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President - Position and Candidate Specification



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The Leadership Opportunity

Stony Brook University is a flagship of the State University of New York (SUNY) system and is the top public University in New York State. With nearly 26,000 students, more than 2,900 faculty members, over 200,000 alumni, a premier academic healthcare system, and 18 NCAA Division I athletic programs, Stony Brook is a distinguished center of innovation dedicated to addressing the world's biggest challenges. Stony Brook is internationally recognized for its research and medical programs and is a member of the prestigious Association of American Universities (AAU). In 2024, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked Stony Brook as the #58 overall university and #26 among public universities.

Stony Brook is located approximately one hour east of Manhattan on Long Island's beautiful North Shore. Situated on 1,454 acres, the campus encompasses 12 schools and colleges; a Research and Development Park; a host of centers and institutes that range in focus from education, arts and culture to STEM, business and medicine; and world-class athletics facilities, including a 12,300-seat athletics stadium and a 4,000-seat arena. The University also includes Stony Brook Medicine, Long Island's premier academic health system encompassing five health sciences schools, four hospitals, 200 community-based healthcare settings, and a growing number of clinical affiliations. Stony Brook University has an additional teaching and research campus in Southampton, New York, which is home to graduate arts programs, health sciences professional programs and the Marine Sciences Center. Since 1998, Stony Brook, in partnership with Battelle, has managed Brookhaven National Laboratory, one of only 17 Department of Energy national labs, with many faculty holding joint appointments.

Stony Brook is nationally recognized for academic excellence and promoting student social mobility with a proud history of undergraduate student success. The University's distinguished faculty have earned esteemed awards such as the Nobel Prize, Pulitzer Prize, Indianapolis Prize for animal conservation, Abel Prize, and the Breakthrough Prize in Mathematics. In 2023, Stony Brook was named the anchor institution for The New York Climate Exchange, a historic partnership to build an international climate solutions center on Governors Island in New York City.

Stony Brook's growing endowment, nearing \$1 billion, will propel the University's efforts in education, research, and service. Since the <u>historic \$500 million Simons Infinity Investment</u> was announced in June 2023, 10 endowed chairs and professorships, one endowed dean, and 24 new endowed scholarships and fellowships have been established.

THE OPPORTUNITY

Stony Brook University's next President will be deeply ambitious for the institution and will embrace the vital role that the University plays as an engine of social and economic mobility. They will commit to notably expanding the research enterprise and, in turn, raising the national and international profile of Stony Brook. In doing so, the President will bring jobs, innovation, and resources to the State of New York and Long Island, strengthening the University's ability to deliver the benefits of its research, clinical care, and education locally, regionally, nationally, and globally.

It is a promising moment for a new President to take the helm and build on the extraordinary momentum of this institution on the rise. Over the course of its history, Stony Brook has moved beyond being a well-regarded regional university with a large commuter population to a globally renowned, predominantly residential research institution that holds its own with the very best public universities in the country. The next President will be well-positioned to take Stony Brook to an even higher level of achievement, impact, and success.

Stony Brook's next President will advance the University's reputation and reach in a rapidly evolving higher education landscape. This will require an experienced, ambitious, and engaged leader who will empower and motivate their talented team and collaborate with myriad stakeholders on campus, as well as at the regional and state levels.

KEY PRIORITIES

- Elevate Institutional Profile: Elevate the national and international profile of Stony Brook University by continuing to build on and broadcast its outstanding reputation and ensuring the world knows that it is New York's number one public university, a flagship institution, a top health care system hospital, and an innovative research university focused on addressing the world's most important challenges. Communicate broadly and effectively that Stony Brook is a model of research and academic excellence to further enhance the University's ability to recruit the best faculty and students as well as highly competitive federal research funding.
- Secure Resources to Support Stony Brook's Aspirations: The next President should build on the University's recent fundraising successes while also expanding the donor base. Stony Brook gained a record-breaking increase in philanthropic support in fiscal year 2024, sparked by the transformative gift of \$500M in unrestricted endowment funds by the Simons Foundation in 2023 the largest-ever such gift to any U.S. university.
- Expand and Elevate Stony Brook's Research Enterprise: In her inaugural State of the State address, Governor Kathy Hochul charged SUNY to double research and innovation across the system, a charge the Chancellor and all SUNY presidents take to heart. As one of the flagships and a member of the AAU, the expectations are even higher for Stony Brook to expand its research funding and expenditures, including interdisciplinary research.
- Collaborate with Stony Brook Medicine: Foster integration and collaboration between the University and the health system, with a goal of deepening initiatives in both research and teaching that bring together the medical and health science programs with the rest of the University's academic programs. The President should deepen and explore mutually beneficial opportunities for collaboration within clinical and research enterprises by the academic medical center and the larger University, recognizing the competitive advantage this provides for Stony Brook University.

