



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** University Senate

**FROM:** Maurie McInnis, President

**DATE:** November 7, 2022

**SUBJECT:** President's Report

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### UNIVERSITY NEWS

#### **SBU's NIH IRACDA POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING PROGRAM AWARDED \$5.5M TO RENEW GRANT**

With funding from a \$5.5 million renewal grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Stony Brook University Center for Inclusive Education will lead the [NIH IRACDA](#) (Institutional Research and Academic Career Development Award) Postdoctoral Training Program for an additional five years and will grow the program from 15 to 20 postdoctoral scholars. Stony Brook IRACDA is a fellowship program for postdoctoral scholars in the biological sciences who advance their teaching skills and research experience during a three-year mentored fellowship at Stony Brook University and at minority-serving partner Institutions CUNY Brooklyn College, SUNY College at Old Westbury, Farmingdale State College and Suffolk County Community College.

#### **\$13.6M DOE GRANT RENEWAL ENABLES RESEARCHERS TO FOCUS ON THE ENERGY FUTURE**

The [Center for Mesoscale Transport Properties](#) at Stony Brook University (m2M#S), a U.S. Department of Energy Office of Science funded Energy Frontier Research Center, recently was awarded \$13.6 million in renewed funding over the next four years, which will enable research focused on electrochemical energy storage. m2M#S is led by Esther Takeuchi, Distinguished Professor and William and Jane Knapp Chair in the Department of Materials Science and Chemical Engineering, in Stony Brook's College of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

#### **STONY BROOK WORLD TRADE CENTER HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAM RECEIVES \$147M**

The [Stony Brook World Trade Center Health and Wellness Program](#) will receive \$147M over eight years from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health to expand and build upon its multiple healthcare services for WTC responders. The program monitors and treats over 13,000 WTC responders.

#### **STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL ACHIEVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION**

Stony Brook University Hospital (SBUH) has achieved national recognition as one of America's Best Hospitals in three specialty care areas, according to new research released by [Healthgrades](#). For the second year in a row, SBUH was deemed one of America's 50 Best Hospitals for Cardiac Surgery. SBUH is one of two hospitals in New York State to be named among America's 100 Best

Hospitals for Cardiac Care for 9 years in a row (2015-2023) and is the only hospital in the state to be one of America's 100 Best Hospitals for Stroke Care for 8 years in a row (2016-2023).

Stony Brook University Hospital is also the recipient of the following clinical achievements:

- One of only two hospitals in NY to receive the Healthgrades Cardiac Care Excellence Award™ for 9 years in a row (2015-2023)
- Recipient of the Healthgrades Cardiac Surgery Excellence Award™ for 3 years in a row (2021-2023)
- Named Among the Top 5% in the Nation for Overall Cardiac Services for 3 years in a row (2021-2023)
- Named Among the Top 10% in the Nation for Cardiac Surgery for 3 years in a row (2021-2023)
- Five-Star Recipient for Coronary Bypass Surgery for 3 years in a row (2021-2023)
- Five-Star Recipient for Valve Surgery for 3 years in a row (2021-2023)
- Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of Heart Attack for 2 years in a row (2022-2023)
- Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of Heart Failure for 10 years in a row (2014-2023)
- The only hospital in NY to receive the Healthgrades Neurosciences Excellence Award™ for 8 years in a row (2016-2023)
- One of only two hospitals in NY to receive the Healthgrades Cranial Neurosurgery Excellence Award™ for 4 years in a row (2020-2023)
- Recipient of the Healthgrades Stroke Care Excellence Award™ for 8 years in a row (2016-2023)
- The only hospital in NY to be named among the Top 5% in the Nation for Cranial Neurosurgery for 2 years in a row (2022-2023)
- The only hospital in NY to be named among the Top 5% in the Nation for Treatment of Stroke for 8 years in a row (2016-2023)
- The only hospital in NY to be named among the Top 10% in the Nation for Neurosciences for 8 years in a row (2016-2023)
- Five-Star Recipient for Cranial Neurosurgery for 4 years in a row (2020-2023)
- Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of Stroke for 9 years in a row (2015-2023)

### **NYS ASSEMBLY ALUMNI SECURE \$500K GRANT FOR ADDITIONAL STUDENT HEALTH AND COUNSELING CENTER RENOVATIONS**

At Stony Brook University's Homecoming festivities on October 22, New York State Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie '90, Assembly Member Steve Englebright '75, Assembly Member Latoya Joyner '08 and Assembly Member Kimberly Jean-Pierre '07 announced that a State and Municipal (SAM) grant of \$500,000 had been secured for the continued renovation of the Student Health and Counseling Center. The center has undergone approximately \$2.5 million in recent renovations.

