



# Stony Brook University

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** University Senate

**FROM:** Samuel L. Stanley Jr., M.D. SLS  
President

**DATE:** March 3, 2014

**SUBJECT:** President's Report

### I. STATE BUDGET UPDATE

Stony Brook has secured an additional \$19 million capital appropriation during the 30 day amendment period to the governor's executive budget proposal. Money is slated for critical maintenance and is in addition to the \$64.7 million for critical maintenance that was designated in the original budget proposal. Furthermore, we will continue to advocate for relief of the bond spending cap so that we can utilize the additional appropriations.

### II. SPRING ENROLLMENT SNAPSHOT

After 15 days of classes, a total of 23, 414 students were registered. This is 9 more students than at day 10 and 266 more than at this time last year. Due to class cancellation caused by the weather, the Day 15 final enrollment snapshot was taken at the close of business on Monday, February 17.

### III. STONY BROOK RANKED AS BEST ROI IN THE NORTHEAST

It was recently announced that Stony Brook University gives students the best return on their investment for a college degree in the entire Northeast region of the U.S., according to [BestValueSchools.com](http://BestValueSchools.com), an independent higher education ranking website. The website recently published a series of free articles that ranks U.S. colleges and universities for Best Expected Return on Investment (ROI) across four geographic regions. The site ranks dozens of top national schools based on data from a number of sources, including *U.S. News and World Report* and [PayScale.com](http://PayScale.com). [BestValueSchools.com](http://BestValueSchools.com) states: "It comes as no surprise that the highest ROI for both in and out of state students in the northeastern region comes from the state of New York. The State University system in New York is well known to be one of the best in the United States. Stony Brook, NY is located on Long Island Sound, making it well positioned for students who wish to study in close proximity to one of the world's major financial centers."

#### IV. HONORARY DEGREE CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Committee on Honorary Degrees will begin its work leading to the recommendations of candidates for SUNY Honorary Degrees to be awarded in 2015. The chair of the committee is Dr. Charles Taber, Dean of the Graduate School and Vice Provost for Graduate Education. The purposes of awarding honorary degrees by the State University of New York are:

- To recognize excellence in the fields of public affairs, the sciences, humanities and the arts, scholarship and education, business and philanthropy, and social services, which exemplify the mission and purposes of the State University of New York;
- To honor meritorious and outstanding service to the University, the State of New York, the United States, or to humanity at large;
- To recognize persons whose lives serve as examples of the University's aspirations for its students.

Nominations should be sent to Ms. Rayna Simon via interoffice mail (zip = 4433) or email ([rayna.simon@stonybrook.edu](mailto:rayna.simon@stonybrook.edu)). **The deadline for submission is Monday, March 24.** To obtain further information, a complete list of past SUNY or Stony Brook honorary degree recipients, or a set of the guidelines adopted by the Board of Trustees, please contact Ms. Simon at 632-7041.

#### V. STARS OF STONY BROOK GALA 2014 TO HONOR DR. PATRICIA WRIGHT

This year's Stars of Stony Brook Gala will be held on **Wednesday, April 16 at Pier Sixty in New York City**. In addition to raising important funds for student scholarships and in keeping with our tradition of highlighting the varied and exemplary programs that make Stony Brook University unique, this year's Gala will focus on Centre ValBio and the newly founded Global Health Institute. We are especially delighted that we will be honoring acclaimed Stony Brook University professor and founding director of Centre ValBio, **Dr. Patricia Wright**. For additional information or to purchase tickets, contact Ms. Nicole Piampiano at 632-4197 or [nicole.piampiano@stonybrook.edu](mailto:nicole.piampiano@stonybrook.edu).

#### VI. FACULTY AWARDS

##### Zadok & Kaufman Receive NSF Award for Computer Storage Architecture Research

Stony Brook University Computer Science Associate Professor and lead Principal Investigator **Dr. Erez Zadok** and Distinguished Computer Science Professor and Department Chair **Dr. Arie Kaufman**, along with Harvard University and Harvey Mudd College, received a \$1 million National Science Foundation (NSF) Collaborative Research Award for their proposal: Workload-Aware Storage Architectures for Optimal Performance and Energy Efficiency. This collaborative research project is based on the theory that the most significant performance and energy bottlenecks in a computer are caused by the storage system and are largely due to the gap between storage device and CPU speeds.

