonstrating outstanding leadership, dedication and service to IMA and contributing to its success.

**Lori Brewster '84** was named health officer for Wicomico and Somerset (MD) Counties Health Department.

**Mary Ann Fry '84 & M'89** was honored for 60 years as an RN and serving as coordinator/instructor for Colorado Mesa University CNA program.

**Barbara Murray '84** was named branch director for Peninsula Home Care, Salisbury, MD.

**Georgia Rosenblatt '85** was named administrative director of substance use services with University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health, Bel Air, MD.

**Mark Stephens '85** is the Mid-Atlantic regional international coordinator for Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Germantown, MD, and was the guest speaker at the 22nd annual Carroll County Christian Men's prayer breakfast.

**Valerie Turner '85 & M'92** was appointed as a volunteer for the Lower Shore Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program, Ocean City, MD.

**Virginia Paige Wildmann '85** joined John H. Burbage Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center, Berlin, MD, as a certified registered nurse practitioner.

**William McCain M'87** was elected to Wicomico County Council at Large in Salisbury, MD.

**H. LuAnn (Stinton) McKelvey '88 & M'95** is assistant principal at St. Michaels Elementary School in the Talbot (MD) County Public Schools.

**Terrence Moreno '88** is vice president of a new nonprofit, TEAM360 of Salisbury, MD, whose purpose is to work and train people who are differently abled, providing opportunities for them to participate in mainstream running and multisport events.

**Christopher S. Snyder '88** has been named chief safety officer/physician adviser for the Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, MD, in addition to his continuing role as hospitalist.

**Rhonda (Watkinson) Banks '89 & M'92** joined Wor-Wic Community College, Salisbury, MD, as the director of business and industry training in the Division of Continuing Education and Workforce Development.

**John Gaddis '89 & M'96**, superintendent of Somerset (MD) County Public Schools, was named as the Maryland Superintendent of the Year.

**H. Kevin Knussman '89** was recognized for three decades of consecutive paramedic service in Easton, MD, by the board of directors of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.

**Amit Singh M'89** was named the new president of Edmonds Community College, Lynnwood, WA.

**Scott Smith '89** was appointed board member of Rockland Trust, Rockland, MA, and simultaneously appointed Class III Director of Independent Bank Corp, Grand Rapids, MI.

**Bryan Watson '89** is North American and U.S. president of the Matrix Soccer Academy USA, who has made Salisbury their American home. Watson works directly with Delmarva athletes teaching skills more advanced than other youth clubs.

**Chesapeake Hall 2B 1980s Reunion:** (below) Residents of Chesapeake Hall 2B gathered for a reunion in Columbia, MD, including (from left) **Sara Beach '80, Carol (Werner) Collins '80, Mitzi (Sterling) Scott '80, Robin Demarest '81, Lynn (DeStefano) Walterhoefer '80 and Sue (Bond) Chambers '81.**



Chesapeake Hall 2B 1980s Reunion



Salisbury-Area Teachers Reunion

**Salisbury-Area Teachers Reunion:** (above) Several alumni teachers in the Salisbury area had a get-together at Green Hill Country Club in Quantico, MD, including **Christy**

(Ferguson) Rousseau '88, Erin Matthews M'15, Patricia McKenzie '82 & M'97, Marianne Noelte '99 & M'03, Nikki (Tobat) Williams '96 & M'02 and Dionte Weldon '18.

1990s

**James Perdue M'90** was inducted into the Poultry Industry Hall of Fame for 2019, in Atlanta, GA.

**Andrew Sachs '90 & M'92** is the new head coach for men's basketball at Chesapeake Community College, in Wye Mills, MD.

**Stacy (Allgood) Smith '90** became a licensed real estate agent and partner with Impact MD Real Estate, owned and brokered by fellow alumnus **Eric Verdi '98**. She continues to operate Allgood Therapeutic Massage in Frederick, MD.

**Francis Tewey '90** was named the new chief deputy of the Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Department, Annapolis, MD.

**Kevin Darcy '91** was named women's soccer coach at Hampton (VA) University, a Division I program in the Big South Conference.

**Mark Ripato M'91** was named president of the Agribusiness Division of Wilbur-Ellis Company, LLC, in Aurora, CO.

**Kerrie Bunting '92** was named executive director for Ocean Pines (MD) Chamber of Commerce.

**Timothy Ferry '92** retired from Fenwick Island (DE) Beach Patrol as a life guard and captain after 43 years of keeping an eye on the surf.

**Tracy Hayman '92**, along with her daughter, opened SBY Coffee on Main Street downtown Salisbury.

**Rota Knott '92** was appointed executive director of the Community Foundation of Harford County, Bel Air, MD.

**Karla (Mitchell) Morgan '92** won top honors for the top written sales volume for individual agent for the month of July 2018 awarded by Keller Williams, Bethany Beach, DE.

**Stacey (Timmons) Phillips '92** was honored as an Outstanding Elementary Career Art Educator for Wicomico County Public Schools, Willards, MD.

**Sheila (Gearhart) Pouncey '92** was named technology integration specialist for Calvert County Public Schools, Frederick, MD, where she will support teachers and students in integrating digital tools and technology into their lessons and classrooms.

**Amy (MacWilliams) Schisler '92** released her seventh book, *The Devil's Fortune*, which takes place along the Wicomico River in St. Mary's County, MD.

**Michael S. Scott '92** was appointed dean of the Henson School of Science and Technology at Salisbury University.



Samantha (Bell) Bowling '93

**Samantha (Bell) Bowling '93 (left)** was named chairwoman of the Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants' board of directors and received the 2018 Innovative

Practitioner Award by cpa.com for her work using artificial intelligence in the field of auditing.

**Jodi Colman '93 & M'96** was appointed the new principal of Easton Middle School in the Talbot (MD) County Public School System.

**Stacey Cottingham '93 & M'08 (right)** has been named senior



Stacey Cottingham '93 & M'08

director of strategic initiatives for Coastal Hospice, Salisbury, MD. **William Davis Jr. '93** was elected to the board of directors for the Virginia War Memorial Foundation, Richmond, VA.

**Julie Long '93 & M'12** accepted the position of assistant professor of nursing at Wor-Wic Community College, Salisbury, MD.

**William Pelot '93** was promoted to the position of vice principal of operations for the Nanticoke Physician Network, Seaford, DE.



Timothy F. Robinson '93 & M'06

**Timothy F. Robinson '93 & M'06 (left)** received the Salisbury University President's Award for his outstanding contributions to the faculty and shared governance.

