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Dear Salisbury University Faculty and Academic Affairs Staff and Partners:

I hope you are all doing well under the current circumstances; life under COVID-19 has certainly brought profound changes to our personal and professional lives. My sincere thanks to all of you as we navigate these uncharted waters.

**Despite our current situation, there is good news to share:**

- If you haven't checked it out yet, please take a look at the [10<sup>th</sup> Edition of Re:Search](#) which includes interesting stories about current activities and a gratifying overview of the past 10 years of research and scholarship at SU. My sincere thanks to Clifton Griffin and Teri Herberger and their team in the Sponsored Research Office as well as the Publications staff, OURCA, and all the contributors to this volume.
- Congratulations to Dean Ravizza who was selected as a recipient of the 2020 USM Regents Award for Excellence in Public Service. Dean uses sport and physical education as a means to improve the lives of youth and their communities and his efforts range from a long-standing adapted-PE program at Pinehurst Elementary to support social inclusion of refugees in Europe. The Regents award is one of many prestigious recognitions Dean has received for his work.
- After a lengthy (!) application process, SU's Community Health program received initial accreditation by the Council on Education for Public Health. Please join me in congratulating Brandye Nobile and her faculty on this achievement. With the accreditation, all programs in the College of Health & Human Services are fully accredited.
- We are delighted to announce that SU's Delmarva Public Radio (WSCL and WSDL) and UMES' WESM have joined forces to launch Delmarva Public Media (DPM), effective July 1, 2020. We look forward to engaging students and academic programs in this collaboration which seeks to provide the best in local programming and news.
- The University's membership in the [National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity](#) will begin on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to take advantage of the many resources available through our campus membership.
- Students working with our Nationally Competitive Fellowships Office (SNCFO) continue to win awards. Kudos to Matt Bailey (Physics) and the SNCFO staff for their tireless work with students interested in pursuing Goldwater Scholarships. This year we had our first – and second! - winner of this prestigious science research award. And we are at four Fulbright wins and counting as well. Great effort by students and faculty members alike.
- Several of our voice students had impressive wins at the National Association of Teachers of Singing Mid-Atlantic Regional Student Auditions which were moved to an online format due to COVID-19. Eleven SU students competed in 14 categories and placed in seven including several 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place wins and a sweep (1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place) in Men's Musical Theatre. Congrats to these competitors and John Wright and other faculty in Music, Theatre, and Dance for their outstanding work.
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**Opportunities/Updates/Deadlines:**

- May 2020 Commencement Exercises have been postponed until the weekend of December 19 and 20 at the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center in Salisbury. Depending upon the number of participants, we also may need to schedule a ceremony on the evening of December 18<sup>th</sup>. Students will receive a pre-commencement “congratulations” package from SU in June. Diplomas for students completing their degree requirements will be sent via mail as per usual.
- Some of the most innovative and compelling work on campus in recent years has come from our Faculty Learning Communities or FLCs. The Faculty Development Committee welcomes proposals for FLCs for the upcoming year; the [2020-2021 FLC Proposal](#) deadline has been extended until May 22.
- The [Final Exams Schedule](#) remains in place as initially scheduled. Please observe your class time/day.
- Our Eastern Shore Regional GIS Cooperative developed a dashboard for [COVID-19 in Maryland](#). Note the N, % and Age/Gender buttons on the left that will give you different dashboards.
- ~~As noted in the 2020-2021 Faculty Learning Community Proposal, we do not need to come to campus. Maarten Pereboom recommended the following useful guidelines if you do need to visit your office or other campus spaces:~~

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Hang in there, dear colleagues, and know that we are proud of all you do,  
Karen

