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SBU Leadership Discusses Science & Security, Higher Education and Funding for Science Research in Washington, DC



(L-R): Chief Deputy to the President Judy Greiman, Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy Kelvin Droegemeier, and President Samuel L. Stanley, Jr. discussing science and security policies at the White House.

On Tuesday, May 7, Stony Brook University President [Samuel L. Stanley Jr., MD](#) and Chief Deputy to the President [Judy Greiman](#) met with the Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) [Kelvin Droegemeier](#) in Washington, DC. Topics discussed during the meeting included national science and security policies in addition to the newly formed White House [Joint Committee](#) led by the [National Science and Technology Council's](#) committees on Science and Science and Technology (S&T) Enterprise. The Joint Committee is charged with tackling the most pressing

challenges facing US researchers: administrative burdens, safe research settings, research integrity, and research security.

Director of Government Relations [Lauren Brookmeyer](#), President of the Graduate Student Organization (GSO) [James Vassallo](#), President of the Undergraduate Student Government (USG) [Justas Klimavicius](#), and 2018 [Wolfie Tank](#) Winner [Yark Beyan](#) joined Stanley and Greiman in DC for meetings with members of the New York Congressional Delegation. Meetings were held with [Leader Chuck Schumer](#), [Rep. Lee Zeldin](#), [Rep. Grace Meng](#), [Rep. Peter King](#), [Rep. Tom Suozzi](#), and [Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand's](#) higher education staff.

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(L-R): President of USG Justas Klimavicius; Chief Deputy to the President Judy Greiman; US Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer; President Samuel L. Stanley, Jr.; President of GSO James Vassallo; and 2018 Wolfie Tank Winner Yark Beyan.

In the Spotlight

University Launches Cutting-Edge Institute for AI-Driven Discovery and Innovation



At the AI Institute launch event, left to right, Stony Brook University President Samuel L. Stanley Jr., MD; Steven Skiena, Director of the Institute for AI-Driven Discovery and Innovation; Fotis Sotiropoulos, Dean, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

Consolidating its position on the cutting edge of artificial intelligence research, Stony Brook University officially launched the Institute for [AI-Driven Discovery and Innovation](#) in a May 9 event held at Bloomberg headquarters in New York.

The new Institute will support potentially revolutionary research relating to human-machine symbiosis, grounded in the principle that AI technology should amplify human intelligence instead of replacing it. The Institute is envisioned as an intellectual hub to coordinate and encourage faculty [AI research and educational initiatives](#) across the University and beyond.

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Up in Albany

Assemblyman Englebright Applauds SBU for 2018 Tree Campus USA Award

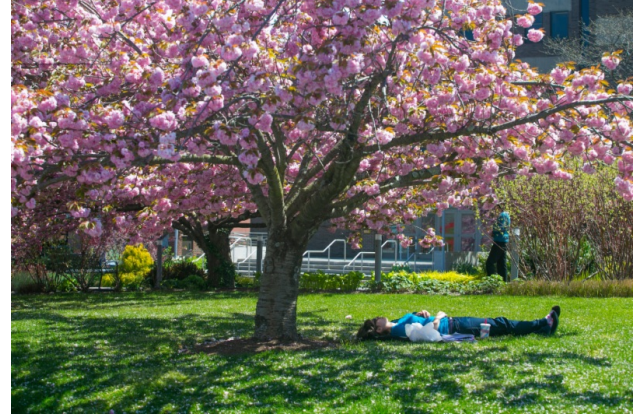


*Assemblyman
Steve Englebright*

[Assemblyman Steve Englebright](#), Chairman of the Assembly Environmental Conservation Committee, sent congratulations to President Stanley and the campus community for being recognized as a [2018 Tree Campus USA](#) by the [Arbor Day Foundation](#). The Tree Campus USA is a nationwide program that recognizes colleges and universities and their leaders for promoting healthy trees and engaging the campus community in the spirit of conservation. By obtaining Tree Campus USA recognition, Stony Brook University will play an important role in the success of a new initiative launched by the Arbor Day Foundation, Time for Trees, which has a goal of planting 100 million trees in forests and US communities and inspiring roughly 5 million tree planters by 2022.

"I congratulate President Stanley and the entire Stony Brook University family for being recognized

by the Arbor Day Foundation 2018 Tree Campus USA. Protecting the trees and forests on campus has long been a priority for students and faculty and it helps attract new scholars to Stony Brook who also appreciates these assets," Assemblyman Englebright said.



SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service



Diane Fabel, Director of Operations Center for Biotechnology

The campus community congratulates [Diane Fabel](#), Director of Operations in the Center for Biotechnology, for being one of this year's recipients of the [SUNY Chancellor's Awards](#) for Excellence in Professional Service. This prestigious award acknowledges and provides system-wide recognition for consistently superior professional achievement and the ongoing pursuit of excellence. Nominees for this award must be individuals who have repeatedly sought improvement of themselves, their campuses and ultimately the State University and, in doing so, have transcended the normal definitions of excellence.

