



TO: University Senate

FROM: Harold L. Paz, Executive Vice President for Health Sciences

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SUBJECT: EVPHS Report

The Executive Vice President for Health Sciences will offer verbal remarks on the following topics:

- Center for Healthy Aging
- School of Public Health
- Interprofessional Education
- Integrated budgeting
- Recruitment and searches
- Leadership retreats
- SUNY Chancellor's Visit

ACADEMIC UPDATES

Renaissance School of Medicine

February is Resident and Fellow Appreciation month. RSoM will be staging several events for the residents to show the School's appreciation for their work, including a table with a quiz game about residents' roles and responsibilities, profiles on a number of residents around the hospital, "Thank a Resident and Fellow" stickers, a short video about the life of residents, and breakfast and dessert refreshments.

RSoM's Global Health program in Women's Health in Mozambique is progressing well, with residents from both locations already exchanging. The School is working hard to expand the program to Emergency Medicine, Surgery, and Anesthesia, and are making progress towards a bi-directional program that will promote Global Health Equity and strengthen the Mozambique health system.

School of Nursing

This summer, the School of Nursing will welcome its first cohort for an innovative training program with the Long Island Veterans Home. Designed as a pipeline for new undergraduate nursing recruits, the program offers 24 full-tuition scholarships to students enrolled in the RN to Baccalaureate Program who agree to guaranteed employment at LISVH for the entire two-year period of their academic work, plus one additional year of employment post-graduation. The RN to Baccalaureate application is currently open until February 16th. More information is available on the [Registered Nurse Baccalaureate program website](#).

School of Dental Medicine

SDM is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Since opening its doors, SDM has graduated more than 1,500 dentists who have gone on to make an indelible impact on their patients and communities, both locally and beyond. Its Dental Care Center is the largest provider of oral healthcare on Long Island, averaging more than 80,000 patient visits per year, and is also a safety net for vulnerable and at-risk populations. In 2022, the Dental Care Center was proud to have approached pre-COVID numbers for both patients and patient visits.

School of Health Professions

Physical Therapy program awarded the maximum of 10 years re-accreditation.

The BS Health Science program recently launched a new Exercise Science concentration, creating a pipeline from undergraduate study to our graduate programs in Athletic Training, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy. The concentration includes curriculum in First Aid and injury care, sports medicine, physiology, and nutrition. Additional information is available on the [Health Science program website](#).

The Clinical Laboratory Sciences (CLS) department had its first ever departmental exchange with an international university on October 19. Eight SBU students and eight Medical Technology students at Chang-Gung University (CGU) in Taiwan met via Zoom to discuss the national and cultural similarities and differences between the two countries on the COVID-19 pandemic, student life, and the Medical Technology field. The session was attended by more than 50 faculty, staff, and students from both universities. These discussions will continue to foster engagement and potential collaborations between our two universities.

SHP Faculty Recognitions

- Joseph Whitton, Clinical Assistant Professor and Program Director of Radiologic Technology was elected Regional Coordinator of Professional Practice for the Americas for the International Society of Radiographers & Radiological Technologists (ISRRT)
- Lisa Endee, Clinical Associate Professor of Respiratory Care, was sworn in as a Director-at-Large for the Board of Directors of the American Association of Sleep Technologists (AAST)

Program in Public Health

PPH will become the first SUNY campus to offer a public health concentration in Climate Solutions and Health after securing approval from NYSED. PPH is in the process of hiring interdisciplinary faculty who will hold joint-appointments with the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences and the Renaissance School of Medicine. The curriculum will include biostatistics, emerging infectious diseases, allergies and chronic respiratory disorders, and environmental justice. Faculty are expected to join PPH this year, and the concentration is scheduled to launch in Fall 2024.



Interprofessional Education

A growing body of research supports improved medical and academic outcomes from interprofessional education (IPE) and interprofessional practice (IPP) training. Over the past several years, IPE and IPP principles have been incorporated into leading medical and health sciences curricula, codified into multiple professional accreditation standards, and enshrined in new university-based centers and institutes. SBM has convened a working group to develop a central hub for interprofessional innovation that will support new IPE and IPP initiatives in research, practice, community engagement, and education. The new unit will assess and inventory IPE projects, educational content, and capacity; identify opportunities to enhance IPE experiences; plan and execute IPE events; and draft a strategic plan aligned with SBM planning efforts.

ADDITIONAL SBM NEWS

[Healthgrades Ranks Stony Brook University Hospital Among America's 50 Best](#)

Stony Brook University Hospital (SBUH) has achieved the highest level of national recognition as one of America's 50 Best Hospitals for 2023, according to new research released by Healthgrades. This places SBUH in the top one percent of hospitals in the country.

