



MEMORANDUM

TO: Stony Brook Foundation

FROM: Michael A. Bernstein
Interim President

DATE: September 26, 2019

SUBJECT: President's Report

I. APPOINTMENTS & DEPARTURES

Minghua Zhang Named Interim University Provost

Dr. Minghua Zhang was appointed Interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective August 1. Dr. Zhang has been a member of the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences (SoMAS) faculty since 1990 and holds the title of SUNY Distinguished Professor. He brings a wealth of administrative experience to this role, having served as Dean of SoMAS from 2010-2016, Associate Dean from 2003-2010, and Director of the Institute for Terrestrial and Planetary Atmospheric Sciences. Minghua is one of our University's eminent scholars in climate science. He has published in over 140 peer-reviewed articles in top scientific journals. His research has been supported by over \$20 million of cumulative funding from agencies such as the National Science Foundation, the National Administration for Space and Aeronautics, and the U.S. Department of Energy. He is a Fellow of the American Meteorological Society and was a member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that shared the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize with former **Vice President Al Gore**.

Deborah Lowen-Klein Appointed Interim Vice President for Advancement

Deborah Lowen-Klein was tapped to serve as Interim Vice President for Advancement (effective July 15) after **Dexter A. Bailey, Jr.** joined the California Institute of Technology. Deborah began at Stony Brook University in 2008 and has had progressively more responsible positions ever since. She most recently served as Associate Vice President for Charitable Giving. Deborah has raised more than \$46.7 million for Stony Brook, including eight endowed chairs and professorships, and runs the highly successful Women's Leadership Council. Prior to joining Stony Brook, Deborah was a fundraiser at Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic for 19 years. She received her bachelor's degree (AB) from Brandeis University and her MSW and MBA from the University at Buffalo.

Dean Tufts Appointed Vice President for Facilities and Services

Dean Tufts was recently selected as the new Vice President for Facilities and Services. Reporting to **Kathy Byington**, Sr. Vice President for Finance and Administration, he will lead the areas of Planning, Design & Construction, Environmental Health & Safety, Facility Operations & Maintenance, Grounds, Custodial, Utilities, Sustainability, and Transportation & Parking. Dean recently completed a 30-year Navy career as part of the Civil Engineer Corps, and brings extensive experience in leading large construction, engineering, utilities, and facility service organizations delivering major capital improvement projects and maintenance services. Dean earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Cornell University and his Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley. Additionally, Dean holds a master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the United States Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, as well as an Advanced Management Certificate from the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University.

Annette B. Wysocki Named Dean of the Stony Brook University School of Nursing

Dr. Annette B. Wysocki, PhD, RN, FAAN, has been named Dean of the Stony Brook University School of Nursing, effective August 1. A nursing educator, scholar and researcher for more than 30 years, Annette comes to Stony Brook from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst College of Nursing, where she served as Professor and Associate Dean for Research since 2012. She began her academic career on the faculty of the New York University Medical Center, where she was Director of Nursing Research and a faculty member in the Department of Dermatology in the School of Medicine. She then joined the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and served as Scientific Director of the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) and Chief of the Wound Healing Laboratory. Following her tenure at the NIH, Annette became Professor of Nursing and Surgery at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, before joining UMass Amherst. Annette received her Bachelors and Masters of Nursing from East Carolina University, and a PhD in Nursing from the University of Texas at Austin and held post-doctoral research fellowships at the University of Texas Southwestern and Weill Cornell Medical College.

Stacy Jaffee Gropack Named Dean of the School of Health Technology and Management

Dr. Stacy Jaffee Gropack will join Stony Brook University as Dean of the School of Health Technology and Management, effective October 1. Stacy comes to us from Long Island University, Brooklyn, where she served as Dean of the School of Health Professions, and just before that, as Dean of the School of Health Professions and Nursing at Long Island University, Post. Stacy received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Physical Therapy degrees from Long Island University and her PhD in Higher Education from New York University.

