



MEMORANDUM

TO: Stony Brook Foundation

FROM: Maurie McInnis
President

DATE: September 19, 2022

SUBJECT: President's Report

LEADERSHIP UPDATES

PETER IGARASHI APPOINTED DEAN OF THE RENAISSANCE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Peter Igarashi, MD, a nationally recognized nephrologist, physician-scientist and medical-education innovator, has been named dean of the Renaissance School of Medicine (RSOM) at Stony Brook University. Dr. Igarashi comes to Stony Brook from the University of Minnesota Medical School, where he is currently the Nesbitt chair, professor and head of the Department of Medicine. He has held this position for the past seven years and oversees more than 600 full-time and affiliate faculty, 100 adjunct faculty, and 240 plus residents and fellows. During his tenure in this position, Dr. Igarashi increased National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding to the institution by 60 percent, worked to nearly eliminate gender compensation disparities, appointed women to prominent leadership positions, developed new multidisciplinary programs, and created a new Office of Faculty Affairs and Diversity.

STUDENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

The official headcount for fall 2022 is 25,710. This total is composed of 17,509 undergraduate students, including 3,348 new freshmen and 1,178 new transfer students, and 8,201 graduate and professional students. Our residential student population for the fall of almost 10,000 students is close to pre-pandemic levels. Undergraduate enrollment is lower than the high-water mark of 18,010 in fall 2020 because of a decrease in the number of students transferring into Stony Brook. We forecasted and planned for this change but are increasing our outreach efforts for next year. Graduate enrollment is lower in the School of Professional Studies and among non-degree seeking students in part because of the tight labor market. Graduate enrollment is also lower in several health science areas due to a number of factors including programmatic shifts to meet accreditation requirements.

We have developed an additional option to manage the mental health needs of our students. Through TimelyCare, they now have 24/7 telehealth, which includes virtual access to medical and mental health services as well as health coaching, and on-demand medical and counseling

(TalkNow) or scheduled counseling and medical visits with licensed providers. Students can choose providers according to availability and areas of focus.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

#1 PUBLIC UNIVERSITY IN NY

Stony Brook University has achieved its highest-ever rankings from *U.S. News & World Report* in its [2023 Best Colleges publication](#). Recently named as a flagship in the SUNY system, Stony Brook is ranked #77 among national universities — a significant jump of 16 places from a year ago — and moved up seven spots to #31 among public universities. It is also the first time Stony Brook is the top-ranked public university in New York State without tying with another university.

AMERICA'S BEST-IN-STATE EMPLOYER

Stony Brook University has been recognized by *Forbes* as one of [America's Best-in-State Employers of 2022](#). Each year, *Forbes* ranks employers across the country, and the world, based on feedback from their employees. This specific recognition, as one of America's Best-in-State Employers, drew from the feedback and corresponding survey data of 70,000 U.S. employees across 25 industry sectors, including our very own Stony Brook employees. Out of 101 organizations, SBU ranked 63rd in New York State, and 12th in the Education-specific category.

Being named one of America's Best-in-State Employers reinforces Stony Brook's reputation as an institution that provides exemplary employment opportunities on Long Island and in New York State, and aligns with the multi-year [HR Now Initiative](#) currently underway at the University. This collaborative campus transformation is aimed at positioning Stony Brook for future success through enhanced HR systems and services, as well as targeted investments in opportunities that will enhance the quality of employee experiences.

SBU LEADS ENERGY MANAGEMENT INDUSTRY IN EFFICIENCY, RESILIENCY, SUSTAINABILITY

Stony Brook University and Stony Brook Medicine are recipients of the Association for Energy Engineers (AEE) Institutional Energy Management Award for 2022. Each year, the AEE recognizes individuals, organizations and projects that lead the energy management industry in efficiency, automation, data analytics, policy, supply, resiliency, sustainability and more.

STONY BROOK MFA PROGRAMS IN FILM AND TV WRITING AMONG NATION'S BEST

The Hollywood Reporter shined its spotlight on Stony Brook University in its 2022 Top 25 American Film Schools, specifically recognizing the MFA in Film and MFA in Television Writing programs for their high-quality curriculum with low state tuition.

INDIVIDUAL ACCOLADES

STONY BROOK COUNCIL MEMBER FATHER KARLOUTSOS RECEIVES PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM

Father Alexander Karloutsos, a member of the Stony Brook Council, received the Presidential

Medal of Freedom at the White House on July 7 for his work as a spiritual leader. The medal is the highest civilian honor in the U.S. and is awarded by the President to people who have aided or represented the country significantly in their lives.

