



Stony Brook University

MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Stony Brook Foundation

**FROM:** Maurie McInnis, President

**DATE:** March 9, 2023

**SUBJECT:** President's Report

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**LEADERSHIP UPDATES**

**PATRICIA BRUCKENTHAL NAMED DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF NURSING**

Patricia (Pat) Bruckenthal has been named the new dean of Stony Brook's [School of Nursing](#). Bruckenthal becomes dean of the school during a time of expanding academic programs and in its 50<sup>th</sup> year as a school of nursing. After beginning work as a registered nurse at Stony Brook shortly after SBUH opened, she became a clinical instructor in the Department of Neurology in the School of Medicine and later joined the School of Nursing as a clinical assistant professor in where she has held a range of roles over the years. She served as chair of the Department of Graduate Studies in Advanced Practice Nursing and as associate dean for Research and Innovation. Pat is a nationally recognized clinician and academic leader who has devoted her career to improving chronic pain assessment and management, as well as advancing clinical education.

**TODD GRIFFIN APPOINTED VP FOR CLINICAL SERVICES AND VICE DEAN FOR CLINICAL AFFAIRS AT STONY BROOK MEDICINE**

Stony Brook Medicine has named Todd Griffin, MD, MBA, vice president for clinical services and vice dean for clinical affairs. Griffin will have responsibility for clinical leadership across Stony Brook Medicine (SBM) and oversight of all ambulatory facilities. He will also provide oversight to the Clinically Integrated Network (CIN) across SBM faculty and Stony Brook Community Medicine physicians. He will serve as the clinical executive for all affiliates and partnering organizations and will work with SBM leadership to develop and implement the vision and strategy to grow and maintain the success of the SBM clinical enterprise.

Dr. Griffin has served in the role of interim vice president for clinical services and vice dean for clinical affairs since June of 2022. He is also professor and chair of the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Medicine and has spent most of his career at Stony Brook, having been a medical student, a resident and returning as a faculty member after completing his service in the U.S. Navy.

## **VICE PRESIDENT, HR SERVICES LYNN JOHNSON TO DEPART IN THE COMING MONTHS**

After almost 35 years of dedicated service, Lynn Johnson, Vice President, HR Services, has informed me that she will be leaving Stony Brook University in the coming months. Lynn has been a wise source of counsel and a critical problem solver on all matters HR, including those of the greatest urgency. She has been a strong, caring, and compassionate colleague and leader who has made significant contributions to SBU. She began her current role as VP in 2012. In this position, she leads a division of 70 staff members who, together, provide a full spectrum of HR services to more than 9,000 faculty and staff employed on the west campus, in the Renaissance School of Medicine, the Schools of the Health Sciences, and at Stony Brook Southampton. The division also provides payroll services to the entire campus of more than 20,000 faculty, staff, and students.

Lynn has had many accomplishments in her time at Stony Brook. Among them, she helped transition more than 3,000 Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) employees to new management, policies, procedures, and culture when SBU first became a managing partner for BNL in 1998. During the worst of the pandemic, she led her team to develop a COVID health information line that continues to provide an outlet for employees with COVID concerns. They also helped craft and disseminate continuous messaging around everything from changing COVID testing requirements, to vaccine availability, and ultimately to a five-phase return to the workplace plan. Lynn is now leading the HR Now initiative to provide the university with an architecture for HR services that will benefit us well into the future.

## **ANDREW SINGER NAMED NEW DEAN OF COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCES**

Andrew Singer has been appointed the new dean of Stony Brook University's College of Engineering and Applied Sciences (CEAS), effective July 3. Currently, Singer serves as associate dean for Innovation and Entrepreneurship and professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering in the Grainger College of Engineering at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. In this role, he oversees activities of the college's Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, including the Technology Entrepreneur Center; Innovation Living Learning Center; and the cross-disciplinary Innovation, Leadership, and Engineering Entrepreneurship (ILEE) degree program. He also advises the dean on matters related to innovation, translational research and entrepreneurship. He is an internationally recognized scholar in the field of statistical signal processing and communication systems and is a fellow of the Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers. He earned a bachelor's, master's and doctorate in electrical engineering and computer science from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Singer succeeds Jon Longtin, who has served as interim dean since June 2021 and was a strong leader during a time of transition.

