



MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Stony Brook Foundation

**FROM:** Maurie McInnis  
President

**DATE:** June 15, 2022

**SUBJECT:** President's Report

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**LEADERSHIP UPDATES**

**CARL LEJUEZ NAMED EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND PROVOST**

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Carl Lejuez (pronounced lehzh-way) will become Stony Brook University's next Executive Vice President and Provost, effective July 1. He rose to the top of a very competitive pool of candidates.

Dr. Lejuez is currently the Provost and Executive Vice President at the University of Connecticut, and before that was Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor at the University of Kansas. He has run the academic side of two large and complex public flagship universities and has the necessary background, acumen, and collaborative approach to help elevate and guide our academic mission.

In Carl, we have a leader who comes to the table with a strong track record of experience in public higher education. In his current role, he oversees all aspects of the academic mission with a focus on supporting holistic student success, faculty research, scholarship, and creative endeavors, as well as community impact and engagement. He has also served as a key partner with the chief diversity officer in supporting an inclusive academic community and with the director of human resources in staff development. Before serving in his provost roles, he was Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Kansas and Associate Dean for research at the University of Maryland's College of Behavioral Sciences.

Academically, his roots are in clinical psychology, and he is a faculty member in the Department of Psychological Services at UConn. His areas of interest and research include mental health interventions for marginalized and underserved populations, mood disorders, and addictions. At Maryland, he founded and served as director of the Center for Addictions, Personality and Emotions Research at the College Park campus. He was an Assistant Research Professor at Brown University, and currently is an adjunct faculty member at the Yale Child Study Center in New Haven, Conn. He received his M.A. and Ph.D., both in clinical psychology, from West Virginia University; and earned his B.A. in psychology from Emory University.

Carl is a New Jersey native and a first-generation college student – something he takes pride in that immediately connects him to many of our students. I am confident Carl will help Stony Brook University meet its ambitious goals around research and academic excellence, and will be a stalwart supporter of our students, staff, and faculty. He will help us find additional ways to strategically elevate our research, scholarship, and art making while raising the bar even higher for amplifying our efforts to improve student success.

**PATRICK M. LLOYD APPOINTED DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE**

Patrick M. Lloyd, DDS, MS, has been appointed Dean of the School of Dental Medicine (SDM), effective July 1. Dr. Lloyd joins Stony Brook after a decade spent as the Dean of the College of Dentistry at Ohio State University. While at Ohio State some of Dr. Lloyd's accomplishments included increasing college funding support for student research, forming a college-wide workgroup to identify priorities and develop strategies to improve the school's environment, and initiating the CARE (Commitment to Access Resources and Education) program aimed at recruiting and supporting dental students from underserved communities in Ohio. He also oversaw the planning, design, and fundraising for a ninety-five-million-dollar expansion and renovation of the college's clinical and administrative facilities.

**JED SHIVERS APPOINTED AS SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Jed Shivers will join Stony Brook University as Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration, effective July 18, 2022. Jed comes to us from the University of North Dakota (UND), where he serves as Vice President for Finance and Operations.

Jed will be responsible for managing SBU's financial, administrative, and facilities operations, and will help guide the financial direction for the university as we advance our institutional mission of education, research, and service. His portfolio will include Budget, Financial Planning and Analysis; Human Resources; Enterprise Risk Management; Parking and Transportation; and Facilities and Services.

Working closely with the Provost and the Executive Vice President for Health Sciences, and their respective financial offices, Jed will develop and implement a shared vision across the university for generating, sustaining, and deploying resources to pursue our academic goals and institutional priorities. Among his tasks will be to help us formulate and implement mid- and long-term financial strategies that are efficient, equitable, and effective throughout our budgeting process.

An experienced higher education administrator with a proven track record of collaborating across varied departments, Jed has established external relationships at the local, state, and federal levels, and is known for his fiscal acumen that has stabilized and improved the positions of the institutions he has served.

Jed joined UND in May 2018 and manages the institution's \$528 million operating budget. He oversees the operations of the university's nine schools and colleges, including the School of Medicine & Health Sciences. At UND, he supervises the leaders of the offices of Finance, Public

Safety, Human Resources & Payroll Services, Facilities, and Equal Opportunity & Title IX. And he leads the institution's ongoing COVID-19 response and runs the UND Pandemic Planning Group. Before his time at UND, Jed served as Associate Dean for Finance and Administration at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx for 11 years. In that role, he was responsible for the direction and development of all non-academic functions of the campus, managing an array of the college's department leaders, including the chief financial officer, the human resources officer, the information technology officer, and the senior director of facilities.