Father Karloutsos is the former vicar general of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and served more than 50 years as a priest. He is the assistant to Archbishop Demetrios of America, spiritual advisor to the Order of Saint Andrew Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America and to Faith: An Endowment for Orthodoxy & Hellenism. He serves as special assistant to the Archbishop working as liaison with heads of churches, the White House, Congress, state and local officials, Greek American organizations, political action, religious freedom and human rights groups.

OMKANT PANDEY RECEIVES NSF CAREER AWARD

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has once again recognized research excellence in the Department of Computer Science at Stony Brook University by awarding assistant professor Omkant Pandey a Faculty Early CAREER Development grant. Professor Pandey is a member of Stony Brook's National Security Institute and teaches security and theoretical computer science courses in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences. His CAREER research focuses on how to secure our computer systems against an adversary equipped with quantum computing technology.

CONSERVATIONIST PATRICIA WRIGHT MAKES COVER OF SMITHSONIAN MAGAZINE

Patricia Wright, Distinguished Service Professor and Herrnstein Professor of Conservation Biology— one of the world's foremost experts on lemurs and a leading figure for conservation in Madagascar — is featured on the cover of August's Smithsonian magazine. The article, *Into the Forbidden Forest*, explores the biodiversity in the wilderness of Madagascar and recounts how Wright's crucial research began.

A RECORD BREAKING 14 SBU STUDENTS RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS

This year, a record number of Stony Brook University students have been recognized by the Department of State's prestigious Fulbright U.S. Student Program, a highly competitive scholarship opportunity that provides funding for American students to conduct research or teach English in more than 140 countries overseas. The Fulbright Program provides grants annually for international research and teaching to foster global partnership and cultural exchange.

This year's 14 Fulbright honorees, profiled below, are **Adena Assawakulpaibool**, Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Award; **Cindy Du**, Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Award; **Mikaela Dunkin**, Fulbright Research Award; **Max Frankel**, Fulbright Research Award; **Madison Geiger**, Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Award; **Jennifer Gersten**, Fulbright Research Award; **Sarah Ghandour**, Fulbright Research Award; **Kiara Kolaczyk**, Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Award; **Alice Lee**, Fulbright Research Award; **Mariam Malik**, Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Award; **Erica Miller**, Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Award; **Niki Nassiri**, Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Award; **Isabelle Pazar**, Fulbright Research Award; and **Megan Small**, Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Award.

The four alternates are **Caleb Faul**, Fulbright Research Award; **Anne Green**, Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Award; **Sarah Kelly**, Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Award; and **Nicholas Siegel**, Fulbright Future Scholarship.

ADVANCEMENT UPDATE

The Advancement Office closed the 2022 fiscal year raising \$142.8 million in gifts and pledges from 10,900 donors.

Since the start of the 2023 fiscal year, \$6.72 million has been generously pledged or contributed by more than 1,339 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:

- \$4,063,500 in gifts and pledges to the Presidential Innovation Fund
- \$3,000,000 pledge for Stony Brook Athletics
- \$1,250,000 pledge towards RSOM Scholarship Match Program
- \$500,000 gift for COVID Research
- \$350,000 pledge to School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences fellowship
- \$333,333 pledge for the Walter J. Hawrys Campus Recreation Center
- \$200,000 pledge to the School of Social Welfare
- \$150,000 gift to the Pediatric Emergency Department Expansion Fund
- \$120,000 gift to the SDM Dental Care Center
- \$120,000 pledge in support of Pediatric Research
- \$100,000 gift for the Center for Medical Humanities, Compassionate Care and Bioethics
- \$100,000 pledge to the Stony Brook Cancer Center

EVENTS

STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY

I will be delivering my annual State of the University address on October 12 at 1:00PM in the Staller Center. It will also be [streamed live](#).

HOMECOMING

[Homecoming weekend](#) is filled with activities running from October 20 - 22. The Homecoming game will be at 2:00PM on Saturday, October 22, when the Seawolves will play the Maine Black Bears.

40 UNDER FORTY

A reception was held to celebrate the honorees at the Tribeca Rooftop on September 13. The honorees can be found at this link: [40 Under Forty](#)

ATHLETICS UPDATE¹

All Stony Brook athletic teams officially transitioned from the America East Conference to the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) on July 1. Football has competed as a member of the CAA conferences since 2013.

On August 22, Director of Athletics Shawn Heilbron and I announced that the University had received a \$3 million gift from the Kehoe Family Foundation to support comprehensive excellence within the Stony Brook Department of Athletics.

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 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 Masera 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), Darcy 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). Stony Brook Athletics will hold the Hall of Fame induction ceremony on Friday, October 21.

Men's Soccer made history recording the school's first-ever non-football CAA win in a 2-1 victory over Hofstra on September 3.

¹ As of September 13, 2022