## **UNIVERSITY NEWS**

### **NEW SUNY CHANCELLOR VISITS STONY BROOK**

SUNY Chancellor **John B. King, Jr.** toured campus on January 26, 2023 and met with students, staff, and faculty. He outlined his four pillars, which include student success, investment in research, ensuring a welcoming environment, and economic growth. He further outlined his desire to work in partnership with SUNY campuses to advocate for strategic investment.

## **CHANCELLOR KING ANNOUNCES \$12 MILLION TO FACILITATE NEW HIRES AS STONY BROOK INCREASES RESEARCH FACULTY TO SPUR INNOVATION, STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES**

The State University of New York John B. King, Jr. announced the allocation of \$12 million to Stony Brook University to increase the number of research faculty to spur innovation and expand student opportunities. Approximately 50 new full-time faculty will be hired thanks to the State's \$53 million annual investment, which was included for the first time by Governor Kathy Hochul and state lawmakers in the 2022-23 Enacted Budget.

**HEALTHGRADES RANKS STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL AMONG AMERICA'S 50 BEST** [Stony Brook University Hospital](#) (SBUH) has achieved the highest level of national recognition as one of America's 50 Best Hospitals for 2023, according to new research released by [Healthgrades](#). This places SBUH in the top one percent of hospitals in the country. SBUH has steadily increased its rankings – from the top 250 since 2015, to the top 100 since 2019, and now the top 50 – a reflection of its commitment to bring the best in care to its patients.

## **STONY BROOK ONLINE MASTER'S NURSING PROGRAM NAMED BY U.S. NEWS TO TOP 10 BEST LIST**

For the fourth year in a row, the [Stony Brook University School of Nursing's](#) Online Master's Program was ranked in the top 10 schools nationwide by the U.S. News and World Report's Best Online Educational Programs in the category of [Online Master's in Nursing](#). This year the ranking distinction for the School of Nursing included a #8 ranking for online graduate programs in nursing, and a #7 ranking for online graduate nursing in education programs.

**STONY BROOK MEDICINE CARDIO-ONCOLOGY RECOGNIZED AS IC-OS CENTER OF EXCELLENCE** Stony Brook Medicine's [Cardio-Oncology program](#) is the first on Long Island to be recognized as an IC-OS Center of Excellence and awarded an IC-OS Gold Medal by the [International Cardio-Oncology Society](#) (IC-OS). An IC-OS Center of Excellence is a program within a healthcare institution that is assembled to supply an exceptionally high concentration of expertise and related resources centered in a particular area of medicine, delivering associated care in a comprehensive, interdisciplinary fashion to afford the best patient outcomes possible.

## **SBU NAMED A FULBRIGHT U.S. STUDENT PROGRAM TOP PRODUCING INSTITUTION**

Stony Brook University has been named a Fulbright U.S. Student Program Top Producing Institution for the 2022-2023 academic year, the second time in three years that Stony Brook has been so honored. The Fulbright Top Producing Institutions for 2022-2023 were announced in the online edition of [The Chronicle of Higher Education](#) on February 10, and on the [Fulbright program website](#).

## **INDIVIDUAL ACCOLADES**

### **MÓNICA BUGALLO NAMED TO IEEE SOCIETY BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

Mónica Bugallo, professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering in the [College of Engineering and Applied Sciences](#), has been elected a member at large on the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Signal Processing Society Board of Governors (BoG). Her term began January 1, 2023 and she will serve until December 2025.

