

CAMPUS ACCOLADES



SU Housing Is No. 1

Students ranked SU No. 1 in the nation for campus housing quality when compared to cost, according to results of a recent Educational Benchmarking, Inc. survey. The survey asked thousands of students to rate their campus housing experiences in 87 areas. SU ranked in the top 10 in eight "Living on campus enhanced your ability to..." categories, including time management, effective studying and resolving conflict. In addition, SU ranked No. 2 in the "Satisfaction with variety of meal plan" and "Satisfaction with value of dining plan" categories. The survey was taken at a time when SU housing has seen tremendous change and growth. The University's four "Quad" residence halls, the oldest on campus still used for student housing today, underwent major renovations. Those halls now contain cutting-edge security, classroom and sustainability features, including geothermal heating and cooling in three of the four. In August 2011, SU opens the largest residence hall in campus history, the 230,000-square-foot Sea Gull Square residence-retail complex. Student rooms in the 605-bed building are at 100 percent occupancy for its first year.



It Is Good To Be Green

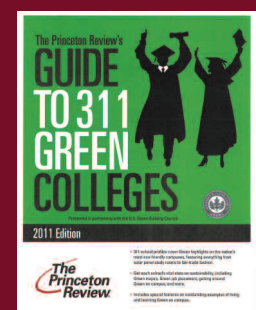
Forget the easy road. SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach wants SU to take the green one instead. Her "can-do" attitude about sustainability helped earn SU the WMDT/ Mountaire Environmental Star Award; SU is the first higher education institution honored. And, for the second consecutive year, the University garnered a spot in *The Princeton Review's Guide to Green Colleges*. In 2007, Dudley-Eshbach signed the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment, pledging to reduce SU's net greenhouse gas emissions to zero by 2050. The next year, the University's Teacher Education and Technology Center (TETC) became the first U.S. Green Building Council LEED-certified new construction project on the Eastern Shore. Since then, SU has made LEED Silver certification – the level earned by the TETC – its minimum standard



for all new construction. University officials hope to exceed that initial achievement by aiming for Gold certification for some of its new and renovated buildings. This commitment to sustainability even carries through as our students graduate. SU is the first institution on the Eastern Shore – and one of only five in Maryland – to use the new "GreenWeaver" apparel from Oak Hall Cap and Gown, a leading academic regalia manufacturer. An average of 23 bottles are melted down to create the plastic pellets spun to make each gown. After the ceremony,



the gowns themselves may be recycled. "It is easier for an institution to continue to operate according to the way things have been done in the past," said Dudley-Eshbach. "At Salisbury University, we have shown that with creative thinking, it is possible to make changes that better our environment while maintaining the same high academic and operational goals and standards. I'm grateful for the ongoing and unwavering dedication of SU students, faculty and staff to making our campus more sustainable."



Partnering For Student Success

The U.S. Department of Education awarded SU a \$1.2 million TRIO grant to help enhance student retention initiatives as part of the University's Achieve Student Support Services (SSS) program. SU's TRIO program is designed to enhance the experience of first-year students by placing them in classes that best match their abilities. The program also provides support services that enrich the educational experience for returning students. The five-year grant helps support SU's achievement gap initiatives, which include increasing the annual retention rate of SSS students to 83 percent (currently 77.8 percent), placing 90 percent of SSS participants in good academic standing (currently 88.4 percent) and increasing the six-year graduation rate of SSS students to 70 percent (currently 67 percent). Providing further support to student success, SU partners with Wor-Wic Community College on a new program for incoming students that allows them to live and take classes on SU's campus while being enrolled at Wor-Wic. They benefit from the traditional freshman experience, yet their classes are taught by Wor-Wic faculty and they earn Wor-Wic credits. Called "Fall Fusion," the new program helps students make that sometimes-challenging transition from high school to college. In the spring semester, once program requirements are met, those students who successfully complete their courses have the opportunity to officially enroll at SU.



Regents Staff Award Winners

At SU, Deborah Pusey (top) is always assisting students and parents with "a smile in her voice"; Kim Nechay is known for her keen business sense and community connections. Both were honored with one of the University System of Maryland's highest honors: the Board of Regents Staff Award for Excellence. Pusey won recognition for Outstanding Service to Students in an Academic or Residential Environment. A program management specialist in the Financial Aid Office, she counsels families on funding options and handles an increasing number of alternative student loan applications. Nechay earned kudos for Extraordinary Public Service to the University or the Greater Community. For 11 years, she served as assistant director of the SU Foundation, Inc. and more recently was also the University's director of development. In these roles, she helped expand the campus footprint through strategic real estate transactions. She also helped to oversee fundraising during the University's largest capital campaign.



Campus Goes Smoke-Free

Students Lauren Friedman and Eric Kennedy, co-presidents of Colleges Against Cancer (CAC), promoted a smoke-free campus since 2008. Their campaign gained momentum with the help of like-minded students. Together they crafted a resolution and presented it to University governance groups. Their first hurdle was the Student Government Association (SGA) in October 2009. Initial questions were met with more information and lots of conversations. By the time of a second reading, their resolution had gained overwhelming approval from student



representatives and other students voting in a referendum. Ultimately, a majority of campuswide governance groups approved. On August 22, 2010, SU officially became smoke-free. As part of SU's "Breathe Easy" campaign, the Human Resources Office, in partnership with the Counseling Center, offers cessation clinics and a Student Task Force formed to ensure the success of the transition to a smoke-free campus.

Breathe Easy

Smoke-Free Campus