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Dear Neighbor,

The temperature outside is finally starting to climb, and the spring semester is in full swing at Stony Brook University. As in past semesters, I am writing to update you on campus activity.

Community Engagement

This semester we are celebrating our placement on the President's Higher Education Honor Roll for Community Service, Economic Opportunity, Education and Interfaith Community Service. This national honor recognizes Stony Brook's commitment to sustained, lifelong community engagement. In 2014 more than 9,500 students, faculty and staff were engaged in 111,000 hours of community service, including projects such as the cleanup of Route 25A near the railroad station; toy donation drives for pediatric cancer patients; and "Hats for Heroes," a salute to our veterans with military service caps.

Student Housing

We have been actively addressing, through several different avenues, the need for additional housing for students who choose to live on campus, and I'm pleased to say that plans are moving forward on time and with great promise.

To accommodate the demand for on-campus housing, the University will continue to assign newly admitted students to triple rooms. Although Stony Brook already has the highest on-campus housing capacity of the 64 schools in the SUNY system, we are currently under construction to increase the number of beds. The new residence facility (adding 759 new beds) is on target to be fully operational in 2017, with Phase I of the project (300 new beds) scheduled to be ready in fall 2016.

The agreement to house Stony Brook students at the Brookhaven Residential Village on Dowling's Brookhaven campus has been extended for another year. There will be approximately 200 students at that campus in the fall, and we will continue shuttle transportation between the Brookhaven Residential Village and the Stony Brook campus. Starting in fall 2015, we also are changing the way in which students are assigned housing. The University will give on-campus housing preference to students who live farthest from Stony Brook. This ensures that the option of living on campus is given to those who need it most. In addition, this new system may help to reduce the demand for off-campus housing in neighboring communities.

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The University continues to educate our students on identifying safe housing in the community. Last fall, the Office of Commuter Student Services and Off-Campus Living held its second workshop on rental leasing, with an attorney specializing in landlord/tenant relationships advising students on the elements of a legal rental agreement. Nearly 130 students attended the two workshops, and we have scheduled another presentation for the spring.

We also have launched a program focused on international students who are not familiar with our laws and often choose unsafe off-campus housing in the community. Working collaboratively, several campus departments are reaching out to our international students earlier in the admissions process to share details about what constitutes a safe and legal rental so they will know what to look for before signing an agreement. The University continues to screen each property listing for a legal rental permit as required by the Town of Brookhaven before advertising for the space is placed on our website.

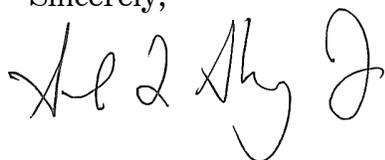
Pedestrian and Driver Safety

Our pedestrian and driver safety awareness campaign is ongoing. We continue to encourage our students to be more visible at night when walking or biking on local roads. Reflective vests are distributed on campus for free, and we have increased the amount of reflective gear available for purchase at campus retail shops. We also are reminding our students and employees to drive carefully on and around the campus. Toward that end, the University recently launched a campaign calling attention to the dangers of texting while driving. Making sure drivers are not distracted and that pedestrians are visible will benefit our active community.

I hope this update is informative. As always, we welcome your feedback. If you have comments or concerns, please contact the University's Office of Community Relations at stonybrook.edu/communityrelations.

I look forward to sharing other news from Stony Brook University with you in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samuel L. Stanley Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Samuel L. Stanley Jr., MD
President
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