II. SEARCH UPDATES

Presidential Search

The search for Stony Brook University's next president is underway. In accordance with SUNY policy and guidelines, we have completed the required processes to select a search committee and a search firm. The Search Committee members are committed to conducting a search that will yield an accomplished, visionary and inspirational president to lead Stony Brook University, as it continues its forward trajectory as one of the top public research universities in the United States. Search Committee members include:

- **Linda Armyn**, Stony Brook Council
- **Mark Aronoff**, Faculty Representative (Linguistics)
- **Kimberly Joy Dixon**, Member of the Professional/Support Staff (Career Center)
- **Axel Drees**, Faculty Representative (Physics & Astronomy)
- **Joshua Dubnau**, Faculty Representative (Anesthesiology)
- **Brooke Ellison PhD '12**, Faculty Representative (Health and Rehabilitation Sciences)
- **Richard L. Gelfond '76, Hon. '04**, Stony Brook Foundation
- **Christopher Hahn**, Stony Brook Council
- **Shaheer Kahn**, Undergraduate Student Representative
- **Father Alex Karloutsos**, Stony Brook Council
- **Kevin S. Law '82**, Stony Brook Council and Search Committee Chair
- **Celia Marshik**, Faculty Representative (English)
- **I. Memming Park**, Faculty Representative (Neurobiology & Behavior)
- **Clint Rubin**, Faculty Representative (Biomedical Engineering)
- **Nicole Sampson**, Interim Dean, College of Arts & Sciences
- **James H. Simons, Hon. '92**, Stony Brook Foundation
- **President Harvey Stenger**, Binghamton University, Chancellor's Designee
- **Christina Vargas '90, MA '93**, Alumni Representative
- **Xiaoqing Zhang**, Graduate Student Representative

We have hired the firm of **Isaacson, Miller** to aid in our search. **Michael Baer** is our lead search consultant, and he will be assisted by **Ernest Brooks**. **Chancellor Kristina Johnson** will charge the committee at its first meeting in late September.

Provost Search

After careful thought and consideration, and with substantial input from various academic, administrative, and community constituents, I have decided that it is in the best interest of our University to discontinue the search and recruitment process for our next University Provost at this time. As we move forward, I thank **Minghua Zhang** for his willingness to serve as Interim Provost until the search is re-launched. I also wish to express profound gratitude to **Esther Takeuchi** (SUNY Distinguished Professor, Materials Science and Chemical Engineering/Chemistry), the **late Dave Ferguson** (SUNY Distinguished Service Professor, Technology and Society), and the **entire Provost Search Committee** for their exemplary efforts during the search process itself.

III. PASSING OF DR. MARIO B. MIGNONE

It is with great sadness that I recently announced the sudden passing of **Dr. Mario B. Mignone**, SUNY Distinguished Service Professor, Director of the Center for Italian Studies, and Professor of Italian American Studies in the Department of European Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. Mario joined Stony Brook University in 1970 as an instructor of Italian, later becoming a tenure-track faculty member in 1973. He served in a variety of leadership roles within his department and was the Founding Director of the Summer Program in Rome, which he ran for 31 years. In 1985, Mario founded Stony Brook's Center for Italian Studies to champion the cultural heritage of Long Island's Italian and Italian American community. The Center has built a strong cultural bridge between the University and the community at large. It established the Alfonse M. D'Amato Endowed Chair in Italian and Italian American Studies, the first endowed chair in the College of Arts and Sciences, as well as the Roberto and Palmina Mignone Fellowship in Italian and Italian American Studies, and an endowment for The Center for Italian Studies. Mario's indelible legacy will live on through his priceless contributions to Stony Brook University and the Center for Italian Studies.

IV. EASTERN LONG ISLAND HOSPITAL JOINS STONY BROOK MEDICINE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

Eastern Long Island Hospital (ELIH) officially joined the Stony Brook Medicine healthcare system on July 1, combining the best in academic and community medicine to improve access to advanced medical care for residents of Long Island's North Fork and Shelter Island. Established as the first hospital in Suffolk County in 1905, ELIH will now be referred to as Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital (SBELIH). A 90-bed hospital, SBELIH will work collaboratively with Stony Brook University Hospital and Stony Brook Southampton Hospital to increase care and address healthcare gaps for East End residents and visitors.

