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TO: University Senate

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President

SUBJECT: President's Report

I. SBU TO FEATURE MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN FOR PRESIDENTIAL LECTURE
Marian Wright Edelman, the founder and president of the **Children's Defense Fund (CDF)**, will deliver the Stony Brook University Presidential Lecture on **Tuesday, May 7 at 4:00 p.m.**, at the Staller Center for the Arts. The event is free and open to the public. Mrs. Edelman, leader of the preeminent non-profit child advocacy organization, is a graduate of Spelman College and Yale Law School. She began her career in the mid-60s when, as the first black woman admitted to the Mississippi Bar, she directed the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund office in Jackson, Mississippi. In 1968, she moved to Washington, DC, as counsel for the Poor People's Campaign that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. began organizing before his death. She founded the Washington Research Project, a public interest law firm and the parent body of the CDF. For two years she served as the Director of the Center for Law and Education at Harvard University and in 1973 began CDF. Under her leadership, the CDF, now in its 40th anniversary year, has become the nation's strongest voice for children and families.

II. GALA RAISES \$4 MILLION/CENTER FOR COMMUNICATING SCIENCE NAMED IN HONOR OF ALAN ALDA

The Stony Brook Foundation's Annual Stars of **Stony Brook Gala**, which was held on April 24 at Chelsea Piers in Manhattan, enjoyed its highest attendance ever. The event raised more than \$2 million for scholarships and \$1 million for the Center for Communicating Science, which was named in honor of renowned actor, director, and writer **Alan Alda**, who served as the Gala's honoree. Funds raised for the **Alda Center for Communicating Science** will be matched by the **Simons Foundation** to create a \$2 million endowment for the Center. The goal of the Alda Center is to help scientists and health professionals learn to communicate more effectively with the public. Mr. Alda is a founding board member of the Center and a Visiting Professor in the Stony Brook University School of Journalism. Joy Behar, a 1966 graduate of the Stony Brook Masters in Education program and current co-host of the ABC talk show "The View", served as the celebrity presenter for the evening. Some \$24 million has been raised for student scholarships over the 14-year history of the event.

III. COMMENCEMENT & HONORS PROGRAMS SET FOR THIS MONTH

Stony Brook University will celebrate its **53rd Commencement Ceremony** on **Friday, May 24 at 11 a.m. in the Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium** by conferring degrees on those who have

completed degree requirements for fall 2012, winter 2012, and spring 2013. The Doctoral Graduation and Hooding Ceremony are scheduled for **Thursday, May 23 at 1:00 p.m.** in the **Pritchard Gym**. A Baccalaureate Honors Convocation will also take place on **Thursday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m.** The ceremony will recognize candidates graduating with distinctions of Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Summa Cum Laude, as well as members of Phi Beta Kappa, Tau Beta Pi and recipients of the Chancellor's and Provost's awards. As of May 2, a total of 5,555 students (all degrees) had applied for graduation, with some 2,454 students indicating that they would participate in the Main Commencement Ceremony and Doctoral Hooding Ceremony. Having received approval from the SUNY Board of Trustees, Stony Brook will bestow honorary degrees upon **Dr. Nora D. Volkow** (Doctor of Science), Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), and artist **Terence Netter** (Doctor of Fine Arts) during the main commencement ceremony.

IV. TWO SBU PROFESSORS NAMED 2013 GUGGENHEIM FELLOWS

Stony Brook University congratulates professors **Dr. Leonardo Rastelli** and **Dr. Sheila Silver** who have been named 2013 Guggenheim Fellows. The fellowships, often called "midcareer" awards, are intended for men and women who have already demonstrated exceptional capacity for productive scholarship or exceptional creative ability in the arts. Rastelli, Associate Professor in the Yang Institute for Theoretical Physics and the Department of Physics and Astronomy, and Silver, Director of Undergraduate Studies and Professor, Department of Music, were selected as part of a diverse group of 175 scholars, artists, and scientists on the basis of prior achievement and exceptional promise. They were chosen from among almost 3,000 applicants.

V. CIO FINALISTS VISIT STONY BROOK FOR CAMPUS INTERVIEWS

The University is in the process of interviewing its top finalists for the position of Chief Information Officer (CIO). If all goes well, an announcement regarding the successful candidate could be made by mid-May. The search process has been under the leadership of **Dr. Craig Lehmann**, Dean of the School of Health Technology and Management, with the assistance of a campus-based search committee and the search firm Korn/Ferry International.

