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A photograph of F.W. de Klerk, a Nobel Peace Prize winner, speaking at a wooden podium. He is wearing a dark suit, a light blue shirt, and a patterned tie. The podium has a plaque with the Salisbury University logo. The background is dark.

Making a Difference

Nobel Peace Prize Winner
F.W. de Klerk

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Algonquin to Alaska: 25 Years of Outdoor Experiences

From canoeing in Canada to cycling in Maine, SU's award-winning outdoor orientation program for freshmen is celebrating 25 years. Started as a way to introduce students to college life, its one-of-a-kind wilderness trips were recognized early on as a Distinguished Program for Student Services by the Maryland Association for Higher Education. Program participants have traditionally had high graduation rates, strong campus involvement and greater academic success than their counterparts as a result of the core group of friends and support system of faculty and staff that they develop even before beginning classes.

Since the initial group traveled to Ontario's Algonquin Provincial Park in 1983, the program has evolved and this fall's incoming freshmen may choose from some 16 New Student Experience Seminars. Outdoor activities such as whitewater rafting in West Virginia and service projects like building homes for Habitat for Humanity provide opportunities for bonding and frank, open discussions. Other students form friendships while camping on Assateague Island, hiking in Alaska or exploring the culture of Ecuador. "Twenty-five years speaks volumes for its success," said Joe Gilbert, Algonquin founder. "It's my hope that every freshman who comes to SU gets involved in one of these outdoor programs."



Town-Gown Council member Ginie Lynch with intern Jeff Edwards and Gee Williams of the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.

Meet the Real World

SU's relationship with the local business community has long been a win-win. By providing internships, local companies and non-profit groups not only open students' eyes to the business world, but also open doors as well. In turn, students bring youthfulness and objectivity to the job.

Working for the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore sparked senior Jeff Edwards' interest in public affairs, while senior Lynette Sgrignoli gained real-world experience analyzing delivery practices for K&L Microwave. At a recent reception hosted by the Town-Gown Council, SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach thanked some 110 in attendance for opening offices and organizations to SU students.

Colleges Against Cancer

SU senior Julie Bayer is one of seven students selected from across the country to lead the American Cancer Society's Colleges Against Cancer program for the upcoming year.



As the first representative from a Maryland campus, she will oversee Relay For Life for the organization, which has more than 300 campus chapters across the U.S. She recently chaired SU's highly successful Relay For Life, which raised over \$100,000 and for several years has been recognized as one of the top campus relays in the nation.



Stage Struck

Theatre aficionados recently took notice of SU alumna Jennifer Hope Wills, who stepped into the starring role of Christine Daaé in ΩΩΩ ΩΩΩΩΩΩΩΩ ΩΩΩΩΩΩΩΩΩΩ, Broadway's longest running show, at the Majestic Theatre. Previously, Wills starred with Brooke Shields in

Rewriting 400 Years of History

The 17th century explorer Captain John Smith mapped the Chesapeake Bay with a stunning accuracy, according to Dr. Michael Scott of Salisbury University's Department of Geography and Geosciences.

Scott spent weeks with a team from SU's Eastern Shore Regional GIS Cooperative using modern technology to recreate Smith's historic maps. In the process, Scott discovered the explorer also traveled into what is now Delaware. Capturing the attention of MSNBC, CNN and other media, Scott shared his findings during commemorative ceremonies in Vienna, MD, for the 400th anniversary of Smith's journey and the founding of Jamestown.

Vivid stories about the early, enduring settlement were also told by professor and author James Horn, during his visit to the University's Nabb Research Center.



Earth Tones

This spring Salisbury University welcomed the state's newest U.S. Senator, Ben Cardin, who called on students and community members to re-examine their energy consumption and to push for an "Apollo-like" change to stop global warming. State Senator Brian Frosh, recognized as the leading environmentalist in the Maryland legislature, and this year's SU Hargreaves Award winner, also spoke to students about state environmental efforts. SU's campus has long been an area leader in recycling and energy conservation.



Sen. Ben Cardin

Fervent Faculty

For expanding students' intellectual experiences, two SU professors received the University System of Maryland's highest honor, the Regents Award for Teaching Excellence. Dr. Donald Spickler developed and taught some 21 math and computer science courses, while Dr. Ernest Bond led students on literary journeys to Iceland, England and Australia.