V. UNIVERSITY ACCOLADES

Stony Brook Ranked in Top 100 by U.S. News & World Report

Stony Brook University is once again ranked within the top 100 among U.S. colleges and universities (No. 91) and ranks as No. 39 among public universities, according to U.S. News & World Report's 2020 Best Colleges. The University was ranked No. 38 in ethnic diversity and No. 24 in the new category of social mobility. Rankings in the areas of graduation and retention rates increased markedly, as did the University's selectivity score. U.S. News considers 15 metrics when ranking schools for academic excellence, placing the largest emphasis on a college's ability to retain and graduate its students. Other factors include class size, undergraduate academic reputation and how much a school spends per student on instruction and other related educational expenses.

Stony Brook Jumps in Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education Rankings

Stony Brook has been ranked No. 25 among public universities in the prestigious Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education U.S. College Rankings for 2020, representing an increase of five places over last year. Stony Brook is the highest ranked state institution in New York State. Stony

Brook University has also been ranked No. 105 among all U.S. universities by the Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education U.S. College Rankings for 2020, representing an increase of 30 places over last year. The higher ranking reflects particularly strong showings in the areas of campus environment and student outcomes. This ranking is based on 15 individual performance metrics, grouped into four pillars representing resources (30%), engagement (20%), outcomes (40%) and environment (10%).

Stony Brook Makes Money's Top 50 Best Value Colleges

Stony Brook University placed #47 in Money's Best Colleges for Your Money 2019. This ranking focuses on data that highlight quality and affordability. Money's analysis highlights the fact that Stony Brook's graduation rate is 8% higher than other schools with similar demographics and that PayScale data show alumni earn an average salary in the first three years after graduation that is 9% higher than graduates from other colleges.

SBU Makes Top 100 on Washington Monthly's 2019 University Rankings

Ranking colleges based on what they do for the country, Washington Monthly's 2019 National University rank Stony Brook as #62 among public universities and #100 overall out of 1,431 universities. This ranking looks at national universities and their contribution to the public good in three broad categories, social mobility, research and the promotion of public service.

Stony Brook's Film Program Moves Up on The Wrap's Top 50 List

Stony Brook University's MFA in Film program moved up to number 32 on TheWrap magazine's ranking of the "Top 50 Film Schools of 2018." Stony Brook moved up from number 40 in this ranking that considers filmmaking, deal making and new media.

Stony Brook is a 2018 Tree Campus USA

The Arbor Day Foundation has recognized Stony Brook University as a 2018 Tree Campus USA – a national program launched in 2008 that honors colleges and universities and their leaders for promoting healthy trees and engaging students and staff in the spirit of conservation.

VI. ADVANCEMENT & ALUMNI ASSOCIATION UPDATES

Since the beginning of the fiscal year, more than \$11.8 million has been committed from 1,800 donors investing in our students, faculty, staff, and patients. Their generosity includes:

- \$7 million planned gift for Engineering
- \$1.5 million for Staller Center programming
- \$865,000 from a bequest
- \$375,000 for a postdoctoral fellowship at the AI Institute
- \$150,000 for Biomedical Informatics
- \$150,000 toward an Endowed Chair in Physics

The Stony Brook Alumni Association Board of Directors installed **Robert J. deBrauwere, Esq. '87** as its new Board President. He succeeds **Bedel Saget '88**. Mr. deBrauwere is a partner at Pryor Cashman, LLP, where he specializes in digital media, intellectual property, media & entertainment, and litigation. In addition to this appointment, **Dr. Leonard Moss '80** has been appointed to a three-year term on the Board of Directors. Dr. Moss is a cardiologist and an attending physician at the Gagnon Cardiovascular Institute in New Jersey.

VII. LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR HOCHUL ANNOUNCES \$79 MILLION IN ENERGY EFFICIENT UPGRADES AT STONY BROOK

Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul was welcomed to Stony Brook University last month for an event announcing \$79 million in comprehensive energy efficiency improvements at Stony Brook University – a key part of Reforming the Energy Vision, **Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's** strategy to lead on climate change and grow New York's economy. When complete, Stony Brook's energy-saving upgrades will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 28,000 tons a year and will save the University nearly \$6 million in energy and maintenance costs annually. The extensive improvements, financed and implemented by the New York Power Authority in partnership with SUNY, encompass a variety of energy-saving measures, such as lighting, ventilation, and building management upgrades at various Stony Brook University buildings, including residence halls, science buildings and University Hospital. The ongoing energy efficiency measures throughout the campus build on Stony Brook's legacy of reducing its carbon footprint through energy-saving projects.