- Improve Infrastructure: Ensure that the university's facilities and physical plant can support Stony Brook's aspirations to broaden its student body, recruit world-class faculty, and elevate its research enterprise.
- Increase Enrollment: This year, Stony Brook welcomed the largest incoming class of first-year students in its more than 66-year history, with a first-year undergraduate student enrollment increase of 13%. Continuing to increase enrollment, particularly of out-of-state students, will be an important strategic priority, acknowledging the challenges associated with population density in Long Island. The President will focus on moving Stony Brook to a first-choice destination for undergraduate and graduate students.
- Maintain commitment to access, DE&I, and social mobility: Stony Brook University has been and will continue to be a national leader in generating social and economic mobility for its students. Stony Brook University and SUNY have long been committed to equity, diversity, and inclusion, and to serving low-income and diverse student populations. The next President will have a deep-seated commitment to these values and deliver on them in their leadership capacity.

THE SEARCH PROCESS

Stony Brook University is eager to receive input that will help it build a pool of talented individuals to consider for this important leadership opportunity. To that end, the Search Committee welcomes comments, inquiries, applications, and nominations, which may be submitted via the confidential search mailbox: StonyBrookPres@SpencerStuart.com.

The President of Stony Brook serves as the chief executive officer of the campus and reports directly to the SUNY Chancellor, John B. King, Jr. Chancellor King and the SUNY Board of Trustees have established four pillars to guide SUNY's progress: student success; research and scholarship; diversity, equity, and inclusion; and economic development and upward mobility. The President also oversees Stony Brook Medicine, Long Island's premier academic healthcare system, which encompasses five health sciences schools, four hospitals, and 200 community-based healthcare settings.

IDEAL EXPERIENCE

- Successful leadership of an organization of significant scale and complexity, coupled with strong operational and financial acumen.
- The capacity to strategically broadcast the shared vision and ambitions of the University.
- Deep knowledge of and respect for public higher education and its core mission of serving a diverse student population.
- A successful track record of fundraising and engaging with alumni, donors, and external stakeholders.
- Crisis management experience.
- Experience and understanding of the role and challenges of academic medicine and health systems.
- An ability to build and empower high-performing leadership teams and an organization that reflects and values equity, diversity, and inclusion at all levels.
- Demonstrated academic stature, paired with intellectual curiosity.
- Deep commitment to excellence in teaching, research, and scholarship, including bolstering innovation and entrepreneurship.
- Proven skills to manage, inspire, influence, and collaborate with an array of stakeholders, with an appreciation for, and commitment to, shared governance.
- A successful track record of prioritizing, making difficult decisions, and delivering measurable results.
- A forward-thinking approach to emerging trends, innovations, and opportunities in the context of this higher education landscape.

OTHER PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Personal integrity, authenticity, and empathy.
- Political savvy.
- A champion for equity, diversity, and inclusion.
- Exceptional listening and communication skills, the ability to juggle priorities and make difficult decisions.
- Commitment to the public mission of social mobility and access.
- A leadership style that inspires followership; a good collaborator and thought partner, internally and externally.
- A results orientation and a bias for thoughtful decision-making.

About Stony Brook

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MISSION

The University has a five-part mission:

- To provide comprehensive undergraduate, graduate, and professional education of the highest quality.
- To carry out research and intellectual endeavors of the highest international standards that advance knowledge and have immediate or long-range practical significance.
- To provide leadership for economic growth, technology, and culture for neighboring communities and the wider geographic region.
- To provide state-of-the-art innovative healthcare while serving as a resource to a regional healthcare network and the traditionally underserved.
- To fulfill these objectives while celebrating diversity and positioning the University in the global community.

