

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** University Senate

**FROM:** Michael A. Bernstein  
Interim President

**DATE:** September 9, 2019

**SUBJECT:** President's Report

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After 10 years as Stony Brook University's President, **Samuel L. Stanley Jr., MD** left the University at the end of July to become president of Michigan State University. We accomplished amazing things during Dr. Stanley's tenure – improved student success, eliminated differences between our student populations in graduation rates, grew sponsored research expenditures to new highs, exceeded goals in fundraising, significantly improved our health care enterprise, strengthened our relationship with Brookhaven National Laboratory, hit all-time highs in our national rankings, and committed our university to an international leadership role in social mobility, diversity, inclusion, and equity.

I assumed my new responsibilities on August 1 following my appointment by **Chancellor Kristina Johnson** and the **SUNY Board of Trustees** as Interim President. It is a privilege to be part of this remarkable institution. As we start Stony Brook's next chapter together, we should all take great pride in celebrating our achievements and welcoming the opportunity to build upon our excellence. My work this year is framed by these key goals:

- To support and facilitate a successful search for our next University President.
- To continue to manage our budgets and finances within existing resource constraints in ways that allow us to pursue our goals and best meet the needs of our employees, students, patients, and community partners.
- To navigate leadership transitions in some of our academic and administrative units.
- To nurture structures of shared governance, transparent communication, and collaborative decision-making that are the essential foundation of our excellence as an AAU-member research university.

While embracing these objectives, I remain dedicated to the pursuit of our key strategic commitments:

- Facilitating the success, accomplishment, and advancement of faculty, staff, and students.
- Promoting diversity and inclusive excellence throughout our University.
- Managing our operations in ways that are efficient and sustainable, demonstrating prudent stewardship of all resources (human, financial, and environmental).

- Provisioning excellent, state-of-the-art, accessible health care for our region, state, and nation.
- Enhancing the economic development and vitality of Long Island and of New York State.
- Striving to be an outstanding employer-of-choice.
- Being a worthy and thoughtful neighbor to our surrounding communities.

With a keen awareness of these tasks, I was happy to recently announce important academic and operational investments. These commitments were made possible by our prudent approach to spending and financial management, along with revenue enhancements provided by Albany. We will be implementing these significant [initiatives](#) in the weeks and months ahead. It is my sincere hope that the commitments identified will be part of a collective effort to bolster our University.

## I. MINGHUA ZHANG NAMED INTERIM UNIVERSITY PROVOST

**Dr. Minghua Zhang** was appointed Interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective August 1. Dr. Zhang has been a member of the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences (SoMAS) faculty since 1990 and holds the title of SUNY Distinguished Professor. He brings a wealth of administrative experience to this role, having served as Dean of SoMAS from 2010-2016, Associate Dean from 2003-2010, and Director of the Institute for Terrestrial and Planetary Atmospheric Sciences.

Minghua is one of our University's eminent scholars in climate science. He has published in over 140 peer-reviewed articles in top scientific journals. His research has been supported by over \$20 million of cumulative funding from agencies such as the National Science Foundation, the National Administration for Space and Aeronautics, and the U.S. Department of Energy. He is a Fellow of the American Meteorological Society and was a member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that shared the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize with former **Vice President Al Gore**.

## II. SEARCH UPDATES

### Presidential Search

The SUNY Board of Trustees has the legal authority to appoint the presidents of the system colleges and universities. SUNY Guidelines for Conducting Presidential Searches require that the local college council, the Stony Brook Council, follow a prescribed process and submit names to the SUNY Board for consideration. The process spelled out in the Guidelines outlines the various steps that must be followed and the members of the search committee.

The Guidelines provide that the search committee shall consist of:

- Four members of the local council (including the chair);
- Seven members of the full-time teaching faculty of the campus;
- One undergraduate student;
- One graduate student;
- One alumni representative;
- Two campus-related foundation representatives;

- One academic dean;
- One professional or support staff member;
- One incumbent or retired SUNY president from another campus or a member of the Chancellor's senior staff designated by the Chancellor; and
- The Chancellor's liaison representative (non-voting).