[Raja Jaber Featured in TIME Magazine Special Issue on 'The Future of Medicine'](#)

Raja Jaber, MD, an associate clinical professor of family medicine and director of Lifestyle and Integrative Medicine in the Department of Family, Population and Preventive Medicine is featured in TIME Magazine's new article, "Lifestyles of the Healthy and Wise" by Janet Lee in the special issue, "The Future of Medicine", where she describes how lifestyle plays a huge role in many chronic conditions, such as heart disease, stroke, diabetes and certain cancers.

[Patricia Bruckenthal Named New Dean of the School of Nursing](#)

Patricia (Pat) Bruckenthal, who began her career as a registered nurse shortly after Stony Brook University Hospital opened in 1981, has been named the new dean of Stony Brook University's School of Nursing. As dean of nursing and part of the senior executive management team at Stony Brook University and Stony Brook Medicine, Bruckenthal will be responsible for the school's academic plan going forward. In her role, she will help strengthen partnerships with the school from within and outside the university, and be a strong advocate for the School of Nursing and the profession of nursing itself.

Bruckenthal is a nationally recognized clinician and academic leader who has devoted her career to improving chronic pain assessment and management, as well as advancing clinical education. After working as a registered nurse at Stony Brook, Bruckenthal became a clinical instructor in the Department of Neurology in the School of Medicine in 1989 and later joined the School of Nursing as a clinical assistant professor in 1993, where she has held a range of roles over the years. She became chair of the Department of Graduate Studies in Advanced Practice Nursing in



2010, and in 2016 was further promoted as associate dean for Research and Innovation and professor at Stony Brook University School of Nursing. Earlier this year she was named interim dean of the school before her appointment as dean.

In addition to her clinical and academic career at Stony Brook, Bruckenthal has sat on several advisory committees to improve outcomes for people with chronic pain, including the Pain Action Alliance to Implement a National Strategy, the Department of Defense and Veterans Administration Army Pain Task Force, and the Leadership Advisory Council of the States Pain and Policy Advisory Council. As a nationally recognized expert in pain management, she developed and advised on pain management curricula for the Medical Society of the State of New York and was a member of the Collaborative Education in Substance Use Advisory Council for Harvard Medical School/Department of Global and Continuing Education.

Bruckenthal earned her PhD in nursing at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and did her post-doctoral training at the Applied Behavioral Medicine Institute at Stony Brook University, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health. She is a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing and an advanced diplomat in the American Academy for Integrative Pain Management. Bruckenthal has served as president of the American Society for Pain Management Nursing and associate editor for Pain Management Nursing. She has been published in two dozen peer-reviewed journals, has authored numerous contributed book chapters and has been an invited speaker at professional conferences in the U.S. and internationally.

[Todd Griffin Appointed VP for Clinical Services and Vice Dean for Clinical Affairs at Stony Brook Medicine](#)

Stony Brook Medicine has named Todd Griffin, MD, MBA, vice president for clinical services and vice dean for clinical affairs. In his new role, Griffin will have responsibility for clinical leadership across Stony Brook Medicine (SBM) and oversight of all ambulatory facilities. He will also provide oversight to the Clinically Integrated Network (CIN) across SBM faculty and Stony Brook Community Medicine (SBCM) physicians. He will serve as the clinical executive for all affiliates and partnering organizations and will develop plans for coordination of inpatient and outpatient care, promoting operational efficiency in the inpatient environment and seamless transition to the outpatient setting. Griffin will work with SBM leadership to develop and implement the vision and strategy to grow and maintain the success of the SBM clinical enterprise.

Griffin is professor and chair of the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Medicine. He has spent most of his career at Stony Brook, having been a medical student, a resident and returning as a faculty member after completing his service in the U.S. Navy. As a clinician, Griffin is a minimally invasive/robotic gynecologic surgeon who was instrumental in helping Stony Brook start a robotics program. As an educator, he has served as a clerkship director, residency program director and vice chair for education. In 2009, he was selected to serve as the chief medical officer (CMO) of Stony Brook University Hospital.



[Michael Venten Earns National AGCME Award for Coordinator Excellence](#)

Michael Venten, a specialist in the Renaissance School of Medicine Department of Graduate Medical Education (GME), was one of three national winners of the Institutional Coordinator Excellence Award, presented by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). The GME Institutional Coordinator Excellence Award recognizes institutional coordinators who demonstrate in-depth knowledge of graduate medical education and the process for internal review. Recipients skillfully manage the multiple roles of administrator, counselor, enforcer, coordinator, organizer and scheduler.

[Vincent Iacono Receives Distinguished Alumni Award from Harvard School of Dental Medicine](#)

Vincent Iacono, DMD, SUNY distinguished service professor, chair of the Department of Periodontology, and Tarrson family professor of periodontology in the Stony Brook University School of Dental Medicine, was recently presented the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Harvard School of Dental Medicine (HSDM). The award is presented each year to a member of the 50th and 25th anniversary graduating classes as a way to “recognize an individual who has made significant contributions that honor the mission of the school in addition to supporting HSDM through the generosity of their time, talent, and philanthropic commitments.”