



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** University Senate  
**FROM:** Maurie McInnis, President  
**DATE:** February 6, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** President's Report

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### LEADERSHIP UPDATES

#### **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

#### **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](#).

## **FACULTY ACCOLADES**

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

## **ADVANCEMENT UPDATE**

Since the start of the 2023 fiscal year, \$36.3 million has been generously pledged or contributed by more than 6,031 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:**

- \$2.85 million in gifts to the Pediatric Emergency Expansion Fund

- \$2.5 million pledge to Stony Brook Athletics Baseball/Softball Complex Fund
- \$1.5 million pledge to the Department of Chemistry Graduate Fellowships
- \$1.5 million pledge for an Endowed Chair in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
- \$1.5 million planned gift for an Endowed Chair in the Department of Sociology
- \$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 towards Renaissance School of Medicine scholarship support
- \$250,000 gift to the Math Department Distinguished Lecture in Algebra and Algebraic Geometry
- \$230,000 gift towards STEM outreach programming
- \$200,000 gift to the Department of Pharmacology Laboratory of Chemical Biology
- \$200,000 in support of the Carol Baldwin Breast Cancer Research fund
- \$200,000 gift to the Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science
- \$150,000 pledge to the Foodlab at Stony Brook Southampton
- \$105,000 gift in support of the Garcia Center for Polymers in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences
- \$101,000 gift towards the Lillian and Leonard Schneider Endowed Professorship in Trauma Surgery
- \$100,000 gift towards student scholarships in the Department of Electrical Engineering
- \$100,000 gift towards student scholarships in the Political Science Department
- \$100,000 gift to Stony Brook Athletics

#### **Upcoming Advancement Events:**

March 29 - Giving Day

April 11 - Stars of Stony Brook Gala

#### **RECENT EVENTS**

##### **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.

## **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.

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

- Women's Tennis won its first-ever CAA match, defeating Monmouth 5-2, one day after securing a victory over Seton Hall.