



MEMORANDUM

TO: Stony Brook Senate

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

DATE: November 6, 2017

SUBJECT: President's Report

I. DEPARTURES AND APPOINTMENTS

Sr. VP for Finance and Administration Headed to SUNY

Robert Megna, Sr. Vice President for Finance and Administration will be relocating to Albany to accept a position as Chancellor Johnson's Interim Chief Operating Officer. In his time at Stony Brook, Bob has redefined and set the future course for the University's budget process. Over the next few months, Bob will also continue working with Stony Brook in his commitment to completing the full implementation of that process. Please join me in wishing Bob success in his new role, as he brings to SUNY a wealth of experience and an in-depth understanding of research universities, and in particular, Stony Brook University.

New Hospital Chief Executive Officer Named

Effective November 27, **Ernest Baptiste**, CEO of Kings County Hospital Center in Brooklyn will join Stony Brook Medicine as Chief Executive Officer of Stony Brook University Hospital (SBUH). For 25 years, Ernest's career has been characterized by progressive leadership experiences in executive level management and hospital operations. He has worked successfully with physicians, administrators and department heads to improve departmental operations, achieve organizational goals and ensure the delivery of high quality, safe, efficient and cost-effective care. He is a successful recruiter of outstanding talent, and motivates all with whom he works.

Ernest received his Bachelors of Science degree in Health Care Administration from St. John's University, his Masters in Public Administration in Healthcare Administration from CW Post College, and his Masters of Science in Health Financial Management from NYU, the latter two degrees while working as an Ambulatory Care Supervisor at Mount Sinai in New York City and an Associate Administrator for Clinical Services at North General Hospital in New York City. Ernest was then promoted and served for seven years as Vice President of Operations at North General, before moving to St. Mary's Hospital in Brooklyn as Executive Director and Vice President. Ernest then moved to the Duke University Health System, where he served as Chief Operating Officer at the Durham Regional Hospital. From there he became Executive Vice

President and COO of St. Francis Hospital in Wilmington, DE, before moving back to New York City in 2012 to become CEO of Kings County Hospital, a 627-bed facility in Brooklyn that serves as the main academic clinical campus for SUNY Downstate Medical Center.

II. CAMPAIGN FOR STONY BROOK UPDATE

Since the University Senate last met, the Campaign for Stony Brook has secured \$4.1 million in new gifts and pledges. To date, more than 44,274 donors have committed \$563.2 million toward our \$600 million goal – which we expect to reach by June 30, 2018. The following commitments are recent examples of the strong support the Campaign continues to attract:

- \$750,000 for an endowed professorship in Tamil Language and Culture
- \$500,000 for the Turkana Basin Institute from Harmony Vineyards
- \$150,000 for the Zuckerman Institute - Alda Center Scholars Project in Israel
- \$100,000 for the Staller Center for the Barbara N. Wien Arts and Education Fund
- \$50,000 for the Summer Math Endowed Scholarship

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

III. NEW DOIT SELF-SERVICE PORTAL

The Division of Information Technology has implemented a new [self-service portal](#) with a streamlined interface in order to improve the overall user experience for requesting IT services and reporting technology-related issues. The self-service portal is located at service.stonybrook.edu by clicking on the “Service Portal Login” button. A NetID and password is required to access the system. In the new portal, you can:

- search the knowledgebase for answers to common questions
- select from the most commonly requested services
- or choose from all services using the “Click to submit request or report incident” button

The new self-service portal enhances our ability to report on service requests and incidents, gather critical metrics, and analyze this data to improve IT service delivery. A brief instructional video detailing how to submit a service request is available at service.stonybrook.edu. Please contact Customer Engagement and Support at [\(631\) 632-9800](tel:6316329800) for questions or assistance with utilizing the new portal.

IV. FACULTY AND STUDENT ACCOLADES

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

- **Anatoly Frenkel**, from the Department of Materials Science and Chemical Engineering in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, has been elected a 2017 Fellow of the American Physical Society (APS). He received this prestigious recognition for his outstanding physics research, specifically for seminal contributions to in situ X-ray

absorption spectroscopy, transformative development of structural characterization methods for nanoparticles, and their pioneering applications to a broad range of functional nanomaterials in materials physics and catalysis science.

- **Lorne Golub**, DMD, SUNY Distinguished Professor of Oral Biology & Pathology at the Stony Brook University School of Dental Medicine, has been named a recipient of the 2018 William J. Gies Award for Vision, Innovation and Achievement. The prestigious Gies Awards, named after legendary dentist and biochemist William J. Gies, Ph.D., honor individuals and organizations that exemplify the highest standards in oral health and dental education, research and leadership. Dr. Golub was honored in the category of “Innovation – Dental Educator.”
- For his work focusing on the risks involved in deploying fully autonomous computer systems, **Romeil Sandhu** has been awarded \$450K from the Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR), through the Air Force’s Young Investigator Research Program. Sandhu is an assistant professor in the Department of Biomedical Informatics, jointly administered by Stony Brook’s College of Engineering and Applied Sciences and School of Medicine. His research could impact autonomous systems for a variety of systems that rely on artificial Intelligence, including self-driving automobiles and drones.
- Brookhaven National Laboratory awarded **Jiefu Yin** with the 13th annual Mow Shiah Lin Scholarship. This award, which is sponsored by Brookhaven’s Asian Pacific American Association (APAA), consists of a \$1,000 prize and honors the distinguished Brookhaven scientist for whom it was named. Yin is a graduate student and is pursuing a Ph.D. in Chemistry.
- **Ann Lin**, a senior in the Stony Brook University Honors College double majoring in Biochemistry and Economics, has been name to the 2017 “22 under 22 Most Inspiring College Women” list from hercampus.com. Lin was recognized nationally as a Goldwater Scholar last spring and she has drawn attention as a rising star at scientific meetings and hackathons.