STONY BROOK PRESIDENT

The President serves as the chief executive officer of the campus and reports directly to the SUNY chancellor. The President guides this large, vibrant University in:

- its mission of providing education of the highest quality,
- executing research and intellectual endeavors of the highest international standards,
- providing state-of-the-art innovative healthcare, and
- providing leadership for economic growth, technology and culture.

The President leads a team of experienced professionals and works closely with the Stony Brook Council, Stony Brook Foundation, University Senate, and University Council.

The Stony Brook President builds strong relationships with the local community, New York State and various public and civic bodies. This includes business leaders, research agencies, the media and opinion leaders, both domestic and international. The President also connects with national education organizations, foundations, corporations, and research funding organizations.

Sunwood, the home of the Stony Brook President, sits on a beautiful site in Old Field with beach access. It is close to running and walking trails, fishing and kayaking sites, and provides a special space for university events.

COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION AND ACCESSIBILITY

Stony Brook values diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility (DEIA). The University is recognized for promoting social mobility and economic growth for students. A recent Stanford study highlighted Stony Brook's

success in helping low-income students advance, outperforming many better-funded public and private universities.

U.S. News & World Report 2024 Best Colleges also ranks Stony Brook as #12 among national universities in social mobility. The University outperforms the national graduation rates of four-year institutions regardless of race or ethnicity. Stony Brook graduates have less debt than the national average of college graduates, and 95% of recent graduates are either employed or continuing their education. In 2024, U.S. News & World Report ranked Stony Brook as a top 30 public institution and the #1 public university in New York State.

UNIVERSITY STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

The University enrolled 25,865 students in fall 2023 (17,549 undergraduate students and 8,316 graduate students) and supports almost 300 postdoctoral scholars. Stony Brook offers more than 200 majors, minors and combined-degree programs. Students come to Stony Brook from nearly all 50 U.S. states and more than 100 countries. About one-third of Stony Brook's undergraduates are first-generation students, and approximately 20% receive Pell Grants.

Stony Brook is a diverse community. The 2024 entering class profile is:

- 49% male
- 51% female
- 27.9% Asian
- 5.8% African American
- 13.3% Hispanic/Latinx
- 13.3% nonresident alien
- 30.4% Caucasian
- 2.7% two or more races
- 6.5% not indicated/unknown

ECONOMIC IMPACT

As Long Island's <u>largest single-site employer</u>, the University has over 15,000 full- and part-time employees, including more than 2,900 faculty. Stony Brook's 2023-24 operating budget is nearly \$4 billion, with monies generated from a variety of sources, including academic and research funds, hospital revenue, tuition, state support, and philanthropy. More detailed information about the University's budget and fiscal plans are available here.

PHILANTHROPIC INVESTMENT

Thanks to the transformative 2023 gift of \$500M in unrestricted endowment funds by the Simons Foundation – the largest-ever such gift to any U.S. university – Stony Brook's endowment is approximately \$750 million and will grow toward \$1 billion when matching gifts triggered by the Simons donation arrive. The growing endowment will propel the University's efforts in education, research, and service.

FORWARD MOMENTUM

Beyond the Simons Foundation gift and the matching gifts from New York State and other donors that it has triggered, 2023 was an extraordinary year for the University. Among other notable accomplishments, Stony

Brook was named the anchor institution in the successful bid to develop Governors Island as a hub for climate and resilience research and discovery. This success comes after New York Governor Kathy Hochul named Stony Brook as one of two flagship universities in the SUNY system. This designation will provide \$100 million in state funding for new facilities, research collaborations and innovative research programs.

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

SUNY Board of Trustees

The SUNY <u>Board of Trustees</u> is the governing body of the State University of New York. It consists of <u>18</u> <u>members</u>, 15 of whom are appointed by the governor, by and with consent of the New York State Senate. In addition, the president of the Student Assembly serves as student trustee and the president of the University Faculty Senate and Faculty Council of Community Colleges serve as ex-officio trustees. The SUNY System is committed to the principles of shared governance.