*Student near Wang Center Fountain
Photo by: John Griffin / Office of Communications*

Diane serves as a liaison between the bioscience industry, the [Center for Biotechnology](#) and the academic community in the establishment of research collaborations, new product development, company formations, and other forms of economic impact. The Center for Biotechnology strives to support collaborative research arrangements that will accelerate the development of technologies and emerging companies in New York State. She has played a critical role in shaping the strategic direction of the Center. Congratulations to Diane and everyone in her department who has gone to great lengths to support her.

On the Hill

SBU Leadership Meets with Kenya's National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation



(L-R): NACOSTI Deputy Director of Registration & Quality Assurance Boniface W. Wanyama; NACOSTI Director of Research, Accreditation & Quality Assurance; NACOSTI Board Member and Chairman of the Technical Committee Dr. Francis W. Muregi; and SBU Chief Deputy to the President Judy Greiman.

On Tuesday, May 14, Stony Brook University's (SBU) Chief Deputy to the President and Senior Vice President for Government and Community Relations [Judy Greiman](#) met with leadership of Kenya's National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation ([NACOSTI](#)) at SBU campus.

NACOSTI requested the meeting to learn more about SBU's effective state and federal science policy advocacy work in addition to successful science communication methods, such as the powerful strategies taught at the [Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science](#).

SBU looks forward to continuing to work with NACOSTI in an effort to increase support for scientific research globally.

Stony Brook Ranks High in Forbes Best Value Colleges 2019 List

Stony Brook University placed #29 in overall rank and #13 in public rank in [Forbes Best Value Colleges 2019 rankings](#), which highlights the top

300 schools in the country with the highest quality and best financial outcomes.

The University has been consistently rising in the Forbes rankings, from #83 in the overall rank in 2017 to #31 in 2018, and from #28 in the public rank in 2017 to #18 in 2018.

The Best Value Colleges ranking is "the definitive guide for those looking for an excellent return on one of the most important investments of their lives."

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Eriko Sato Receives American Association of University Women Research Publication Grant



Eriko Sato

Professor [Eriko Sato](#) has been selected to receive an American Association of University Women ([AAUW](#)) research publication grant designed to support scholars and independent researchers. The AAUW Research Publication Grants are given to woman scholars whose work supports the vision of the AAUW: to break through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

An assistant professor in the [College of Arts and Sciences](#) Department of [Asian and Asian American Studies](#), Professor Sato teaches translation studies, language acquisition, and Japanese language and linguistics. She will use this highly competitive and selective fellowship to complete her book on translation and translanguaging.

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In Our Community

Student Leaders to Cycle Across the Country For a Cause

Two Stony Brook student leaders are devoting their whole summer to cycling more than 4,000 miles across the country to raise awareness and funds for their respective charities.

Justas Klimavicius '19, President of Undergraduate Student Government (USG), will be biking across the country with [The Ability Experience](#), a philanthropic initiative of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity that focuses on empowering people with disabilities.

Meanwhile, Zachary Shaps, USG Senator, will also be cycling across the country for 70 days this summer for a cause dear to his heart. His 4,000-mile journey from Baltimore to Seattle is intended to raise awareness for the [Ulman Foundation](#).



Justas Klimavicius, left, and Zachary Shaps.

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SBU International Friends and Family Program Launched



For the upcoming 2019 to 2020 academic year, newly admitted international students will be able to participate in the [International Friends and Family Program \(IFFP\)](#), formerly called the Host Family Program. This free program creates an opportunity for local neighbor/community members to connect socially with international students.

Community members and Stony Brook University international students will be paired and connected through email before the start of the semester. It is important to note that this is not a home-stay program. Participation activities can include cooking a meal, exploring the outdoors, attending on-campus events and sharing a holiday.

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SBU Awarded as #1 Blood Center Donation Site

At Citi Field on April 30, Stony Brook University was presented with the Most Donations - New York State Colleges and Universities Award from the New York Mets College Championship program. Created to raise awareness for the need to donate blood, Stony Brook was recognized for supporting West Campus blood drives resulting in the collection of more than 1,600 blood donations.



SBU Health Educator Kathleen Valerio (left) with Manager of NYBC Business Development Yadira Navarro

Upcoming Events

Friday, May 24, 2019

[Commencement Ceremony - Congrats Graduates!](#)

Join us in celebrating this academic milestone for our graduates!

Starts: Friday, May 31, 2019

Ends: Saturday, June 1, 2019

[Class of 1969 - 50 Year Reunion](#)

Join fellow classmates and some of your favorite professors for a memorable weekend back on campus!

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

[Incubator Showcase at CEWIT](#)

This event is a great opportunity for networking with the business and local community, financiers and investors, and fellow entrepreneurs.

Monday, June 24, 2019

[Annual Scholarship Golf Classic](#)

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