

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** University Senate

**FROM:** Maurie McInnis, President

**DATE:** April 4, 2022

**SUBJECT:** President's Report

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- **SEARCH UPDATES**

**Executive Vice President and Provost**

The EVP and Provost search continues, with the first round of candidate interviews currently taking place. Information on the position description and search committee can be found at the following link: [Executive Vice President and Provost](#)

**Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance Search**

The search committee for the SVP for Administration and Finance has been formed and charged. Information on the position description and search committee can be found at the following link: [Senior VP for Finance and Administration](#)

- **PROJECT REACH - STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS UPDATE**

This year, we are building on our momentum by beginning our institution-wide strategic planning effort. We are in the process of defining our vision for the future. This will result in a framework for our strategic planning efforts that will follow in late 2022 and 2023.

Project REACH is designed to engage our community. The 20 community members, [including faculty, staff and students](#) who are serving on the Vision Committee, will lead this work. During March and April, they will identify historical themes and lessons learned, take stock of Stony Brook today, and draft a narrative about our aspirations for the future. This draft narrative will be shared in a series of workshops in early May, with the purpose of gathering input and feedback from our community. Once this feedback is collected, the Project Reach Vision Committee will incorporate it into the final draft, which will be refined and approved by late summer. This material will guide us as we then identify the strategic priorities that will be vital to achieving our aspirations.

While many organizations view defining our aspirations as a top-down process, I have chosen this approach in order to include a variety of voices and perspectives. The decade ahead of us requires a shared understanding of our opportunities and challenges. Achieving our vision will ask us to work together in innovative, collaborative new ways.

The five organizing principles on which our success must be anchored include:



The overall mission of LINCATS is to accelerate the public health impact of research, especially for underserved communities across Long Island, by offering access to innovative and transformative research programs and educational services. To improve the health of Long Island's three million-plus population, the bioscience collaborative will engage in work ranging from basic research and clinical trials, to addressing vulnerable populations and disparities, and incorporating innovative research and practices such as the use of bioinformatics, artificial intelligence, telehealth, genotyping, proteomics, and engineering-driven medicine.

### **STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS NAMED NATIONAL LEADERS IN LGBTQ\* HEALTHCARE EQUALITY**

Stony Brook University Hospital — which includes Stony Brook Children's Hospital, Stony Brook Southampton Hospital and Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital — has been named a "LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality Leader" for 2022 in the Human Rights Campaign Foundation's 15th anniversary edition of the Healthcare Equality Index. All of the Stony Brook hospitals received the top score of 100 on a survey encompassing non-discrimination and staff training, patient services and support, employee benefits and policies, and patient and community engagement.

### **STONY BROOK PROJECT TO REDUCE NUCLEAR WASTE AWARDED \$3.4M FROM DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

A Stony Brook University project aimed at reducing nuclear waste has received \$3.4 million from the U.S. Department of Energy. The project, led by Jason Trelewicz, associate professor in the Department of Materials Science and Chemical Engineering in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, will significantly reduce AR waste burden via improved fuel utilization and reduced uranium loading.

- **ADVANCEMENT UPDATE**

Since the start of the 2022 fiscal year, \$39.7 million has been generously pledged or contributed by more than 7,500 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:

- \$2,193,450 in gifts and pledges toward the Stars of Stony Gala 2022
- \$1,000,000 pledge toward the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences Building Fund
- \$150,000 pledge to establish an endowed scholarship in the College of Arts and Sciences
- An additional \$100,000 gift toward the Pediatric Emergency Department Expansion Fund

Upcoming Advancement Events:

- April 13: Stars of Stony Brook Gala 6:30pm at Cipriani 42nd Street\*
- April 27: Stony Brook Giving Day 2022
- June 4: 50th Reunion Weekend Classes of 1970, 1971 and 1975
- June 9: Scholarship Golf Classic 10am Nissequogue Golf Club
- September 13: 40 Under Forty 6:30 pm Tribeca Rooftop

- **RECENT EVENTS**

The 2022 Staller Gala was held on March 12. World-renowned musicians Emanuel Ax, Leonidas Kavakos, and Yo-Yo Ma united to perform an evening of Beethoven trios.

Prior to the Staller Gala, Yo-Yo Ma received an Honorary doctorate in music.

- **UPCOMING**

**EVENTS**

\*The 23rd annual Stars of Stony Brook Gala will be held on Wednesday, April 13 at Cipriani 42nd Street in New York City. This year's honorees are John Hennessy, President Emeritus, Stanford University, and HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco. Tickets can be purchased online at the Gala webpage.

An unveiling of the official portrait of former President Samuel L. Stanley will be held on Thursday, April 14, at 1:00PM in the Frank Melville Jr. Memorial Library Atrium.

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

- Football opened spring practice on March 26, the first time since 2019 that the team will participate in a full offseason program. Spring practices were canceled in 2020 and the team competed in an abbreviated spring season in 2021. The annual Red and White spring game will take place on Saturday, April 23.

- The 2022 Stony Brook Football schedule features five home games, including the season opener against Rhode Island on Thursday, September 1.

- Women's Basketball finished the regular season with a record of 23-5 and were selected for an at-large berth in the Women's NIT for the first time in program history. The team took on VCU in the opening round on March 18.

- Women's Lacrosse is currently ranked fifth in the country and has won 55 straight conference games, the longest current streak in any Division I NCAA sport. The only two losses for the Seawolves have come against No. 3 Syracuse and No. 4 Northwestern. Sophomore Ellie Masera was named National Player of the Week on March 14.

- Sophomore men's lacrosse student-athlete Dylan Pallonetti has scored a goal in 23 consecutive games, the second-longest streak in the nation.

- Baseball has won five of their first six conference games while first baseman Brett Paulsen made an appearance on ESPN's SportsCenter Top Ten Plays for an acrobatic play against Maine.

- Freshman softball student-athlete Alyssa Costello became the fifth player in the nation to record a five-hit game when she went 5-for-5 in a 13-5 win over Fairfield.

- Senior Rob Becker, who made program history by running the first sub four-minute mile on February 6, added another program record to his list by breaking a 10-year-old record in the 1500 meters with a time of 3:42.41 at the Raleigh Relays in North Carolina.

- Mark Anderson was elevated to head swimming and diving coach after serving as the interim head coach during the 2021-22 season. Anderson is a 2013 Stony Brook alum.

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<sup>1</sup> As of March 31, 2022