

University Senate Report
Senior Vice President for Health Sciences
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Renaissance School of Medicine

- Chair searches underway include the departments of pediatrics, neurology and shortly, biomedical engineering
- A Faculty Awards ceremony was held on Sept 27th, with Drs. Marybeth Chitkara (Pediatrics) and Susan Lane (Medicine) receiving the Aesculapius Award for outstanding educators, Drs. Christine DeLorenzo (Psychiatry and Biomedical Engineering) and Maureen O'Leary (Anatomical Sciences) receiving awards for Top Established Researchers, Dr. Brian Sheridan the award for Early Career Research (Microbiology/Immunology), Dr. Holly Colognato (Pharmacology) for Excellence in Faculty Mentorship, Dr. Catherine Kier (Pediatrics) for Excellence in Clinical Service, and Dr. Lisa Strano-Paul (Medicine) received the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award.
- The School will soon mount a concerted effort to respond to a call from Chancellor Johnson to bring together groups of investigators to propose projects to the \$1B NIH initiative to tackle opioid abuse disorder
- The Cancer Center will transfer operations from its current location in the ambulatory care pavilion to the 5th and 6th floors of the MART building beginning November 4th. Renovations will begin soon thereafter for occupancy by faculty of the Heart Institute next summer.

School of Nursing

- The School welcomed its new Dean of Nursing on August 1st, Dr. Annette Wysocki, a nationally recognized researcher and wound healing expert. Dr. Wysocki came to Stony Brook from University of Massachusetts Amherst SoN, where she served as Professor and Associate Dean. Please see: <https://news.stonybrook.edu/newsroom/press-release/medical/nationally-recognized-researcher-and-wound-healing-expert-named-dean-of-stony-brook-nursing/> for a SBU news story on the new Dean.
- The School published its annual report, Evidence-based Practice in Nursing Education (<https://nursing.stonybrookmedicine.edu/NewsEvents>)
- The PhD program in Nursing begins its second year this summer. It is expected that the successful candidates will complete their didactic and dissertation studies within 4 years.
- The SoN online master's program is currently ranked #15 by US News and World Report.

School of Health Technology and Management

- The school welcomed Dr. Stacy Gropack as their new Dean on October 1st.
- The program in Speech-Language Pathology is undergoing initial candidacy status and will offer a Masters Degree on the Southampton

Campus. The inaugural class is set to enroll next summer. A mock site visit to prepare for accreditation was performed this week.

- The Athletic Training program successfully transitioned to a Masters degree and has received initial accreditation. They entered the first class of 10 students in May of 2019.

School of Dental Medicine

- The School recently published a year in review: <https://dentistry.stonybrookmedicine.edu/sites/default/files/dental-flipbook-2019/index.html>
- The clinical service continues to witness impressive growth, across multiple patient populations:

Dental Care Center (FY 2013-2014 to FY 2017-2018)	
+ 18%	Patients
+ 15%	Patient Visits
+ 252%	Veteran Patients
+ 196%	Veteran Patient Visits
+ 20%	Patients with Special Needs
+ 27%	Patients with Special Needs Visits
+ 29%	Elderly Patients
+ 26%	Elderly Patient Visits
+ 500%	Pediatric Patients
+ 93%	Pediatric Patients Visits

School of Social Welfare

- The School has established a Standing Committee in diversity, inclusion and equity which launched with a student survey on these issues. The School also devoted a new faculty hire to diversity and inclusion, by recruiting Dr. Ijeoma Opara.
- The School's MSW/MPH dual degree program was approved and the first student was admitted in Fall 2019. A new MSW/MA in Bio Ethics will be sent to the Graduate School for approval this week, and a proposal for a MSW/MBA is in the pipeline.
- The distance education courses were enhanced this month using Zoom technology, and with the same goal in mind, hired a Director of Online Instruction who leads efforts to more effectively use technology for teaching and research, and to add content on use of technology in social services to our curriculum.
- The School continues to expand efforts to support grant submission and scholarship. A Director of Research has been appointed and has developed a

mentoring system for untenured faculty. Several major interdisciplinary grants with SOM, SON and CEAS have come from these efforts.

- The SSW moved up in U.S. News and World Report Rankings from 71 to 51 this year.

Program in Public Health

- PPH has launched SUNY's first Masters in Healthcare Administration (MHA), which advanced to candidacy for national accreditation by CAHME; this August the program enrolled its first MSW/MPH dual degree student, recognizing the need to train health professionals in population health AND the root causes of social and behavioral determinants of health: and, the first three PhD students in population health and clinical outcomes passed their preliminary exams to be moved to candidacy.
- Program faculty continue to lead and collaborate on NIH funded research, on topics including aging and cognitive decline, trauma recovery and adverse childhood events, and health disparities as well as environmental health hazards.
- Faculty in PPH are collaborating with public libraries on LI, the SSW, the SoN, and the Health Sciences Library, to pilot an inter professional team model for field work and service learning in the public library space, to address issues of mental health and homelessness, food insecurity, and chronic disease prevention through referral, resource development, and education.

Stony Brook Healthcare System

- Stony Brook University Hospital is making final preparations for occupancy of the new bed tower, with Children's Hospital and several intensive care units transitioning from their current locations in SBUH to the bed tower on November 17th. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held for SBCH on October 17th at 10AM. All are welcome.
- A look at both the clinical and fiscal performance of our affiliation of Southampton Hospital (now known as Stony Brook Southampton Hospital) reveals a major improvement in new services offered, including cardiac catheterization and telemedicine, along with impressive increases in patient volumes and bottom line performance. Given this, we look forward to similar results with the affiliation with Eastern Long Island Hospital, which went live July 1st.
- Because of rapid clinical growth, "Advanced Specialty Care", the new, large multi-disciplinary clinic in which nearly every clinical department has office practices, is nearly doubling its footprint at 500 Commack Road.