



Stony Brook University

MEMORANDUM

TO: University Senate
FROM: Samuel L. Stanley Jr., M.D.
President
DATE: September 8, 2017
SUBJECT: President's Report

I. STONY BROOK AND SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL ANNOUNCE AFFILIATION

Southampton Hospital joined the Stony Brook Medicine healthcare system. Effective August 1, this brings together the specialists, clinical trials and advanced technology of an academic medical center with the convenience and personalized care of a community hospital. Stony Brook Southampton Hospital now provides care under Stony Brook University Hospital's New York State operating license.

As an example of the synergies of this partnership, Stony Brook Medicine has opened a fully-operational cardiac catheterization laboratory at Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, making it the only facility on the East End of Long Island capable of providing clinically complex care to critically ill heart patients.

II. SENIOR LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

LeManuel "Lee" Bitsóí has been appointed Chief Diversity Officer

It is my pleasure to announce that LeManuel "Lee" Bitsóí has been appointed Stony Brook University's first Chief Diversity Officer (CDO). As CDO Lee Bitsóí will provide vision and leadership in promoting an institutional culture that supports diversity, equity and inclusion at Stony Brook, including efforts to conceptualize, assess and cultivate diversity as an institutional and educational resource.

He was formerly director of Student Diversity and Multicultural Affairs at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, IL. At Rush, his role included providing support to the intellectual, social and polycultural development of all students for inclusive excellence, and fostering a climate that respects and appreciates history, culture and traditions of all students while providing programming and support for all affinity and student organizations. His twenty-year career in academia also includes work at Harvard, Dartmouth and Georgetown.

A proud member of the Navajo Nation, Bitsóí received his undergraduate degree in Child Development and Family Relations from the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque in 1995. In 1998 he received a Master of Education in Administration, Planning and Social Policy from Harvard University, and in 2007 he was awarded a Doctor of Education in Higher Education Management from the University of Pennsylvania. He is active nationally in the STEM diversity movement and represented the Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science as a key speaker at the Chicago March for Science.

I am confident that he will be a true thought leader and collaborator as we work toward making a real difference as an inclusive campus community.

Dr. Rich Reeder Named Vice President for Research and Operations Manager for the Research Foundation

In his role as Vice President for Research and Operations Manager for the Research Foundation at Stony Brook University, Rich will oversee the Stony Brook research enterprise. Dr. Reeder served as the interim Vice President for Research since July 2016. At Stony Brook for nearly four decades, Reeder joined the Geosciences Department as a faculty member in 1980, where he served as Deputy Chair before being appointed Chair in 2008. From 2002-2012 he served as Director of the National Science Foundation-supported Center for Environmental Molecular Science. He also served as Chair of the national user group, EnviroSync, which promotes application of synchrotron X-ray methods to environmental sciences.

As a researcher, Reeder made extensive use of experimental beamlines at synchrotron facilities throughout the United States and participated in development of beamlines at NSLS and NSLS II at Brookhaven National Laboratory. He is a founding member of Stony Brook's Consortium for Interdisciplinary Environmental Research (CIDER). In 2014, Reeder led the team that, in partnership with Battelle, worked on the application which resulted in the successful renewal of the management contract of Brookhaven National Lab. In 2015 he was appointed Associate Vice President for Brookhaven Affairs.

Reeder received his BS in Geology from the University of Illinois, and his MA and PhD in Geology and Geophysics from the University of California, Berkeley. He was associate editor, and later editor of the peer-reviewed journal *American Mineralogist*, as well as editor of several review books. He has authored more than 120 articles and book chapters.

Judith Greiman and Melissa Woo promoted to Senior Vice Presidents

Judith Greiman's promotion to Senior Vice President for Government and Community Relations and Chief Deputy to the President follows successful years as Vice President for Government and Community Relations/Chief Deputy to the President. While at Stony Brook, Judy took on the oversight and implementation responsibility of several key areas and presidential initiatives including the Office of Institutional Diversity and Equity and the recent appointment of Stony Brook's first Chief Diversity Officer; Stony Brook's [Plan for Equity, Inclusion and Diversity](#); Stony Brook engaging as a 10X10X10 University Impact Champion in the UN Women's HeForShe Movement; and, Stony Brook's initiative to become a tobacco free campus. In this role she will continue to work closely with the SUNY legislative affairs office and with elected representatives to address higher education issues and opportunities locally, in Albany and in Washington D.C., related to both the main academic programs and the annual budget process. She will also continue to engage with the University's surrounding communities, enhancing existing programs and creating new ones, that help reinforce Stony Brook's ongoing relationship as a trusted community partner.