Jed's background also includes stints at the University of California San Francisco School of Medicine and Medical Center, Yale University School of Medicine, the University of Miami Health System, and Stanford University School of Medicine. A native of Madison, Wisconsin, he received a Bachelor of Science from Johns Hopkins University in psychology and natural science and an MBA from the University of Connecticut with a specialization in healthcare management.

## **UNIVERSITY NEWS AND ACCOLADES**

### **SIMONS FOUNDATION PARTNERS WITH SBU TO IMPROVE DIVERSITY IN STEM FIELDS**

On May 11, Stony Brook University announced a major new initiative funded by the Simons Foundation, and its sister foundation, Simons Foundation International, to vastly bolster and improve the pathway to STEM careers for underrepresented students at the University. The \$56.6 million gift will support the Stony Brook Simons STEM Scholars Program that will help train the next generation of science, technology, engineering and mathematics leaders, providing scholarships, housing and stipends to 50 new students each year with a goal of 200 in the program.

During the first two years, students will live together in an environment that fosters collaboration and support. They will have internship and research opportunities and stipends, and there will be a summer bridge program for incoming freshmen, where students will acclimate to Stony Brook and become part of the Stony Brook Simons STEM Scholar community before formal coursework begins.

The program will bring new, much-needed diversity of perspective to science and innovation.

### **NEW BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH NETWORK TO BE HEADQUARTERED AT STONY BROOK**

Stony Brook University will lead a new, innovative network of regional biomedical research institutions to accelerate translational research that will impact and advance clinical care.

Headquartered at Stony Brook University, the **Long Island Network for Clinical and Translational Science (LINCATS)** will be a collaboration with Brookhaven National Lab (BNL), Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory and the Northport VA Medical Center. Central to LINCATS' establishment is \$10 million in federal funding secured by U.S. Senator Charles Schumer as part of the omnibus funding bill in Congress.

The overall mission of LINCATS is to accelerate the public health impact of research, especially for underserved communities across Long Island, by offering access to innovative and

transformative research programs and educational services. To improve the health of Long Island's three million-plus population, the bioscience collaborative will engage in work ranging from basic research and clinical trials, to addressing vulnerable populations and disparities, and incorporating innovative research and practices such as the use of bioinformatics, artificial intelligence, telehealth, genotyping, proteomics, and engineering-driven medicine.

### **STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS NAMED NATIONAL LEADERS IN LGBTQ+ HEALTHCARE EQUALITY**

Stony Brook University Hospital — which includes Stony Brook Children's Hospital, Stony Brook Southampton Hospital and Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital — has been named a "LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality Leader" for 2022 in the Human Rights Campaign Foundation's 15th anniversary edition of the Healthcare Equality Index. All of the Stony Brook hospitals received the top score of 100 on a survey encompassing non-discrimination and staff training, patient services and support, employee benefits and policies, and patient and community engagement.

### **STONY BROOK PROJECT TO REDUCE NUCLEAR WASTE AWARDED \$3.4M FROM DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

A Stony Brook University project aimed at reducing nuclear waste recently received \$3.4 million from the U.S. Department of Energy. The project, led by **Jason Trelewicz**, associate professor in the Department of Materials Science and Chemical Engineering in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, will significantly reduce AR waste burden via improved fuel utilization and reduced uranium loading.

### **STONY BROOK MEDICINE AWARDED \$2.35 MILLION STATE-FUNDED GRANT TO BATTLE ALZHEIMER'S**

Stony Brook Center of Excellence for Alzheimer's Disease (CEAD) was awarded a new \$2.35 million, state-funded grant over five years by the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH). Of the 10 NYSDOH-supported, hospital-based centers in the state, Stony Brook Medicine is the only recipient of this competitive grant on Long Island and will continue to serve the growing needs of communities in both Nassau and Suffolk counties.