**Sherri Davis '94**, director of public relations for Newton County School System, Covington, GA, received national recognition for a video produced to inform parents of the district's inclement weather decision-making process.

**Donna (Bullock) Taylor '94** was hired as assistant director of professional development at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, MA.

**Penny (Thornburg) Walters '94** joined Wor-Wic Community College, Salisbury, MD, as a counselor.

**Teresa M. Disharoon M'95** announced her retirement from Wor-Wic Community College as director of business and industry training for the CEWD Division after 17 years of service.

**Sheree Douglas-Johnson '95, Kaimais Love '07 and Sierra Collier '09** were inducted into the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc., Beta Tau Chapter, comprised of educators from across the U.S. focusing on youth, education and service.



Matthew Elburn '95

**Matthew Elburn '95 (above)** was honored by the Worcester (MD) County Board of Education as the Outstanding Advocate of the Year by the Arc Maryland, an agency that works on behalf of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**Susan (Douglass) Fliess '95** released a new children's book called *Mrs. Claus Takes the Reins*. She has authored more than 20 children's books. Read more on page 5.

**Theresa (Tovornik) Gabbard '95 & M'96** was awarded the 2019 Educator of the Year award by the Knights of Columbus Council 9053, Ocean City, MD.

**Erica (Cramer) Messer '95** was featured in *OC Today* for writing and producing the 300th episode of the television show *Criminal Minds*. In addition, she is the executive producer of *The Biggest Little Farm* to premiere at the Third Annual Ocean City Film Festival, which chronicles the eight-year story of Apricot Lane, a local regenerative farm, earning the Damn Fine Film Award, judges choice for favorite film at the Ocean City Film Festival.

**Susan Parker '95** retired from *The Daily Times* of Salisbury, MD, in January 2019 as overseer of the editorial department.

**Julie (Crawford) Patterson '95** joined the Chesapeake

Film Festival's Board of Directors, Easton, MD.

**Danielle Weber '95 & M'10** was named as the first Somerset County Administrative Deputy Health Officer, Westover, MD.

**Kristen Visbal '95** traveled with Coronation Fund to Johannesburg and Cape Town, Africa, to deliver four presentations to high school girls regarding gender diversity and equality.

**Karen L. Archambault '96** was elected to serve as president of the Global Community for Academic Advising, a nonprofit organization that promotes and supports quality academic advising in institutions of higher education to enhance the educational development of students. She was also named vice president of enrollment management and student success at Rowan College, Glassboro, NJ.

**Andrew Ball '96** completed the Asset Management Track in Washington, D.C., working toward his Certified Property Manager designation.

**Timothy Cureton '96 & M'98** opened a new location for Rise Up Coffee in Rehoboth Beach, DE.

**Joseph Dorrego '96 (right)** has been named chief investor relations officer and executive vice president of corporate initiatives for Fox Corporation, New York, NY.

**Kathryn Fiddler '96 & M'11** was named one of Maryland's 2019 Top 100 Women by *The Daily Record*, which recognizes outstanding accomplishments, community leadership and mentoring demonstrated by women.

**James Flaig '96** joined the Sarah Bush Lincoln Evergreen Clinic in Effingham, IL, as a general surgeon.

**Laura (Elzey) Kaspar '96** was named global vice president human resources for Peak-Ryzex, Inc., Columbia, MD.

**Daniel O'Connell '96** joined the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore's board of directors, Salisbury, MD.

**Susan Olschak '96** was promoted to vice president of finance for Coastal Hospice, Salisbury, MD.

**Lori Ward '96** accepted a position as renal social worker at Fresenius Medical Care in Salisbury, MD.

**Benjamin Carlson '97, (right)** elementary physical education teacher at Annie Fisher STEM Magnet School, Hartford, CT, was named 2018 Teacher of the Year for Hartford Public Schools.

**Courtney Chipouras '97** joined Select Land and Homes, Chestertown, MD, as a realtor.

**Sarah Halcott '97** won first prize for "Infinite Sadness" by the Worcester County, Maryland Arts Council for Photography and Digital Media.

**Kim Mast '97** was honored during National Nurses Week for her hard work and dedication to the profession of nursing by Peninsula Home Care, Salisbury, MD. She shared: "I treat my patients with preventative medicine and strive to provide them with the best possible care in a safe environment."

**Jeremy Michalski '97** reached his 200th career win in the spring 2018 after 19 seasons as the varsity lacrosse head coach at Parkside High School in Salisbury, MD.

**John Reichenberg '97**, with 20 other high school educators, participated in the Wallops Rocket Academy for Teachers, launching his own model rocket and participated with the RockOn! and RockSat-C student launch at Wallops Island, VA.



Joseph Dorrego '96



Benjamin Carlson '97

**William Townsend '97** opened his own GYMGUIZ Eastern Shore business in Salisbury, MD, which is a home mobile personal training and fitness franchise company.



Eric Bromwell '98

**Eric Bromwell '98** (left) was honored by Dr. Charles Wight, president of Salisbury University, in appreciation for his service to the State of Maryland.

**Randall Cone '98**, (below) Salisbury University Mathematics and Computer Science Department, earned the University System of Maryland's highest faculty accolade: the Regent's Award for Excellence.



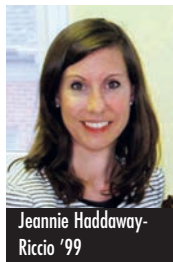
Randall Cone '98

**Kelly Murdoch '98 & M'04** was appointed principal of Tilghman (MD) Elementary School.

**Ellen Roth '98** was named education specialist in the Learning Skills Program at Watkinson School, Hartford, CT.

**Bradley Wheedleton's '98** business, Bobblehouse Industries, was featured in *The Washington Post*, stating he has an "ideal niche product for baseball fans who want to put their heads together."

**Kimberly (Kohlhepp) Winterbottom '98 & '01** was featured in the *Capital Gazette* for remembering 9/11, telling her memories to students in Anne Arundel County, Glen Burnie, MD.



Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio '99

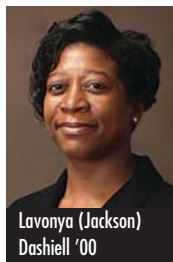
**Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio '99** (left) was named Maryland's Secretary of Natural Resources by Gov. Larry Hogan.

**Jennifer (Eckerd) Jerns '99** was nominated for Indian River School District's 2019-20 Teacher of the Year award, Selbyville, DE.