As Senior Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer, Melissa Woo will continue to lead one of the University's rapidly changing departments. Melissa's credentials and her recent success leading the way to Stony Brook University becoming the first higher education institution in New York State to offer a 100 gigabit-per-second (Gbps) connection to the [NYSERNet](#) and Internet 2 network, speak to her outstanding ability to implement complex IT projects for the University. In her new role, Woo will take on responsibility for aiding in research computing and Teaching and Learning Technology (TLT) for Stony Brook University as a whole, including Stony Brook Medicine.

III. BUDGET

Stony Brook University is faced with some new and unanticipated budget constraints. The ongoing investments in our new faculty hires coupled with a lack of significant tuition increases and no adjustments in state allocation to keep up with both negotiated salary increases and standard cost of living increases has created a structural deficit for our university. To deal with this deficit and set the foundation for continued excellence and forward movement in the coming years, we have implemented a new budget and program review process that will enable us to systematically face these circumstances every year, from every corner of the institution.

We have asked each department -- academic and administrative -- to work with the budget office and the leadership team to develop budget plans that reflect today's realities. We will also continue to work to develop new revenue sources, and redouble our efforts to increase both state support and philanthropic support for Stony Brook University.

We will work to minimize the impact on our core mission of teaching and research, continuing to strive for the excellence and quality for which Stony Brook is known. We will continue to invest in areas of excellence; we will be laser focused and strategic in what we do and emerge from this process stronger than ever. We will remain focused on our students, continuing to offer them the opportunity to graduate from Stony Brook well educated, and ready to engage in and address the most important issues of our time.

IV. FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Since the University Senate last met in May, the Campaign for Stony Brook has secured \$26.1 million in new gifts and pledges. To date, more than 43,611 donors have committed \$557.7 million toward our \$600 million goal by June 30, 2018. The following commitments are examples of the tremendous impact that philanthropy is having on our campus and beyond:

- \$5,000,000 to establish the new Center for Frontiers of Nuclear Science in Physics**
- \$1,500,000 to create a new endowed chair in pediatric surgery at Stony Brook Children's**
- \$1,200,000 for breast cancer research**
- \$750,000 in support of research at the Turkana Basin Institute**
- \$750,000 to create an endowed artist-in-residence in the Music Department**
- \$500,000 to benefit the Masters in Fine Arts department**
- \$1,500,000 to create an endowed chair in coastal ecology in the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences**
- \$301,000 in merit-based scholarships for Riverhead High School graduates attending Stony Brook University**
- \$120,000 in scholarships and fellowships in the Department of History**
- \$256,700 in grants for the Lemur Wildlife Center and Lemur translocation and education programs at Center Valbio in Madagascar**
- \$125,000 for an International Medical Research Fellowship Program**
- \$125,000 for the Overseas Partnership in News Literacy**

For additional updates on the campaign, please visit: stonybrook.edu/campaign.

V. DIVERSITY PLAN UPDATE

The 2017 Workplan connected to our “Plan for Equity, Inclusion and Diversity” was released in May following a year of effort by the eight working groups, the Advisory Council and the leadership team. The Workplan spells out the initiatives that will be completed or started in 2017 by each academic and administrative area. Additionally, over 550 faculty and staff participated in the REDI program that helps to build cultural competencies and eliminate hidden biases in the workplace and the classroom. Updates on Plan implementation will be provided on a regular basis via the web and at our fall town halls in November. For more details, visit: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/diversityplan/>.

VI. UNIVERSITY ACCOLADES AND HIGHLIGHTS

Stony Brook Ranked in the Top Ten of Schools for Upward Mobility of Students

I am especially proud of the recent findings that show that a Stony Brook University education provides a proven path toward [upward mobility](#) for students from low-income households. A new study led by the [Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research](#) ranks Stony Brook among the top 10 colleges and universities in the nation whose students begin college at the bottom fifth of income distribution and then go on to have income in the top three-fifths of income distribution.

