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Stony Brook on the Hill: SBU Leadership and Students Advocate for Higher Education Access and Affordability, Investments in Research and Immigration Reform



(L-R) Chief Deputy to the President Judith B. Greiman, President Samuel L. Stanley Jr., Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY), GSO President Vahideh Rasekhi and GSO Treasurer Joseph Verardo.

President Samuel L. Stanley Jr. and Chief Deputy to the President and Vice President for Government and Community Relations Judith B. Greiman joined with [Stony Brook Graduate Student Organization \(GSO\)](#) President Vahideh Rasekhi and GSO Treasurer Joseph Verardo in Washington, D.C. earlier this month to advocate for Stony Brook's federal funding and legislative priorities.

The Stony Brook team met with [Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer \(D-NY\)](#)

in the U.S. Capitol Building. President Stanley opened the meeting by thanking Senator Schumer for being a champion of crucial federal student financial aid programs including Pell Grants, supporting increased funding for research agencies including NIH, DOE and NSF, and playing a leading role in promoting a humanitarian approach to immigration reform. Other topics of discussion included the importance of protecting New York's Medicaid patients and safety net hospitals like [Stony Brook University Hospital](#), which provides quality care to patients who may be of lower socioeconomic status or uninsured.

[Stony Brook Government Relations](#) continues to organize meetings in Washington, D.C. for deans and faculty with members of the [New York State Congressional Delegation](#) and their staff to make the case for increased funding for research, higher education programs and student financial aid among other [Stony Brook federal funding and legislative priorities](#).

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Up in Albany

University Centers Working Together During State Budget Negotiations

President Samuel L. Stanley Jr. joined with University of Buffalo President Satish Tripathi and University at Albany Interim President James Stellar to discuss legislative priorities during the final days of legislative budget negotiations. The university leaders met with [Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan](#), [Assembly Higher Education Chair Deborah Glick](#) and [Senate Finance Chair Cathy Young](#).



(L-R) University of Buffalo President Satish Tripathi, University at Albany Interim President James Stellar, Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan and Stony Brook University President Samuel L. Stanley Jr.

Issues discussed included Governor [Cuomo's Excelsior Scholarship program](#) providing a last-dollar-in free tuition which had been modified by the Assembly and rejected by the Senate. Also under discussion was the need for a predictable tuition program or increased state subsidy. While Governor Cuomo included in his budget authority to increase tuition by \$250 for families earning more than \$125,000, the Assembly modified it to \$200 and more than \$150,000, and the Senate rejected the proposal.

Other issues included the need to reset the TAP gap which currently requires campuses to pay the difference between the maximum level of TAP and the current tuition rate which has remained the same since 2010. The University Centers are seeking to have the gap reset for each incoming freshman class. Additionally, there was discussion about the need for maintenance-of-effort language to ensure that there is adequate state support for negotiated pay raises and others costs that are not managed by campuses such as utilities.

The Assembly and Senate budgets currently include \$5M in funding for the Stony Brook Southampton campus to support needs for academic programs. The funding request was submitted by [Senator Ken LaValle](#) and [Assemblyman Fred Thiele](#) and it comes in addition to the \$7.5M they secured for the [Southampton campus](#) in last year's budget.

The resolution of budget issues is up in the air as of this writing as leaders in Albany work against the clock to meet deadlines for passage of the budget.

Stony Brook Occupational Therapy Students Head to Albany



(L-R): Casey FitzSimons, Assemblyman Anthony Palumbo, Kathryn Scott, Dayna Simone, Carly Rosen and

On March 7, the entire graduate first year occupational therapy (OT) students (Class of 2019) from the Stony Brook and Southampton campuses participated in [an annual "Albany Day"](#) dedicated to the advocacy of occupational therapy priorities. The day is sponsored by the [New York State Occupational Therapy Association](#).

Students met with their state representatives to discuss legislative bills which impact OT practice in New York State. Topics included expansions of the Limited Liability Corporation bill, OT coverage for Workers Compensation and insurance reform.

On the Hill

ACA Repeal-Replace Bill Pulled



After meetings and phone calls with the [New York Congressional Delegation](#) and their staff highlighting our concerns regarding the [American Health Care Act \(AHCA\)](#), designed to repeal and replace the [Affordable Care Act \(ACA\)](#), [Stony Brook Government Relations](#) is pleased to [see the AHCA pulled without a vote](#).

If enacted, the AHCA would have a staggering fiscal impact on safety net hospitals like [Stony Brook University Hospital](#). Additionally, according to the [non-partisan Congressional Budget Office \(CBO\)](#), approximately 14 million more

Americans would be uninsured in 2018 if the AHCA became law. In 2020, when the bill's major Medicaid provisions would kick in, that number would rise to 21 million.

President Stanley Issues Call to Resist Anti-Immigration Rhetoric

Issuing a call to resist anti-immigration rhetoric in a [Scientific American guest blog](#), Stony Brook University President Samuel L. Stanley Jr. argues that immigration is essential to the pursuit of knowledge and the health of American research universities.

"Our embrace of international students and faculty has given the U.S. a leg up on all other countries in the race to lead in innovation and discovery," Stanley writes. In a strongly worded piece, Stanley states that xenophobic rhetoric and restrictive immigration policies "are undoing the compact between the United States and those seeking opportunity from around the world."