VIII. STUDY AFFIRMS STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY'S VAST ECONOMIC IMPACT

An economic impact report compiled by Stony Brook University's **John A. Rizzo**, PhD, Professor of Economics and Population, and supported by the University's Economic Development Office, demonstrates the institution's vast economic influence on the regional and global economy. Analysis found that Stony Brook University's annual economic impact on Long Island totaled an impressive \$7.23 billion in increased output, \$2.39 billion in earnings, and 54,637 local jobs. In addition, the University's graduates increased aggregate economic output worldwide by \$15.3 billion, supporting an impressive 99,815 jobs. According to the report, the \$7.23 billion economic boost resulted from the state's direct investment of \$470.2 million in tax dollars, which provided a tremendous 1,500 percent return on investment equal to an economic gain of \$15 for every dollar invested by the state. With almost 15,000 employees, Stony Brook is Long Island's largest single site employer. The study found that when including additional jobs related to Stony Brook's economic impact, the University's economic activity supports eight percent of all jobs in Suffolk County and accounts for three percent of all economic activity in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. To learn more about the University's economic impact, visit: <https://www.stonybrook.edu/about/economic-impact/>.

IX. RESEARCH UPDATE: SBU'S LARGEST NEW AWARDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

Alzheimer's Disease

Stony Brook University is advancing research in the field of Alzheimer's disease with five new grants that were awarded in the last fiscal year. The National Institute on Aging at NIH funds four of these awards through an investment of over \$10,000,000 (Psychiatry, Program in Public Health, Biochemistry & Cell Biology, and Radiology). Additionally, Stony Brook University has recently received a continuation of an award from the NYS Department of Health. This award helps fund Long Island's Center of Excellence for Alzheimer's disease.

The Department of Microbiology and Immunology

The Department of Microbiology and Immunology has received three of Stony Brook University's top awards from the past fiscal year. All three awards are funded by NIH and amount to a total of over \$7,000,000. **Drs. David Thanassi, Nicholas Carpino, and Nancy Reich** are leading their research teams to study the modulation of host cell responses by pathogen *F. tularensis*, the immune system benefits to inhibiting Sts Enzymes, and the role of STAT3 in regulating tumor cell plasticity, respectively.

Energy

Stony Brook University was awarded two Energy Frontier Research Centers by the Department of Energy, totaling in excess of \$20,000,000. One was a renewal of a successful EFRC led by Distinguished Professor **Esther Takeuchi**, focusing on energy storage. The new EFRC was awarded to Distinguished Professor **John Parise** and will focus on materials synthesis and characterization. The College of Engineering and Applied Sciences (Departments of Materials Science and Mechanical Engineering) at Stony Brook University has received three awards from the U.S. Department of Energy's Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E). The largest project, led by **Dr. Jason Trelewicz**, Associate Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, is funded at an amount of \$2,350,000 and aims to develop innovative technologies that will advance the designs of advanced nuclear reactors for future commercial deployment.

Clinical Trials

In the past fiscal year, Stony Brook University has received two new clinical trial research grants, both of which are federally funded for over \$3,000,000. One clinical trial, led by **Dr. Christine DeLorenzo**, Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Director of the Center for Understanding Biology using Imaging Technology (CUBIT), seeks to examine the mechanism underlying the association between circadian rhythm and Major Depressive Disorder (MDD). **Dr. J. Gerald Quirk**, Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Medicine, leads the second clinical trial, which is looking to improve the interpretation of electronic fetal monitoring (EFM) in order to prevent adverse prenatal outcomes and decrease the use of operative deliveries.

X. HAL SKOPICKI INVESTED AS THE AMBASSADOR CHARLES A. GARGANO CHAIR IN CARDIOLOGY

Dr. Hal Skopicki was recently formally invested as the Ambassador Charles A. Gargano Chair in Cardiology. He leads Long Island's first accredited Ventricular Assist Device program and serves as the Director of the Heart Failure and Cardiomyopathy Center.