A champion of undergraduate research, Dr. Mike Bardzell was also honored for his distinguished teaching by the Mathematical Association of America.

Dr. Michael Waters was recognized as a finalist at ceremonies for the prestigious ΩΩΩΩΩΩΩΩΩΩΩΩΩΩΩΩ Book Award for his most recent poetry collection,



Play Hard, Work Harder

From winning national championships to volunteering in the community, the Sea Gulls are flying high—on the field and off. This spring, men's lacrosse won its fourth national championship, the 11th in University history.

Meanwhile, the field hockey team put in extra hours off the practice field volunteering for the American Cancer Society Leadership Conference and helping Habitat for Humanity with a house built entirely by women for a local mother and her daughter. Men's basketball assisted children with reading, while some 30 football players ran a Sunshine Club to mentor students at seven local elementary schools.

The University's athletics chief, Dr. Michael Vienna, was also honored as Athletic Director of the Year by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics.

Perdue Students Past and Present

Two SU alumni returned to campus recently, sharing their entrepreneurial spirit and inspiring future business leaders.

Since becoming the Perdue School's first Executive in Residence in 1987, Herbert Byron "Herb" Parks has remained a stalwart friend, establishing a scholarship for local business students and funding Herb's Place, a game room turned writing center. He received an honorary doctorate at Spring Commencement.

Richard Bernstein, who 20 years ago founded an annual award competition in entrepreneurship, handed this year's \$5,000 top prize to Nicolette Engler, a recent graduate who developed the Ocean City Provision Company and is carrying on a family tradition. Her father, Pete Engler, won the 1989 competition with plans for a restaurant.



Richard Bernstein with Nicolette Engler and Pete Engler

Among the Top 100 ... Again

For the second time in three years, SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach is one of Maryland's Top 100 Women. Among the honorees were U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski and Maryland delegates Addie Eckardt, Sheila Hixson and Kathleen Dumais.

Bestowed by ΩΩΩΩΩΩΩΩΩΩ ΩΩΩΩΩΩΩΩ, the award recognizes the professional success and contributions of women throughout the state. Delegate Eckhardt nominated the president, writing: "Strong leadership and vision are required to lead a complex organization, and it has been the resourcefulness and energy of President Dudley-Eshbach that have guided Salisbury University to

become a Maryland institution of national distinction."

The first woman to serve as president in the University's 77-year history, Dudley-Eshbach has led a series of new initiatives including improving town-gown relations and increasing diversity among students, faculty and staff. During her seven years of leadership, SU has grown in size and reputation, earning recognition as a Maryland



International Leadership and Making a Difference

In 1993 two African men, one black and the other white, stood before the king of Norway and a glittering array of world dignitaries to accept the Nobel Prize for Peace. As they did so, bombs were falling in Bosnia; bitter conflicts raged in Armenia, Azerbaijan and the Eastern European state of Georgia; and devastating wars and confrontations continued in Angola, Somalia and Burundi.

