

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Shortly after the 2012-13 academic year started, Salisbury University began preparations for a potential visit from Hurricane Sandy. Toward the end of the spring semester, we announced an \$8 million gift for a new \$116 million academic commons including a much needed library. In short, it was a year filled with dramatic possibilities; fortunately, most of them were good! New collaborations on campus and with the greater community benefitted both. SU helped advance the revitalization of downtown Salisbury, working with city officials and local organizations to plan bike lanes and open the Salisbury University Art Galleries - Downtown Campus. We were lauded for increasing diversity in our student body, began cooperative programs with neighboring universities both in state and internationally, and even observed parliamentary elections in Ukraine.

Our students certainly did their part, assisting with Hurricane Sandy relief and damage assessment, as well as raising money for underprivileged children and homeless war veterans. Culturally, we explored Brazilian art and music with multiple Grammy nominees, and hosted a moving lecture from a Holocaust survivor.

We also celebrated the generosity of others, marking the 40th anniversary of the Salisbury University Foundation, Inc., as well as the kindness of the Guerrieri Family Foundation, which donated \$8 million toward the construction of the Patricia R. Guerrieri Academic Commons.

Our students also were successful, earning prestigious honors like the Gates Cambridge Award, not to mention fellowships from the National Science Foundation and the Environmental Protection Agency. Our faculty garnered kudos from state legislators, national organizations and leading research companies, while the U.S. Green Building Council recognized our beautiful campus for progressive efforts in sustainability. We also introduced new scholarships and launched our first doctoral program, in nursing practice.

The year was marked by achievement and optimism. We believe that our students will contribute to the next great advancements in education, health care, technology, art, business and more. We look forward to challenging and nurturing the next generation in the coming year. Thank you for your support of this Maryland University of National Distinction.

Janet Dudley-Eshbach, Ph.D.
President



State Honors Two SU Leaders

SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach and Dr. Lisa Seldomridge, Nursing Department chair, both received impressive honors in 2013.

The Daily Record, a Baltimore-based business newspaper, named Dudley-Eshbach one of Maryland's Most Admired CEOs for 2012. The award recognized 30 Maryland leaders who have excelled both professionally and in serving their communities. Dudley-Eshbach, the first woman to serve as SU's chief executive, was the only university president honored.



Winners were chosen based on their demonstration of strong leadership, integrity, values, vision, commitment to excellence, financial performance and ongoing commitment to their communities and diversity. During Dudley-Eshbach's tenure, SU has increased in size and reputation, becoming an economic engine for the region with an annual impact of \$420 million. Dudley-Eshbach expanded shared governance – for which SU has become a model in the University System of Maryland – while improving town-gown relations and increasing diversity on campus.



Seldomridge received the University System of Maryland's highest faculty honor: the Regents' Faculty Award for Excellence. The award celebrated her distinguished accomplishments in teaching. Since coming to SU in 1986, Seldomridge has secured more than \$4 million in grants. She was instrumental in creating the Richard A. Henson Medical Simulation Center, and was the prime mover in developing the University's first doctoral program – in nursing practice – launched last fall.



Collaborative Programs Provide New Opportunities

Expanded opportunities to study in three rapidly growing fields are now being offered at SU.

The university helped students enter the booming cybersecurity industry, signing a memorandum of understanding for a new academic program with prestigious Estonian campus Tallinn University of Technology (TUT). The collaboration, which also involved the University of Tartu (UT), will allow SU students who are pursuing bachelor's degrees in computer science, mathematics or information systems to complete their senior year in the newly created Salisbury Abroad: Cybersecurity Program in Estonia. After graduation, they may seamlessly continue on to earn an M.S. in

cybersecurity or software engineering at TUT or UT. Participants also are eligible for a highly competitive internship at NATO's Cyber Defence Centre.

SU also was awarded almost \$800,000 in startup grants from the University System of Maryland to facilitate the addition of satellite locations for programs in social work and interdisciplinary studies. The Southern Maryland Higher Education Center in St. Mary's County became the fourth satellite site in Maryland to offer accredited bachelor's and master's degrees in social work from SU. Students may also pursue a B.A. in interdisciplinary studies at the Eastern Shore Higher Education Center in Wye Mills. Both programs launched in fall 2013.

New Administrators Named

Three new top administrators, each with impressive backgrounds, were named at SU.

T. Greg Prince was appointed vice president of advancement and external affairs at SU, and executive director of the SU Foundation, Inc. Prince, who earned his master's degree in administration, planning and social policy from Harvard, previously worked at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine and Harvard University.

Dr. Beatriz B. Hardy was appointed dean of libraries. Hardy directed William and Mary's Special Collections Research Center for six years and served as interim dean of the library, which was ranked among the nation's best by *The Princeton Review*. She is expected to play a crucial role in the development of Salisbury's new Academic Commons. Hardy holds an M.A. in American history from the University of Virginia, as well as a Master of Library Science and a Ph.D. in history from the University of Maryland College Park.

Dr. Cheryl Parks was appointed dean of the Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies. Parks comes to SU from the University of Connecticut's School of Social Work where



Dr. Beatriz B. Hardy

she served as associate dean for research. Parks also taught at Florida State University and Bryn Mawr College. She earned her Ph.D. in social work from Bryn Mawr and her M.S.W. from the University of Washington in Seattle, and has nearly two decades of experience as a private social work practitioner.



Dr. Cheryl Parks



T. Greg Prince



SU Earns High Marks

Salisbury University continued its winning streak, ranking as one of the top universities in the country in several key publications.

For the fifth consecutive year, *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine named the University one of its Top 100 "Best Values in Public Colleges." SU was ranked No. 72 out of more than 600 institutions nationwide, based on factors including in-state and out-of-state costs, admission rates and SAT scores, student-faculty ratios, student indebtedness and four-year graduation rates. SU is the second-highest-ranked University System of Maryland campus, trailing only the University of Maryland, College Park.

The Princeton Review ranked the University one of *The 377 Best Colleges* for the 14th consecutive year, and for the 16th consecutive year SU was named one of *U.S. News & World Report's* Top Public Regional Universities in the North. *U.S. News* also named SU among the Regional Universities in the North that operate most efficiently.

