

REPORT TO THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

TO: University Senate

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Call for Nominations for the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service

The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service was established by SUNY to give system-wide recognition for superior performance and extraordinary achievement by employees in Classified Service. Nominations may be submitted by a supervisor, co-worker, or other member of the campus community. Note to students: If you submit a nomination form, it will be necessary to coordinate with the nominee's department in order to prepare the nomination file.

For award guidelines and the nomination form, please visit the Provost Office website. The nominee for this award must meet all of the eligibility requirements; the nominator must complete the nomination form and write a narrative statement (less than 500 words) in support of the nominee.

Both the nomination form and the narrative statement must be emailed as attachments in Microsoft Word format to Maureen Wozniak in the Provost's Office at maureen.wozniak@stonybrook.edu no later than Thursday, January 18, 2018.

For more information, please visit
http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/provost/resources/nomination_forms.php

Call for Nominations for the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence

Each year, the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence acknowledges truly outstanding undergraduate student achievement. The Division of Undergraduate Education is seeking nominations of seniors who have demonstrated and have been recognized for the integration of academic excellence with other aspects of their lives, which may include leadership, campus involvement, community service, arts (creative or performing), athletics, or career achievement. Stony Brook University is eligible to nominate up to 15 candidates. Successful candidates will be invited to the Empire State Plaza Convention Center in Albany for an awards ceremony and reception held in April.

To be eligible for consideration, students must be graduating **between June 2017 and May 2018** and should complete the online Chancellor's nomination/application form found here:

<http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/du/e/awards/chancellor.html>

Only awards received while at Stony Brook should be included on the form (e.g. awards from another college or high school should not be included). A GPA of 3.5 or above is recommended. The campus deadline for nominations is December 22, 2017. For more information, please consult the website listed above or contact Karen Kernan, Campus Representative, at 631-632-7114 or karen.kernan@stonybrook.edu.

Eligible nominees are encouraged to complete the online nomination/application form. Reference letters are not required.

Annual Lighting of the Windmill at Stony Brook Southampton on Friday, December 8

The annual Lighting of the Windmill at the Stony Brook Southampton campus will take place on Friday, December 8 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Join the Stony Brook Southampton community and celebrate the iconic windmill with special guests in the Stony Brook Southampton Student Center Cafeteria before the official lighting. A cherished tradition at Stony Brook Southampton, the annual Windmill Lighting will include music, refreshments, family activities, ice carving, and a photo booth.

A special lecture by Chris Paparo, entitled *Exploring Long Island's Underwater World*, will take place at Duke Lecture Hall at 7:30 PM.

Constructed in the early 1700s, the windmill has been a fixture on the Southampton campus since it opened in 1963. The windmill has been designated a National Literary Landmark, based on playwright Tennessee Williams's residence in the space during the summer of 1957.

Admission to the Windmill Lighting is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Laura Lyons at laura.lyons@stonybrook.edu.

Vice Provost Charles Robbins Addresses the "Missing Men at Graduation" at EAB Summit

Charles Robbins, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Dean of the Undergraduate Colleges, participated in Connected 2017, the Education Advisory Board (EAB) Student Success Collaborative Summit held in Washington, DC, in October.

EAB helps education leaders by finding best practices to address education's top challenges with research forums dedicated to presidents, provosts, chief business officers, and many other key academic and administrative leaders. Connected is a two-day event designed to bring the most relevant, actionable, and inspired ideas in student success to administrators responsible for positively inflecting student outcomes.

At the summit, Dr. Robbins spoke about "The Missing Men at Graduation" and his work with Stony Brook's Academic Success Team analyzing issues that impact the four-year graduation rate and first-year retention rate for male students. Stony Brook enrolls more men than women, but less men are graduating, and this is also true on a national level, where for every four women that graduate, only three men graduate.

Dr. Robbins and his colleagues found that, though men are often thought to be advantaged or privileged in institutional settings, adhering to stereotypical masculine norms often prevented Stony Brook's male students from succeeding in college and beyond. The team put together a study on the male completion gap, collaborating with Michael Kimmel, Director of the Center for the Study of Men and Masculinities.

They identified factors that make it difficult for men to be successful in higher education and beyond. Most of these factors fall under what they refer to as Toxic Masculinity: "An extreme overly restrictive reliance on societal stereotypes and mores about what it means to be a man, about how men should act, and it often results in a pattern of inappropriate, self-harming and often violent behaviors."

Dr. Robbins's presentation can be viewed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cnrzTtJOFfg>