

MEMORANDUM

TO: University Senate

FROM: Samuel L. Stanley Jr., M.D.
President

DATE: May 7, 2018

SUBJECT: President's Report

I. CAMPAIGN FOR STONY BROOK UPDATE/GRANTS

The Campaign for Stony Brook has secured an additional \$1.9 million in gifts and pledges since the last University Senate meeting. The new Campaign total is \$584.7 million from more than 46,503* donors to date.

The following are recent examples of the tremendous impact donors continue to have on our campus community:

- \$1.55 million from the Stars of Stony Brook Gala for student scholarships. This brings the total raised for scholarships from the Gala to \$2.1 million.
- \$2 million for an endowed chair in Rheumatology and related faculty support
- \$228,000 additional funding for Summer Math Scholarships
- \$100,000 for Staller Center Dance Initiative

For more information visit stonybrook.edu/campaign

* Indicates revised total

II. AAU PRESIDENTS AND CHANCELLORS REAFFIRM COMMITMENT TO FREE SPEECH ON CAMPUS

The Presidents and Chancellors of the Association of American Universities (AAU) have released a [statement](#) regarding free speech on campuses that affirms the importance of a “free and open exchange of ideas and information” in the educational missions of AAU universities along with a need to take “all steps necessary to promote an inclusive and non-discriminatory learning environment.”

III. FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENT ACCOLADES

Jerrold Stein, Dean Emeritus and Advisor to the Vice President for Student Affairs, was recognized by the American College Personnel Association (ACPA) Foundation as a **2018 Diamond Honoree** for his extensive work at Stony Brook University.

Psychology and Sociology alumna **Michelle Olakkengil** has been selected as one of ten recipients of the **Donald M. Payne International Development Fellowship**, a program which seeks to attract outstanding young people who are interested in pursuing careers in the Foreign Service of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Ryan Kawalerski '19 has been awarded a prestigious **2018 Goldwater Scholarship**, becoming one of only about 200 such scholars chosen nationwide out of more than 1,200 nominations. The Goldwater Scholarship recognizes promising research leaders in the fields of science, mathematics, and engineering.

Adjunct professor and a senior physicist at the U.S. Department of Energy's Brookhaven National Laboratory **Yimei Zhu** has been selected by The Microscopy Society of America to receive the **2018 Distinguished Scientist Award for physical sciences**. This award annually recognizes two senior scientists for their long-standing records of achievement in the field of microscopy and microanalysis.

Dr. Man Wai Ng '89 received the **2018 Distinguished Alumni Award from the Stony Brook University School of Dental Medicine**. Dr. Ng is the Dentist in Chief at Boston's Children's Hospital and Associate Professor of the Department of Developmental Biology at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine.

Esther Sans Takeuchi, a distinguished professor of chemistry, materials science and chemical engineering has been **named a finalist for the [European Inventor Award](#)**. Sans Takeuchi has helped develop numerous improvements of the Li/SVO system, including miniaturizing the batteries and adapting them for use in ICDs, pacemakers, heart monitors and other high-tech implants.

The following professors recently received **Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER) Awards** from the **National Science Foundation (NSF)** :

- Department of Computer Science professor **Michalis Polychronakis** for his project, *Principled and Practical Software Shielding against Advanced Exploits*,

which looks at the design of innovative software hardening techniques and their practical application to commodity software and systems; and,

- Department of Biomedical Informatics assistant professor **Romeil Sandhu** for his project, *Network Geometry for Analyzing Dynamical Systems*, which focuses on how we study and develop reliable communication and social systems that are better able to repel potential attack.

Tom MacCarthy, Associate Professor in the Department of Applied Mathematics and Statistics, received a **\$1.5 million grant from the National Institute of Health (NIH)** to use computational biology to better understand how human antibodies are generated in response to infection.

IV. RECENT EVENTS

The **2018 Stars of Stony Brook Gala** took place on Wednesday, April 11 at Chelsea Piers. The event secured \$2.1 million in new funding for student financial aid. The funds are used to support 149 high achieving and financially deserving students with 4-year scholarships.

The **Student Employee and Supervisor of the Year Awards** were held on Wednesday, April 11 to honor top students workers and employees across campus departments for their outstanding work. [Honorees are listed here.](#)

On Thursday, April 12, in celebration of Asian Heritage Month, the Faculty Student Association (FSA) invited **Food Network chef and cookbook author Aarti Sequeira** to bring her unique cooking style and perspective on cuisine to Stony Brook University. During the celebration event, students sampled Sequeira's cuisine in addition to enjoying a cultural presentation and signing of her cookbook.

Diversity Town Halls were held on April 19 and April 25 at East and West Campus locations, respectively. Recordings of the Town Halls will be available on the [Diversity Website](#).

The **Jerrold L. Stein Student Life Awards for Excellence in Student Leadership and Campus Involvement** took place on Monday, April 30 and honored exceptional students, organizations, and advisors and their contributions to University life in the areas of leadership, campus programming, and advising throughout the academic year.

V. UPCOMING EVENTS

- Doctoral Graduation & Hooding Ceremony
Thursday, May 17, 2018
1:00 PM
IFCU Arena
- Baccalaureate Honors Convocation
Thursday, May 17, 2018
6:30 PM
IFCU Arena
- Main Commencement
Friday, May 18, 2018
11:00 AM
Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium

VI. ATHLETICS UPDATE

Women's Lacrosse has maintained its No. 1 ranking in all major polls for 10 straight weeks and remains the nation's only undefeated team at 17-0. Senior Courtney Murphy set the NCAA career record for goals on April 5 while senior Kylie Ohlmiller established NCAA career records for points and assists on April 21. The team hosted the America East Tournament at LaValle Stadium last weekend and will open NCAA Tournament play this weekend.

Stony Brook's LaValle Stadium will serve as the host site for the 2018 NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Championship over Memorial Day weekend.

Men's Lacrosse earned a share of the regular season America East championship by finishing with a 5-1 record in conference play. The team competed as the No. 2 seed in the conference tournament over the weekend in Albany.

Five recent graduates from Stony Brook Football will try to make their mark in the NFL. Timon Parris signed a three-year free agent contract with the Washington Redskins while Chris Cooper signed a free agent deal with the Indianapolis Colts. Stacey Bedell (San Francisco 49ers), Tyrice Beverette (New York Jets) and Ray Bolden (Philadelphia Eagles) received training camp invitations.