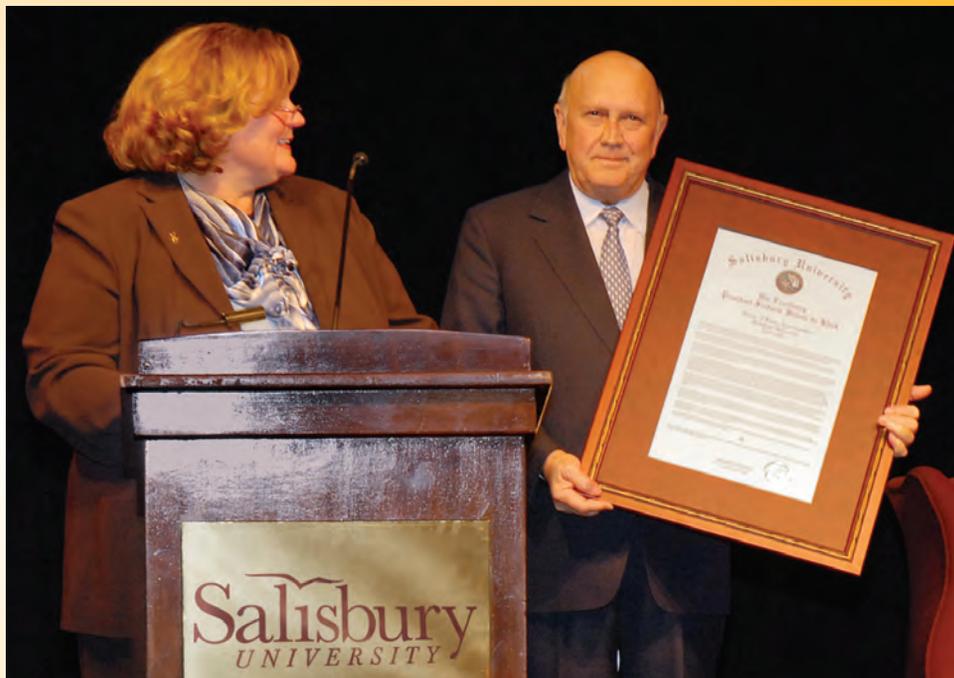


In light of those times—and today—the accomplishments of the two, Nelson Mandela and F.W. de Klerk, seem formidable: the end of apartheid in South Africa and the transition to a new democracy based on the tenet of one person—one vote.

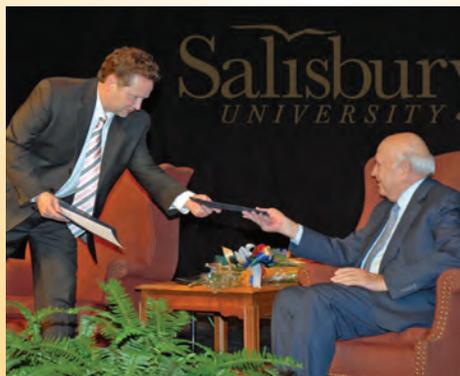
Salisbury University welcomed de Klerk this year as a speaker in the SU Center for Conflict Resolution's "One Person Can Make a Difference" lecture series. The only one of its kind in the University System of Maryland, the center plans to initiate its Master of Arts program in fall 2008, making it one of only two centers in the country to offer both bachelor's and master's degrees in conflict resolution.

Helping the center celebrate its 15th anniversary, de Klerk not only delivered a powerful speech about the importance of leadership, but he also received a surprise—his first honorary doctorate from a U.S. university, presented by SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach.

"The essence of leadership is the ability to persuade people to change direction," de Klerk told an audience of about 1,600. "All of us can make a bigger difference if we can inspire and empower the people we work with, if we have the courage to take the risks that change always involves and if we have the perseverance to pursue our vision until it is finally achieved."



SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach presents President F.W. de Klerk with his first honorary doctorate from a U.S. university.



Dr. Brian Polkinghorn, executive director of SU's Center for Conflict Resolution, with a tribute for President de Klerk from Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

The African leader joined a select group of world officials invited to speak as part of the series. Last year's speaker was former president of Poland and Nobel Peace Prize winner Lech Walesa.



President de Klerk with SU students May Dajani (left) and Rosemary Multiokela.



President de Klerk talks with SU faculty Samuel and Nomsa Geleta.

Alumni in Annapolis

As Maryland legislators consider topics from deficits to legalized gambling, two SU alumni bring expertise and a fresh perspective to the state capital.

Elected to serve the 26th district in Prince George's County, Delegate Kris Valderrama-Lobo ('96), who followed in her father's footsteps, continues her promise of "Advocating the Best for Children" during her second session.



A veteran of state politics and spokesman for two gubernatorial candidates, Len Foxwell ('92) serves as deputy comptroller to Peter Franchot, assisting with legislative and policy issues. He was formerly community and government relations assistant to SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach. Other SU alumni serving in Annapolis include Senator J. Lowell Stoltzfus and delegates Norman H. Conway, Jeannie Haddaway, Talmadge Branch and Eric Bromwell.



Higher Up in Higher Ed

President Bush recently selected SU alumna Diane Auer Jones ('86) to help lead the higher education division of the U.S. Department of Education. A summa cum laude graduate with a degree in biology, Jones has been nominated to serve as the assistant secretary for postsecondary education.

A seasoned Washington policy expert, Jones excelled even as an undergraduate. "It was my privilege and joy to have Diane as a student in several of my classes," said Dr. Tom Jones, now provost at SU. "She finished with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Even more impressive was her ability to bring together disparate scientific information to solve problems in ways that I wouldn't have considered."





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A 'Spiritual' Voice



Award-winning tenor
John Wesley Wright's
soulful voice drifts
across fields of the
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