



Campus Successes

Recognizing Excellence Through Accreditation

Two Salisbury University service programs earned important accreditations in the last year.

The SU Police Department earned accreditation from the International Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). With the designation, SU becomes the only higher education institution on the Eastern Shore of Maryland with a CALEA-accredited police department. During the voluntary accreditation process, CALEA representatives evaluated the department's policies, procedures, management, operations and support services. They spoke with members of the department, SU and the greater community during a capstone visit in July 2013. The University System of Maryland (USM) Board of Regents set a goal in 2008 of all police agencies on USM campuses complying with CALEA standards. SU is one of five institutions to meet that goal.

The Center for Student Achievement (CSA) received international tutor training certification from the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA). CRLA-certified programs meet or exceed an internationally accepted standard of skills and training for tutors. CRLA certification is endorsed by other organizations, including the Association of Colleges for Tutoring and Learning Assistance, Association for the Tutoring Profession, National Association for Developmental Education, National College Learning Center Association and National Center for Developmental Education. Guided by the Council of Student Achievement and Success, the CSA works with students to help them reach their academic potential.



An Electric Road Trip Leads to SU

When SU became home to the Eastern Shore's first public electric vehicle charging stations in 2011, University officials saw the distinction as a point of pride. Jonathan Slade and Novia Campbell saw it as a challenge. The filmmakers purchased a Nissan Leaf in 2012 and began to wonder how far they could drive it since electric vehicle charging stations were sparse beyond their home base in Baltimore. Discovering an app called PlugShare that mapped charging stations nationwide, Slade began plotting daytrips that took the couple further and further from home. "One day I saw there were charging stations at Salisbury University, and I thought, 'I wonder if we can get there,'" he said. The plan to take the 145-mile trip soon evolved into a much larger undertaking that the couple would consider the ultimate challenge: They would drive from one end of Maryland to the other, 520 miles from Oakland to Ocean City, and film the journey. The resulting documentary, *Electric Road Trip*, debuted on Maryland Public Television in April as part of MPT's 10th annual Chesapeake Bay Week celebration.

SU Implements NextBus

SU students and other riders now may find out the exact locations and arrival times of campus shuttles thanks to a new partnership with NextBus. The company uses GPS technology and historical travel data, including stops and traffic patterns, to track buses and predict arrival times with high accuracy. Information is refreshed constantly to provide riders up-to-the-minute information. Other advantages for students include being able to better utilize their time by avoiding waits, especially during inclement weather and during hours with infrequent bus arrivals. SU is the first Eastern Shore campus to implement the NextBus system.





Commons Rooftop Garden

University Dining Services (UDS) is cutting back on processed herbs, and the number of large plastic containers in which they are packaged, in favor of growing its own. The large metal rack, holding more than a dozen of the most popular potted herbs, sits near a watering system on the rooftop of the Commons dining hall. Associate Director of UDS Tony Cerulli was inspired by similar rooftop gardens he saw at the University of Massachusetts and Tufts University while attending National Association of College and University Food Services (NACUFS) conferences in New England. The SU garden was bountiful enough to allow chefs to begin harvesting herbs for use during finals week. During fall 2013, the new program was implemented on a large-scale basis, with chefs hand-picking what they need each day. The fresh ingredients will hopefully help SU retain its NACUFS rating as one of the top five campuses in the nation when it comes to food taste and quality.

Celebrating Research and Innovation

SU hosted its inaugural Research Day and Innovation Showcase in fall 2013. Spotlighting faculty work, the day featured presentations, a showcase of collaborative offerings and business after-hours networking.

"Salisbury University is fortunate to have talented faculty and staff who are doing innovative work in the classroom and beyond," said SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach. "University campuses have an engaging energy, and SU provides valuable and creative resources for the Delmarva community."

The event celebrated faculty who are not only excellent teachers and mentors, but who also advance scholarship in their fields of study. Participants enjoyed eight TED-style talks on "ideas worth spreading" delivered by faculty from all four of SU's endowed schools, including Drs. Michele Schlehofer of the Psychology Department, Sarah Surak of Political Science, Ryan Taylor of Biological Sciences, Art Lembo of Geography and Geosciences, Jim Forte of Social Work, Dean Ravizza of Health and Sport Sciences, and Jonathan Munemo and Leonard Arvi of Economics and Finance.

Surak, for example, talked trash and her studies of the politics of garbage. "We often think of waste as a very individual experience," she said, adding that people blame themselves for not recycling. Instead, the political science and environmental studies professor is asking questions about the role of government in waste collection and management, and industry in determining product longevity and construction.

Other topics ranged from rehabilitating children in war-torn countries through sports to enhancing student employment success rates with mobile apps and social networks.

Among the evening showcase participants were representatives from SU's Bosserman Center for Conflict Resolution, Business Economic and Community Outreach Network, Center for Applied Mathematics and Science, Delmarva Public Radio, Eastern Shore Regional GIS Cooperative, Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture, Environmental Studies Department, the new Guerrieri Academic Commons and Blackwell Library, May Literacy Center, Perdue School, Henson Medical Simulation Center, ShoreCorps/PALS, Small Business Development Center, STEM@SU, University Galleries, and more.

Deemed a success by campus and community, the event is now an annual offering.