Members are nominated by faculty, staff and students, and this process took place over the summer. The faculty then vote via a secret ballot on the seven faculty positions, and the rest of the positions are selected by the Council Chair from the list of nominees. Voting on the faculty representatives began on 8/26 and ran through 9/6. The Committee will be finalized soon, and the first meeting will be held by the end of September. The Committee will be aided in its work by a search firm selected via a procurement process. The chosen firm will be announced once a contract is executed.

### **Provost Search**

After careful thought and consideration, and with substantial input from various academic, administrative, and community constituents, I have decided that it is in the best interest of our University to discontinue the search and recruitment process for our next University Provost at this time. As we move forward, I thank **Minghua Zhang** for his willingness to serve as Interim Provost until the search is re-launched. I also wish to express profound gratitude to **Esther Takeuchi** (SUNY Distinguished Professor, Materials Science and Chemical Engineering/Chemistry), the **late Dave Ferguson** (SUNY Distinguished Service Professor, Technology and Society), and the **entire Provost Search Committee** for their exemplary efforts during the search process itself.

## **III. APPOINTMENTS & DEPARTURES**

### **Dexter Bailey Departs from the University; Deborah Lowen-Klein Appointed Interim Vice President for Advancement**

**Dexter A. Bailey, Jr.**, former Senior Vice President for Advancement and Executive Director of the Stony Brook Foundation, joined the California Institute of Technology in July 2019. Under Dexter's leadership, Stony Brook's Advancement Department grew exponentially and made enormous strides. Overall, more than \$730 million was raised during his tenure at the University.

**Deborah Lowen-Klein** was tapped to serve as Interim Vice President for Advancement, effective July 15. Deborah began at Stony Brook University in 2008 and has had progressively more responsible positions ever since. She most recently served as Associate Vice President for Charitable Giving. Deborah has raised more than \$46.7 million for Stony Brook, including eight endowed chairs and professorships and runs the highly successful Women's Leadership Council. Prior to joining Stony Brook, Deborah was a fundraiser at Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic for 19 years. She received her bachelor's degree (AB) from Brandeis University and her MSW and MBA from the University at Buffalo.

## **Ernest Baptiste Steps Down as CEO of Stony Brook University Hospital; Carol Gomes Named Interim CEO**

**Ernest Baptiste** stepped down as CEO of Stony Brook University Hospital (SBUH) on June 15 in order to assume the role of VP, Stony Brook Medicine. In this new role he will serve as the point of contact between Stony Brook Medicine (SBM) and the SUNY System, as well as other SUNY institutions, to aid SUNY hospitals and their affiliates in understanding the approach and potential implementation of SBM's best practices in areas such as operations, procurement, revenue cycle, and strategic planning.

**Carol Gomes** '90, '97 has been selected to serve as the interim CEO of SBUH. Carol brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the role of interim CEO, having spent over 30 years in the healthcare industry, with the majority of this time at Stony Brook University Hospital. She most recently served as the hospital's Chief Operating Officer. Prior to and while COO, Carol served as Chief Quality Officer and Associate Director for Quality Management, with administrative oversight for the departments of Continuous Quality Improvement, Decision Support Services, Clinical Pathways and Management Engineering.

## **Dean Tufts Appointed Vice President for Facilities and Services**

**Dean Tufts** was recently selected as the new Vice President for Facilities and Services. Reporting to **Kathy Byington**, Sr. Vice President for Finance and Administration, he will lead the areas of Planning, Design & Construction, Environmental Health & Safety, Facility Operations & Maintenance, Grounds, Custodial, Utilities, Sustainability, and Transportation & Parking. Dean recently completed a 30-year Navy career as part of the Civil Engineer Corps, and brings extensive experience in leading large construction, engineering, utilities, and facility service organizations delivering major capital improvement projects and maintenance services. Dean earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Cornell University and his Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley. Additionally, Dean holds a master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the United States Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, as well as an Advanced Management Certificate from the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University.