### **Song Sun Awarded Prestigious Sloan Fellowship for Mathematics**

**Dr. Song Sun**, Assistant Professor in the Department of Mathematics, has been selected to receive a Sloan Research Fellowship from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. He is one of 126 awardees from 61 colleges and universities in the United States and Canada chosen for this prestigious honor, which comes with a \$50,000 two-year fellowship. The Sloan Foundation recognizes Sloan Fellows as “rising stars” and the “next generation of scientific leaders.” He joins the ranks of 64 other Sloan Research Fellows from Stony Brook University that have received this honor before him.

### **Iris Cohen Fineberg Honored for Dedication to Palliative Social Work**

**Dr. Iris Cohen Fineberg**, Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at Stony Brook University’s School of Social Welfare, will receive the 2014 Project on Death in America Career Achievement Award from the Social Work Hospice and Palliative Care Network (SWHPN) at the SWHPN General Assembly in San Diego, California, on March 10-11, 2014.

### **Margaret Parker Named a Master of Critical Care Medicine by National Society**

**Margaret Parker, MD, FCCM**, a pediatric critical care specialist at Stony Brook Medicine, has been selected as a Master of Critical Care Medicine (MCCM) by the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM). This honor is bestowed upon the society’s long-standing fellows for their achievements in critical care medicine, leadership, and outstanding contributions to research and education in the field. The SCCM is the largest multi-professional organization dedicated to ensuring excellence in the practice of critical care and promotes research, education and patient advocacy. According to the SCCM, fellows selected for the honorary MCCM designation have high personal character, eminence in clinical practice, and provide exemplary contributions to the Society and College and the field of critical care in its broadest sense.

### **Andrew Flescher Wins Prestigious "Prose" Award**

**Andrew Flescher, PhD**, was awarded first place honors by the American Association of Publishers (AAP) with a Professional and Scholarly Excellence (PROSE) Award for his book, *Moral Evil*, in the publishing category of Theology and Religious Studies. The AAP's annual awards program, established in 1976, recognizes the very best in professional and scholarly publishing in more than 40 categories. The PROSE Award entries are judged by peer publishers, librarians, and medical professionals. Dr. Flescher is an Associate Professor in the Departments of Preventive Medicine and English, and is a member of the Core Faculty in the Program in Public Health at Stony Brook Medicine.

## **VII. STONY BROOK CARES SEFA/UNITED WAY 2013 CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

The 2013 Stony Brook Cares SEFA/United Way Campaign raised more than \$143,000, a 33% increase over last year's total. The money raised will support programs across campus and the globe. This response speaks to the generosity and caring spirit of our community, and I thank you for your support.

## VIII. STONY BROOK SEEKING TO DEFEND 'RECYCLEMANIA' TITLE

Stony Brook University is looking to defend its 2013 RecycleMania title as the #1 campus recycler of e-waste in North America. This year's eight-week recycling competition kicked off on February 2 and runs through **March 29**. Last year, more than 500 college campuses participated in RecycleMania and Stony Brook collected 120,302 pounds of e-waste to secure the title. Stony Brook also led all SUNY schools in the RecycleMania "Gorilla" category by collecting 526,733 pounds of recycled paper, cardboard, bottles, and cans.

The Department of Recycling & Resource Management has placed clearly-labeled e-waste and printer toner recycling receptacles in lobby spaces throughout campus. For larger e-waste items such as computers, TVs, printers, and monitors, students, faculty and staff are encouraged to contact the Sustainability Office at 632-4640 to arrange for the collection of these items. The Department is also offering complimentary confidential document shredding and recycling receptacle drop-off and pickup to help campus offices with their "spring cleaning." The University community may track RecycleMania results by visiting the University's RecycleMania site at [www.stonybrook.edu/recyclemania](http://www.stonybrook.edu/recyclemania).