**Josie (Able) Perry '99** was named Cecil County Public School's 2019 Teacher of the Year, Elkton, MD.

**Amy Towers '99** was named supervisor of instruction for Caroline County Public Schools, Denton, MD.

## 2000s



Lavonya (Jackson) Dashiell '00

**Douglass Cook M'00** was appointed as treasurer to the Atlantic General Hospital's Board of Trustees, Berlin, MD.

**Lavonya (Jackson) Dashiell '00** (left) was a finalist candidate for Worcester County Public Schools 2019 Teacher of the Year, Pocomoke, City, MD.

**Larry Dodd '00 & M'04** was re-elected as vice president of Wicomico County Council, Salisbury, MD.

**Wyatt Everhart '00** (right) joined Solar Energy World, Elkridge, MD, as a solar analyst, serving the residential and commercial markets across the state of Maryland.



Wyatt Everhart '00

**Renee L. Hesson '00 & M'03** was named supervisor of instruction for Caroline County Public Schools, Bowling Green, VA.

**Byron Hughes '00** (right) was named dean of students at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.



Byron Hughes '00

**Shawn Johnson '00** was named Snow Hill High School's head men's basketball coach, Snow Hill, MD.

**Todd Jones-Prettyman '00** won a contest where he designed the logo for the 150th anniversary for the town of Berlin, MD.

**Kevin Lindsay '00** was named the neighborhood relations manager for Wicomico County Housing and Community Development, Salisbury, MD.

**Julianne (Judge) McBride '00** was welcomed by Chesapeake Health Care in their Pocomoke, MD, branch as a certified registered nurse practitioner.

**Stephen Mears '00 & M'13**, nurse practitioner at Peninsula Regional Family Medicine, Salisbury, MD, was nominated for the Daisy Award for Extraordinary Nurses.

**Timothy Shotzberger '00** purchased Environmental Testing Laboratory and welcomes them to the Home Land Environmental family (Rosedale, MD), of which he is president/owner.

**Cynthia Sterling '00** graduated from the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy at Wor-Wic Community College, Salisbury, MD.

**Leslie Tolley '00 & M'09** has been named principal of Denton Elementary School in the Caroline County, MD, Public Schools system.

**Christopher Whitt '00** was featured in the *Omaha World Herald* for his efforts at Creighton University, Omaha, NE, for diversity and inclusion.

**Laura (Deeley) Bren '01**, president of Deeley Insurance Group, Willards, MD, received the Automation Excellence Award on behalf of the agency. This award recognizes insurance agencies that have demonstrated significant achievements in automation technology to promote productive and increased client service. Deeley Insurance Group was also named as 2018 Best Places to Work in Insurance by *Business Insurance Magazine*.

**Dawn (Fink) Harrison '01** was promoted to manager of Bright Star Care, Easton, MD, branch.

**Matthew Spiker '01 & M'13** was named acting principal for the 2018-19 school year for North Carolina High School, Ridgely, MD, in the Caroline County Public Schools system.

**Brandon Wright '01**, director of communications for the National Waste and Recycling Association, graduated from the professional development program of Leadership Maryland, which focuses on the state's most vital social, economic and environmental issues.

**Rachel (Woodard) Alvarez '02** of Salisbury, MD, was the featured local artist in *Metropolitan Magazine* in April 2019, discussing her artistic journey.

**S. Wayne Carter '02** was named editor of *The Aegis* and *The Record* papers of *The Baltimore Sun*.

**Jodi Hollamon M'02** won the girls field hockey All Conference Coach of the Year award, Delmar, DE.



Jamie Holmes-Kriger '02

**Jamie Holmes-Kriger '02** (left) was named among Maryland's Top 100 Women for 2019 by *The Daily Record* for outstanding achievements of professional women in the state.

**Cynthia Knight '02 & M'04** joined Nanticoke Internal Medicine in Seaford, DE, as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse.

**Jonathan McEntee M'02**, the acting border, immigration and maritime director for U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security, was announced as a panelist for Potomac Officers Club third annual Border Protection Innovations and Technology Forum, Falls Church, VA.

**Rosalee "Rose" Potter '02** ran for Talbot (MD) County Council in the June 2018 primary race with a desire to make changes in education, affordable housing and hunger in Talbot County.

**Kari Story '02** was featured in *Coastal Style* magazine as an award-winning lending professional for her ability to fulfill her clients' dreams of owning property at the beach. Kari is branch manager for First Home Mortgage, Salisbury, MD.

**Phillip Tyre '02** was hired as the new clinical director and doctor of physical therapy at Tidewater Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Associates, Milton, DE.

**Dennis J. Urban Jr. '02**, a teacher at John F. Kennedy High School in Bellmore, has been named the 2018 New York History Teacher of the Year, an award presented annually by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, the nation's leading organization dedicated to K-12 American history education.

**Renee (Gilliard) Warfield '02 & M'06** was named as a finalist for the 2018-2019 Maryland Teacher of the Year award.



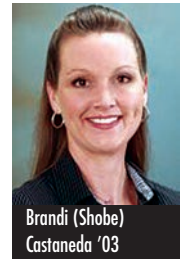
Michael Anne Bunting '03 & M'08

**Michael Anne Bunting '03 & M'08** (left) was a finalist candidate for Worcester (MD) County Public Schools 2019 Teacher of the Year.

**Brandi (Shobe) Castaneda '03** (left) was a finalist candidate for Worcester (MD) County Public Schools 2019 Teacher of the Year.

**Genevieve (Somervell) Chamberlain '03 & M'11** works in the accounts division of Delmarva Veteran Builders, Salisbury, MD.

**Rochelle Clarke '03** published a book *The 5 Critical Succession Conversations: A Comprehensive Guide for the Family Business*. (Read more on page 5.)



Brandi (Shobe) Castaneda '03

**Sandra (MacPherson) Dangler M'03** volunteers as a translator at an immigration detention center in Georgia and volunteers at Pleasant Valley Elementary School teaching English to Sudanese students.

**Franklin Divilio '03** ran for Talbot County City Council, Easton, MD, in the June primary race hoping to bring a new perspective and more diversification to the council.

**John R. Lischner M'03** was hired as principal of McCaskey High School in the School District of Lancaster, PA.

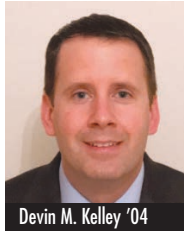
**Dawn Mills '03** graduated from the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy at Wor-Wic Community College, Salisbury, MD.