## **Eric Wertheimer Appointed Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Professional Education and Dean of the Graduate School**

**Eric Wertheimer**, former Professor of English and American Studies at Arizona State University (ASU), was named Stony Brook's new Vice Provost for Graduate and Professional Education and Dean of the Graduate School, effective July 1. Dr. Wertheimer served as inaugural Director of the ASU New College Division of Humanities, Arts, and Cultural Studies and was founding Director for the ASU Center for Critical Inquiry and Cultural Studies. Most recently, he held a five-year appointment as the Associate Vice Provost and Associate Dean of the ASU Graduate College. Dr. Wertheimer is a specialist on American cultural and literary history and is an accomplished creative writer. He received a BA from Haverford College and a PhD in English from the University of Pennsylvania.

## **Annette B. Wysocki Named Dean of the Stony Brook University School of Nursing**

**Annette B. Wysocki, PhD, RN, FAAN**, has been named Dean of the Stony Brook University School of Nursing, effective August 1. A nursing educator, scholar and researcher for more than 30 years, Dr. Wysocki comes to Stony Brook from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst College of Nursing, where she served as Professor and Associate Dean for Research since 2012. She began her academic career on the faculty of the New York University Medical Center, where she was Director of Nursing Research and a faculty member in the Department of Dermatology in the School of Medicine. She then joined the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and served as Scientific Director of the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) and Chief of the Wound Healing Laboratory. Following her tenure at the NIH, Dr. Wysocki became Professor of Nursing and Surgery at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, before joining UMass Amherst. Dr. Wysocki received her Bachelors and Masters of Nursing from East Carolina University, and a PhD in Nursing from the University of Texas at Austin and held post-doctoral research fellowships at the University of Texas Southwestern and Weill Cornell Medical College

#### **Lisa Johnson Appointed Interim Dean, School of Health Technology and Management**

**Professor Lisa Johnson MA'04** has been appointed Interim Dean in the School of Health Technology and Management after the passing of **Interim Dean Carlos Vidal**. Her areas of expertise are neonatal resuscitation, adult and neonatal/pediatric mechanical ventilation, and pathophysiology. Professor Johnson received a Bachelor of Science degree in respiratory therapy from Quinnipiac University and an Advanced Graduate Certificate in Community Health and a Master of Science degree in Health Care Policy and Management in 2004 from Stony Brook University.

#### **IV. EASTERN LONG ISLAND HOSPITAL JOINS STONY BROOK MEDICINE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM**

Eastern Long Island Hospital (ELIH) officially joined the Stony Brook Medicine healthcare system on July 1, combining the best in academic and community medicine to improve access to advanced medical care for residents of Long Island's North Fork and Shelter Island. Established as the first hospital in Suffolk County in 1905, ELIH will now be referred to as Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital (SBELIH). A 90-bed hospital, SBELIH will work collaboratively with Stony Brook University Hospital and Stony Brook Southampton Hospital to increase care and address healthcare gaps for East End residents and visitors.

#### **V. UNIVERSITY ACCOLADES**

##### **Stony Brook Jumps 30 Places to No. 105 in Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education Rankings**

Stony Brook University has been ranked No. 105 in the prestigious Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education U.S. College Rankings for 2020, representing an increase of 30 places over last year. The higher ranking reflects particularly strong showings in the areas of campus environment and student outcomes. This ranking is based on 15 individual performance metrics, grouped into four pillars representing resources (30%), engagement (20%), outcomes (40%) and environment (10%).

### **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. Forbes compiled this annual ranking by comparing data on 645 colleges and universities across the country in the areas of quality, net price, net debt, alumni earnings, timely graduation, and access for low-income students.