### **STONY BROOK CANCER CENTER (SBCC) AWARDED \$1 MILLION STATE-FUNDED GRANT**

With the strong support of Assembly member Steve Englebright, the SBCC was awarded a \$1 million grant by the New York State Legislature in the FY23 budget. This marks the fifth year in a row that the Legislature was able to secure funding to support the Cancer Center's application process for National Cancer Institute (NCI) designated cancer center status. There are currently 71 NCI-designated cancer centers across the country, with the closest clinical NCI facility to Long Island residents based in New York City. NCI designation would enable Stony Brook Medicine to hire additional researchers and clinical investigators to work in its research laboratories, spurring even more federal funding for breakthrough discoveries.

### **STONY BROOK RECEIVES 'OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY' AWARD**

This award given by the New York Power Authority (NYPA) recognizes customers for their leadership and innovation in advancing clean energy projects throughout New York State. Stony Brook was selected as a recipient of this award in large part as a result of the university's

commitment and continued focus on energy efficiency across its extensive campus footprint, consisting of 213 buildings, 13 million square feet and 1,400 acres of land.

### **STONY BROOK STUDENT AFFAIRS RECOGNIZED AS MOST PROMISING PLACES TO WORK**

Stony Brook University's Student Affairs has been honorably mentioned as one of 2022's Most Promising Places to Work in Student Affairs according to *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*, a publication focusing on news and issues of diversity, equity and inclusion in American higher education.

### **FIVE STONY BROOK PROGRAMS RANK AMONG THE TOP WORLDWIDE**

The QS World University Rankings, a leading organization for international rankings, rated the world's top universities by subject area, and placed Stony Brook University's Physics and Astronomy program in the top 100, coming in at #85, up from #89 in 2021. Four other subjects placed in the top 200 — Mathematics (#123), Geology (#150-200), Geophysics (#151-200) and in the broad subject area of Natural Sciences (#165).

### **SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION AND JOURNALISM RANKED AMONG TOP 10 UNIVERSITIES IN NATION IN HEARST AWARDS WRITING COMPETITION**

The award recognizes the journalism programs that have won the most awards in their writing category over the course of the semester. Over the spring semester, six pieces of student journalism won Hearst Awards. The Hearst Awards are commonly called the Pulitzers of college journalism. The program recognizes excellent journalism in written, photography, audio, multimedia and television categories.

## **INDIVIDUAL ACCOLADES**

### **DENNIS SULLIVAN AWARDED THE 2022 ABEL PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS**

Dennis Parnell Sullivan, Distinguished Professor in the College of Arts and Sciences Department of Mathematics, and the Albert Einstein Chair in Science (Mathematics) at the CUNY Graduate Center, is the recipient of the 2022 Abel Prize for Mathematics. Awarded by the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters "for his groundbreaking contributions to topology in its broadest sense, and in particular its algebraic, geometric and dynamical aspects," Professor Sullivan will receive an award of 7.5 million Norwegian kroner (nearly US \$860,000), funded by the Norwegian government.

### **MIKHAIL LYUBICH ELECTED AS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES**

Mikhail Lyubich, Distinguished Professor of Mathematics, has been honored with membership to the National Academy of Sciences for his distinguished and continuing achievements in original research. A leader in the field of dynamical systems, Dr. Lyubich is Director of the Institute for Mathematical Sciences at Stony Brook. He is one of the founders of modern real and complex one-dimensional dynamics, having in many ways shaped the development of the field.

### **HEATHER LYNCH AWARDED PEW CHARITABLE TRUST FELLOWSHIP IN MARINE CONSERVATION**

Heather J. Lynch, Professor in the Department of Ecology and Evolution in the College of Arts and

Sciences, and the first Endowed Chair for Ecology and Evolution at Stony Brook University's Institute for Advanced Computational Science (IACS), has been named by The Pew Charitable Trusts as a recipient of the 2022 Pew fellowship in marine conservation. Professor Lynch is one of six international researchers awarded the fellowship this year. Each recipient will receive \$150,000 over three years to conduct their research related to marine conservation. The Pew Charitable Trusts supports extensive work and research in ocean conservation. Professor Lynch joins Pew's global community of nearly 200 marine fellows from 41 countries all working to expand knowledge of the ocean and advance the sustainable use of marine resources.

