

MEMORANDUM

TO: University Senate

FROM: Samuel L. Stanley Jr., M.D.
President

DATE: October 1, 2018

SUBJECT: President's Report

I. DEPARTURES AND APPOINTMENTS

Kathleen Byington, Associate Vice President for Business Operations at Yale University, has been **appointed Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration** at Stony Brook University, effective October 3, 2018. In this position, Byington will serve as the senior executive responsible for managing Stony Brook's financial, administrative and facilities operations. Byington will lead seven direct reports including the Vice Presidents for Finance and Human Resource Services, the Office of Internal Audit, and the Associate and Assistant Vice Presidents responsible for all facilities maintenance and design and construction activity, which currently includes approximately \$800 million in projects on Stony Brook's campuses. Byington will also oversee University Police and Emergency Management, Environmental Health and Safety, and Parking and Transportation. Prior to her appointment at Yale, Byington served as Vice President for Administration and Finance at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, Vice President and Chief Business Officer at Georgetown University Medical Center, Chief Financial Officer at Dartmouth Medical School and Finance Director for Genetics Institute. She has a B.S. in Biomedical Engineering from Boston University and an M.B.A. from Northeastern University.

II. FISCAL YEAR 2019 UPDATE

Since the end of our Campaign for Stony Brook, we have secured \$4.2 million from 2,244 donors for fiscal year 2019.

The following are examples of transformative gifts that have come in since July 1, 2018:

- \$556,000 for the expansion of the pediatric emergency department
- \$500,000 for the Department of Chemistry

- \$150,000 for global medical education
- \$150,000 for the Alda Center for Communicating Science
- \$105,000 for translational biomedical research
- \$100,000 for new conjugated materials research

III. FALL 2018 ENROLLMENT SNAPSHOT

A total of 26,254 students were registered at the end of Day 15 in fall 2018, 265 more than last year at the same point in the term. Enrollment counts for 2018 represent record levels for undergraduate and graduate students.

Compared to fall 2017, the following changes were observed by area:

- +192 West Campus undergraduates
- 127 Graduate School (West, HSC, Southampton)
- +144 School of Professional Development
- +30 East Campus/HSC
- +38 Southampton location

IV. U.S. NEWS RANKING AT HISTORIC HIGH

Stony Brook University has been ranked No. 80 among U.S. colleges and universities by U.S. News & World Report, the highest ranking in the university's history and up 17 places from last year. Stony Brook was also ranked 32nd among public universities nationally.

V. STONY BROOK JUMPS 12 SPOTS IN WALL STREET JOURNAL/TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION COLLEGE RANKING 2018

The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education College Rankings 2019 rated Stony Brook University #135 nationally, moving up from #147 last year, and #30 among public institutions.

Of the ranking's four pillars — resources, engagement, outcomes, and environment — Stony Brook University received its highest ranking in environment, which judges the student learning environment as well as the diversity of the student body and faculty. Other criteria include student interaction, graduation rate, reputation, loan default, faculty-to-student ratio and the amount spent per student.

VI. FORBES RANKS STONY BROOK AMONG TOP 28 STEM COLLEGES

Stony Brook University was one of just seven public colleges and universities named to Forbes magazine's list of the "Top 25 STEM Colleges" in the United States, part of the magazine's annual list of "America's Top Colleges." Stony Brook was ranked 21st on the list, which is comprised of institutions where more than half of students major in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) disciplines.

VII. STONY BROOK RECEIVES 2018 HEED AWARD FROM INSIGHT TO DIVERSITY MAGAZINE

Stony Brook University received the 2018 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award — a national honor recognizing U.S. colleges and universities that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion — from *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine. Additionally, the Stony Brook University Women in Science and Engineering Program was a winner of *INSIGHT Into Diversity's* Inspiring Programs in STEM Award.

VIII. STONY BROOK TO RECEIVE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION STEM EDUCATION GRANT FOCUSED ON ADVANCING UNDERREPRESENTED MINORITY STEM FACULTY

The National Science Foundation has awarded a \$1,349,533 grant to Stony Brook to research models to advance underrepresented minority STEM faculty at predominantly undergraduate institutions. The grant will provide our students with mentoring, professional development training, and the teaching skills necessary to succeed in academic faculty positions. The research is intended to provide insights into the mechanisms for supporting and preparing students for faculty success in order to build a comprehensive national model for preparing underrepresented minority doctoral students for faculty positions in predominantly undergraduate institutions.