V. STONY BROOK SET TO CELEBRATE WINTER COMMENCEMENT

Stony Brook will celebrate Winter Commencement on **Thursday, December 21 in the Island Federal Credit Union Arena**. The ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m. and confer bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees for summer 2017 and fall 2017 graduates.

VI. RECENT EVENTS

Remembering Dr. Peter Baigent

A memorial tribute celebrating the life and work of the late **Dr. Peter Baigent**, vice president for Student Affairs and former president of the Faculty Student Association, was held on November 1 in the Wang Center. The evening recognized Peter's wonderful legacy and many contributions to Stony Brook University. Peter touched many lives as was evident by the heartfelt remarks that were shared.

Annual Hispanic Heritage Month Celebrated

Hispanic Heritage Month celebrated its 28th year at Stony Brook this October. This year's theme was, "Living in our America/Viviendo en nuestra america." The month opened with a ceremony that featured keynote speaker **Monica Martinez**, Suffolk County legislator. Following a number of various activities, the month ended with the Annual Awards Closing Ceremony and Annual Awards on November 1.

SoMAS' 50th Anniversary

The School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences (SoMAS) celebrated its 50th Anniversary on Friday, October 13, with an environmental media conference titled, The Risk of Saying Nothing. The scheduled of events featured several Stony Brook speakers, including **Malcolm Bowman, Howard Schneider, Christine O'Connell, David Taylor, Minghua Zhang, Heidi Hutner** — and welcomed back former Dean and Director, and University Provost, **Jerry Schubel**.

Coffee with a Cop

Stony Brook University police officers hosted their second annual Coffee with a Cop event in the Student Activities Center Plaza and at East Side Dining on Wednesday, October 4. Students had the chance to get to know the officers over pastries and coffee. The event was a part of a wider national initiative that started in California as a way for officers to interact and build stronger relationships with members of the community.

VII. UPCOMING EVENTS

Veterans Day Ceremony

This year's Veterans Day Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, **November 8 at 1 pm in the Student Activities Center (SAC), Sidney Gelber Auditorium**. The ceremony will honor all students, alumni, faculty, staff and families who have served or are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces – especially those students who have postponed their education to serve in moments of need. A reception will take place immediately following the program.

Town Hall Meetings on Stony Brook University's Equity, Inclusion and Diversity Initiative

Please join me as I host the next two Town Hall Meetings on the Equity, Inclusion and Diversity Initiative. We have made considerable progress over the past few months on the University's Diversity Plan, and I encourage everyone to attend one of the following sessions to hear the latest news on its implementation:

- **November 8 at 1 pm in the Charles B. Wang Center Theater** – [Submit Questions Here](#)
- **November 14 at 3 pm in the Health Sciences Galleria, Level 3** – [Submit Questions Here](#)

Please note seating is limited; doors will open 30 minutes prior to each meeting. If you need an accessibility-related accommodation, please call (631) 632-6320.

Native American Heritage Month

Stony Brook University is celebrating Native American Heritage Month throughout November. Additional information about the month-long celebration is available by visiting this website:

http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/studentaffairs/oma/traditions/native_american.php

VIII. ATHLETICS UPDATE

Team Updates¹

- **Football:** The team's overall record of 6-2 and Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) record of 5-1, has given the team a No. 14 ranking. The Seawolves are having their best season since joining the CAA in 2013, as they have defeated two top 25 teams – New Hampshire and Richmond. The team looks forward to playing UAlbany (November 4), Wagner (November 11) and Maine (November 18) in the coming weeks.
- **Cross Country:** The men's and women's cross country teams recently traveled to Burlington, Vermont for the America East Championship. The men's team won the title for the second straight year and the women's team took home third place. Several student-athletes on both teams were recognized with All-Conference selections. The Seawolves will head to the NCAA Regional Championships in Buffalo, NY on November 10.
- **Women's Soccer:** The Seawolves have had a strong season and look forward to hosting the America East Championship game on Sunday at LaValle Stadium. This is the first time the team has played in the title game since 2013. Five Stony Brook players earned 2017 America East Women's Soccer All-Conference awards, including freshman goalkeeper **Sofia Manner** (Helsinki, Finland), who was named America East Rookie of the Year – the second player to win the award in program history.
- **Men's Soccer:** The team ended the 2017 regular season in impressive fashion by recently defeating UMBC 2-0 and clinching a spot in the America East playoffs. The team plays at New Hampshire on Saturday.
- **Volleyball:** After last year's 8-21 season, the Seawolves currently have an overall record of 15-9 and boast a second place standing in the America East. Under first-year head coach **Kristin Belzung**, the team will host UMass Lowell and New Hampshire this weekend.
- **Men's & Women's Basketball:** Men's basketball will open the 2017-18 season against Maryland on November 10 in the first college basketball game at the renovated Nassau Coliseum. The team's home opener will take place on November 22 against Brown. Women's basketball opens their season against Manhattan on November 11 at Island Federal Credit Union Arena.

¹ As of November 2