Stony Brook Council

The <u>Stony Brook Council</u> serves as an oversight and advisory body to the campus and to Stony Brook's President and senior officers. In accordance with New York State Education Law, the Council has 10 <u>members</u>; nine who are appointed to seven-year terms by the New York State governor, and one student member elected from among students.

The Council, under state regulations and SUNY Board oversight, recommends candidates for Stony Brook University's president to the SUNY trustees. The Council's responsibilities include naming buildings and grounds; adopting traffic and parking regulations; approving student codes of conduct; reviewing plans to open or close campuses, schools or departments; reviewing plans to buy or sell certain real estate; and reviewing plans to construct or demolish student residences.

University Council

The <u>University Council</u> comprises the deans, vice presidents, vice provosts, and the University Senate president. The Council was created to ensure that senior academic leaders and senior administrators communicate and have up-to-date information on key issues facing the University.

University Senate

The <u>University Senate</u> is the primary academic governance body and represents the faculty, staff and student body. It is composed of elected and appointed senators. The University Senate advises the Stony Brook University president and the provost in various matters and has specific independent decision-making functions related to governance and several other academic issues. The Senate and its standing committees meet monthly, and top campus leadership, including the president, regularly present at Senate meetings.

Undergraduate Student Government and Graduate Student Organization

The Undergraduate Student Government and the Graduate Student Organization are key campus governing bodies that advance the interests of Stony Brook students.

Stony Brook University Hospital

The President of Stony Brook University serves as the Governing Body of Stony Brook University Hospital including Stony Brook Children's Hospital, Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital, and Stony Brook Southampton Hospital.

THE SUNY SYSTEM

The State University of New York (SUNY) is a system of public institutions of higher education in New York. With 64 college and university campuses located within 30 miles of every home, school, and business in the state, SUNY is the nation's largest comprehensive system of public higher education. It serves more than 1.3 million students annually, employs more than 90,000 faculty and staff, and connects more than three million alumni around the world. It expends \$1.6 billion annually on research, and grants about 96,000 degrees each year. Its annual budget is just \$14 billion.

SUNY was established in 1948 through legislative implementation of recommendations made by the Temporary Commission on the Need for a State University. SUNY's administrative offices are in Albany, the state's capital, with satellite offices in Manhattan and Washington, D.C.

Dr. John B. King, Jr. joined The State University of New York as its 15th Chancellor in December 2020. Before being appointed SUNY Chancellor, King served as president of The Education Trust, a national civil rights nonprofit, and Professor of the Practice at the University of Maryland College Park. Prior to this, Chancellor King served in President Barack Obama's cabinet as the 10th U.S. Secretary of Education. His service in Washington, D.C. followed Chancellor King's tenure as New York State's first African American and first Puerto Rican Education Commissioner, a role in which he oversaw all elementary and secondary schools, as well as public, independent, and proprietary colleges and universities, professional licensure, libraries, museums, and numerous other educational institutions.

AWARD-WINNING FACULTY

Stony Brook faculty are known for their excellence in outstanding research, scholarship and innovation. Faculty members are recipients of many national and international prestigious awards for their research, creative activity and teaching. Notable accomplishments and recognitions earned by current Stony Brook University faculty and associated faculty include:

- Nobel Prize (four recipients*)
- Fields Medal (two recipients)
- Pulitzer Prize winners (two recipients)
- Abel Prize (two recipients)
- Breakthrough Prize (six recipients for Physics, one recipient for Mathematics)
- MacArthur Foundation Prize (three recipients)
- Royal Society (one fellow)
- Wolf Prize Mathematics (three recipients)
- American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) (52 fellows)
- American Academy of Arts and Sciences (14 members)
- National Academy of Inventors (10 fellows, three senior members)
- National Inventors Hall of Fame (one inductee)

- National Academy of Engineering (one member)
- National Academy of Medicine (two members)
- National Academy of Sciences (12 members)
- National Medal of Science (four recipients)
- National Medal of Technology and Innovation (one recipient)

To see a list of retired faculty notable award recipients, please visit <u>here</u> and <u>here</u> for retired faculty members' academy memberships.

*Faculty members at Stony Brook University's School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences have been recognized for their contributions to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize along with former Vice President Al Gore "for their efforts to build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change, and to lay the foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change."

