

Engine for Economic Growth

At the ribbon-cutting of the Sea Gull Square residence hall and retail complex, organizers celebrated a project that represented true partnership and cooperation. The SU Foundation, Inc. was visionary in its purchase of the original property. The construction of the first residence hall on main campus in two decades enjoyed the support of the University System of Maryland. The Main Street style was possible because of collaboration with Rinnier Development Company in partnership with R. Clayton Emory. Some 23,000 square feet are dedicated to ground-floor retail space, which Rinnier and Emory developed. There are 11

retail spaces on the lower level of Sea Gull Square, topped by a residence hall with 185 apartment-style units. Among those businesses leasing the space are Pemberton Apothecary, Roly Poly and Designer's Edge Hair Salon. The University's continuous growth is a major attraction for businesses looking to infiltrate a lucrative market, which SU officials say pumps roughly \$400 million into the local economy each year. Recent construction has contributed an additional \$300 million to the local economy, according to the Perdue School's Business, Economic and Community Outreach Network. Sea Gull Square and Perdue Hall, which were built concurrently, created some 500 jobs throughout their construction.

Abercrombie

Bernstein

Brosmer

Elmore

Garigliano

Holloway

Marshall

Rosenthal

Snyder

Willey

New Board Members

The Salisbury University Foundation, Inc. recently welcomed 10 new members to its board of directors. They are: Joanna Cato Abercrombie, Kevin Bernstein, Bob Brosmer, Dr. Carolyn Elmore, Michele Garigliano, Richard "Rick" Holloway Jr., Dwight "Duke" Marshall Jr., Dr. Thomas Rosenthal, Dr. Christopher Snyder and Benjamin Willey. Many of the new members have extensive family connections to the University, and all bring a wide range of interests and experiences. The infusion of their ideas and energy will provide the Foundation with excellent guidance, ultimately benefitting students and the entire campus community.