



## Enjoy The Best – And Vegan-Friendly – College Food In America

Students rated SU as having some of the “Best College Food in America,” according to a survey by Niche.com. SU Dining Services was rated among the top 10 percent in the nation – and No. 1 in the University System of Maryland (USM). Factors in the ranking included not only student surveys, but average meal plan cost. Joining SU in the top 10 percent were Princeton and Yale universities, and the Culinary Institute of America, among others.

In addition, SU has the highest student vegan satisfaction rating in the USM, according to a survey by PETA2, the youth division of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. SU received an A on PETA2’s 2016 Vegan Report Card, noting students gave the University an 86 percent satisfaction rating. Salisbury traditionally has done well in PETA2’s surveys, including a nomination for the nation’s “Favorite Vegan-Friendly College.”



## Supporting And Keeping A Green Campus

During Earth Week, SU faculty installed four beehives on the periphery of campus. Students may use the new facility to study bees as an extracurricular activity. The \$2,500 project was paid for through the student sustainability-fee supported Green Fund. Each semester, students and student-faculty-staff teams submit environmental proposals for consideration to the Green Fund. A group of students submitted their project to more closely study honey bees, a species that has seen a decline in recent years. While the project may now be an optional way to learn about bees, it eventually could be incorporated into SU’s environmental studies major.

SU’s green campus was honored by the Arbor Day Foundation with the Tree Campus USA recognition for the second consecutive year, honoring the institution’s commitment to promoting healthy trees and engaging students and staff in the spirit of conservation. SU also earned the highest sustainability award given by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forest Service and Forestry Council: The Green PLANT Award.



## Guerrieri Academic Commons Opens

The much anticipated \$117 million Patricia R. Guerrieri Academic Commons opened in fall 2016. At 221,000 square feet, it is the largest academic construction project since the founding of the campus in 1925.

Home to the campus library, the Guerrieri Academic Commons (GAC) was being utilized by students as soon as classes began. Technologically, some 600 computers and 85 large flat panel monitors are spread throughout. This is more than three times the number of public computers as in the old library. Thoughtfully arranged individual and group study spaces, multimedia labs, smart classrooms, and other convenient and flexible arrangements are designed to support student learning, research and creativity. The most connected building on campus, wireless coverage in the GAC is the equivalent of some 3 ½ football fields.



### SU Police Honored For Crime Prevention

The Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services honored the SU Police Department with the Category A Crime Prevention Award, recognizing its overall outstanding crime prevention program.

Agencies selected for the award must participate in programs recommended by the Maryland Community Crime Prevention Institute. They include personal and commercial security; training, media and public relations activities; and an officer and citizen recognition program relating to crime prevention. During fiscal 2016, SU Police made 25 personal protection presentations to approximately 1,300 members of the campus community. They addressed issues relating to University Police services and personal safety, alcohol and drug abuse, acquaintance rape, identity theft, and emergency response.

The SU Police also earned reaccreditation from the International Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). It is one of only six institutions in the University System of Maryland to hold CALEA accreditation.



### A Visionary Leader For Student Success

Dr. Melissa Boog, associate vice president of academic affairs, earned EAB's Visionary Leadership Award for her work in centralizing advising at SU. The recipients of EAB's 2016 Student Success Collaborative Awards all applied data analytics, the use of technology and adherence to best practices to keep more students in school, thereby also improving their financial performance.

Among Boog's efforts were the expansion of condensed courses, called "minimesters," and creation of four-year curriculum guides to encourage degree completion. Those efforts, among others, resulted in an increase of 2.2 percentage points in first-time, full-time student retention from 2015 to 2016, gaining \$340,000 in additional revenue.

EAB is a best practices firm that uses a combination of research, technology and services to improve the performance of more than 1,200 educational institutions.

One of the most striking features of the building people will rarely see: a 20,000 square foot "lawn" on the roof comprised of sedum and other regional low growing plants. They will act as a collection and filtration system, absorbing and cleaning rainwater before a system of stone and concrete collectors distributes it back into the ground, significantly reducing runoff. It also will serve as a natural buffer between the roof and sun, providing an interior cooling effect. For this and other sustainable features, the Maryland chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council honored the GAC with its prestigious Wintergreen Award for Excellence in Green Building.

The building was named in memory of SU alumna Patricia R. Guerrieri. An omnivorous reader, Guerrieri instilled a love of learning in her children. Three of them attended the campus elementary school, whose former site became the location of the GAC. The Guerrieri Family Foundation donated \$8 million toward the library and its collections.