#### **ENGLEBRIGHT RECEIVES STONY BROOK COUNCIL UNIVERSITY MEDAL**

New York State Assemblyman Steven Englebright has been awarded the Stony Brook Council University Medal in tribute and in gratitude for his leadership, public service and championing higher education and the environment. He received the medal at the Stony Brook Council's December 12 meeting.

#### **PATRICIA WRIGHT RECEIVES INAUGURAL CONSERVATION WARRIOR AWARD FROM SENECA PARK ZOO**

Renowned anthropologist and primatologist Patricia Wright – Herrnstein Professor of Conservation Biology and Distinguished Service Professor at Stony Brook University and founder and executive director of the [Centre ValBio](#) research station in Madagascar – has been named the inaugural recipient of the [Conservation Warrior Award](#).

#### **JOHN FLEAGLE TO RECEIVE CHARLES DARWIN LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

John Fleagle, [distinguished professor of anatomical sciences](#) at Stony Brook University's [Renaissance School of Medicine](#), has won the [Charles Darwin Lifetime Achievement Award](#). Known as the most prestigious honor of the American Association of Biological Anthropology, this award recognizes a senior member of the association who has exhibited a lifetime of contributions and commitment to biological anthropology.

#### **TAKEAUCHI TEAM EARNS SECRETARY OF ENERGY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

**Ester S. Takeuchi**, Distinguished Professor and William and Jane Knapp Endowed Chair in Energy and the Environment at Stony Brook University, was honored January 24 along with a team of scientists with the Secretary of Energy Achievement Award. The team created a platform for American industry leaders and National Laboratory scientists to speak directly with Congressional staffers. Their goal was to discuss the productivity of public-private collaboration to accelerate emergent technologies and American leadership in artificial intelligence, microelectronics, quantum information sciences, the bioeconomy, and material and chemistry for clean energy.

#### **BETTINA FRIES, MD NAMED AN AAAS FELLOW**

[Bettina Fries, MD](#), Chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases, Professor of Medicine, and Molecular Genetics and Microbiology in the Renaissance School of Medicine has been named a [2022 fellow](#) of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). Dr. Fries is a nationally recognized physician-scientist who specializes in mycology and also conducts research of antibodies in relation to vaccine development. Under her leadership, the Division of Infectious Diseases at Stony Brook has greatly expanded and rose to combat the COVID-10 Pandemic and lead clinical care and research throughout the pandemic and its changing circumstances.

#### **SIX SBU FACULTY NAMED SUNY DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR**

Six 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 2022-2023. The honored faculty members include: Distinguished Professor **Danny Bluestein**, Department of Biomedical

Engineering; Distinguished Professor **Rowan Ricardo Phillips**, Department of English; Distinguished Professor **Martin Rocek**, Department of Physics and Astronomy; Distinguished Service Professor **Judith Ann Crowell**, Department of Psychiatry; Distinguished Service Professor **Lawrence Colwyn Hurst**, Department of Orthopaedics; and Distinguished Teaching Professor **Georges E. Fouron**, Department of Africana Studies. Faculty will receive their medallions in June at the annual celebratory dinner and induction ceremony.

#### **PATRICIA SWANSON RECEIVES NATIONAL DENTISTRY TEACHING AWARD**

Patricia Swanson, DDS, clinical assistant professor in the Department of Prosthodontics and Digital Technology was awarded the Charles Craig Teaching Award by Omicron Kappa Upsilon (OKU), the national honor society in the field of dentistry. Swanson becomes the third Stony Brook faculty member to have been bestowed the prestigious award.

#### **YUANYUAN YANG NAMED A 2022 FELLOW OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF INVENTORS**

Yuanyuan Yan, distinguished professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering has been elected a Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors (NAI) – the highest professional distinction accorded solely to academic inventors. She has also become a member of the SBU NAI Chapter. Yang will officially be inducted a Fellow at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the National Academy of Inventors on June 27 in Washington, D.C.