**Brendan Riley '03 & M'06** claimed Coach of the Year after helping Parkside High School, Salisbury, MD, football team advance to the playoffs for the first time in 10 years.

**Kathleen (Styer) Allam '04** was promoted to director of information technology and security for Calvin B. Taylor Bank, Snow Hill, MD.

**Eric Colvin '04** was elected as District 1 County Commissioner for St. Mary's County, MD.

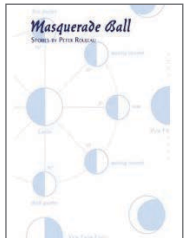
**Joshua Hastings '04 & '05** was elected to Wicomico County Council, District 4, Salisbury, MD.



Devin M. Kelley '04

**Devin M. Kelley '04 (left)** was hired by AmTrust Title Insurance Company as an agency representative for Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

**Peter Rouleau '04 (left)** published his first book *Masquerade Ball*, a collection of seven stories where the book leads the reader through joys and heartbreaks of modern life.



Peter Rouleau '04

**Jennifer Truitt-Lewis '04 (left)** was honored as the 2017-2018 Elementary Principal Rookie of the Year by the Arizona School Administrators, Inc.

**Kara Lieman '05** was promoted to executive administrative assistant at Booz Allen Hamilton, Laurel, MD.



Jennifer Truitt-Lewis '04

**James Matthews' '05** chiropractic firm, Matthews Chiropractic and Sports Rehabilitation, LLC, was named as the Premier Chiropractor in Marlton, NJ.

**Anne McCauley '05 & M'06** was nominated as Talbot (MD)

County Public Schools Support Staff of the Year semifinalist for providing school-based mental health services.

**Kristen Tull '05** is senior academic advisor/pre-health advisor in the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences at the George Washington University.

**Marshall Adams '06**, a muralist, finished his most recent mural on the Bel Air (MD) Armory Marketplace wall to honor local first responders.

**Lynn Aleman '06, C'12 & M'13** was nominated as a semifinalist for Talbot (MD) County Public Schools Teacher of the Year award.

**Michael Bleile '06 & M'12** was named principal of Delmar (DE) High School after serving as assistant principal for the past two years.

**Cayla Campbell '06 & M'09** joined Davis, Bowen and Friedel, Inc. architectural and engineering firm of Salisbury, MD, as their marketing coordinator.

**K'yera (Dowe) Chandler '06** appeared as a contestant on *Deal or No Deal* in March 2019.

**Rebecca (Hall) DeMattia '06 & M'10** was named bereavement coordinator at Talbot Hospice, Easton, MD, and earned her certification as a Certified Clinical Trauma Professional from the International Association of Trauma Professionals.

**Holly Hayman '06 & M'10** was promoted to director of Clinical Services at Compass Regional Hospice in Centreville, MD.

**Kelly (Longenette) Herold '06** was one of five finalists nominated for Queen Anne's (MD) County Teacher of the Year.

**Dustin Johnson '06** was named head football coach for William Patterson University in Wayne, NJ.

**David Plotts '06** ran for Wicomico County (MD) Public Schools Board of Education.

**Brian Quinn '06** won the \$25,000 Milken Educator Award for the 2018-19 year. "If mathematics is the music of reason, Brian Quinn is a gifted conductor bringing the best out of his 4th grade ensemble," said Jane Foley, vice president of the Milken Family Foundation.

**Gina (Chamberlain) Russell '06** was named Worcester (MD) County Public School's 2019 Teacher of the Year.

**Heather (Williams) Shockley '06** was a finalist candidate for Worcester (MD) County Public Schools 2019 Teacher of the Year.

**Sharon Smith '06** was a finalist candidate for Worcester (MD) County Public Schools 2019 Teacher of the Year.

**Ashley Streebig '06 & M'09** was a finalist candidate for Worcester (MD) County Public Schools 2019 Teacher of the Year.



Michael Taylor '06

**Michael Taylor '06 (left)** earned the Marie Curie International Incoming Fellowship at the University of Cambridge, England, while serving at his post-doctoral position at the university.

**Sauna (Metz) Aherne '07** was promoted to senior vice president of strategic accounts for MedEvolve, High Bridge, NJ.

**Petra Bernstein '07** won first place photo in the Wicomico County Tourism photo contest, Salisbury, MD.

**Anne Cook '07 (right)** was a finalist candidate for Worcester (MD) County Public Schools 2019 Teacher of the Year.



Anne Cook '07

**Rachael (Lewis) Daniel '07** was welcomed by Nanticoke Immediate Care, Seaford, DE, as an advanced practice registered nurse.

**Alysson (Smith) DuPont '07** earned her M.B.A. from the University of Maryland University College and currently serves as vice president and director of human resources for Taylor Bank, Berlin, MD.

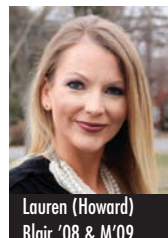
**Melissa (Young) Haugh '07** was a finalist for Dorchester (MD) County Public School's Teacher of the Year.

**David Higgins '07 & M'12** was a finalist for Dorchester (MD) County Public School's Teacher of the Year.

**Derek Tennant M'07** was appointed enrollment adviser at Davis & Elkins College, Elkins, WV.

**Lauren (Depaul) Barlow '08 & M'12** won the half marathon for the women's division in the inaugural SBY Marathon in Salisbury, MD.

**Lauren (Howard) Blair '08 & M'09 (right)** was promoted to provider relations manager for Coastal Hospice, Salisbury, MD.



Lauren (Howard) Blair '08 & M'09

**Alicia A. Canzanese '08 (right)** had the honor of being lecturer at the American Podiatric Medical Association annual scientific meeting in Washington, D.C. Her lecture was titled "How Important Is Core Stability to Lower Extremity Function and Injury."

**Sarah Guy '08 & M'09** was named among Maryland's Leading Women by *The Daily Record*.



Alicia A. Canzanese '08

**Jessica (Stamp) Hales '08** was hired at Wor-Wic Community College, Salisbury, MD, as the director of development and executive director of their foundation.

**Zachary Haney '08** is principal of Smithfield High School beginning in the Isle of Wight (VA) County Schools.

**Caroline (Harrison) Mark '08 & M'16** was named Maryland's World Language Teacher of the Year. She is a Spanish teacher at Smithsburg High School in Washington County, MD.