### **SERGE LURYI AND CRAIG LEHMANN ELECTED 2021 FELLOWS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF INVENTORS**

Serge Luryi, Distinguished Professor in Stony Brook University's Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Craig Lehmann, former Dean of the School of Health Technology and Management, have been elected Fellows by the National Academy of Inventors (NAI) — the highest professional distinction accorded solely to academic inventors. The NAI Fellows Program highlights academic inventors who have demonstrated a spirit of innovation in creating or facilitating outstanding inventions that have made a tangible impact on quality of life, economic development and the welfare of society. The list of 2021 NAI Fellows includes 164 prolific innovators from 116 research universities, and governmental and non-profit institutes worldwide. They collectively hold 4,800 issued U.S. patents. Professors Luryi and Lehmann will officially be inducted Fellows at the NAI's annual meeting today, June 15, 2022, in Phoenix, Arizona.

### **DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR NANCY TOMES SELECTED FOR NATIONAL HUMANITIES CENTER FELLOWSHIP**

Nancy Tomes, Distinguished Professor in the Department of History in the College of Arts and Sciences, has been named one of 33 Fellows for 2022-23 by the National Humanities Center. This is Professor Tomes' second fellowship at the Center; she was previously a Fellow in 1999-2000. She joins the Center's intellectual community as she pursues work on her project, "A History of the Modern Infodemic." Each Fellow will work on an individual research project and will have the opportunity to share ideas in seminars, lectures and conferences at the Center.

### **PROFESSOR ANDREW FLESCHER APPOINTED TO NYS TRANSPLANT COUNCIL**

Andrew Flescher, PhD, Core Faculty member in the Program in Public Health, Professor in Family, Population, and Preventive Medicine, and Professor of English at Stony Brook University, has been selected by Governor Hochul to serve on the New York Transplant Council. He is to serve as the expert in medical ethics on this statewide council.

### **TEN FACULTY NAMED SUNY DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS FOR 2021-2022**

Ten Stony Brook University faculty members were appointed to the rank of Distinguished Professor — a prestigious honor bestowed upon professionals of the highest caliber — by the State University of New York (SUNY) Board of Trustees for 2021-2022.

The honored faculty members include Distinguished Teaching Professor **Jadranka Skorin-Kapov** (Management, affiliated with Philosophy, Mathematics and Statistics) and Distinguished Professors **Carol Carter** (Microbiology and Immunology), **Leonie Huddy** (Political Science), **Richard Larson** (Linguistics), **Robert Shrock** (Physics), **Katy Siegel** (Art), **Vincent Yang** (Physiology)

& Biophysics), **Abhay Deshpande** (Physics), **Mary Jo Bona** (Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies) and **Christopher Bishop** (Mathematics).

### **TEN STUDENTS AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS NSF-GRFP FELLOWSHIPS**

Ten Stony Brook University students have been awarded prestigious Graduate Research Fellowships (NSF GRFP) by the National Science Foundation. Another three SBU students earned honorable mentions. This nationally competitive award provides successful applicants in NSF-supported STEM disciplines with three years of funding for graduate school.

The ten students honored with fellowships are **David Arnot**, Materials Science and Chemical Engineering; **Clare Beatty**, Clinical Psychology; **Abraham Leite**, Computer Science and Cognitive Science; **Edelmy Marin Bernardez**, Chemistry; **Riley McDanal**, Clinical Psychology; **Sam van der Poel**, Applied Mathematics & Statistics; and **Kristin Walker**, Clinical Psychology. The following three Stony Brook alumni also received fellowships: **Fnu Karan Kumar '21**, Applied Mathematics & Statistics and Physics; **Micaela Rodriguez '19**, Psychology; and **Chantelle Roulston '20**, Psychology and Sociology.

The three honorable mentions are **Dylan Galt**, Mathematics; **Kenneth Hanson**, Linguistics; and **Whitney Wong '21**, Biology alum.

### **ADVANCEMENT UPDATE**

Since the start of the fiscal year, more than \$133 million has been generously pledged or contributed by more than 10,500 donors. Their investments in our students, research, healthcare and campus programs provide critical support, helping to elevate the University.