#### **LAUREN RICHMOND, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY, RECEIVES EARLY CAREER AWARD**

Lauren Richmond, an assistant professor in the College of Arts and Sciences Department of Psychology, has been awarded the J. Don Read Early Career Award by the Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition (SARMAC), which recognizes the outstanding contributions of emerging scholars in the area of applied memory and cognition. An expert on memory function, Richmond's current research in Stony Brook University's Cognitive Aging and Memory Lab is focused on cognitive aging, executive functioning, everyday cognition and intervention with a particular emphasis on identifying and developing ways to improve daily life for older adults. The methods include behavioral and neuropsychological testing, magnetic resonance imaging, non-invasive brain stimulation and eye tracking.

#### **STONY BROOK'S 'UP TO US' TEAM TAKES HOME TOP HONORS**

The Stony Brook students in the [Up To Us](#) program through the Center for Civic Justice placed first place in the Up To Us competition taking home \$10,000. The program is tied to an Up To Us competition in which 20 to 30 campuses participate to get the students to learn about fiscal reliability and sustainability. The competition encourages students from colleges and universities across the country to be engaged through impactful, creative campaigns that highlight the importance of addressing the national debt and other fiscal issues for America's future generations. The winning team will go to D.C to a joint conference with the Clinton Global Initiative, and will be recognized by President Bill Clinton.

#### **SPRING ENROLLMENT SNAPSHOT**

A total of 24,389 students were registered at the close of business on Day 15 in spring 2023, 726 fewer than last year at the same point in the term. This level of change is consistent with

the -898 difference in fall 2022 official headcount from the prior year. Compared to spring 2022, the following changes were observed by area:

- 220 West Campus undergraduates
- 76 Graduate School (West, HSC, Southampton)
- 102 School of Professional Development
- 304 East Campus/HSC
- 19 Southampton location

## **STUDENT AFFAIRS UPDATE**

### **Most Promising Places to Work Recognition**

Stony Brook University's Division of Student Affairs has been recognized as one of [2023's Most Promising Places to Work in Student Affairs](#) according to Diverse: Issues in Higher Education, the leading publication focusing on news and issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion in American higher education. Stony Brook was one of only 27 schools who received this honor, recognizing Student Affairs' achievements to continually strive for excellence along with professional development opportunities, implementing workplace diversity and inclusion practices, and creating a community of staff committed to enhancing student life on campus.

### **100,000 Lives Saved Celebration**

Stony Brook reached a special milestone in blood donation efforts in partnership with the New York Blood Center: 100,000 lives saved through 33,334 blood donations from SBU students, faculty, and staff.

## **RECENT EVENTS**

### **WINTER COMMENCEMENT**

More than 1,700 degrees were conferred at Stony Brook University's 25<sup>th</sup> final December commencement ceremony held December 16 at Island Federal Arena. The December graduates join more than 210,000 Stony Brook alumni around the world.

### **PRESIDENTIAL LECTURE WITH FRANCES HAUGEN EXPLORES SOCIAL MEDIA TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY**

Frances Haugen, past social media algorithm expert at Facebook and advocate for social media transparency and accountability, was the featured speaker at the January 25 [Presidential Lecture](#) at the Staller Center for the Arts.

### **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

This year's theme was "Sankofa! Celebrating the African Diaspora." The month of celebrations featured various educational, cultural, and social events, including the annual Spoken Word Contest, an Alumni Panel of the 60s and 70s, a free screening of Wakanda Forever, an opening ceremony featuring keynote speaker, alumna **Stephanie Brumsey** '09, MSNBC Producer and 40 Under 40 honoree and a closing program featuring **Dr. Abena Ampofoa Asare** from the Department of Africana Studies.

## **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AT SBU**

Stony Brook University is celebrating [Women's History Month](#) throughout the month of March under this year's theme, *Community of ME, Community of WE*. The annual campus tradition highlights the achievements of women, raises awareness against bias and promotes social action for equality. The opening program featured a panel of Stony Brook University faculty, staff and alumni discussing the roles of women in healthcare as both practitioners and patients.