### **Stony Brook Makes Money's Top 50 Best Value Colleges**

Stony Brook University placed #47 in Money's Best Colleges for Your Money 2019. This ranking focuses on data that highlight quality and affordability. Money's analysis highlights the fact that Stony Brook's graduation rate is 8% higher than other schools with similar demographics and that PayScale data show alumni earn an average salary in the first three years after graduation that is 9% higher than graduates from other colleges.

### **SBU Makes Top 100 on Washington Monthly's 2019 University Rankings**

Ranking colleges based on what they do for the country, Washington Monthly's 2019 National University rank Stony Brook as #62 among public universities and #100 overall out of 1,431 universities. This ranking looks at national universities and their contribution to the public good in three broad categories, social mobility, research and the promotion of public service.

### **Stony Brook's Film Program Moves Up on The Wrap's Top 50 List**

Stony Brook University's MFA in Film program moved up to number 32 on TheWrap magazine's ranking of the "Top 50 Film Schools of 2018." Stony Brook moved up from number 40 in this ranking that considers filmmaking, dealmaking and new media.

### **Stony Brook is a 2018 Tree Campus USA**

The Arbor Day Foundation has recognized Stony Brook University as a 2018 Tree Campus USA – a national program launched in 2008 that honors colleges and universities and their leaders for promoting healthy trees and engaging students and staff in the spirit of conservation.

## **VI. ADVANCEMENT & ALUMNI ASSOCIATION UPDATES**

Since the beginning of the fiscal year, more than \$4.6 million has been committed from 1,525 donors investing in our students, faculty, staff, and patients. Their generosity includes:

- \$1.5 million for Staller Center programming
- \$865,000 from a bequest
- \$375,000 for a postdoctoral fellowship at the AI Institute
- \$150,000 for Biomedical Informatics
- \$150,000 toward an Endowed Chair in Physics

The Stony Brook Alumni Association Board of Directors installed **Robert J. deBrauwere, Esq. '87** as its new Board President. He succeeds **Bedel Saget '88**. Mr. deBrauwere is a partner at Pryor Cashman, LLP, where he specializes in digital media, intellectual property, media & entertainment, and litigation. In addition to this appointment, **Dr. Leonard Moss '80** has been appointed to a three-year term on the Board of Directors. Dr. Moss is a cardiologist and an attending physician at the Gagnon Cardiovascular Institute in New Jersey.

## **VII. LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR HOCHUL ANNOUNCES \$79 MILLION IN ENERGY EFFICIENT UPGRADES AT STONY BROOK**

**Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul** was welcomed to Stony Brook University last month for an event announcing \$79 million in comprehensive energy efficiency improvements at Stony Brook University – a key part of Reforming the Energy Vision, **Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's** strategy to lead on climate change and grow New York's economy. When complete, Stony Brook's energy-saving upgrades will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 28,000 tons a year and will save the University nearly \$6 million in energy and maintenance costs annually. The extensive improvements, financed and implemented by the New York Power Authority in partnership with SUNY, encompass a variety of energy-saving measures, such as lighting, ventilation, and building management upgrades at various Stony Brook University buildings, including residence halls, science buildings and University Hospital. The ongoing energy efficiency measures throughout the campus build on Stony Brook's legacy of reducing its carbon footprint through energy-saving projects.

## **VIII. STUDY AFFIRMS STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY'S VAST ECONOMIC IMPACT**

An economic impact report compiled by Stony Brook University's **John A. Rizzo, PhD**, Professor of Economics and Population, and supported by the University's Economic Development Office, demonstrates the institution's vast economic influence on the regional and global economy. Analysis found that Stony Brook University's annual economic impact on Long Island totaled an impressive \$7.23 billion in increased output, \$2.39 billion in earnings, and 54,637 local jobs. In addition, the University's graduates increased aggregate economic output worldwide by \$15.3 billion, supporting an impressive 99,815 jobs. According to the report, the \$7.23 billion economic boost resulted from the state's direct investment of \$470.2 million in tax dollars, which provided a tremendous 1,500 percent return on investment equal to an economic gain of \$15 for every dollar invested by the state. With almost 15,000 employees, Stony Brook is Long Island's largest single site employer. The study found that when including additional jobs related to Stony Brook's economic impact, the University's economic activity supports eight percent of all jobs in Suffolk County and accounts for three percent of all economic activity in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. To learn more about the University's economic impact, visit: <https://www.stonybrook.edu/about/economic-impact/>.