Stony Brook Ranked One of 50 Best LGBTQ Friendly Colleges and Universities

Stony Brook University once again made the College Choice [50 Best LGBTQ Friendly Colleges and Universities](#) list. The ranking highlights universities like Stony Brook that have a strong history of creating quality programming for the LGBTQ community and committing time and resources to equipping students, faculty and staff with tools that encourage education, support, safety and inclusion campus wide. Stony Brook’s [LGBTQ* Services](#) staff provides meaningful programs to help students thrive and to ensure inclusion in every aspect of the University. In addition to these services, the University also has many all-gender restrooms on campus, gender-inclusive housing options, the soon-to-come LGBTQ* Center and uses the [P-400 Preferred Name Policy](#).

Coalition Statement on Paris Agreement Declaring, ‘We Are Still In’

This summer, I joined hundreds of college and university presidents, business leaders, investors, governors and mayors from across the United States in signing an open letter to the international community, endorsing actions being taken at the state and local levels to address climate change in support of the Paris Agreement. Those signing the Grand Coalition Statement on the Paris Agreement declare that they “will continue to support climate action to meet the Paris Agreement,” and vow “to take forceful action and to ensure that the U.S. remains a global leader in reducing emissions.”

Stony Brook Ranked by *Money* Magazine

In *Money* magazine’s annual list of the [Best Colleges for Your Money](#), Stony Brook University ranked #54 overall and #32 among public universities in the nation. With the goal of identifying schools that provide the best education at the most reasonable price, *Money* evaluated 711 schools on 27 factors in three categories — [quality of education, affordability and student outcomes](#). Our ranking jumped significantly from #125 in 2016 because the rankings now consider social mobility as a factor.

Stony Brook Makes Top 1.4% in QS World University Rankings

The QS World University Rankings 2018 places Stony Brook among the top 1.4 percent of all universities in the world. More than 950 of the world’s best universities were included in the rankings. This year’s QS World University rankings were compiled by assessing institutions on six different indicators. More than 75,000 academics and 40,000 employers contributed this year, while 12.3 million papers and 71.5 million citations were analyzed to measure the impact of the research produced by each university.

VII. PAUL KELTON INSTALLED AS STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY ROBERT DAVID LION GARDINER CHAIR IN AMERICAN HISTORY

Historian Paul Kelton has been named the first Robert David Lion Gardiner Chair in American History by the College of Arts and Sciences. The endowed chair was established in the Department of History in February 2016, thanks to a major gift from the [Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation](#).

Professor Kelton, a leading scholar of Indigenous North American and Colonial American history, is the author of numerous published works that have made important revisions to our understanding of the biological processes involved in the European takeover of the Americas. He continues his in-depth research on Indigenous experiences with European-introduced diseases and has ongoing projects detailing the contours of Native death and survival during the Seven Years War in North America, the American Revolution, and Indian Removal. He is the author of several articles, two books, and has co-edited *Beyond Germs: Native Depopulation in North America* (Arizona 2015), named a Choice Outstanding Academic Title for 2016. He has won grants and fellowships awarded by the American Philosophical Societies, the Hall Center for the Humanities, and the William Clements Library.

I am appreciative of the generous support from the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation. Through his expertise, Professor Kelton will engage with and empower students as they learn about and explore the fascinating history of Long Island and its diverse culture.

VIII. NEW INITIATIVES

The Empire State Development Corporation granted Stony Brook \$75 million to support the development of the Institute for Discovery and Innovation in Medicine and Engineering (I-DIME). I-DIME will provide a place where cutting edge academic research and data analytic support come together with private sector ingenuity to solve some of the most challenging problems of today and tomorrow. I-DIME will serve as a magnet for companies and will result in the development of new products and markets yet to be conceived. I am confident that this investment will reap significant benefits to society in the near future and for generations to come.

Stony Brook University's [College of Engineering and Applied Sciences](#) has been awarded two grants totaling \$4.5 million from SUNY's [Empire Innovation Program](#). The funding will be used to recruit and retain world-class faculty and researchers that strengthen Stony Brook's research productivity in two high economic opportunity areas of state and national significance — artificial intelligence (AI) and cybersecurity. These hires will also accelerate the development of the emergent Institute for AI-Driven Discovery & Innovation.

