



Specialized Library Honors Late Teacher Educator

Late teacher education professor Dr. Ernie Bond dedicated his life to exploring literature for children and young adults. Now, his colleagues have honored him by renaming a specialized library as the Ernie Bond Curriculum Resource Center.

The center is home to books for children and young adults, often used by students who want to become teachers. Special collections include an environmental section, featuring winners of the Green Earth Book Award, as well as books about Maryland and the Eastern Shore or by regional authors or illustrators. Bond donated a number of works to the center's 14,000-item collection.

An internationally renowned expert in children's and young adult literature, Bond coordinated SU's annual Children's and Young Adult Literature Festival from 2002-2016. He helped select The Nature Generation's Green Earth Book Awards, the Outstanding International Children's Book Awards and the prestigious Hans Christian Andersen Award. He was a member of The Children's Book Guild and United States Board on Books for Young Readers, and published the textbook *Literature and the Young Adult Reader*.



PDS Partnership Honored

SU earned national recognition for its collaborative partnerships with Snow Hill Elementary School, earning the 2017 Exemplary Professional Development School (PDS) Achievement Award from the National Association of Professional Development Schools (NAPDS). The award applauds outstanding school university partnerships that shape current and future educators. Only three such efforts nationwide were recognized.

Those involved with program say its teaching interns are

exceptionally well prepared. Snow Hill Principal Mary Anne Cooper said: "I know they are absolutely ready to handle any situation that a first year teacher has to face."

NAPDS applauded SU and Snow Hill for working together to create "an environment for innovation and the cultivation of new ideas," leading to outstanding teacher preparation. The award committee added: "This is an excellent partnership that is very well established and has shown to be very positive for elementary students and teacher candidates."

Social Work Best Online Program

AffordableCollegesOnline.org, a website ranking U.S. colleges and universities, named SU one of the nation's best online social work degree providers for the 2016-17 academic year.

SU was 13th out of 43 colleges and universities ranked. Salisbury was the only Maryland campus on the list. Also included were Penn State University and several of its satellite campuses, as well as the universities of Alabama, Arizona and Utah.

Factors weighed in the ranking included undergraduate tuition and fees, breadth of online social work programs offered, student-to-faculty ratio, six-year graduate rate, availability of financial aid, and academic and career counseling services.



Ravizza Presents At International Convention

Dr. Dean Ravizza, Health and Sport Sciences Department, developed a symposium for the International Convention on Science, Education and Medicine in Sport related to his work on the uses of sport in humanitarian emergencies.

The convention is held every four years in conjunction with the Olympic and Paralympic Summer Games. Attracting some 2,000 participants, this year's event was in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Ravizza, who also is a senior research practitioner for SU's Bosserman Center for Conflict Resolution, presented on "Promoting Social Inclusion through Sport for Children and Youth in Armed Conflict." He spoke as part of the broader symposium he developed on "The Uses of Sport and Physical Activity as Psycho-Social Support for Children and Youth in Crisis."



First SU Graduates In Germany Program

SU's overseas programs offered at Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany, in partnership with University of Maryland University College (UMUC), granted its first degrees last spring. Four students earned degrees in secondary education, while 25 students were part of SU's second cohort in social work: nine earned bachelor's degrees, 16 master's.

"This partnership has touched real lives of active duty, military students and their dependents who would otherwise not be afforded these enriching educational opportunities," said Dr. Loren Loving Marquez of SU's English Department.

SU President Janet Dudley Eshbach brought greetings to that event, which honored students who had earned degrees overseas from UMUC and its partners. Drs. Deborah Mathews and Marvin Tossey, co chairs of the Social Work Department, also attended the graduation in Germany. They inducted 11 students into SU's Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society and hosted a graduate hooding celebration.

