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Dear Neighbor,

I hope you have had a pleasant summer. Stony Brook University is buzzing with beginning-of-the-year activity. I am pleased to continue my semi-annual update about recent news and plans for the upcoming semester.

The Class of 2019 has arrived at a time of major change to our academic program. The University has redesigned required courses for graduation in an effort to better prepare our students for the rigors of the workforce. Many of the new requirements may be fulfilled through AP courses, challenge exams or on-campus placement tests. We also have added several majors — Human Evolution Biology, Civil Engineering and Business Management — to our existing roster of more than 200 majors and minors.

We are excited that the state-of-the-art, 70,000-square-foot Computer Science building officially opened this past summer. The LEED Silver certified facility houses specialized labs such as Digital Media, Sound Booth and Wireless Sensor for developing the next generation of technology. It will also feature five innovation research centers, including the National Security Institute and Center for Smart Energy. Tours of the facility are available for schools and members of the community.

Construction of the new campus residence halls is progressing as planned. Phase I will be ready for students next fall, and the full complement of 759 new beds is scheduled for completion in Fall 2017. The University continues to offer a guaranteed room for all freshmen choosing to live on campus. Offering 10,000 beds, Stony Brook has the greatest number of on-campus residences in the entire SUNY system.

For students choosing to live off campus, the University has created a more robust website for landlords of legal rental housing to showcase their properties. We are pleased to report that through the outreach efforts of our Office of Commuter Student Services & Off-Campus Living, the number of listings on the rental housing website has increased 45 percent in a year-over-year comparison, and new requests are arriving daily. Student usage of this office as a resource for information on living in the community has increased 181 percent since last year. Our entire Student Affairs team has devoted significant time and resources to helping students understand their rights and responsibilities as tenants and community members. Also, with the help of our elected officials, there will soon be safety improvements in various off-campus walkways used by our students, faculty and staff.

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Stony Brook is rapidly becoming Long Island's premier destination for collegiate sports. Our student-athletes, their families and the campus community appreciate the incredible support we have from our neighbors, and we are thrilled to announce something new for our fans. The September 12 Seawolves football home opener at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium will mark the debut of Seawolves Town, a game-day experience. A section of the Stadium parking lot will be transformed into a pregame program zone featuring family fun and entertainment, including inflatables, carnival games, face painting and food trucks. Fans can purchase a parking pass or park for free at other local lots on campus and walk in. The team, band and cheerleaders will walk through to great fanfare before every game. To top off the excitement of the season, fans can enjoy brief fireworks after the Seawolves score during each of the six home football games. We urge you to bring your family to join in on the fun and support our team. Let's make Seawolves football a "must-attend" event for our community.

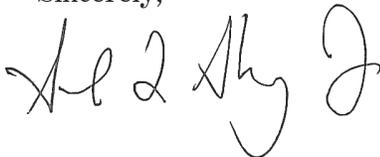
As a thank you, we are offering discounted tickets and other special activities for the November 21 "Empire Clash" game against our SUNY rival, University at Albany. This first year of the Clash will begin a new tradition, complete with the awarding of a trophy to the winning team. More details will follow shortly. We hope you will join us.

I'd also like to extend an invitation to our most special annual event, Wolfstock, SBU's Homecoming tradition. The Seawolves take on the Towson Tigers on Saturday, October 17. Tickets and information are available now at stonybrook.edu/wolfstock. The spirit of Wolfstock is truly contagious.

When it comes to serving our community, many of our friends and neighbors choose Stony Brook University Hospital for their medical needs. In an effort to make quality healthcare more accessible, Stony Brook now has more than 50 community-based healthcare settings throughout Suffolk County and is now affiliated with Eastern Long Island Hospital and Southampton Hospital. Additionally, in the future, Long Island parents will be able to choose the new Stony Brook Children's Hospital, offering the most advanced pediatric care in the region. The last beam was put in place in late July and the facility is scheduled to open in 2017. More information is available at StonyBrookMedicine.edu.

To learn more about all that is happening at Stony Brook University, visit our Community Relations website at stonybrook.edu/community.

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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