STONY BROOK MEDICINE

Stony Brook Medicine is Long Island's premier academic healthcare system, part of Stony Brook University. Stony Brook Medicine comprises all of the healthcare-related entities within the University, including Stony Brook University Hospital, Stony Brook Children's Hospital, Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital, Schools of Dental Medicine, Health Professions, the Renaissance School of Medicine, Nursing and the School of Social Welfare, Long Island State Veterans Home, the Institute of Chemical Biology and Drug Discovery, various outpatient faculty practice sites as well as Stony Brook Community Medicine, the network of affiliated community practices. Stony Brook Medicine focuses on research, clinical care, education, and service in health sciences. Its mission is to deliver the best patient care through innovation and excellence in medicine. Stony Brook Medicine will continue to strive for excellence as:

- A world-class institution recognized for outstanding, compassionate patient care, biomedical research and healthcare education.
- The first choice of patients for their care and the care of their families.
- An academic medical center that attracts outstanding educators, researchers, and students and is one of the top-ranked institutions for scientific research and training.

Stony Brook Medicine is also the home of groundbreaking technologies and discoveries such as 3-D virtual colonoscopy, the cause of Lyme disease, ReoPro (a medication recommended for cardiac angioplasty), Periostat (widely used for periodontal disease) and Xiaflex to treat Dupuytren's disease (a debilitating hand disorder).

RESEARCH FUNDING

With more than 3,000 faculty, staff, graduate students and postdoctoral trainees engaged in research and more than 2,000 sponsored awards, Stony Brook's Research and Development (R&D) expenditures were nearly \$325 million, including \$192 million of federal-sponsored R&D expenditures, as reported in the University's 2022-2023 NSF HERD data.

Of the \$192 million in federal funding, nearly 50% was from HHS, 23% from NSF, 12% from DOE, 9% from DOD and 2% from NASA. Roughly 5% of Stony Brook's externally sponsored research funding last year, or nearly \$11

million, came from industry sponsors and partners. Stony Brook's annual research expenditures have grown by over 50% since 2014.

RESEARCH CENTERS

Stony Brook is home to numerous <u>research centers and institutes</u>, including the Center for Frontiers in Nuclear Science, the C.N. Yang Institute for Theoretical Physics, the Turkana Basin Institute, the Cancer Center, the Centers for Molecular Medicine, the Laufer Center, the Institute for Chemical Biology and Drug Discovery, Institute for Discovery and Innovation in Medical Engineering, Institute for Advanced Computational Science, Centre ValBio and Long Island Network for Clinical and Translational Science. In addition, there are numerous large federally funded centers, including two DOE-funded Energy Frontiers Research Centers (EFRC), the CDC/NIOSH-funded World Trade Center Wellness Program, and as lead institution for the NSF-funded large facilities grant, the U.S. collaboration for the ATLAS experiment at the Large Hadron Collider. Among Stony Brook faculty are approximately 50 joint appointments with Brookhaven National Laboratory, where many faculty and students are involved in research activities and access unique user facilities.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PARK

The Stony Brook Research and Development Park (R&D Park) has been designed as a community of innovators who build solutions to society's most pressing problems, leveraging Stony Brook's research strengths in three convergent areas: energy, information technology and biomedical technology. The R&D Park is home to two New York State-funded Centers of Excellence in Wireless and Information Technology (CEWIT) and Advanced Energy Research and Technology Center (AERTC). State-of-the-art facilities provide resources to researchers, entrepreneurs and users from academic, corporate and government sectors. The R&D Park and other research facilities across the campus continue to attract and retain preeminent faculty and outstanding students, and to produce cutting-edge research and creative activities that will secure Stony Brook's place among the very best research universities.

RESEARCH INITIATIVES

Over the past few years, Stony Brook's "Tiger Teams" initiative has identified priority areas to focus in developing larger-scale research programs as well as services and infrastructure necessary to develop the research enterprise. The initiative has brought new clarity to the investments Stony Brook can make in research to fully leverage its impressive disciplinary breadth. Additionally, Stony Brook's Presidential Innovation and Excellence (PIE) Fund was created to underwrite potentially transformative initiatives in or across disciplines or in infrastructure and core facilities. For instance, PIE funding contributed to the development of Stony Brook's winning proposal to develop Governors Island as a hub for climate research, as well as the Center for Distributed Quantum Processing, the Center for Healthy Aging and interdisciplinary AI.