XI. **BASSEM ALLAM INVESTED AS INAUGURAL MARINETICS ENDOWED PROFESSOR**

In response to a gift from **Laurie Landeau** and **Robert Maze**, **Dr. Bassem Allam** was formally invested as the Marinetics Endowed Professor in the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences. Allam's research is centered on interactions between marine mollusks and waterborne microorganisms in general and, in particular, the framework of host-pathogen interactions.

XII. **FACULTY, STAFF, ALUMNI, AND STUDENT ACCOLADES**

I am pleased and proud to report on the following recent outstanding accomplishments of our faculty, staff, alumni, and students:

- **Peter van Nieuwenhuizen**, Distinguished Professor of physics in the College of Arts and Sciences Department of Physics and the C.N. Yang Institute for Theoretical Physics at Stony Brook University, is one of three recipients of a \$3 million Special Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics. Dr. van Nieuwenhuizen is recognized along with theorists Sergio Ferrara of CERN and Daniel Z. Freedman of MIT and Stanford University for their “invention of supergravity, in which quantum variables are part of the description of the geometry of spacetime.”
- **Heather Lynch**, associate professor of ecology & evolution in the College of Arts and Sciences, has been named a winner of the Blavatnik National Awards for Young Scientists in the category of Life Sciences. The award includes a \$250,000 unrestricted scientific prize.
- Stony Brook University's RISE2 team is one of eight research teams chosen by NASA to collaborate on research into the intersection of space science and human space exploration as part of the Solar System Exploration Research Virtual Institute (SSERVI). RISE2 — Remote, In Situ, and Synchrotron Studies for Science and Exploration 2 — is led by **Timothy Glotch**, a professor in the College of Arts and Sciences Department of Geosciences. Under his direction the team will investigate how planetary environments impact human health and analyze how remote sensing datasets can be confirmed through laboratory experiments, analyses, and field deployments. SSERVI will support the RISE2 team for five years for a total of \$7.5 million, funded by NASA's Science and Human Exploration and Operations Mission Directorates.
- **Xiuxiong Chen**, professor of mathematics, and **Rouven Essig**, associate professor of physics, have been named 2019 Simons Investigators, becoming the first faculty members at the University to receive this coveted award. These awards – carrying \$100K of research costs per year for five years and renewable for another five – support outstanding scientists in their most productive years, when they are establishing creative new research directions, providing leadership to the field and effectively mentoring junior scientists.
- **Howardena Pindell**, a professor in the Department of Art, has won the 2019 Artist Award from the Artists' Legacy Foundation for her “multifaceted practice that explores composition and color, as well as political topics including racism, feminism, and exploitation.” The Artist Award is an unrestricted merit award of \$25,000 given annually to a painter or sculptor who has made significant contributions to their field and whose work shows evidence of the hand. Professor Pindell, who is celebrating her 40th year

teaching at Stony Brook also received the 2019 Distinguished Artist Award for Lifetime Achievement by the College Art Association.