The initiative for the institute involves a collaboration between the CEAS and Stony Brook University School of Medicine, as faculty in these two high-tech areas encompass experts in multiple areas of medicine and engineering. The awards are designed to strengthen Stony Brook's prominence by funding senior field-leading hires in AI and cybersecurity. In AI, Stony Brook will focus on applications in medicine, smart environments and infrastructures, as well as core AI and machine-learning technologies. In cybersecurity, the focus will be on hardware security, operating systems security, big data security, and mobile security and on the National Security Institute, the existing cybersecurity cluster in Stony Brook.

Stony Brook University and the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) [Brookhaven National Laboratory](#) (BNL) have partnered to establish the Center for Frontiers of Nuclear Science, bolstered by a new \$5 million grant from the Simons Foundation. The Center for Frontiers in Nuclear Science will bring us closer to understanding our universe in ways in which it has never before been possible. The work will lead to new knowledge about the structure of everything in the universe today. The new center is slated to become a leading international research and educational hub for quantum chromodynamics over the next several decades, uniting our faculty, students and researchers with BNL staff and scientists from around the world in an effort to crack the quantum case.

Stony Brook University's [College of Engineering and Applied Sciences](#) and [School of Medicine](#) have embarked on an ambitious journey to advance engineering-driven medicine. Dubbed by some as the "third revolution in medicine," convergence science integrates medicine and engineering to confront some of the big unanswered questions in healthcare, and enables technologies that seek to revolutionize how we deliver healthcare. Together with the [Stony Brook University Cancer Center](#), the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences and School of Medicine convened a gathering of clinicians, scientists and engineers to share ideas and stimulate creative collaboration aimed at some of the toughest challenges in cancer. Following this convergence science [workshop](#), 15 collaborative proposals were submitted from teams across the entire University integrating a broad range of disciplines and expertise. Three winning teams were selected to receive a total of \$250K in seed funding to advance a range of innovative ideas at the intersection of engineering, physical sciences and oncology.

Stony Brook University received a five-year \$1 million grant, effective September 1, 2017, from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) Inclusive Excellence Initiative for a program that will create faculty learning communities focused on developing inclusive practices in the classroom and laboratory. The goal of the Inclusive Excellence Initiative is to help increase the capacity of higher education institutions to engage students from diverse ethnic, family and economic backgrounds and nontraditional students such as military veterans, to be successful in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education.

IX. FACULTY & STUDENT ACCOLADES

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

- **Kenneth Kaushansky, MD, Senior Vice President for the Health Sciences and Dean of Stony Brook University School of Medicine, was installed as the 2017-2018 Chair of the Greater New York Hospital Association (GNYHA) Board of Governors.**
- **Latha Chandran, MD, MPH, the Miriam and David Donoho Distinguished Teaching Professor and Vice Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education at Stony Brook University School of Medicine, has been elected to a four-year term as an executive board member of the [National Board of Medical Examiners](#) (NBME).**
- **Meave Leakey, a research professor in Stony Brook University's Department of Anthropology and director of field research at the Turkana Basin Institute in Kenya, has been given the elite honor of membership in the American Philosophical Society (APS). The APS is the oldest learned society in the US, founded in 1743 by Benjamin Franklin for the purpose of "promoting useful knowledge." Only 5,573 members have been elected since its inception.**
- **Seven Stony Brook Faculty members have been appointed to the SUNY Distinguished Ranks. Six faculty – Petar M. Djuric, Department of Electrical Engineering; Frederick E. Grine, Department of Anthropology; Mikhail Lyubich, Department of Mathematics; Scott M. McLennan, Department of Geosciences; Kathlyn A. Parker, Department of Chemistry; and Fotis Sotiropoulos, Dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences– received the rank of Distinguished Professor. John**

Peter Gergen, Department of Biochemistry and Cell Biology– received the Distinguished Service Professor ranking.

