



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** University Senate

**FROM:** Maurie McInnis, President

**DATE:** February 6, 2023

**SUBJECT:** President's Report

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### 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.

#### **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 IN NURSING PROGRAM NAMED BY U.S. NEWS 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.

#### **NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF) HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (HERD) FY22 SURVEY**

The recent NSF HERD FY22 survey, the national benchmark for comparing total R&D expenditures, reports a highest-ever tally of \$312.7M for Stony Brook's total R&D expenditures. This is an increase of more than \$38 million over our FY21 expenditures.

## **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.

## **FACULTY 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.

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

Former 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](#).

### **STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY HONORS SUNY DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AT SUNWOOD DINNER**

Stony Brook University President Maurie McInnis formally honored the 10 professors who were named SUNY Distinguished Faculty in 2022 at a special awards dinner November 30 at Sunwood. The honored faculty members were: Distinguished Teaching Professor of Management **Jadranka Skorin-Kapov**, Distinguished Professor of Molecular Genetics and Microbiology **Carol Carter**, Distinguished Professor of Political Science **Leonie Huddy**, Distinguished Professor of Linguistics **Richard Larson**, Distinguished Professor of Physics **Robert Shrock**, Distinguished Professor of Art **Katy Siegel**, Distinguished Professor of Medicine **Vincent Yang**, Distinguished Professor of Physics and Astronomy **Abhay Deshpande**, Distinguished Professor of Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies **Mary Jo Bona** and Distinguished Professor of Mathematics **Christopher Bishop**. The faculty members were appointed to the rank of SUNY Distinguished Professor for 2021-22 in April by the SUNY Board of Trustees.

### **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](#). Granted by the American Association of Biological Anthropology (AABA), the award will be presented at the association's annual conference April 19-22 in Nevada. Known as the AABA's most prestigious honor, this yearly 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.

## **SPRING ENROLLMENT SNAPSHOT**

A total of 24,264 students were registered at the beginning of Day 5 in spring 2023, 797 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:

- 277 West Campus undergraduates
- 81 Graduate School (West, HSC, Southampton)
- 120 School of Professional Development
- 296 East Campus/HSC
- 18 Southampton location

The final enrollment snapshot is scheduled for February 15.

## **STUDENT AFFAIRS UPDATE**

### **WELCOMING NEW STUDENTS**

We welcomed 800 new first-year and transfer students for the spring 2023 semester. These new students participated in New Seawolf Winter Welcome, a series of events that aim to get students acclimated to Stony Brook and to introduce them to faculty, staff, and fellow students.

### **RED BOOK**

The Red Book ([stonybrook.edu/redbook](https://stonybrook.edu/redbook)) is a clear and comprehensive website with important and helpful information to guide faculty and staff on how to best help students in need. This resource includes signs to look for and how to respond to student situations including emotional distress, disruptive behavior, medical emergency, or other concern that requires support or intervention, as well as contact information for campus resources.

## **CAMPUS TRADITION RECOGNIZED**

“Homecoming Seawolves Showcase” was recognized with the National Association for Campus Activities’ (NACA) 2022 Campus Traditions Award.

## **NEW SPACES AND PLACES**

- The newly renovated Center for Service Learning & Community Service space on the 2nd floor of the SAC is set to open this spring.
- The Career Center space in the lower level of the Melville Library was fully renovated to better accommodate the career development needs of our students. The space includes conference space to accommodate meetings with internal and external stakeholders, five interview rooms with virtual interviewing technology, and a brand-new Career Center Studio. The Studio is a collaborative area for job search preparation, networking with employers, and hosting career conversations between coaches, students, and alumni.
- The Meditation Room, located on the 2nd floor of the SAC, will open this spring. This space will help us further our efforts to support the health and wellness of our students and provide a space to reconnect, recenter and relax. It will host guided meditation classes for students.

## **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

This year’s theme is “Sankofa! Celebrating the African Diaspora.” The Opening Ceremony took place on Wednesday, February 1, and featured keynote speaker, alumna **Stephanie Brumsey 09**, MSNBC Producer and 40 Under 40 honoree. Check the [website](#) for the full schedule of events.

## **ADVANCEMENT UPDATE**

Since the start of the 2023 fiscal year, \$30.7 million has been generously pledged or contributed by more than 5,626 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
- \$500,000 in gifts and pledges to the Stony Brook Athletics Men’s Basketball program
- \$437,000 gift to the School of Dental Medicine to improve access for pediatric oral healthcare
- \$400,000 gift to the Staller Center for the Arts
- \$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 Arts and 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**

##### **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.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

##### **SEVENTH ANNUAL HACK@CEWIT TO RESUME LIVE MARCH 3-5**

Hack@CEWIT, the annual student hackathon run by the Center of Excellence in Wireless and Information Technology, will once again be held in person March 3-5, 2023. More than 300 college students from across the U.S. will be taking part in a 43-hour hackathon. This year's theme is *Hacking a Sustainable Future*.

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

Stony Brook student-athletes earned a cumulative 3.25 GPA for the Fall 2022 semester. Of the department's 482 student-athletes, 308 finished with a 3.0 or above, 164 finished with a 3.5 or above while 31 earned a 4.0. Women's Soccer earned the highest team GPA with a 3.52 followed by Volleyball (3.5), Women's Tennis (3.49) and Women's Swimming (3.46).

Women's Lacrosse enters the 2023 season as the No. 4 ranked team in the nation according to USA Lacrosse while junior midfielder Ellie Masera was named preseason Midfielder of the Year. Masera was also named a first-team All-American while juniors Clare Levy (second team) and Jaden Hampel (third team) and senior Kailyn Hart (third team) also received All-America recognition.

Men's Lacrosse was picked to finish second in its inaugural season in the CAA.

Women's Basketball entered the weekend of February 3 in second place in the CAA with a conference record of 7-2. Senior guard Gigi Gonzalez was named CAA Player of the Week after leading the Seawolves to wins over the College of Charleston and Towson.

Men's Basketball graduate forward Frankie Policelli scored 34 points, including a school-record 31 in the second half, to lead his team to a 71-66 road win over Hampton on Jan. 28. The men's basketball team has also made two national television appearances this season on CBS Sports network, including a 67-66 home win over Drexel on Jan. 12.

Football revamped its staff by adding offensive coordinator Andrew Dresner while promoting Bryan Collins, the former head coach at LIU who served the past two seasons as defensive line coach at Stony Brook, to defensive coordinator. Former Stony Brook player and graduate assistant Sean Hammonds will return to Long Island to coach the defensive line after spending last season at Kent State.

Men's and Women's Track and Field student-athletes Patrick Abel and Alexandria Earle established school records at the Wagner Invite on Jan. 6. Abel ran the 60-meter dash in 6.96 seconds while Earle earned a mark of 1.7 meters in the high jump.

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<sup>1</sup> As of January 31, 2023