

Salisbury University/Rehoboth Beach

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On Monday night, Gwenn and I spoke at Salisbury University in Maryland. Fortunately, we looked it up on Google Maps a few days before, and it happened to be within striking distance of Rehoboth Beach.

I'd visited my friend, Michael, in Rehoboth Beach last summer, and [blogged about it](#). Gwenn was jealous, but this time, we both made it. And here she is with Michael, in front of the Green Man Juice Bar and Bistro.



 He runs a gallery for the home called Detail, and that's his Boston Terrier, Mirabelle, below, peering out on the front gate. She's the mascot of the shop, and Michael and I have a children's book about her in the works. (I'm slacking on that now, because I'm working hard on the vampire book... maybe I should combine them: vampire terriers?)



Monday was a breeze: 60 degrees and a less-than-an-hour drive to Salisbury. When we got to the school, we made a shocking discovery... there was... *a parking space*. That is very rare! Everything was nice and easy, and the students were receptive to our message.

Which brings me to another first. At the end of our program, a student in the front row raised her hand. "You two are so awesome... I just want to give you a hug. Can I come give you guys a hug?"

 It was so sweet. We usually get some hugs afterward, but never during. It was a pretty cool and unique way to end the discussion with the students. Then, it was on the road again, heading back home with some new memories and a few framed photos from Detail in our car.

The drive back was 4 1/2 hours long. I was good for the bulk of it, then turned the wheel over to Gwenn for the last buck and a half after we stopped at Wawa. Wawa is, by far, our favorite all-in-one stop on the road.

Now that I'm home and settled again, I'm back to work on the next book. Oh, and I'm twittering. Or mini-blogging. If you're interested, you can follow that by going here: [Shawn's Twittering](#). I guess it's for a generation that doesn't have time to read paragraphs.

Positively Yours,

Shawn

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