### **QuEST PROJECT INCREASES PRE-COLLEGE EXPOSURE TO QUANTUM INFORMATION SCIENCE**

With \$1.5 million in funding from the National Science Foundation (NSF), faculty from the College of Arts and Sciences Department of Physics and Astronomy and the C.N. Yang Institute for Theoretical Physics are spearheading pre-college exposure to quantum information science. Their project, Quantum Education for Students and Teachers program (QuEST), will advance quantum

education, physical science literacy, and the diversity of the STEM pipeline by developing learning opportunities and materials in quantum information science and its applications.

### **INDIVIDUAL ACCOLADES**

#### **J.D. ALLEN AWARDED FOR CLIMATE CHANGE PODCAST, HIGHER GROUND**

Stony Brook University School of Communication and Journalism (SoCJ) lecturer and WSHU managing editor J.D. Allen received an Eric and Wendy Schmidt Excellence in Science Communication Award from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. The award is for the first season of Allen’s ongoing climate change podcast Higher Ground, produced for WSHU, a Long Island National Public Radio affiliate station. The award is in the Best Science Reporting on the Local/Regional Level.

#### **JESSICA SCHLEIDER WINS ISRII RISING STAR AWARD**

Jessica Schleider, assistant professor in the Department of Psychology and Clinical Psychology PhD program, was awarded the Rising Star Award by the International Society for Research on Internet Interventions (ISRII) in recognition of her “outstanding and impactful work and research in digital mental health.” ISRII is the major society for digital health research.

### **STUDENT AFFAIRS UPDATE**

The Student Commuter Lounge has renovated space – now called the “Pit Stop” – located on the first floor of the Melville Library. The upgrades include new floors, functional furniture with charging stations, and new lockers. Commuter Students and Off-Campus Living hosted a grand re-opening on Wednesday, October 19 for the campus community

Student Affairs is hosting this year’s LICSPA Conference on November 11, the professional association for Higher Education Professionals of Long Island and New York City.

October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the Center for Prevention and Outreach hosted a series of events throughout the month to raise awareness and support for survivors of domestic and relationship violence, such as workshops, Green Dot training sessions, Healing Arts events, and the annual domestic violence awareness event, Take a Stand/Walk with Me, on October 26.

### **ADVANCEMENT UPDATE**

Since the start of the 2023 fiscal year, \$15.3 million has been generously pledged or contributed by more than 2,160 donors. Their investments in our students, research, healthcare and campus programs provide critical support, helping to elevate the University.

Generous contributions since the last update include:

- \$2,000,000 gift for the Laufer Endowed Director and Chair
- \$1,000,000 bequest for the Daniel Lazaroff Family Endowed Scholarship
- \$450,000 pledge to the Stony Brook Southampton FoodLab Education Fund
- \$300,000 gift towards student scholarships in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences

- \$200,000 pledge to the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences
- \$60,000 gift to the Adolescent Medicine Fund for Excellence in the Department of Pediatrics
- \$60,000 gift to the Department of Music
- \$50,000 gift to the CVB-Rainforest Conservation Fund

## **ATHLETICS UPDATE**<sup>1</sup>

Men's Cross Country won the school's first-ever CAA championship at the conference meet on October 28. Five runners finished in the top 10 as the Seawolves finished just ahead of Northeastern for the team title.

Women's Soccer earned the No. 6 seed in the school's first-ever CAA Tournament following a 2-1 victory over Hofstra on October 23.

Freshman quarterback Charlie McKee was honored as FCS National Freshman Player of the Week after leading the Seawolves to a 28-27 Homecoming win over Maine. McKee completed 17 of 21 passes and three for three touchdowns in the win.

Graduate offensive lineman Kyle Nunez was named a semifinalist for the prestigious William V. Campbell Trophy as announced by the National Football Foundation (NFF). Nunez is one of 156 semifinalists from around the nation, one of 37 from the NCAA FCS level, and just one of four from the CAA. The Campbell Trophy recognizes an individual as the absolute best in the country for his academic success, football performance, and exemplary leadership.

Football alum Gavin Heslop '20 was signed by the Carolina Panthers on October 20, after making his NFL debut last season with the Seattle Seahawks. Heslop gives the Seawolves two players in the NFL after Sam Kamara '20 signed with the Cleveland Browns on October 4.

Women's Lacrosse head coach Joe Spallina and junior midfielder Ellie Masera represented Team USA at the Lacrosse Fall Classic in October. Former Seawolves Ally Kennedy and Kylie Ohlmiller also participated for Team USA.

Stony Brook Athletics announced the largest linear television agreement in program history as 16 men's and women's basketball games during the 2022-23 season will air on SNY. In addition, two men's basketball games will air on CBS Sports Network as part of the CAA's television deal.

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<sup>1</sup> As of November 1, 2022