

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



The past year has been one of challenge and instability for our nation and the world. And while Salisbury University has certainly faced its own challenges during this time, as you peruse the pages of this report, I believe you will be pleased and surprised at how many initiatives can be accomplished with the energy and ingenuity of talented and committed people.

Students and faculty conducted significant research and presented solutions to authentic issues; engaged in workforce initiatives to help address the needs of today's economy while assessing and preparing for the future; and earned awards for academic competitions, scholarship, teaching, service, partnerships and others. Staff members were awarded the highest honor given by the University System of Maryland Board of Regents. Two SU faculty were honored with Fulbright awards and the University was named one of the nation's top producers of Fulbright scholars. The campus played host to a rich array of cultural events, widening our knowledge and enjoyment of a variety of media and traditions. SU's athletes shined, with men's lacrosse winning its ninth NCAA Division III national championship, several other sports making it into the NCAA finals, six Capital Athletic Conference championships and many excellent individual honors for both students and coaches. And students, faculty and staff gave back to the community, raising countless dollars and important awareness for many worthy causes. What a year it was!

All of these accomplishments and your support have helped SU to earn its reputation as *A Maryland University of National Distinction*. Thank you for your interest and continued support of all things SU!

A handwritten signature in gold ink that reads "Janet Dudley-Eshbach".

Janet Dudley-Eshbach, Ph.D.
President



A Decade Of Distinction

Salisbury University celebrated a decade of distinction with President Janet Dudley-Eshbach (below with USM Chancellor William Kirwan) on Sunday, October 10. Dubbed 10/10/10, the event showcased the growth and advancement that have transformed SU into *A Maryland University of National Distinction*. When Dudley-Eshbach came to SU in 2000, she was the first woman to hold the office of president in the University's then 75-year history. Under her leadership, the campus has grown in size and reputation: Enrollment increased to some 8,400 students and the campus expanded some 20 percent. She also announced her creation of the Dudley-Eshbach Study Abroad Scholarship. The \$10,000 commitment will be distributed over the next decade to Spanish or Latin American studies majors who are interested in immersion experiences in Spanish-speaking countries in Latin America. A Latin American scholar who is fluent in Spanish, Dudley-Eshbach is a champion of international study and service. She was appointed to the Committee on International Education for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), which helps 420-member institutions respond to globalization.



Higher Learning

Undergraduate research, a pillar of a Salisbury University education, was honored during the 10th annual Student Research Conference with a talk by education policy expert Diane Auer Jones (above with President Dudley-Eshbach). A 1994 Honors alumna, Jones, an award-winning teacher and Fulbright Scholar, was the first student to represent SU at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR). The Thomas E. Bellavance Honors Program also looked back, and forward, at its 30th anniversary celebration. Honors has played a distinguished role in the life of campus: Honors students,

representing 4 percent of the campus, presented 20 percent of the papers at this year's Student Research Conference. At this year's NCUR, SU sent more students than the University of Maryland College Park and Johns Hopkins universities, and 33 percent of them were in Honors. Exceptional scholars also were recognized as the University System of Maryland Board of Regents approved SU's continuation of its test-optional policy for high-achieving students. The decision follows a five-year pilot study that showed that test-optional students outperformed those who submitted test scores in such areas as course completion.

Welcome To Two New Deans

Salisbury University's executive staff grew by two in 2010. Previously at the Qatar branch of Texas A&M University, Dr. Clifton Griffin (top right) stepped into the newly created dean of graduate studies and research position and oversees post-baccalaureate programs and research opportunities. Griffin is building an administrative structure for SU's 14 master's and five certificate programs, supports faculty grants and cultivates relationships with external funding sources. Dr. Bob Wood (bottom right) is the new dean of the Franklin P. Perdue School of Business. As dean, Wood builds partnerships with other institutions, businesses and individuals. These partnerships promote economic development and ensure relevancy of academic programs. He also is involved with strategic planning and capital campaign fundraising for the school. Wood came to SU from Tennessee Tech University, where he had served as associate and assistant dean of its College of Business, as well as professor of finance.



National Notice For SU

Salisbury University remains at the forefront of national rankings. *The Chronicle of Higher Education* named SU among this academic year's top producers of Fulbright Scholars in the United States. Salisbury was the only master's-level institution in Maryland to earn the distinction. Since 1999, some 13 SU faculty have been named Fulbright Scholars. Representing SU in 2010-11 were Drs. Gary Harrington (English) and Ying Wu (economics and finance). *The Chronicle of Higher Education* also named SU one of its 2010 "Great Colleges to Work For." For the third consecutive year, *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine named SU one of its Top 100 "Best Values in Public Colleges." For the 12th consecutive year, SU was one of *The 373 Best Colleges* by *The Princeton Review*. For the 14th consecutive year, SU was named one of *U.S. News & World Report's* Top Public Universities in the North, one of the highest-placing public master's-level universities in Maryland.