## **IX. RESEARCH UPDATE: SBU'S LARGEST NEW AWARDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019**

### **Alzheimer's Disease**

Stony Brook University is advancing research in the field of Alzheimer's disease with five new grants that were awarded in the last fiscal year. The National Institute on Aging at NIH funds four of these awards through an investment of over \$10,000,000 (Psychiatry, Program in Public Health, Biochemistry & Cell Biology, and Radiology). Additionally, Stony Brook University has recently received a continuation of an award from the NYS Department of Health. This award helps fund Long Island's Center of Excellence for Alzheimer's disease.

### **The Department of Microbiology and Immunology**

The Department of Microbiology and Immunology has received three of Stony Brook University's top awards from the past fiscal year. All three awards are funded by NIH and amount to a total of over \$7,000,000. **Dr. David Thanassi, Nicholas Carpino, and Nancy Reich** are leading their research teams to study the modulation of host cell responses by pathogen *F. tularensis*, the immune system benefits to inhibiting Sts Enzymes, and the role of STAT3 in regulating tumor cell plasticity, respectively.

### **Energy**

Stony Brook University was awarded two Energy Frontier Research Centers by the Department of Energy, totaling in excess of \$20,000,000. One was a renewal of a successful EFRC led by Distinguished Professor **Esther Takeuchi**, focusing on energy storage. The new EFRC was awarded to Distinguished Professor **John Parise** and will focus on materials synthesis and characterization. The College of Engineering and Applied Sciences (Departments of Materials Science and Mechanical Engineering) at Stony Brook University has received three awards from the U.S. Department of Energy's Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E). The largest project, led by **Dr. Jason Trelewicz**, Associate Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, is funded at an amount of \$2,350,000 and aims to develop innovative technologies that will advance the designs of advance nuclear reactors for future commercial deployment.

### **Clinical Trials**

In the past fiscal year, Stony Brook University has received two new clinical trial research grants, both of which are federally funded for over \$3,000,000. One clinical trial, led by **Dr. Christine DeLorenzo**, Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Director of the Center for Understanding Biology using Imaging Technology (CUBIT), seeks to examine the mechanism underlying the association between circadian rhythm and Major Depressive Disorder (MDD).

**Dr. J. Gerald Quirk**, Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Medicine, leads the second clinical trial, which is looking to improve the interpretation of electronic fetal monitoring (EFM) in order to prevent adverse prenatal outcomes and decrease the use of operative deliveries.



**X. HAL SKOPICKI INVESTED AS THE AMBASSADOR CHARLES A. GARGANO CHAIR IN CARDIOLOGY**

**Dr. Hal Skopicki** was recently formally invested as the Ambassador Charles A. Gargano Chair in Cardiology. He leads Long Island's first accredited Ventricular Assist Device program and serves as the Director of the Heart Failure and Cardiomyopathy Center.

**XI. BASSEM ALLAM INVESTED AS INAUGURAL MARINETICS ENDOWED PROFESSOR**

In response to a gift from **Laurie Landeau** and **Robert Maze**, **Dr. Bassem Allam** was formally invested on April 26 as the Marinetics Endowed Professor in the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences. Allam's research is centered on interactions between marine mollusks and waterborne microorganisms in general and, in particular, the framework of host-pathogen interactions.