- **Fotis Sotiropoulos, Dean of the Stony Brook University College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, has been selected to receive the 2017 Hunter Rouse Hydraulic Engineering Award by the American Society of Civil Engineers' (ASCE) Environmental and Water Resource Institute (EWRI). The annual award recognizes an individual who has made outstanding contributions to hydraulics and waterways.**
- **The American Chemical Society (ACS) has named Professor Nicole S. Sampson to the 2017 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. Research in the Sampson laboratory focuses on understanding the relationship between protein structure and protein function and synthesizing chemical tools to probe and control biological function. Work is ongoing in the areas of AROMP, cancer metastasis, lipid-protein interactions, mammalian fertilization and tuberculosis steroid metabolism.**
- **Andrew Flescher, PhD, a Professor in the Department of Family, Population and Preventive Medicine at Stony Brook University School of Medicine, has been appointed to serve on the national ethics committee of the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), the country's non-profit organization that manages the nationwide organ procurement and transplant program.**
- **Department of Art Professor Nobuho Nagasawa recently received the New York City Public Design Commission's highest honor at the 34th Annual Awards for Excellence in Design, held at City Hall. Professor Nagasawa was honored for her permanent public art "Luminescence," the installation of which is currently in progress at the newly developed Peninsula, Hunter's Point South Waterfront Park on the East River in Queens, New York.**
- **Meryl R. Cosentino, JD, senior director of Gift Planning, has been elected to serve as a member of the Board of Directors for the National Association of Charitable Gift Planners (CGP).**
- **Jason Trelewicz received the prestigious Early Career Research award from the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Science. He will receive \$750K over five years to develop his project, "Enhancing the Performance of Plasma-facing Materials Through Solute-stabilized Nanostructured Tungsten Alloys."**

- **Danny Bluestein**, a professor in the Department of Biomedical Engineering and director of the Biofluids Research Group, has been elected a fellow of the Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES). His award-winning work tackles the dynamics of flow and cellular transport in blood recirculating devices and the diseased cardiovascular system.
- Two Stony Brook University Department of Physics and Astronomy faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences recently received the Department of Energy (DOE) Early Career Award for their individual research projects related to the discovery of dark energy and dark matter. Assistant Professor [Anja von der Linden](#) was awarded for her project, “Towards Precision Cluster Cosmology with Large Synoptic Survey Telescope (LSST)”; Assistant Professor [Marilena Loverde](#), also appointed in the Yang Institute for Theoretical Physics, was awarded for “Discovering Dark Energy, Dark Matter, and Neutrino Properties with Cosmic Structure.” Each will receive \$750,000 over five years to develop their research.
- **Kellon Belfon**, a PhD student in Stony Brook’s [Department of Chemistry](#), recently received a prestigious ACM-SIGHPC/Intel Computational and Data Science Fellowship. With the fellowship comes a \$15,000 stipend, ACM membership, a travel grant to attend the Annual Supercomputing conference in Denver, networking opportunities and access to computing resources such as the ACM Digital Library.
- **Michael Salerno**, a third year Biomedical Engineering PhD student, was awarded the 2017-2018 STEM Chateaubriand Fellowship, a grant offered by the Embassy of France in the U.S. to support outstanding PhD students from American universities to conduct research in France for up to nine months. As part of the Chateaubriand Fellowship, Salerno will be supported to go to France for nine months on a joint project: Integrating Positron Emission Tomography (PET) and Functional Ultrasound (fUS) in the behaving rat, to study the relationships between blood flow and neurochemistry during various behaviors.
- **Alex Bott**, a Genetics PhD was recognized with two prestigious and highly competitive awards from the National Institutes of Health (NIH): the [F31](#) (Predoctoral Individual National Research Service Award) and the newly-established [F99/K00](#) — the Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Fellow Transition Award, which is designed to encourage and retain outstanding graduate students who have demonstrated potential to pursue careers as independent cancer researchers. Bott’s research focuses on Myc, a

regulator gene amplified in a wide range of cancers, particularly breast cancer.

