

# Sea Gull Success Stories

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Pictured: Barry Ziehl '91



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## Student Outcomes

Salisbury University has a reputation for excellence in public higher education. Since 1925, we have prepared students to make a difference in the lives of others across our state and the nation. Here you'll receive a thoughtful education that will help you explore your passions, sharpen your talents and expand your vision for the future. It's an education that works – our graduates go out into the world ready to pursue meaningful careers and build their lives with a spirit of engagement.

## Destinations of Graduates

The University, along with its Career Services and Alumni Relations offices, surveys students and recent graduates, learning valuable data about their satisfaction and successes. This is just a snapshot of outcomes for Salisbury Sea Gulls.

**91%** of students are satisfied with their ability to experience intellectual growth

**\$41,277** is the median salary of recent graduates (79th percentile for workers over age 25 with a bachelor's degree)

**50** student winners of prestigious fellowships and scholarships in the past five years

**95%** of soon-to-be graduates that had accepted a job offer prior to graduation were satisfied with the job they accepted

**48%** of those seeking employment or graduate school enrollment had accepted an employment offer or had graduate school enrollment plans prior to graduation



**94%**

are satisfied with their level of preparation for employment

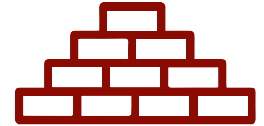


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Student-to-Faculty Ratio  
Average Undergraduate  
Lecture Class Size: 25



43 Undergraduate Majors  
15 Master's Programs  
2 Doctoral Programs



**\$350 Million**  
total in new facilities opened  
at SU in recent years

## Employment Success Locally and Globally

Salisbury University graduates benefit from a network of over 55,000 alumni worldwide, as well as the lifelong support of the SU Alumni Association ([www.salisbury.edu/alumni](http://www.salisbury.edu/alumni)) and SU Career Services ([www.salisbury.edu/career-services](http://www.salisbury.edu/career-services)). SU students go on to be teachers in our classrooms, nurses in our hospitals, civil servants and corporate leaders, and entrepreneurs creating jobs in our communities. We produce continuous learners who will be an integral part of our society and communities in the 21st century.

## Sea Gull Success Stories

▶ Salisbury University Class of 2016 graduate and standout track & field athlete **Luke Campbell** continued his impressive post-collegiate career as he repeated as the German national champion in the 400-meter hurdles, posting a time of 50.31 seconds in the process. This is the second straight national title for Campbell, who earned the victory in July 2017 in the 400-meter hurdles as well.

▶ Since graduating SU, **Dave Cottle** has made a name for himself in the lacrosse world. He is the head coach of the Chesapeake Bayhawks, a Major League Lacrosse professional men's field lacrosse team.

▶ For over 20 years, **David Earl** has had success with his blues and roots music label Severn Records; he chose to give back to his Alma Mater with a cornerstone gift to help purchase equipment for aspiring musicians to use in the Audio Demonstration Studio of SU's Conway Hall.

▶ Among Maryland's top leadership are a flock of Sea Gulls, including Office of the Comptroller Chief of Staff **Len Foxwell** and Maryland Secretary of Natural Resources **Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio**.

▶ Alumnus **Dr. Joseph Herman** is a professor and division head in the Department of Radiation Oncology at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. His research has led to new standards in care, founding a unique one-day clinic at Johns Hopkins University for pancreatic cancer patients who need treatment recommendations from all branches of cancer care.

▶ Alumna **Diane Auer Jones** is a molecular biologist who serves as principal deputy under secretary at the U.S. Department of Education and has worked for the National Science Foundation and the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

▶ **Tim McFadden** used the seed money he earned from SU's Bernstein Business Plan Competition to start a glassblowing studio and gallery in Baltimore; he has since won \$25,000 through SU's Shore Hatchery program to increase production capacity and marketing for a waterproof decorative light bulb he has developed.

▶ Alumna **Erica Messer** is serving her ninth and final year as executive producer, showrunner and head writer of *Criminal Minds*, having produced over 200 episodes of the long-running CBS show.

▶ Called "one of Australia's best-loved stars of stage, film and TV," **John O'May** got his start at SU.

▶ While SU social work students, **Jewellianna Palencia** and **Ashley Van-Vee** volunteered at Sparrow Rainbow Village, a facility for those infected with HIV and AIDS, in Gauteng, South Africa, through the U.S. Agency for International Development.

▶ Atlanta Falcons Head Coach **Dan Quinn** was a Sea Gull before he flew with the Falcons (and helped coach the Seattle Seahawks to a Super Bowl XLVII win).

▶ Alumnus **Mike Seidel** has been a field reporter and on-camera meteorologist with the Weather Channel for more than two decades.

▶ Alumnus **Sebastian Stewart** is a project engineer and network engineer for NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center who worked maintaining a worldwide network of ground-based LIDAR, remote sensing technology, which took him to Southeast Asia, India, Norway and even the Geographic South Pole.

▶ When the "Fearless Girl" sculpture in Lower Manhattan was unveiled for International Women's Day in 2017, its creator **Kristen Visbal** didn't know she would be taking on the charging bull of international celebrity. The SU alumna was inundated with media requests, business propositions and touching emails from women around the world.

▶ **Austin Whitehead**, accounting alumnus, earned an internship in Belize, educating underprivileged children about financial literacy and responsibility as an ambassador for PricewaterhouseCoopers – he was one of 3,000 applicants for the 150 international outreach positions.

▶ **Jennifer Hope Wills**, a music education graduate, is an actress who has starred in *Phantom of the Opera* and *Beauty and the Beast* on Broadway.

▶ **Barry Ziehl** is senior vice president of public affairs and strategic initiatives for Warner Bros. Entertainment. He oversees the public affairs team, including corporate responsibility, philanthropy and sustainability initiatives, and heads government and community relations.



*"The intimate and nurturing environment at SU allowed me to explore many interests and at the same time provided a strong focused guidance on my main path."*

**Jennifer Hope Wills '95**



*"I was walking on the beach, and it was just stormy and beautiful. And I thought ... I want to live here." Kristen quit the city and made the move. At age 30, she started art classes at nearby SU to finish her degree (summa cum laude).*

**Kristen Visbal '95**

*Luke remained in Salisbury to train following his graduation in May 2016, and in the spring 2017, Luke traveled to Germany to train and compete with his club LG Eintracht Frankfurt.*

**Luke Campbell '16**

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