ARTS AND CULTURE

Stony Brook University enriches the campus and community with exhibitions, lectures, performances and cultural activities, offering students and community members opportunities for artistic expression and cultural exchange. The Staller Center for the Arts houses a professional performing arts center that attracts

internationally renowned performers from across the globe. The Department of Music offers more than 300 performances annually by a wide array of ensembles, including the esteemed Stony Brook Symphony Orchestra.

The Department of Art features work by faculty and students in the 5,000-square-foot Paul W. Zuccaire Gallery, in addition to several exhibitions annually by professional artists. Each summer, the Stony Brook Film Festival attracts thousands of filmgoers to see the best in new independent films. The Charles B. Wang Center, opened in 2002, celebrates Asian and American cultures, and is dedicated to presenting the public with a multifaceted, intellectually sound and humane understanding of Asian and Asian American cultures, and their relationship to other cultures.

STUDENT LIFE

The Division of Student Affairs provides leadership to cultivate the educational success and personal development of students by offering a wide variety of services, activities and learning opportunities. Departments include Athletic Bands, Recreation and Wellness, Campus Residences, Career Center, Center for Prevention and Outreach, Commuter Student Services—Off Campus Living, Counseling and Psychological Services, Stony Brook Union, Student Activities Center, Interfaith Center, LGBTQ* Services, Multicultural Affairs, Student Accessibility Support Center, Student Engagement & Activities, Student Health Services and Veterans Affairs.

ATHLETICS

Stony Brook Athletics' 18 NCAA Division I teams include football, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's lacrosse, women's tennis, women's swimming and diving, men's and women's cross country/track and field teams, and softball and baseball. Stony Brook competes in intercollegiate athletics as a member of the Coastal Athletic Association in all sports. Athletics is a visible marketing arm of Stony Brook and brings the community together in ways that are different from other programs.

ALUMNI AND DEVELOPMENT

Established in 1965, the Stony Brook University <u>Alumni</u> Association is a separate 501(c)(3) organization. The Association plans events and reunions on campus and in 100 chapters and working groups across the country for its more than 220,000 alumni. The Stony Brook University Office of <u>Advancement</u> stewards the University's advancement efforts by working closely with faculty and campus leadership to determine needs and to build relationships with friends, foundations, corporations and alumni to raise funds that advance the University's mission.

In 2018 University Advancement completed the largest fundraising campaign in SUNY history, The Campaign for Stony Brook, which raised \$630.7 million in private donations from 47,961 friends, corporations, foundations, faculty, staff and alumni. Designed to strengthen areas of strategic importance to the University, the focus of the Campaign for Stony Brook was to raise funds for financial aid and endowed chairs and professorships to attract and retain the best students and faculty; for research investments to accelerate productivity and new discoveries; and for interdisciplinary academic programs and facilities. Some of the accomplishments of that campaign included 44 newly endowed chairs and professorships across campus, \$52.6 million for financial aid, \$125.9 million for facilities and campus life and \$209.1 million for research and to create and support academic centers of excellence.

The next campaign has already started its quiet phase in an effort to secure the state match for endowment funds and to match portions of the historic Simons Foundation gift of \$500 million.

The <u>Stony Brook Foundation</u> is a separate, 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization, and its employees and the Office of Advancement partner in raising funds to support the mission of Stony Brook University. The Foundation's board of trustees boasts university alumni and friends from a wide variety of backgrounds who are dedicated to the mission and advancement of the University.

GOOD NEWS ABOUT STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY

Stony Brook University has garnered impressive media coverage, including:

- New York Times: Stony Brook University to Receive \$500 Million, an Uncommonly Large Gift
- New York Times: Governors Island to be Site of \$700 Million Climate Campus
- U.S. News & World Report: Stony Brook University (#1 Public University in New York)
- News 12: Stony Brook University achieves highest-ever rankings from U.S. News & World Report