STONY BROOK, NY, November 10, 2011 – The Stony Brook University Alumni Association honored Peter Seccia with a 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award, the highest honor given by the Alumni Association, at a special ceremony and reception held at Flowerfield in St. James on November 9. Mr. Seccia was presented the award by Sam Kornhauser, Peter’s former football coach and the current Director of Athletics Advancement and Alumni Relations at Stony Brook.

The Stony Brook University Alumni Association recognizes prominent SBU graduates for their career and community achievements, extraordinary commitment to Stony Brook and for reflecting “the highest values embraced and promoted by the University and the Stony Brook Alumni Association.”


Mr. Seccia serves on the Board of Governors at Xavier High School (Class of ‘85) in New York City, and is a board member of both Play Rugby USA and the United States Rugby Union. He earned a BA in Political Science from Stony Brook. During the ceremony, Coach Kornhauser presented Peter with the game ball from the football team’s first conference win in school history on October 1, 1988, in which he made the game-saving interception to seal the 3-0 victory for the Seawolves.

The Stony Brook University Alumni Association also honored four other individuals: Jane Corrarino (MS ’86, DNP ’10); Keith Kowalsky (BE ’86, MS ’88); Aaron Podolefsky (MAL ’73, MA ’76, PhD ’78); and Marilyn Simons (BA ’74, PhD ’84).

“Our five recipients are a great credit to their alma mater,” said Samuel L. Stanley Jr., MD, President of Stony Brook University. “Each one is a dedicated and dynamic person who has made the most of his or her Stony Brook degree. They are all a source of inspiration to our emerging scholars, beginning researchers and developing professionals. They represent the best Stony Brook has to offer.”

About the Stony Brook Alumni Association
The Stony Brook Alumni Association in an independent 501(c)(3) organization that represents more than 144,000 Stony Brook University alumni nationwide and abroad. Established in 1965, the Association seeks to reach, serve and engage all alumni, students, and other constituencies to foster a lifelong intellectual and emotional connection between the University and its graduates, and to provide the University with goodwill and support.