**O'Ryan Case '09** has been named new director of development for The Arc Carroll County in Westminster, MD.

**Christopher Hill '09** created the Jennie Dean sculpture for the Manassas, VA, City Council annual Jennie Dean Legacy Award.

**Stephen Masten '09** is partner in a new Pit and Pub location that is located in Salisbury, MD.

**Stacey Reid '09** joined Wor-Wic Community College, Salisbury, MD, as their budget and financial analyst.

**Amanda (Brown) Smith '09** was welcomed to the Neighborhood Housing Services of Salisbury as their marketing officer.



Jennifer Spicer '09

**Jennifer Spicer '09 (left)** was a finalist candidate for Worcester (MD) County Public Schools 2019 Teacher of the Year.

**Bobbi Elaine Strang M'09** was elected as president of the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance, Washington, D.C.

**Stephanie Wampole '09** joins Bishop Gadsden Episcopal Retirement Community as sous chef, Charleston, SC.

**Samantha (Klenkel) Wilkinson '09 & M'11** was semi-finalist for 2019 Teacher of the Year for Anne Arundel (MD) County Public Schools.

**Ganiyat (Makanjuola) Badmus '10 & M'13** was noted as one of several female business owners in the Princess Anne, MD, area when she opened Bluntly Coached, a therapy and coaching firm.

## 2010s

**Amy Hafez '10 (right)** graduated from Duke University in May 2018 with a Ph.D. in molecular genetics and microbiology and began a new position as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of California in the Center for Tobacco Control Research and Education. She also was named to the Board of Trustees for Duke University.



Amy Hafez '10

**Robert Hammond '10**, owner of Atlantic Physical Therapy in Selbyville, DE, along with his family, was recognized for donating \$25,000 toward the Atlantic General Hospital, Berlin, MD, Campaign for the Future.

**Brendan Kincaid '10** was named head coach for men's tennis at Haverford (PA) College.

**Ganiyat Badmus Makanjuola '10 & M'13** opened her own therapy and coaching business called Bluntly Coached in Princess Anne, MD.

**Amy Morgan '10**, founder of the Allegro Academy, offers a free young musicians workshop at the Academy, Easton, MD.

**Megan (Wagner) Shaughnessy '10** was named center director of the Bright Horizons at Courthouse Station early education center in Arlington, VA.

**Kristie (Bon) Smith '10** was one of five finalists for Harford (MD) County Schools 2019 Teacher of the Year.

**Ashley Broughton '11** was nominated for Indian River (DE) School District's 2019-20 Teacher of the Year award.

**Joshua Brown '11** was the first player to sign with Old Glory DC rugby team. This makes Josh the first professional rugby player for the first professional rugby union team in the history of the greater D.C. area and Mid-Atlantic region.

**Emily Meadows '11** has adopted a stray cat that she named Pip the Beach Cat and has monopolized on his winning personality to reach out to others in Ocean City, MD, as a therapy cat, as a subject of a children's book and more. He can be followed on Facebook, Instagram and TikTok, and he has his own website.

**Jennah Truitt '11** was named Teacher of the Year for 2018-19 at Lord Baltimore Elementary School, Ocean View, DE, as well as being the school's Special Education Ambassador for 2018.

**Kelly (McIntyre) Beeseck '12 & M'16** joined Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services, Berlin, MD. She joins the other clinicians in providing mental health counseling services to the community.

**Megan Campbell '12** was named special events planner for Friends of the Smithsonian's National Zoo in Washington, D.C.

**Christie Carels '12** was a finalist in Dorchester (MD) County Public School's Teacher of the Year award.

**Courtney Dryden '12 & M'16** was a finalist for Somerset (MD) County Public School's Teacher of the Year award.

**M. Colleen Eschenburg '12** launched Mirame, which is a women's empowerment program that aims to help Ecuadorian women achieve better balance between work, their own lives and family.

**Hilary Leas '12** was a finalist in Dorchester (MD) County Public School's Teacher of the Year award.

**Todd Nichols '12 & M'13** was named assistant principal of Federalsburg Elementary School in the Caroline (MD) County Public Schools system.

**Christina South '12** was named Somerset (MD) County Public Schools 2019 Teacher of the Year and county and elementary school Teacher of the Year, Crisfield, MD.

**Amanda Weisgerber '12 & M'14** was named High School Physical Education Teacher of the Year for Anne Arundel (MD) County Public Schools by SHAPE Maryland and honored her for her outstanding contributions to the teaching profession.

**David C. Whigham '12**, owner of Delmarva Aces, and **Cody B. Revel '17**, owner of Athlete Academy have joined forces in Salisbury to help train, condition and, prevent injuries with athletes throughout the Eastern Shore.

**Audrea Atwood '13** was named Teacher of the Year for Anne (MD) Arundel County Public Schools.

**Daniel A. Bowie '13** served as director of photography for the movie *Sinners Wanted*, which was filmed in Washington, D.C., and debuted at the Sundance Film Festival in January 2018. He also released his debut single "Her Love," the first music he has produced since a teenager.

**Bret Davis '13 and Nick Simpson '14**, owners of Davis Simpson Holdings, LLC, are remaking downtown Salisbury with their recent renovation of the One Plaza East building, purchase of 235 W. Main Street, adding apartments and offices, and converting buildings at 130 and 132 E. Main St. into a 165 foot tall apartment complex.

**Brandon Johnson '13** was noted in *Metropolitan Magazine* as a rising star in his double duty role as top producing agent and IT specialist for ERA Martin Associates, Salisbury, MD.

**Zachary Newton '13** has earned the Certified Financial Planner certification from the Certified Financial Planner Board.

**Brian Prettyman '13** joined Tidewater Physical Therapy and Rehab Associates as the new clinical director and doctor of physical therapy at the Chester, MD, location.



Angela Rankin '13

**Angela Rankin '13 (left)** was a finalist candidate for Worcester (MD) County Public Schools 2019 Teacher of the Year.

**Kirstie Silvia '13** earned the Daisy Award for Extraordinary Nurses from Peninsula Regional Medical Center.

**Jeanine (Baumgartner) Cusick '14** was promoted to assistant director of admissions for Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine, Mt. Laurel, NJ.

**Tyler DuBois '14** joined Wor-Wic Community College, Salisbury, MD as a digital content coordinator.

**Paige McFeely '14** has joined Junior Achievement of Central Maryland, Owings Mills, MD, as the special events manager.