**XII. FACULTY, STAFF, ALUMNI, AND STUDENT ACCOLADES**

I am pleased and proud to report on the following recent outstanding accomplishments of our faculty, staff, alumni, and students:

- **Peter van Nieuwenhuizen**, Distinguished Professor of physics in the College of Arts and Sciences Department of Physics and the C.N. Yang Institute for Theoretical Physics at Stony Brook University, is one of three recipients of a \$3 million Special Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics. Dr. van Nieuwenhuizen is recognized along with theorists Sergio Ferrara of CERN and Daniel Z. Freedman of MIT and Stanford University for their "invention of supergravity, in which quantum variables are part of the description of the geometry of spacetime."
- **Heather Lynch**, associate professor of ecology & evolution in the College of Arts and Sciences, has been named a winner of the Blavatnik National Awards for Young Scientists in the category of Life Sciences. The award includes a \$250,000 unrestricted scientific prize.
- Stony Brook University's RISE2 team is one of eight research teams chosen by NASA to collaborate on research into the intersection of space science and human space exploration as part of the Solar System Exploration Research Virtual Institute (SSERVI). RISE2 — Remote, In Situ, and Synchrotron Studies for Science and Exploration 2 — is led by **Timothy Glotch**, a professor in the College of Arts and Sciences Department of Geosciences. Under his direction the team will investigate how planetary environments impact human health and analyze how remote sensing datasets can be confirmed through laboratory experiments, analyses, and field deployments. SSERVI will support the RISE2 team for five years for a total of \$7.5 million, funded by NASA's Science and Human Exploration and Operations Mission Directorates.
- **Xiuxiong Chen**, professor of mathematics, and **Rouven Essig**, associate professor of physics, have been named 2019 Simons Investigators, becoming the first faculty members at the University to receive this coveted award. These awards — carrying \$100K of research costs per year for five years and renewable for another five — support outstanding scientists in their most productive years, when they are establishing creative

new research directions, providing leadership to the field and effectively mentoring junior scientists.

- **Howardena Pindell**, a professor in the Department of Art, has won the 2019 Artist Award from the Artists' Legacy Foundation for her "multifaceted practice that explores composition and color, as well as political topics including racism, feminism, and exploitation." The Artist Award is an unrestricted merit award of \$25,000 given annually to a painter or sculptor who has made significant contributions to their field and whose work shows evidence of the hand. Professor Pindell, who is celebrating her 40<sup>th</sup> year teaching at Stony Brook also received the 2019 Distinguished Artist Award for Lifetime Achievement by the College Art Association.
- The American Chemical Society (ACS) has named **Maria C. Nagan**, PhD, Department of Chemistry, to the 2019 class of ACS Fellows, which includes scientists who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in chemistry and have made important contributions to ACS, the world's largest scientific society.
- **Yi-Xian Qin**, acting Vice President/Vice Provost for Global Affairs, Dean for International Academic Programs and Services, a leading expert in musculoskeletal tissue regeneration, has been named a Fellow of the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research (ASBMR). His research is focused on musculoskeletal tissue regeneration and translation through physical regulation and characterization of tissue quality, as well as evaluating the mechanisms responsible for tissue remodeling.
- **Joanna Kiryluk**, PhD and **Sandeep Mallipattu**, MD have been named recipients of the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE) – the highest honor bestowed by the US government to outstanding scientists and engineers who are beginning their independent research careers and show exceptional promise for leadership in science and technology. Kiryluk is an associate professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy. Mallipattu, the Martin Liebowitz Professor in Nephrology in the Department of Medicine at the Renaissance School of Medicine is chief of the Division of Nephrology and Hypertension and the Dialysis Clinic, Inc.
- Computer Science professor **Anshul Gandhi** has been selected by the Association for Computing Machinery's (ACM) SIGMETRICS as the recipient of the 2019 Rising Star Research Award. The award recognizes Gandhi's fundamental contributions to the analysis, modeling, design, and implementation of energy-efficient systems in data centers and cloud computing.
- **Eriko Sato**, assistant professor in the Department of Asian and Asian American Studies, has been selected to receive an American Association of University Women research publication grant designed to support scholars and independent researchers.
- **Lena Burgos-Lafuente**, associate professor in the Department of Hispanic Languages and Literature, has received the highly prestigious Wilbur Martin Visiting Scholar Fellowship of the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies (DRCLAS) at Harvard University for Fall 2019.
- **Donovan Finn**, an assistant professor of environmental design, policy and planning in the Sustainability Studies program in the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences, is one of nine early career faculty named to conduct interdisciplinary research into the impacts of climate change and natural hazards on US coasts through a new program launched by the National Center for Atmospheric Research.

