

STATE of the UNIVERSITY ADDRESS with President Carolyn R. Lepre

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Holloway Hall, Jackson Family Auditorium



Building a Bright Future Together

Good afternoon! I am excited to welcome all of you to this year's State of the University address.

Nine months ago, I stood right here and shared our collective vision to be a university known for its purpose of transforming lives through education. Today, I am excited to share some of our institution's remarkable achievements from the past year and how, together, we are using this momentum to propel us forward and write the next chapter of our story.

All of this work has put a spotlight on what we, as an institution, do best: care for one another in our pursuit of impactful, continuous excellence. Today, I am excited to share some of our institution's remarkable achievements from the past year and how, together, we are using this momentum to propel us forward and write the next chapter of our story.

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A Look Back – Our People

We are all architects of our University's success, and I am deeply appreciative of all who contribute to our vibrant community.

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We have many incredibly hardworking individuals who keep our university moving forward here with us today. To recognize just a few, please join me in acknowledging Salisbury University's Cabinet, our shared governance leadership teams, and the President's Advisory Team. Will all please stand for a moment of applause.

We've welcomed new faces to our campus over the last several months. Notably, Dr. Laurie Couch, provost and senior vice president

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Noteworthy accolades were made to our faculty ranks. Drs. Sandy Pope and Tim Stock were the recipients of this year's ,Q[\QVO]Q[PML .IK]T\ a)_IZL · IV PWVWZ JM]XWV NIK]T\ a · NWZ \PMQZ M`KM X\QWVIT IL

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proactively shaping how we are perceived and bolstering our reputation

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