**Christine Durham-Pressley '14** was the 2019 recipient of the Outstanding Graduate Student award from Salisbury University.

**Navarone Simpson '14** achieved the Certified Financial Planner certification by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Baltimore, MD.

**Jacob T. Swinney '14** was nominated for the Golden Trailer Award for the 2012 Academy Award-nominated film *The Master*.

**Michelle Trego '14 & M'15** joined Chesapeake Health Care, Princess Anne, MD, as a certified mental health therapist.

**Sean Wilson '14** was awarded a \$500 Junior Membership Classroom Grant from the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, General Levin Winder Chapter, Snow Hill, MD.

**Megan Burak '15** exhibited "Femme Fatale" with the Rehoboth Art League for the 45th Annual Members Fine Craft Exhibition. Burak believes every woman is a "femme fatale" in her own way and features a series of portrait oil paintings showing women who individually redefine femininity.

**Rashad Crawford '15** was named Washington High School's boys' basketball coach, Princess Anne, MD.

**Katie Hastings '15** was appointed head coach of Transylvania University's field hockey team, Lexington, KY.

**Danesha Owens-Harrell '15 & M'18** was nominated as a semifinalist for the prestigious U.S. Fulbright Student awards for the 2019-20 academic year, hoping to teach English in the Netherlands.

**Debra Reynolds '15 & M'17** was the Rising Star Award winner for Wicomico (MD) County Public Schools.

**Ashley Saminosky '15** is working with the Dorchester (MD) County Nature Conservancy to preserve a historic grave site by charting 30 sites in lower Dorchester County that could possibly be covered by rising sea levels.

**Tiffany Scott '15** was named as youth programs coordinator at Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services.

**Kathryn Adams '16 & M'18** received the 2019-20 First Class Teacher of the Year honor for Dorchester (MD) County Public Schools.

**Thomas Davis '16** was featured in *Coastal Style* magazine as a highly decorated law enforcement officer, retiring after 26 years with the Maryland State Police as a trooper, now acting as chief of police for the Snow Hill (MD) Police

Department. He also has rekindled his passion for the trumpet and playing with the Delmarva Big Band as lead trumpet.

**Tyler Gibson '16** was promoted to associate director of alumni relations at Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston, MA, and was accepted to the Master's of Higher Education Administration Program at Boston College.

**Andranette Holden-Hall M'16** was named Somerset (MD) County Public Schools 2019 Teacher of the Year.

**Suzanne Ketcham '16** joined the Lower Shore Land Trust, Snow Hill, MD, as the stewardship manager identifying conservation and restoration improvement projects. She has earned the Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professional designation.

**Kristen Rutherford '16** took part in Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan's inaugural ceremony by introducing her father, Lt. Gov. Boyd Rutherford.

**John Strickland M'16** became the assistant principal of St. Michaels (MD) Middle High School.

**Gabriella Tancona '16** joined MGH Advertising Inc., Owings Mills, MD as public relations assistant account executive.

**Brandon Austin '17** was nominated for the Promising New Secondary Social Studies Teacher of the Year award by the Maryland Council of Social Studies. Brandon is a social studies teacher at Crisfield (MD) Academy and High School.

**Callista Brown '17** was nominated as a semifinalist for the prestigious U.S. Fulbright Student Awards for the 2019-20 academic year, hoping to study science communication in the Netherlands.

**Stephanie Danielczyk '17** joined Channel 4 WIVB-TV, Buffalo, NY, as meteorologist under the broadcast name of Stevie Daniels.

**Ryan Daniher '17** joined the Salisbury Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. Board of Directors as a development associate with Green Street Housing.

**Christopher Eccleston's M'17** company, Delmarva Veteran Builders of Salisbury, MD, has been nominated as a finalist for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Dream Big Small Business of the Year Award.

**Matthew James '17** was re-elected as council member for Ocean City, MD in November 2018.

**Nivek Johnson '17**, a Montgomery (MD) County educator, took part in "Kent County Honors Martin Luther King Jr." with a Personal Achievement Summary at Bethel AME Church's Youth of the King Living the Dream Program.

**Mary Jo Kerr M'17** was named assistant principal of Greensboro (MD) Elementary School in the Caroline County Public Schools system.

**Scott Kurtz M'17** was named Stephen Decatur High School girls' basketball coach, Berlin, MD.

**Griffin Melzer '17** works for Kentucky Aerospace Industry Consortium (KAIC) in network and brand development, which filed an aerospace flight plan for the state.

**Rachel W. Mulholland '17** was named personnel and benefits specialist for Calvin B. Taylor Bank in Berlin, MD.

**Cody B. Revel '17** won the Mayor's Prize from Salisbury University's Entrepreneurship Competitions after opening The Athlete Academy in Salisbury, MD, a training facility that coaches and trains athletes of all ages.



Jennifer Skarren '17

**Catherine Sharkey '17 & M'18** joined Chesapeake Health Care in Salisbury as a Certified Mental Health Therapist.

**Jennifer Skarren '17 (left)** joined Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc. architectural and engineering firm in Salisbury as a marketing assistant.



**Emily Tucker '17** was recognized for her founding and facilitating Community Parent Outreach, a program that provides services for 40 non-native-English-speaking families whose children are enrolled at Shady Spring Elementary School, Baltimore, MD, where she is a teacher of ESOL.

**Cody Arigo '18** is a volunteer with the Peace Corp., living in Kyrgyzstan, teaching English in a remote mountain village and attempting to get technological equipment and resources to the school.

**Desiree Borges '18** was declared the top vocalist in her category during 2018's National Association of Teachers of Singing auditions, Las Vegas, NV. She is SU's first national NATS winner.

**Courtney Harned's D'18** dissertation study was recognized by the AERA Rural Education SIG as the Dissertation of the Year, Toronto, Canada.

**Nicole Lindner '18** is pursuing her doctorate in physical therapy at Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA.

**Collin Locklear '18** was hired by SVN Realsite in Baltimore.

**Caitlin Nanos '18** accepted a position as art teacher at Maple Elementary School, Cambridge, MD in the Dorchester County Public Schools system.

**Rachel Pierson '18** had her senior Honors thesis, "Digging into Ditches: A Historical-Geographic Analysis of Agricultural Drainage Ditches on Maryland's Eastern Shore," published in the Pennsylvania Geographical Society's journal *The Pennsylvania Geographer*.