- **Chris Tanaka '07, '10**, Assistant Director of LGBTQ\* Services, has been elected to the board for the Consortium of Higher Education LGBT Resource Professionals, a national organization that aims to advance LGBTQ\* professionals in higher education.
- **Lily D. McNair MA '83, PhD '87**, was awarded the 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award on May 18. Established in 1983, the Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes and pays tribute to outstanding Stony Brook University alumni whose exceptional achievements and careers reflect the highest values embraced and promoted by both Stony Brook University and the Stony Brook University Alumni Association. This award comes on the heels of Dr. McNair's inauguration as the president of Tuskegee University, where she became the first female to hold this role in the institution's 137-year history.
- Ten Stony Brook University students have been recognized by the Department of State's prestigious Fulbright U.S. Student Program – a highly competitive scholarship opportunity that provides funding for American students to conduct research or teach English in over 140 countries overseas. These students are: **Shannon Casey, Brian Gallagher, Beyza Gurler, Gerardy Uzochi Jean-Philippe II, Samara Khan, Eric Lemmon, Chelsea Loew, Veronica Tuazon, David Vanier, and Yezu Woo.**
- Three Stony Brook University students have been selected as recipients of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship, recognizing outstanding undergraduates who intend to pursue STEM research careers. The talented trio is: biology and French major and chemistry minor **Claire Garfield '20**, from Oneonta, New York; geology major **Alexander Kling '20** from New York City; and biology and chemistry major **Ryan McHugh '20**, from Manlius, New York.
- **Rajat Kumar**, a PhD student in Biomedical Engineering, was recently named a Chateaubriand Fellow. The fellowship has made possible a collaboration with Philippe Ciuciu at NeuroSpin, a neuroimaging research center located near Paris, where Rajat will be working during the spring 2020 semester.
- Through the Dow Jones News Fund, **Brianne Ledda**, was one of 79 undergraduate and graduate students placed in a paid summer internship at one of the nation's leading 65 news organizations. Ledda, who was accepted to the business reporting program, spent her residency at New York University and reported for Royal Media.

### **XIII. FALL ENROLLMENT**

A total of 26,724 students were registered at the beginning of Day 5 in fall 2019, 998 more than last year at the same point in the term. Some of this increase results from the School of Professional Development being more proactive to register students early in the term. We expect the increase as measured on the official census to be closer to 600-700 more students than fall 2018. Compared to fall 2018, the following changes were observed by area:

- + 302 West Campus undergraduates
- + 49 Graduate School (West, HSC, Southampton)
- + 459 School of Professional Development
- + 173 East Campus/HSC
- + 28 Southampton location

Please note that changes above double count students in some units/locations. Student counts are updated every five class days until the final snapshot is taken at the close of business on September 16.

#### **XIV. UPCOMING EVENTS**

##### **Commemorating 9/11**

On **Wednesday, September 11**, we will honor our alumni and other members of the Stony Brook family who were lost on this day 18 years ago. Their deaths strengthen our resolve as a university community to foster basic ideals of freedom and equality. At 8:46 am, the University bell will toll before a moment of silence. From 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., please consider joining our students, faculty, and staff to honor the victims and heroes of 9/11, by placing pinwheels on the grass near the Academic Mall adjacent to the fountain and Staller Center steps.

##### **Celebrating CommUniversity Day**

**CommUniversity Day** will take place **Saturday, September 21** on the Academic Mall from noon to 4 p.m. Arising out of the Campus Plan for Equity, Inclusion and Diversity, this event will showcase the many facets of our campus community. "Neighborhoods" will be stationed throughout the mall area for visitors to explore many offerings – from music to medicine, and food to fun – we invite you to explore all that Stony Brook has to offer! CommUniversity Day admission is free, family friendly and open to the public.