IX. CENTER FOR PREVENTION AND OUTREACH AWARDED \$300,000 GRANT TO EXPAND MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS AND SUICIDE PREVENTION INITIATIVES

Stony Brook's Center for Prevention and Outreach (CPO) was one of 20 awardees nationally to receive the competitive 2018 Garrett Lee Smith Campus Suicide Prevention Grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Organization to further Stony Brook's mental health awareness and suicide prevention initiatives. The \$300,000 grant, authored by **Dr. Smita Majumdar-Das**, Director of CPO, and **Ahmed Belazi**, Director of Planning and Staff Development for Student Affairs, will be implemented over a three-year period and will increase access to suicide prevention resources and diversify counseling services.

X. FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENT ACCOLADES

Tom Manuel '16, an accomplished trumpeter who earned his Doctor of Musical Arts in performance from Stony Brook University two years ago and is president and founder of the Jazz Loft in downtown Stony Brook, is joining Stony Brook University as an **Artist in Residence**. This **endowed position** was created through an anonymous gift.

Michalis Polychronakis, assistant professor in the Computer Science Department, is the recipient of a **2018 DARPA Young Faculty Award** to support his project, Compiler-assisted Software Specialization against Vulnerability Exploitation.

SBU faculty members **Sotirios Mamalis** and **Ben Lawler**, assistant professors in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, have received a **\$1.49 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) – Vehicle Technologies Office** to advance the next generation of biofuels.

Liliana M. Dávalos, an associate professor in the Department of Ecology and Evolution, has been named a recipient of the **National Science Foundation Award for “Understanding the Rules of Life.”** Dávalos’ award-winning research addresses the “Genomics of exceptions to scaling of longevity to body size.”

Stony Brook Medicine student Anirudh Chandrashekar ('16, '20) was awarded Oxford’s prestigious **Clarendon Scholarship** for his research focused on understanding how insects perceive their environment.

Campus Rec Magazine recently highlighted the Recreation and Wellness staff (in collaboration with health professionals) for transforming the **Walter J. Hawrys Recreation Center** from being a place to solely exercise into a place where students are able to improve themselves both physically and mentally.

XI. RECENT EVENTS

The second annual **CommUniversity Day** took place on Saturday, September 22, 2018. The campus-wide event attracted 3500 faculty, staff, students, and community members for a day of entertainment and hands-on interactive activities.

President Stanley represented Stony Brook University at the **2018 HeForShe IMPACT Summit** on Wednesday, September 26, 2018, where he spoke on a panel regarding putting an end to gender-based violence.

XII. UPCOMING EVENTS

President Stanley's **State of the University address** will be held on Wednesday, October 3 at 1:00 p.m. in the Staller Center.

The **Cultural Competency Seminar** for all non-clinical faculty and staff will take place on Tuesday, October 9, 2018. Find more information at <https://www.stonybrook.edu/diversity>

Dr. Stephanie Kelton will give a **Presidential Lecture** entitled, "**But How Will We Pay For It? Making Public Money Work For Us.**" The lecture will take place on Monday, October 15, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at the Staller Center.

Undergraduate College Commons Day featuring Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor will take place on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. Simulcast will occur in the Staller Center Main Stage Theater.

The **Rugby Field Dedication** in honor of the late Peter Baigent, former VP for Student Affairs, will occur on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

Stony Brook's annual **Homecoming celebration** will take place on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.

The **MART & Cancer Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** will occur on Thursday, November 1, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.

XIII. ATHLETICS UPDATE

Construction has begun on the **Dubin Family Indoor Training Center**, which will be located just north of LaValle Stadium. The new facility is expected to open in September 2019.

Eight new members will be inducted into the **Stony Brook Athletics Hall of Fame** over Homecoming weekend. The new inductees are David Bamiro '05 (Football); Sarah Boeckel '99 (Volleyball); Tyler Johnson '12 (Baseball); Sam Kornhauser (Football Coach/Administrator); Jordan McBride '11 (Men's Lacrosse); Jessica Smith '07 (Women's Basketball); Nick Tropeano (Baseball) and Mel Walker '80 (Men's Basketball).

Football started the season with a **3-1 record**, including a 36-10 victory over Richmond in the team's Colonial Athletic Association opener. The team was ranked No. 19 heading

into Saturday's game against No. 15 Villanova. Senior running backs Jordan Gowins and Donald Liotine have each rushed for over 100 yards in three straight games.

Men's Soccer, Women's Soccer, and Volleyball all won their America East openers last weekend.

Men's Cross Country is currently ranked third in the Northeast Region, which is the **highest ranking in program history**.