## IX. UPCOMING EVENTS

### Investiture Ceremony for Joel Strum Kenny Professor Yusuf A. Hannun, MD

I am delighted to invite you to join me in continuing our new University tradition as **Dr. Yusuf A. Hannun, MD** is formally appointed to the Joel Strum Kenny Professor in Cancer Research. Special guests past president Dr. Shirley Strum Kenny and her husband Dr. Robert W. Kenny will be in attendance.

This ceremony will be held on **Tuesday, March 11 at 11:00am in the Charles B. Wang Center Theatre**. Members of our faculty who currently hold endowed professorships and chairs will be recognized in the program. Visit <http://alumniandfriends.stonybrook.edu/investiture> for your invitation. Please **RSVP by Tuesday, March 4** by contacting Ms. Kimberly Wardyga at 632-4466 or [advancementevents@stonybrook.edu](mailto:advancementevents@stonybrook.edu).

### Middle States Accreditation Visit

As you know, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education will evaluate Stony Brook this spring. This peer review will be conducted by an evaluation team. Led by Chair Dr. William E. Kirwan, Chancellor of the University System of Maryland, the team will visit Stony Brook **March 30-April 2, 2014**. During the visit, the team will assess Stony Brook in the context of our self-study report, meet with various members of our community and spend the later part of the visit assembling its findings into a team report. For updates, please visit: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/middlestates/>.

## X. ATHLETICS UPDATE

### Women's Basketball

Under Head Coach Beth O'Boyle, the team earned a 66-57 victory over the University of Vermont on February 26 in front of more than 1,000 fans and a national audience watching on ESPN3 at Pritchard Gymnasium on Senior/Kids' Day. The win was the 21<sup>st</sup> of the season for the Seawolves, which broke the team's single-season Division I record. The team will look to challenge for the conference title during the America East Championships, which starts on **Friday, March 7** in Albany.

### Men's Basketball

When the Seawolves defeated the UMBC Retrievers on February 19, Steve Pikiell became the program's all-time winningest head coach. Coach Pikiell has 139 victories after nine seasons at Stony Brook. With two games remaining in the regular season, the Seawolves hold a 12-2 conference record and are 20-8 overall. The team has reached the 20-win mark for the third consecutive season and the fourth time in five seasons. The Seawolves will fight to secure the regular season title heading into the America East Conference Tournament, which begins on **Saturday, March 8** in Albany.

### Women's Lacrosse

Currently ranked #15/13 in the nation, Head Coach Joe Spallina and the Seawolves are off to an impressive 3-1 start. The team opened the season with an 18-1 win over Bucknell University. Freshman **Courtney Murphy** posted seven goals in the win and shattered the program record for points scored in a freshman debut. The team then recorded its first shutout in program history with an impressive 13-0 win over Monmouth University. Following an 8-7 loss to #14 ranked Notre Dame, the team bounced back with a 16-6 victory at Drexel University.

### Men's Lacrosse

The team opened its season with a tough 13-12 loss against Marist College but then earned a solid 18-10 victory over Lafayette College. In its third game, the team showed great tenacity against defending national champion Duke University. The Seawolves scored seven goals against the No. 2 Blue Devils and held them to only one goal in the second half before falling 14-6. The team was led by sophomore **Brody Eastwood**, who has recorded 13 hat tricks in 19 career games.

### Indoor Track and Field

Senior **Olivia Burne** is in the midst of a very impressive indoor track season. Burne was recently crowned America East champion in the women's 1,000 with a season-best 2:48.33. Her time qualified her for the ECACs for the second time this season in the event. Burne's finishing time was .31 seconds shy of the America East record time which was set by Stony Brook alumna, all-American and Olympian, **Lucy Van Dalen**, in 2012.

### **“What Makes You a Seawolf” Contest Announced**

The Athletics Department recently announced the “What Makes You a Seawolf” contest. If you know someone who truly embodies what it means to be a Seawolf – they demonstrate commitment, passion, pride, respect and swagger – consider sending a nomination to [SeawolvesTickets@stonybrook.edu](mailto:SeawolvesTickets@stonybrook.edu). Nominations should include a brief description of the individual along with the reasons why this person is the ultimate Seawolf. Five winners will be selected to receive two complimentary men’s basketball season tickets for the 2014-2015 inaugural season in the new 4,000-seat Stony Brook Arena. **The deadline for submissions is Friday, March 14.**