



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** University Senate  
**FROM:** Maurie McInnis, President  
**DATE:** March 4, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** President's Report

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### I. University News and Accolades

#### **Researchers Receive \$1.2 Million to Prevent Surface Pathogens**

UT Battelle LLC, a management contractor for the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Science, has awarded \$1.2 million to Stony Brook University researchers for a study to test surface pathogen prevention. The work is being conducted by **Associate Professor Tadanori Koga and Research Professor Maya Endoh** in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences Department of Materials Science and Chemical Engineering. The grant is part of the DOE's Biopreparedness Research Virtual Environment (BRaVE) initiative dedicated to supporting multidisciplinary research efforts to strengthen precautionary measures against infectious disease outbreaks.

#### **Stony Brook University Hospital is First on Long Island to Earn Health Care Equity Certification**

Stony Brook University Hospital (SBUH) is among the first eight hospitals in the United States to attain the Health Care Equity Certification from The Joint Commission, and the only awarded organization on Long Island. This advanced certification identifies Stony Brook as a top hospital in meeting specific and targeted standards that support patient and staff belongingness and engagement. Recognition was given to SBUH for implementing exemplary practices, such as employing health equity screening and data collection tools, documenting social work effectively, making accommodations to meet the needs of patients with disabilities, ensuring the presence of in-person interpreters, and providing video interpretations through the Patient Education Library.

#### **\$4M in Grants for Offshore Wind Training and Workforce Development**

New York State Governor Kathy Hochul has announced the second round of nearly \$4 million in Offshore Wind Training Institute grants awarded for preparing students for careers in the emerging offshore wind industry. The grants support programs at Stony Brook University and seven other SUNY campuses.

### II. Individual Accolades

#### **Jed Shivers Named to 'Who's Who in Budgeting & Finance' by City and State**

Stony Brook University Senior Vice President of Finance and Administration Jed Shivers is featured by City & State in its "Who's Who in Budgeting & Finance" for 2024. City & State recognized highly effective experts who are "helping their companies,

organizations and agencies crunch the numbers, balance the books and generate revenue.” These professionals come from a broad spectrum of backgrounds and represent corporations, advocacy groups and multiple branches of government.

### **NSF CAREER Award for Research on Advanced Computational Modeling**

**Assistant professor Georgios Moutsanidis** from the Department of Civil Engineering in Stony Brook’s College of Engineering and Applied Sciences was awarded a Faculty Early CAREER Development grant for his research on advanced computational modeling. Moutsanidis’ CAREER research is to develop an advanced computational infrastructure for simulating the effect of extreme hydrodynamic events on coastal structures.

### **III. Executive Leadership Update**

**Vice President for Research:** Miguel Garcia-Diaz, interim vice president for research, has accepted a position as vice president for research, scholarship and innovation at the University of Delaware and will be departing Stony Brook in the coming months. Upon Miguel’s departure, Richard Reeder has agreed to serve as interim vice president for research until the on-going national search is concluded.

### **IV. Enrollment Update**

A total of 24,740 students were registered at the end of Day 15 in spring 2024, 351 more than last year at the same point in the term.

Compared to spring 2023, the following changes were observed by area:

- +35 West Campus undergraduates
- +263 Graduate School (West, HSC, Southampton)
- +30 School of Professional Development
- +34 East Campus/HSC
- 33 Southampton location

(Please note that changes above double count students in some units/locations.) This is the final enrollment snapshot.

### **V. Student Affairs Update**

- Student Life developed and hosted its first Siblings Weekend, a new annual tradition.
- Many educational and cultural events were hosted throughout February to celebrate Black History Month and recognize the culture and historical contributions of the Pan-African community, such as the Black History Month Student Union Take Over, the Spoken Word Open Mic Night, movie screenings and discussions, and many others.
- The Career Center hosted 4 job and internship fairs this semester. Almost 2,400 students attended the job fairs to connect with 225 companies and organizations looking to hire students for jobs and internships.
- The Career Center also hosted an event to introduce the new Center for High-Impact Campus Jobs and Internships to the campus. The Center’s goal is to promote on-campus paid internships and job opportunities for students. The event featured a panel discussion with student employee supervisors, faculty, and student employees.