VI. STONY BROOK'S REPUTATION AS A "GREEN" CAMPUS CONTINUES TO GROW **SBU Earns "Green" Designation from Princeton Review**

Stony Brook University was recently selected by *The Princeton Review* and the **U.S. Green Building Council** (USGBC) as one of the nation's most environmentally friendly or "green" colleges for the fourth year in a row in "The Princeton Review's Guide to 322 Green Colleges: 2013 Edition."

Senator LaValle Joins Students and Administrators in Planting Trees

In celebration of Arbor Day on April 26, New York State **Sen. Kenneth P. LaValle** joined members of the SBU community in planting a stand of mostly native trees — some of which were donated by the Department of Environmental Conservation — in an area next to the recently installed North Entrance Meadow. On April 24, staff from the **Office of Sustainability** and **student volunteers** from the University's **EcoLeaders Program** planted 20 cherry trees donated by the Suffolk County Water Authority (SCWA) at the SCWA's pump house site located on East Campus. In April 2013 alone, the University planted 235 trees, 320 saplings, 328 bushes and 580 perennials. The University has installed nearly 4,000 plantings since 2006 as part of its planting program.

University's New Bike Share Program Now in Place

The SBU Office of Sustainability recently launched “**SBU Wolf Ride**,” a state-of-the art campus bike share program. The new “Wolf Ride” program replaces the previous bike share system, which was originally launched in 2011. By partnering with the Public Bike System Corporation, Stony Brook is now able to bring SBU Wolf Ride Bike Share to the entire University community. The new bike share program provides students, faculty, staff and visitors with a sustainable, healthy transportation alternative operated by the University’s **Office of Sustainability**. Wolf Ride is a “per ride” bicycle sharing system that provides users with the ability to travel from one University location to another using a zero emissions form of transportation. In addition to environmental advantages, Wolf Ride also serves to limit roadway vehicular congestion and encourages health and physical exercise. As part of the program, current students can use their SBU ID Cards at solar powered kiosks to gain access to a bike share bike for free for the first 60 minutes. SBU faculty, staff and visitors may purchase a subscription to Wolf Ride in annual, monthly, weekly and daily terms. The new bikes can be used throughout campus and are intended for travel between two station locations instead of utilizing methods that consume fossil fuels.

Stony Brook Outpaces Other Campuses in RecycleMania Competition

Stony Brook also just recently outperformed the competition in RecycleMania 2013 by recycling the most total pounds of e-waste of all colleges and universities in the nation, and capturing the coveted prize of recycling the most bottles, cans, cardboard and paper out of all SUNY colleges and universities. Stony Brook tripled the quantity of e-waste compared to last year by recycling more than 120,300 pounds of materials, which beat the second highest competitor, Purdue University, by more than 5,000 pounds. In the competition’s “Gorilla” category, which ranks colleges and universities by the total weight of recycled bottles, cans, cardboard and paper, Stony Brook finished first out of all SUNY’s for the second consecutive year and 21st in the nation by recycling 526,733 pounds of material.

VII. ATHLETICS UPDATE

Women's Lacrosse – Second-year **Head Coach Joe Spallina** and the Women’s Lacrosse team won the America East regular season title, are seeded first in the conference championship and are currently ranked 7th in the country in the national polls (the program’s highest ever ranking). Their only two losses were to #1 Maryland and #2 Florida. Senior Captain **Demmianne Cook** (Nesconset, NY) has been named a Teewarton Award finalist, America East co-Player of the Year and is currently #1 in the country in goals scored per game. The Teewarton Award is given to the top player in the nation at the end of the season.

Women’s Tennis - Under **Head Coach Gary Glassman**, the Stony Brook Women’s Tennis team won their second consecutive America East Conference title and will now travel to the West Coast to play the University of California in the first round of the NCAA tournament in Berkeley, CA. Two-time America East Player of the Year, Senior **Nini Lagvilava** (Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia) is currently ranked #115 in the country, earning Stony Brook’s highest ever individual ranking. At the conclusion of the NCAA team championship, the top 125 ranked singles players will be invited to the NCAA individual championships.

Football - Senior all-American running back **Miguel Maysonet** (Riverhead, NY), Senior Wide-Receiver **Kevin Norrell** (Los Angeles, CA) and Senior Defensive Back **Cedrick Moore** (Lakewood, CA) all signed NFL free agent contracts last week. Maysonet signed with the Philadelphia Eagles, Norrell with the Buffalo Bills and Moore with the Green Bay Packers.