- **Stony Brook Linguistics PhD candidate Paola Cepeda has been recognized with a 2017 Mellon/American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Dissertation Completion Fellowship for her thesis research entitled “Negation and Time. Against expletive negation in temporal clauses.”**
- **Jamie Sommer, a PhD candidate in the Department of Sociology, has received a research grant from the Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy for her work, “Is Bilateral Environmental Aid Effective? A Cross-National Analysis of Forest Loss.”**
- **Seven Stony Brook student researchers earned prestigious fellowships from the 2017 National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP). They include Keffy Kehrli (Genetics), Yugarshi Mondal (Applied Math), Laura Perrone (Clinical Psychology), Joshua Farr (Chemistry), Lea Kenigsberg (Mathematics), Henry Ng (Biology), and Samantha Scibelli (Physics).**

X. UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall 2017 Cultural Programs | Opening Reception

Charles B. Wang Center | Zodiac Gallery

Thursday, September 14th

5:00 PM

CommUniversity Day

On Saturday, September 23, from 12-4:00, Stony Brook will hold its first CommUniversity Day. Open to our local community, friends, families and neighbors to experience, an afternoon of fun exploration, good food, hands-on activities and captivating performances highlighting the very best the University has to offer. Everyone is welcome to attend this free event. All activities will be centered around the University’s main Academic Mall for easy access.

CommUniversity Day will be held rain or shine from 12 pm to 4 pm. Come for the fun and food and stay for the pre-game festivities at Seawolves Town beginning at 4 pm and the football game against Towson at 6 pm. Participants who bring their CommUniversity Day event punch card to the LaValle Stadium box office will receive one discounted game day ticket.

Annual State of the University Address

Wednesday, September 27th

Staller Center for the Arts | Main Stage

1:00 PM

Save the Date: Wolfstock 2017

Wolfstock 2017 will take place on Saturday, October 14. The annual homecoming tradition has something for everyone, including a family-friendly barbecue, special events for students, alumni and friends – and, of course, the big game in LaValle Stadium. For more information, visit:

<http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/wolfstock/>

XI. ATHLETICS¹

North Endzone Expansion: Construction of the North Endzone Expansion is nearly complete. The seating sections, which added 2,000 seats to LaValle Stadium is complete and will be filled with fans for the first time on September 16 when the football team plays Sacred Heart University at 6 p.m. The concessions and restroom building is nearing completion. Over the next month, construction workers will be at work finishing the exterior and interior of the building, including the installation of new kitchen equipment, fixtures in the bathrooms, and landscaping of the area. The building will be ready for the Seawolves' homecoming game against New Hampshire on October 14.

Academics: The Seawolves had a record year in the classroom in 2016-17, tallying a program-best 3.17 GPA during the academic year and surpassing the goal of 3.15 set in Athletics' five-year vision *Together We Transform*. The GPA has risen from a mark of 3.08 in 2014-15. Twelve student-athletes achieved a perfect 4.0 GPA in the Fall 2016 semester while 16 posted a 4.0 in Spring 2017.

Men's Basketball: The Stony Brook men's basketball program and head coach Jeff Boals have announced the 2017-18 men's basketball schedule. The slate features 14 games played at Island Federal Credit Union Arena, and the Seawolves will match up against 11 teams that played in the 2017 postseason, including five NCAA Tournament participants. The Seawolves open up the

¹ As of August 31

season against Maryland in the newly renovated Nassau Coliseum on Nov. 10th. In addition to Maryland, Stony Brook will face notable opponents Michigan State, Connecticut, Providence and Rutgers.

Football: Last weekend, Sept. 2nd our football team travelled to Tampa, Florida and gave a valiant effort against the 19th ranked USF Bulls in the opening game of the 2017-18 season. Stony Brook, entering its fifth season as a member of CAA Football, will be featured three times in 2017, including the home game on Sept. 23 against Towson. The Seawolves will also be the "Game of the Week" at Rhode Island on Sept. 9 and on Oct. 28 at Richmond. Stony Brook is the only school in the league to be featured three times. Games will be available for free on College Sports Live online (collegesportslive.com) and on the College Sports Live mobile app. Stony Brook will host Sacred Heart on Sept. 16 in the home opener at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium.

Christina Melian: Women's Track star Christina Melian, was recently selected by the NCAA as one of the Top 30 honorees for the 2017 NCAA Woman of the Year award. The NCAA Woman of the Year is a national award honoring academic achievement, athletics excellence, community service and leadership. It is one of the highest awards given by the NCAA. The Woman of the Year award is unique in its recognition of female student-athletes who are not just successful on the field and in the classroom, but have also contributed to their communities and campuses.