- The Center for Civic Justice hosted a student community dialogue focused on "advocacy to action."
- The U.S. Department of Education released a "Toolkit for the Promotion of Voter Participation for Students" to provide resources for educational institutions to help them identify and implement actions to assist eligible students with voter registration and voting. Stony Brook University was one of the campuses highlighted in the toolkit as a best practices example.
- Campus Residences has continued its mentorship program with Floyd Academy Alternative High School in partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Long Island. Residential staff mentor these high school students and motivate them to further their education.

## **VI. Advancement Update**

Since the start of the 2024 fiscal year, \$599.0 million has been generously pledged or contributed by more than 5,349 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:**

- \$1,691,274.55 in gifts and pledges towards Stony Brook's strategic initiatives
- \$300,000 gift supporting the Turkana Basin Institute
- \$146,302 gift to support the School of Professional Development
- \$100,000 gift to support reforestation in Madagascar
- \$100,00 gift towards educational expenses for scholarship students
- \$80,000 pledge to support research in the School for Marine and Atmospheric Sciences
- \$75,000 gift to support breast cancer research
- \$72,000 gift to support research and scholarly activity in Marine and Freshwater Ecology and Evolutionary Ecology
- \$70,194 gift to support Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (N.I.C.U) research
- \$58,996 gift towards furthering excellence in the College of Arts and Sciences, funding research topics central to Tamil and graduate student research topics
- \$58,996 gift towards Stony Brook Children's Pediatric Emergency Department expansion
- \$58,996 gift supporting doctoral students in the School of Dental Medicine
- \$58,996 gift to support the Center For India Studies at Stony Brook
- \$58,996 gift supporting PhD students in the Department of Applied Mathematics and Statistics
- \$58,996 gift to support the Leonard Krasner Psychological Center
- \$58,996 gift towards the Department of Geosciences
- \$52,000 bequest supporting pediatric research in the Department of Neurology
- \$50,000 gift towards biodiversity in Madagascar

### **Upcoming Advancement Events:**

Stony Brook Scholarship Celebration – March 19, 2024  
 President's Reception in Washington DC – April 16, 2024  
 Stars of Stony Brook Gala – April 29, 2024  
 Alumni Scholarship Golf Classic - June 11, 2024

## VII. Upcoming Events

- **Presidential Lecture Series:** Kim Stanley Robinson, American science fiction writer, will discuss his novel, *The Ministry for the Future*, a Barack Obama Favorite Book of 2020 and one of Bill Gates' "5 Great Books for the Summer" in 2022, on April 1, 2024 – 5:30pm, Wang Theater.

## VIII. Athletics Update<sup>1</sup>

- Three Stony Brook Seawolves earned their ticket to the 2024 Paris Olympics after their team's performance in the FIBA Women's 2024 Olympic Qualifying Tournament. Current Stony Brook assistant coach Rena Wakama guided the Nigeria National Team to their third appearance in the Olympics, while alumnae India Pagan '22 and Nairimar Vargas-Reyes '23 led Puerto Rico to their second trip to the Olympics.
- Women's Basketball remains in first place in the CAA with an overall record of 21-3. Eleven of the 21 victories have come by a margin of more than 20 points. The team has earned a double-bye in the CAA Women's Basketball Tournament, which begins on Wednesday, March 13 in Washington, D.C.
- Men's Basketball has won five of its last seven games and six straight at home, including a 75-62 win over William & Mary on February 24. Following the season finale on March 2, the Seawolves will open play in the CAA Men's Basketball Tournament in Washington, D.C., on March 9.
- Baseball defeated No. 2 LSU on February 23 to earn the highest-ranked win in program history. It was the second Power Five win on the season following the team's 10-8 win over Purdue on February 17.
- Softball earned a Power Five win of its own, earning a 7-5 win over Ohio State on February 9.
- Women's Lacrosse is 3-0 while scoring 55 goals, the most in program history over the first three games of the season. Senior midfielder Ellie Masera was named USA Lacrosse Division I National Player of the Week after registering a combined 11 goals and six assists in wins over Bryant and Arizona State.
- Swimming & Diving earned Scholar All-America status for the Fall 2023 semester from the College Swimming and Diving Coaches Association after obtaining a 3.31 team GPA.
- At the recently completed CAA Track and Field Championships, sophomore George Franks won the 400-meter run while setting a new school record of 46.76. Graduate student Carlos Santos defended his 5K title and set a new meet record with a time of 14:03.6.

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<sup>1</sup> As of March 4, 2024