## **ADVANCEMENT UPDATE**

Since the start of the 2023 fiscal year, \$35.7 million has been generously pledged or contributed by more than 6,024 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:**

- \$2.6 million in gifts to the Pediatric Emergency Department Expansion
- \$2.5 million pledge to the Stony Brook Athletics Baseball/Softball Complex
- \$1.5 million planned gift for an Endowed Chair in the Department of Sociology
- \$1.5 million pledge for PhD/Graduate Fellowships in the Department of Chemistry
- \$1.5 million pledge to establish an Endowed Chair in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
- \$500,000 in gifts and pledges to the Stony Brook Athletics Men's Basketball program
- \$450,000 gift to the Staller Center for the Arts
- \$437,000 gift to the School of Dental Medicine to improve access for pediatric oral healthcare
- \$375,000 pledge to the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences
- \$250,000 gift to the Math Department Distinguished Lecture in Algebra and Algebraic Geometry
- \$250,000 gift towards Renaissance School of Medicine scholarship support
- \$230,000 gift towards STEM outreach programming
- \$200,000 gift to the Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science
- \$200,000 in support of the Carol Baldwin Breast Cancer Research fund
- \$200,000 gift to the Department of Pharmacology Laboratory of Chemical Biology
- \$150,000 pledge to the Foodlab at Stony Brook Southampton
- \$105,000 gift to support the Garcia Center for Polymers in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences
- \$100,000 gift to Stony Brook Athletics
- \$100,000 gift towards student scholarships in the Political Science Department
- \$100,000 gift towards student scholarships in the Department of Electrical Engineering

### **Upcoming Advancement Events:**

March 29 - Giving Day



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

- A total of 243 Stony Brook student-athletes were tabbed to the 2022 CAA Fall Commissioner's Honor Roll. Student-athletes on the Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll must have attained a minimum grade point average of 3.0 during the designated academic term and been enrolled as a full-time student.
- Stony Brook Athletics and Stony Brook Medicine partnered for the fourth annual Children's Hospital Night on February 18 at the sold-out men's basketball game against Hofstra at Island Federal Arena. The annual tradition features each member of the Stony Brook men's basketball team wearing the name of a Children's Hospital patient on the back of their jersey, which is then presented by the player to the patient after the game.
- Women's Lacrosse is currently ranked fifth nationally after starting the season 3-0. The team opened the season with wins over ranked opponents No. 17 Michigan and No. 21 Yale.
- Men's Lacrosse senior Dylan Pallonetti was named CAA Player of the Week after scoring 10 goals while leading his team to a 2-0 week with wins over Air Force and Sacred Heart.
- Women's Basketball entered the final week of the regular season in a tie for third place in the CAA. Graduate guard Annie Warren became the first player in school history to make 200 three-pointers by achieving the feat on February 17 in a win over the College of Charleston.
- Men's Basketball opened play in the CAA Tournament in Washington, D.C., against North Carolina A&T on Saturday, March 4. Tyler Stephenson-Moore, who ranks third in the nation in minutes played, was honored as a third-team All-CAA selection.
- Baseball graduate student Evan Giordano was selected as the CAA Preseason Player of the Year. Evan was the America East Player of the Year in 2022.
- Softball earned its first win in program history over a ranked opponent, defeating No. 23 Mississippi State 1-0 at the FAU Sunshine Classic in Boca Raton on February 11.
- Men's and Women's Track and Field had a strong showing at the CAA Indoor Championships with senior Patrick Abel breaking his own record in the 60-meter dash. He ran a 6.91 to break his record of 6.94 set the previous day.
- Women's Swimming and Diving finished eighth at the CAA Championships as freshman Michelle Vu created history for the program as her time of 23.69 in the 200 Freestyle Relay broke a 12-year-old school record.
- Women's Tennis won its first-ever CAA match, defeating Monmouth 5-2, one day after securing a victory over Seton Hall.

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<sup>1</sup> As of March 2, 2023