**Brandon Pohlchuk '18** is press assistant to the Office of the Governor Larry Hogan in Maryland.

**Heather Porter D'18** earned the *Journal of College Reading & Learning's* Cynthia L. Peterson Outstanding Article

Award for 2018. She was honored for her article "Constructing an Understanding of Undergraduate Disciplinary Reading: An Analysis of Contemporary Scholarship."

**Rochel Rolle '18** was nominated as a semifinalist for the prestigious U.S. Fulbright Student Awards for the 2019-20 academic year, hoping to teach English in Korea.

**Alexis Roskovich M'18** joins Becker Morgan Group as a marketing assistant in the Salisbury office.

**Harleigh Jo Tucker '18** was the commencement speaker for Salisbury University's fall 2018 commencement ceremony.

**Gavaughn Trower '18** joined Wicomico (MD) County Department of Corrections as a correctional officer.



(Fellman) Hamilton '00 Wedding



(Kordish) Winkler '05 Wedding: Pictured are Megan Carbone, Colleen (Maynard) Uzupos, Caitlin (Sinclair) Timko, Ashley Richards, Liza (Abruzzo) Narducci, Rachel (Lyons) Smith, Jeff Smith, Melissa (Kordish) Karp, Shannon (Huff) Harkins, Erica Woods, Jacyln (Schaum) Silverthorne, Emily (VonGunten) Adkins, Carey Unangst and Amy (Kirkwood) Maynard



(England) Ward '08 & M'12 Wedding



(Trail) Spata '09 Wedding



(Overington) Simmons '06 Wedding



(Messick) Parsons '12 Wedding

### Marriages

John Hamilton & Jill E. (Fellman) Hamilton '00 (left)

John Winkler & Emily (Kordish) Winkler '05 (left)

Joseph Eshbach '06 & '11 and Heather (Alexander) Eshbach

Brad Simmons & Teri (Overington) Simmons '06 (below)

Matthew Ward & Sarah (England) Ward '08 & M'12 (below)

Stephen Spata & Meghan (Trail) Spata '09 (below)

Lawrence Johnson & Katy (Harrison) Johnson '11

Brian Georg & Kathleen (Rabaglia) Georg '12

Aaron Parsons & Julie (Messick) Parsons '12 (below)

Aundrea Atwood '13 & Sarah Atwood-Starkey '13

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Charles "Chip" Almer '15 & M'17 & Michelle (Clark)

Almer '15 (next page)

Christopher Kephart '16 & Sara Grantham '16

(next page).



Atwood-Starkey '13 Wedding



Almer '15 & M'17 & (Clark) Almer '15 Wedding



Kephart '16 & Grantham '16 Wedding

## Births

**Joshua Tidwell '99 & Joy (Mulholland) Tidwell '02** – Daughter: Mary Mae (*below*)

**Elizabeth (Iannelli) Kressin '03 & M'11 & Josh Kressin** – Son: Jake Iannelli (*below*)

**Tony Uzupus & Colleen (Maynard) Uzupus '05** – Son: Matthew George

**Benjamin Sandlin '08 & M'10 & Lonnie (Parks) Sandlin '06 & M'16** – Son: Brett Sandlin (*below*)

**Joseph Swann '06 & Rachel (Sapp) Swann '07** – Daughter: Charlotte (*below*)

**Willard Bryan '07 & Krista (Dant) Bryan '06** – Daughter: Eleanor Louise (*below*)

**Matthew Trader & Kayna Freda '07 & M'11** – Daughter: Valentina Freda (*below*)

**Matthew Bigelow '08 & Maria Bigelow** – Son: Lucas Chase (*next page*)

**Trenton Garman '08 & Meredith Ray Garman '09** – Son: Beau Arthur (*next page*)

**Alex Williams '08 & M'10 & Megan (White) Williams '11** – Daughter: Anna (Annie) Caroline (*next page*)

**Ryan Alexander '11 & Cathryn Alexander** – Son: Carson Scott

**Matthew Curtis '12 & Danielle (Liberto) Curtis '14** – Son: John Ryan (*next page*)

**Samuel Hopkins '12 & Katlyn (Lamboni) Hopkins '11** – Son: Grayson Gordon

**Ryan Miller M'12 & Ashley (Jackowski) Miller '11 & M'14** – Son: Mason (*next page*)

**Robert Cusick & Jeannine (Baumgartner) Cusick '14** – Daughter: Eleanor Grace

**Charlie Gunzelman & Robin (Lee) Gunzelman M'17** – Daughter: Olivia Mae



Tidwell '99 & (Mulholland) Tidwell '02 Baby



(Iannelli) Kressin '03 & M'11 Baby



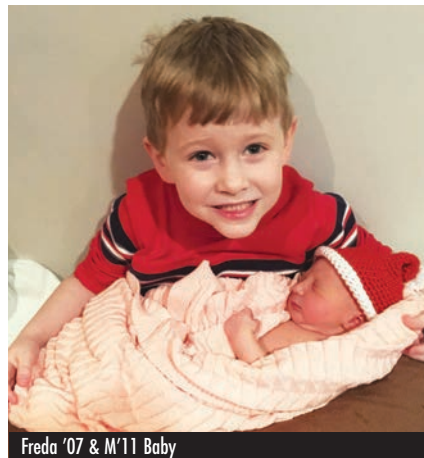
Sandlin '08 & M'10 & (Parks) '06 & M'16 baby