Generous contributions since the last update include:

- \$56.6 million to establish the Stony Brook Simons STEM Scholars Program
- \$1,500,000 to establish an endowed chair in graduate medical education
- \$1,500,000 for COVID research
- \$1,000,000 bequest to benefit the Departments of Art and Political Science
- \$500,000 in support of the Chemistry Instructional Equipment Fund
- \$495,000 bequest to benefit the urology research and education
- \$250,000 for prenatal care
- \$215,000 in support of a visiting professor in the Department of Music
- \$200,000 in support of summer math programs
- \$200,000 for Centre ValBio
- \$200,000 to benefit the Department of Geosciences
- \$180,500 in support of the Laboratory for Chemical Biology
- \$180,000 for children's wellness
- \$120,000 in support of research on input performance modelling
- \$115,000 to endow a student research award in the School of Marine & Atmospheric Sciences

### Upcoming Advancement Events:

- July 25: Touchdown Club (9 am) and Seawolves United (2:30 pm)
- Golf Classics at St. George's Golf and Country Club, Setauket
- September 13: Forty Under Forty - 6:30 pm at Tribeca Rooftop
- October 22: Homecoming

## **RECENT EVENTS**

The **23rd Stars of Stony Brook Gala** was held on April 13, raising \$2.4 million for student scholarships. Over 540 guests gathered at Cipriani 42nd Street in New York City to honor Prince Albert II of Monaco and Stony Brook distinguished alumnus John L. Hennessy, MS '75, PhD '77. Hosted annually by the Stony Brook Foundation Board of Trustees, this year's celebration recognized His Serene Highness for his dedication to ocean conservation and sustainability, while Dr. Hennessy, president emeritus of Stanford University and chairman of Alphabet, Inc., was celebrated for his transformative work in computer science and electrical engineering.

An **unveiling of the official portrait of former President Samuel L. Stanley Jr.** was held on April 14. The event was open to the campus community and was well received by all in attendance.

## **2022 MAY COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES**

The **Doctoral Graduation and Hooding Ceremony** was held Wednesday, May 18 in the Island Federal Credit Union Arena.

**Main Commencement** was held Friday, May 20 in the Kenneth P. LaValle stadium. More than 7,600 students joined the ranks of the University's accomplished alumni. Degrees bestowed included 4,670 Bachelor's Degrees, 2,095 Master's Degrees, 585 Doctoral and Professional Degrees, and 260 Certificates. During the ceremony, award-winning independent film director Todd Haynes was awarded an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree.

## **ATHLETICS UPDATE<sup>1</sup>**

Stony Brook student-athletes earned a cumulative 3.15 GPA for the 2021-22 academic year. Women's soccer and women's tennis tied for the highest team GPA with a 3.6.

Five Stony Brook student-athletes earned America East Presidential Scholar-Athlete distinction, which is awarded to student-athletes who graduated in May with a 3.75 GPA or higher. Dana Cerbone of women's track and field, Sabrina Patriciello of volleyball, Colin Ross of men's track and field, and swimming and diving's Caroline Dunn and Emma Waechter were all recognized for their hard work in the classroom.

Women's Lacrosse finished the season ranked No. 5 after reaching the NCAA quarterfinals for

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<sup>1</sup> As of June 8, 2022



the third time in four seasons. The team just missed out on reaching the first-ever Final Four, losing to No. 1 and eventual national champion North Carolina, 8-5, despite holding a 4-3 halftime advantage. Sophomore midfielder Ellie Maserà became the first Stony Brook underclass student-athlete to receive first-team All-America honors.

Baseball won the regular season America East title for the third consecutive season while senior third baseman Evan Giordano was named as the conference's Player of the Year.

Softball finished the season with 31 wins, the second-highest total since 2014 after winning 32 games in 2019. Graduate pitcher Ditcher Dawn Bodrug set the school single-season record with 285 strikeouts.

The 2022 Stony Brook Athletics Hall of Fame class was announced on June 2 and is composed of the 2012 Baseball Team, Allison Cukrov (softball), Darchy Heuser-Ryan (women's swimming and diving), Kenneth P. LaValle (Stony Brook Athletics advocate and champion), Claire Petersen (women's lacrosse), Tyler Santucci (football), Dale Summerville (men's cross country), and Jameel Warney (men's basketball).

The Stony Brook Athletics Student Development Team held Turning Pro Week on April 11-15 and May 2-4. Turning Pro Week served as an opportunity for student-athletes to work on various areas of their individual professional growth in preparation for transitioning beyond Stony Brook University. Over the course of the two weeks, student-athletes had the opportunity to meet with recruiters from numerous companies and employers who provided professional advice and discussed realistic next career steps.