##### **Memorial Tribute to Honor Dr. David L. Ferguson**

On Wednesday, October 2, the campus will hold a memorial tribute celebrating the life and work of **Dr. David L. Ferguson**, Distinguished Service Professor and former Department Chair of Technology and Society, with a joint appointment in Applied Mathematics and Statistics. The tribute will take place in the Center for Leadership and Service (West Campus, H-Quad) from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Please click HERE to RSVP (please RSVP by or before September 18<sup>th</sup>), share a memory of Dave, and find out how you can honor Dave's life through a memorial donation, tributes or photos.

##### **Save the Date: Wolfstock 2019**

Wolfstock 2019 will take place on **Saturday, October 5**. The annual homecoming tradition includes a family-friendly barbecue, special events for students, alumni and friends, and the big game. For more information, visit: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/wolfstock/>

##### **Save the Date: State of the University Address**

The annual State of the University presentation will take place in the Staller Center on **Wednesday, October 16 at 1:00 p.m.** All members of the University community are encouraged to attend.

## XV. ATHLETICS<sup>1</sup>

### Department Updates

- **TV Partnership:** Stony Brook Athletics announced a linear television partnership with SNY that will initially feature five football games and one men's basketball game. Through the partnership, the University will be able to promote other areas of campus outside of the Athletics Department. The first SNY broadcast will be September 14 against Wagner.
- **Hall of Fame:** The 2019 Stony Brook Athletics Hall of Fame Class includes six outstanding individuals who distinguished themselves during their time on campus. This year's honorees will be formally inducted this fall and include: **Dr. Stuart Cherney** (team doctor), **Leo Fernandes** (men's soccer), **Miguel Maysonet '13** (football), **Harry Prince '70** (men's soccer), **Marisa Viola '10, '13** (women's soccer), and **Sandy Weeden** (coach and administrator).
- **Commissioner's Cup:** For the first time in school history, Stony Brook claimed the America East Commissioner's Cup for the 2018-19 academic year. The Commissioner's Cup annually recognizes the strongest athletic program in the America East, as determined by a scoring system that rewards a school for success both during the regular season and championship competition in the conference's 18 sports.

### Team Updates

- **Football:** The team opened the 2019 season with a 35-10 win over Bryant University at LaValle Stadium. The win was the team's 10<sup>th</sup> straight at home. The Seawolves travel to Utah for the first time in program history to face Utah State on September 7. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m. ET.
- **Women's Soccer:** Under the direction of first-year head coach **Tobias Bischof**, the women's soccer team (3-1) jumped out to a 3-0 start for the first time since 2000. After falling to St. Joseph's 1-0, the team will take on St. John's University on September 5 at 7:00 p.m. at home.
- **Volleyball:** In August, the team was selected to finish first in the America East preseason poll. The team faced stiff competition at the James Madison University Invitational, where they played Iowa, JMU, and #22 Washington State. They also took 1 out of 4 matches against Long Island rival Hofstra University. The team will play at the Bulldog Invite in Washington, D.C. on September 6-7.
- **Cross Country:** The men's cross-country team took first at the Stony Brook Season Opener on August 31. The Seawolves dominated the field with 18 total points. Sophomore **Robert Becker** (Hurley, NY) was named the America East Performer of the Week. The women's team began the 2019 season with a third-place team finish (63 points) at the Stony Brook Season Opener. Senior **Clodagh O'Reilly** (Cavan, Ireland) led the way for the Seawolves with a runner-up finish on the four-kilometer course, earning America East Performer of the Week. Stony Brook will host the Wolfie Invitational on September 7.

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- **Baseball:** Head coach **Matt Senk**, who is entering his 30th year at Stony Brook, will be inducted into the New York State Baseball Hall of Fame in November.