Swann '06 & (Sapp) Swann '07 Baby



Bryan '07 & (Dant) Bryan '06 Baby



Freda '07 & M'11 Baby



Bigelow '08 Baby



Garman '08 &amp; '09 Baby



Williams '08 &amp; M'10 &amp; (White) Williams '11 Baby



Curtis '12 &amp; (Liberto) Curtis '14 Baby



Miller M'12 &amp; (Jackowski) Miller '11 &amp; M'14 Baby

Sharon C. Danner '87 – June 19, 2018  
 Melissa (Wootten) Windsor '87 – December 28, 2017  
 Jennifer (Curry) Tawes '89 – February 2, 2019  
 Michael C. Milbourne '90 – May 4, 2018  
 Charleita D. Stanley '91 – May 13, 2018  
 Michael P. Chisari '93 – April 17, 2019  
 Todd M. Shea '93 – July 25, 2018  
 Edward L. Taylor '93 & M'95 – April 4, 2019  
 Edward C. Evans III '95 – January 26, 2019  
 Edward Rose '95 – March 24, 2019  
 Peggy J. Smith M'96 – November 10, 2018  
 Jon K. Dollard Jr. '98 – June 2, 2018  
 Carrie A. Harper '98 – March 11, 2019  
 Kevin T. Gilligan '99 – June 27, 2018  
 Rosa Laws '00 – October 16, 2018  
 Beth Ann Lewis '01 – April 17, 2019  
 Lonna R. Hudson '02 & M'14 – January 17, 2019  
 Jeffery T. Sherman '03 & M'05 – May 14, 2018  
 Stephanie (Ladd) Meredith '04 & '08 – July 15, 2018  
 Brad A. Moore '05 – June 6, 2018  
 Candace B. Carnathan '06 – January 27, 2018  
 Teresa L. (Kernan) Hutzal '07 – January 2, 2019  
 Matthew S. Aaron '11 – May 19, 2018  
 Ryan M. Schaffner '11 – April 2, 2019  
 Stacie Ann Shea '11 – March 23, 2018  
 Gabriel A. Wohl '14 & M'16 – July 28, 2018  
 Nathan J. Hendricks '17 – July 16, 2018

## Deaths

Martha (Nock) Fulton '41 – October 1, 2018  
 Melvin J. Bradley '42 – April 26, 2019  
 Emily D. Cottingham '42 – March 31, 2019  
 Phyllis Dickey '43 – February 14, 2019  
 Emma Todd Powley '43 – August 25, 2018  
 Eloise (Ball) Williams '45 – June 4, 2018  
 Nanetta Harrison '46 – April 5, 2019  
 Betsey A. (Clark) Lambert '47 – September 25, 2018  
 Levin R. Heath Jr. '50 – October 26, 2018  
 Emma M. Muller '51 & '78 – July 10, 2018  
 Edwin P. Prettyman '51 & '53 – February 10, 2019  
 Ernest "Bob" Plutschak '52 & M'75 – September 7, 2018  
 Creston Long Jr. '54 – October 6, 2018  
 Charles N. Navratil '54 – June 5, 2018  
 Irving W. Custis Jr. '55 – February 4, 2019  
 William J. Hastings '55 – December 14, 2018  
 Col. Werner F. Rebstock '55 – May 9, 2019  
 Patricia T. Gillich '56 – June 13, 2018  
 Joanne E. Jones Wheaton '56 – June 13, 2018  
 Helen (Evans) Lurton '57 & M'68 – March 16, 2019  
 George H. Mason Jr. '57 – March 30, 2019  
 John W. Weise '59 – January 9, 2019  
 Dixie F. Bounds '59 – April 8, 2019  
 Grace Asplen Ayers '60 – August 13, 2018  
 Thomas J. Hughes '64 – June 27, 2018  
 William T. Sterling '64 – April 28, 2019  
 Marilyn R. Seigman '66 – March 7, 2019  
 Mary Carol Klemm '68 – February 25, 2018  
 Robert W. Jones '70 – July 12, 2018  
 Florabel J. Mabe '70 – January 20, 2019  
 Sandra (Tilghman) Tamasi '70 – April 15, 2018  
 Betty Rae (Leister) Laws '72 – April 20, 2019  
 Violetta (Neumann) Elrod '72 & M'77 – April 1, 2019  
 Deitra (Bennett) Hales '73 – December 24, 2018  
 David A. White '73 – December 13, 2018  
 Jerome H. Wilkinson '73 – February 5, 2019  
 Sally (Smith) Lambert M'74 – January 17, 2019  
 Charlotte S. Teter '74 & '84 – May 3, 2019  
 Gilbert C. Jenkins '75 – July 11, 2018  
 Raymond Moore Sr. '75 – October 7, 2018  
 Andry F. Hill III '76 – November 23, 2018  
 Anthony J. Rousak III M'76 – August 24, 2018  
 Vicky Bishop Ford '77 – June 6, 2018  
 Catherine Jones M'77 – December 20, 2018  
 Thomas A. Guice '78 – June 7, 2018  
 Lt. Col. Samuel J. Marks '78 – September 5, 2018  
 Gregory "Scot" Bartrug '79 – February 24, 2019  
 Richard G. Boston M'79 – April 21, 2018  
 Janice Maiorana-Smith '79 & '81 – March 20, 2019  
 Mary M. McBride '79 – March 16, 2019  
 Janice A. Patey M'79 – August 21, 2018  
 Patricia Venett M'79 – October 20, 2018  
 Anita (Dance) Wright '79 – August 13, 2018  
 Charlotte (Smullen) Hooker '82 M'02 – September 23, 2018  
 James Moore '82 & M'95 – March 23, 2019  
 Rev. Philip C. Morris '82 – May 28, 2018  
 Barry Neville '82 & M'85 – October 8, 2018  
 Nancy L. (Smith) Hubbert '83 – June 20, 2018  
 Joyce Meals-Hall '83 – July 14, 2018  
 Myron J. Schmidt '83 – April 21, 2019  
 E. Linwood Davis M'84 – April 13, 2019 (no obit in file)  
 Alan W. Gravenor '86 – December 3, 2018  
 William N. Hastings Jr. '86 – March 22, 2019  
 Daphne (Brittingham) Miller '86 – January 6, 2019

## Staff Deaths

Carol A. Bosserman, Academic Counselor – December 22, 2018  
 Dolores Cottman, Food Service – November 24, 2018  
 Lessie R. Fontaine, Dining Services – January 31, 2019  
 Dr. Frances L. Kendall, Communication Arts – November 21, 2018  
 Dr. Claire Kew, French – June 8, 2018  
 Marilyn Leatherbury, Dining Services – November 23, 2018  
 Philip C. Morris, English – May 28, 2018  
 Mariuna Morrison, Physical Education, Basketball and Field Hockey Coach – September 18, 2018  
 Irene K. Mumford, Dining Services – May 24, 2018  
 Barry Neville, History – October 8, 2018  
 Barbara G. Shore, Dining Services – July 18, 2018  
 Forrest "Dan" van Meter, SU Police Department – July 2, 2018

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# ALUMNI HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND

OCTOBER 18-20 • 2019

## FRIDAY

- Athletics Hall of Fame  
*Congratulate the 2019 inductees*

## SATURDAY

- Reunions for Classes  
Ending in 4s and 9s
- Pre-Game Flock Party and Carnival
- Homecoming Football  
*SU vs. Rowan*
- Athletic Events  
*Cheer on men's and women's soccer and volleyball against St. Mary's and field hockey against Christopher Newport*
- Multicultural Jazz Social
- PACE Celebrates 20th Anniversary



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