[Read the complete blog post](#)

[More information on Stony Brook University and immigration issues](#)



*Stony Brook University
President Samuel L.
Stanley Jr.*

SBU Awarded NSF Funding for Multidisciplinary Project to Advance Technology



*Stony Brook
Professor and
Principal
Investigator John
Hobbs*

As the lead institution for the [U.S. ATLAS](#) collaboration, Stony Brook University has received additional [National Science Foundation \(NSF\)](#) funding toward the project. This recent \$5.4M award for [U.S. ATLAS Operations: Discovery and Measurement at the Energy Frontier](#) will stimulate development of a scientific and technically educated workforce, advancing the multidisciplinary application of technology and the popularization and dissemination of science to the general public.

Stony Brook Physics Professor John Hobbs is principal investigator for U.S. NSF operations of ATLAS, which has received a total amount of over \$54M in funding to date. This ongoing project provides the U.S. contribution to the international ATLAS experiment at the powerful Large Hadron Collider (LHC) located at CERN in Switzerland.

[Read the full story](#)

HeForShe University IMPACT Champions Meet in London

[HeForShe University IMPACT Champions](#) met recently in London

and Leicester to discuss ways to achieve gender equity in a university setting. They shared best practices related to combating sexual violence on campus, achieving pay equity and supporting success for all students at both matriculation and graduation.

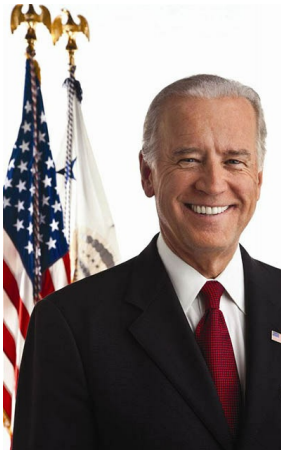
Stony Brook is one of only ten universities across the world to be an IMPACT Champion. [Chief Deputy to the President and Vice President of Government and Community Relations Judith Greiman](#) along with [Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Dean of the Undergraduate Colleges Charles Robbins](#) represented Stony Brook at this international meeting. Dr. Robbins outlined the work Stony Brook is doing to enhance male student success.



HeForShe University IMPACT Champions meet at the University of Leicester.

In Our Community

Joe Biden to be Honored at Stars of Stony Brook Gala



Honorable Joseph R. Biden Jr.

Honoring his tireless commitment to expanding the horizons of medical research, Stony Brook University will host the 47th Vice President of the United States, Joseph R. Biden Jr., at its annual [Stars of Stony Brook Gala](#) on Wednesday, April 19.

Vice President Biden is being recognized for his exceptional dedication to the fight against cancer. This year's gala benefits student scholarships and the [Stony Brook Cancer Center](#) and will take place at 6:30 p.m. at Pier Sixty, Chelsea Piers, New York City.

[Read the full story](#)

President Stanley Leads Conversation of Gender Equality at SXSW



Stony Brook University President Samuel L. Stanley Jr., left, with Bridget Foley, center, and

Extending Stony Brook University's commitment to global gender equality, an SBU delegation shared experience and vision with leaders in the education field at [SXSWedu](#), the prestigious annual conference devoted to fostering innovation and learning.

In a recent presentation anchored by President Samuel L. Stanley Jr., Stony Brook students and administrators discussed "A Gender Lens: Evolving Equality in Education."

[Read the full story](#)

SBU Business Builders Presented to Riverhead Chamber

Stony Brook University, the economic engine of Long Island, offers many ways for businesses to improve their bottom line. On March 9, 2017, University staff held a presentation at the [Stony Brook University Business Incubator at Calverton and Agriculture Consumer Science Center \(ACSC\)](#) in partnership with the [Riverhead Chamber of Commerce](#) entitled "Grow Your Business with Stony Brook University."



Local businesses and food entrepreneurs packed the multipurpose room to hear business builder information from the University (photo by Arthur Rosenfield).

A panel of campus experts shared information with chamber members and Incubator tenants for tapping University resources to potentially increase profits, raise awareness, and take their business to the next level.

[Read the full story](#)

Stony Brook Hosts LILTA Women's Conference for High School Students



Nearly 40 women from a variety of professions offered their time and encouragement.

Recently, the University offered another program to demonstrate its enduring commitment to diversity and inclusion by encouraging local high school students to achieve their full potential. On Monday, March 6, 2017, more than 240 young women and their 21 chaperones from nine Long Island high schools packed the Stony Brook University Student Activities Center to attend the 2017 Women's Conference: "Women Leaders Paving the Way for Young Women." The message to the students was direct and clear - education can transform your life.

[Read the full story](#)

Upcoming Events

Friday, April 7

[School of Marine & Atmospheric Sciences Public Lecture Series](#)

Dr. Christopher Gobler from Stony Brook University will be presenting his annual "State of the Bays 2017" lecture

Thursday, April 20

[Engineering-Driven Medicine Distinguished Lecture](#)

Speaker: Subra Suresh, President of Carnegie Mellon University

Friday, April 21

[Earthstock Celebration](#)

Saturday, April 22

[Bike Fest](#)

An event raising funds for the SBUMC Child Life Hospital Fund and WUSB 90.1FM and 107.3FM - Stony Brook University's non-commercial radio station

Sunday, April 23

[Debbie Whittemore Memorial 5k Run/Walk](#)

Monday, April 24

[21st Mind Brain Lecture - Live Stream](#)

Eve Marder, PhD Professor of Biology, Brandeis University

[Full Stony Brook events calendar](#)

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