

# CAMPUS ACCOLADES

## Grant to Analyze Mediation

SU and its Center for Conflict Resolution (below) received a \$750,000 grant from the Maryland Judiciary, the state's judicial system, to analyze the use of alternative dispute resolution (ADR). Jurisdictions statewide are using mediation and ADR programs as other options to litigation in both civil and misdemeanor criminal cases. The University is working in partnership with Community Mediation Maryland and Renbar Consulting, LLC, to assess these practices. Initiated by the Judiciary, the two-part study includes an analysis of the cost-benefits of ADR versus traditional litigation. It also examines the efficiency and effectiveness of various types, styles and strategies of mediation. The Judiciary hopes to shed practices that are not cost effective, and also expand approaches and systems that offer the highest benefits to court systems and citizens of Maryland. While the case for mediation is strong, the study will provide the additional research needed to justify the Judiciary's continued investment in ADR. The Judiciary has been using ADR approaches for the past 12 years. The research team is observing more than 1,100 court-related ADR sessions across the state over 18 months.

## A Model of IT Efficiency

SU was one of 16 colleges and universities nationwide honored as a "Model of Efficiency" in April's *University Business* magazine. After purchasing an enterprise resource planning system, SU staffers found gaps in several key areas. The tech team (below), working with offices across campus, developed solutions that were both easier and more economical than other alternatives, saving Salisbury more than \$20,000 a year in direct maintenance costs. In the process of creating new software, the IT Department digitized forms, helping to save paper at a University already known for its sustainable practices. In addition, *eCampus News* named SU its *eCampus of the Month*. The honor is presented to colleges and universities with outstanding information technology services.



## Relay Administration Honored

SU's Relay For Life was honored for "Outstanding Administration Support" during the American Cancer Society's South Atlantic Division Collegiate Awards. According to nominator Debbie White, the Salisbury area community manager for the American Cancer Society, the University's support for Relay begins at the top, with President Janet Dudley-Eshbach. Also lauded were Dr. Rosemary M. Thomas, past vice president of University advancement, and Agata Liszkowska, associate director of the University's Center for International Education. Liszkowska has been SU's Relay For Life advisor since the event was first held in 2002. Since then, it has raised over \$750,000 for the American Cancer Society.





**Political Leaders Share Insights**

During the last academic year, speakers of political importance visited SU. Maryland's former Secretary of Labor, Licensing and Regulation Alexander M. Sanchez (above) keynoted SU's Latino Heritage Month celebration with the talk "Protecting the American Dream: Maryland's Commitment to a Skilled, Educated and Diverse Workforce." Janko Mitric, special assistant to the assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs, discussed the issue of congressional oversight of and partnership with the armed services, and the unique relationship between Congress and the

military. Maryland Attorney General Doug Gansler spoke on the status of civil rights and gay marriage in the state from a non-partisan perspective. Indian leader Mahatma Gandhi's grandson, Dr. Arun Gandhi, shared his grandfather's teachings and more during the talk "Non-Violence and Personal Responsibility." Her Excellency Marina Kaljurand (below left), Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the U.S. from the Republic of Estonia, discussed Estonia's strategic partnership with the U.S. and the role of the Baltic States in today's world. Maryland Delegate Adrienne Jones (below right) was honored as SU's 2012 John R. Hargreaves Distinguished Legislative Fellow.



**Going Green Gets Noticed**

For the third consecutive year, *The Princeton Review*, in partnership with the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), named SU one of the nation's most environmentally responsible colleges. The University is featured in the *Guide to 322 Green Colleges*, which highlights impressive environmental and sustainability programs at campuses across the country. "I am honored that *The Princeton Review* again recognized SU for our strong commitment to sustainability," said SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach. "This dedication is reflected in our academic offerings, including a thriving environmental studies program, and ongoing efforts to find innovative approaches to operate more efficiently and effectively." The 322 colleges in the guide were selected based on "green rating" scores from summer 2011 online profiles and annual guidebooks. SU's rating was 86, on a scale of 60-99. In 2008, SU's Teacher Education and Technology Center became the first LEED-certified new construction project on the Eastern Shore, earning Silver status. Since then, the new Sea Gull Square apartment-retail complex has garnered Silver, and Perdue Hall and renovated Pocomoke Hall earned Gold. Other recent initiatives include a Dining Services partnership with Delaware-based Blue Hen Organics (below) to defer some nine tons of food waste from local landfills weekly. At Blue Hen's composting facility, waste is compressed into fertilizer pellets for area farmers and SU's greenhouse.

