



## FOREWORD



Nancy D. Harrington, President

Welcome to Salem State College! If you are new to the campus, let me extend to you my personal greetings and my best wishes for an enriching experience here. May you find your studies both challenging and rewarding. If you are a returnee, welcome back!

Our College, founded on the mission of providing an affordable, quality, education to all who desire one, begins the fall 2004 semester with a wrap-up of a yearlong celebration of its 150th anniversary – a milestone in any institution's life.

As we begin a new academic year, we find ourselves looking ahead once again, to new horizons that will allow us to grow, to further enhance our reputation and to add yet more lustre to the value of a Salem State College degree. For all of us, these next two years promise to be exciting times to be a part of our college community.

A number of tangible construction projects are transforming the campus. In September 2003 we opened a new, state-of-the-art, school of business and music facilities in the completely renovated GTE/Sylvania plant. With the opening in September 2004 of our new, 450-bed residence village on Central Campus, this former industrial area takes on an entirely new purpose. How vibrant and alive our campus will be as these new facilities assume life and begin to hum with activity!

Academically, we look forward to the expansion of the schools of nursing and social work, the commencement of a new music major, an increase in the number of qualified applicants, an increase in the number of resident students and an increase in alumni giving and participation.

As a student, you have access now to unprecedented advantages. Become involved! Participate in athletics, join one or more of the numerous clubs and associations on campus, step up and become a student leader.

I am confident that we can all look forward to further enhancing our already well-deserved reputation for excellence, while continuing to build and define our public image. The end result will be a pride in our institution that will attract students, increase community support for our programs and return financial support for our institution.

I urge you to keep current on campus-wide activities by checking our web site at <http://www.salemstate.edu> on a regular basis. You will find it a complete source of news, including calendars of events for athletics, the arts and each of our departments, as well as an array of resources and information for all members of the college community.

Welcome to our community of academic promise. The realization of your hopes and dreams is now within your grasp. Please join me in making the years to come exciting, forward looking and productive ones as you take your place in our community of learners. We look forward to working with you to meet all challenges – and to celebrate your eventual success. Welcome!