- The American Chemical Society (ACS) has named **Maria C. Nagan**, PhD, Department of Chemistry, to the 2019 class of ACS Fellows, which includes scientists who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in chemistry and have made important contributions to ACS, the world's largest scientific society.
- **Yi-Xian Qin**, acting Vice President/Vice Provost for Global Affairs, Dean for International Academic Programs and Services, a leading expert in musculoskeletal tissue regeneration, has been named a Fellow of the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research (ASBMR). His research is focused on musculoskeletal tissue regeneration and translation through physical regulation and characterization of tissue quality, as well as evaluating the mechanisms responsible for tissue remodeling.
- **Joanna Kiryluk**, PhD and **Sandeep Mallipattu**, MD have been named recipients of the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE) – the highest honor bestowed by the US government to outstanding scientists and engineers who are beginning their independent research careers and show exceptional promise for leadership in science and technology. Kiryluk is an associate professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy. Mallipattu, the Martin Liebowitz Professor in Nephrology in the Department of Medicine at the Renaissance School of Medicine is chief of the Division of Nephrology and Hypertension and the Dialysis Clinic, Inc.
- Computer Science professor **Anshul Gandhi** has been selected by the Association for Computing Machinery's (ACM) SIGMETRICS as the recipient of the 2019 Rising Star Research Award. The award recognizes Gandhi's fundamental contributions to the analysis, modeling, design, and implementation of energy-efficient systems in data centers and cloud computing.
- **Eriko Sato**, assistant professor in the Department of Asian and Asian American Studies, has been selected to receive an American Association of University Women research publication grant designed to support scholars and independent researchers.
- **Lena Burgos-Lafuente**, associate professor in the Department of Hispanic Languages and Literature, has received the highly prestigious Wilbur Martin Visiting Scholar Fellowship of the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies (DRCLAS) at Harvard University for Fall 2019.
- **Donovan Finn**, an assistant professor of environmental design, policy and planning in the Sustainability Studies program in the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences, is one of nine early career faculty named to conduct interdisciplinary research into the impacts of climate change and natural hazards on US coasts through a new program launched by the National Center for Atmospheric Research.
- **Chris Tanaka '07, '10**, Assistant Director of LGBTQ* Services, has been elected to the board for the Consortium of Higher Education LGBT Resource Professionals, a national organization that aims to advance LGBTQ* professionals in higher education.
- **Rajat Kumar**, a PhD student in Biomedical Engineering, was recently named a Chateaubriand Fellow. The fellowship has made possible a collaboration with Philippe Ciuciu at NeuroSpin, a neuroimaging research center located near Paris, where Rajat will be working during the spring 2020 semester.
- Through the Dow Jones News Fund, **Brianne Ledda**, was one of 79 undergraduate and graduate students placed in a paid summer internship at one of the nation's leading 65 news organizations. Ledda, who was accepted to the business-reporting program, spent her residency at New York University and reported for Royal Media.

XIII. FALL ENROLLMENT

A total of 26,814 students were registered at the end of Day 15 in fall 2019, 558 more than last year at the same point in the term. Enrollment counts for 2019 represent record levels for undergraduate and graduate students. Compared to fall 2018, the following changes were observed by area:

- + 311 West Campus undergraduates
- + 30 Graduate School (West, HSC, Southampton)
- + 27 School of Professional Development
- + 175 East Campus/HSC
- + 15 Southampton location

XIV. UPCOMING EVENTS

Memorial Tribute to Honor Dr. David L. Ferguson

On **Wednesday, October 2**, the campus will hold a memorial tribute celebrating the life and work of **Dr. David L. Ferguson**, Distinguished Service Professor and former Department Chair of Technology and Society, with a joint appointment in Applied Mathematics and Statistics. The tribute will take place in the Center for Leadership and Service (West Campus, H-Quad) at 5:00 p.m.

Save the Date: Wolfstock 2019

Wolfstock 2019 will take place on **Saturday, October 5**. The annual homecoming tradition includes a family-friendly barbecue, special events for students, alumni and friends, and the big game. For more information, visit: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/wolfstock/>

Save the Date: State of the University Address

The annual State of the University presentation will take place in the Staller Center on **Wednesday, October 16 at 1:00 p.m.** All members of the University community are encouraged to attend.

XV. RECENT EVENTS

Commemorating 9/11

On **Wednesday, September 11**, we honored our alumni and other members of the Stony Brook family who were lost 18 years ago. Their deaths strengthen our resolve as a university community to foster basic ideals of freedom and equality. At 8:46 a.m., the University bell tolled before a

moment of silence. From 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., students, faculty, and staff honored the victims and heroes of 9/11 by placing pinwheels on the grass near the Academic Mall adjacent to the fountain and Staller Center steps.

CommUniversity Day Celebration

CommUniversity Day took place on **Saturday, September 21** on the Academic Mall. Arising out of the Campus Plan for Equity, Inclusion and Diversity, this event showcased the many facets of our campus community. "Neighborhoods" were stationed throughout the mall area for visitors to explore many offerings – from music to medicine, and food to fun – thousands came out to explore all that Stony Brook has to offer.