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LAURIE LANDEAU, VMD, MBA

Laurie Landeau grew up on Long Island’s North Shore, developing a love for the water and marine environments. After graduating from Princeton, she attended the University of Pennsylvania, where she became the first person in the United States to receive a combined MBA/veterinary degree. Seeking a way to apply her veterinary skills to contribute to the welfare of the inhabitants of the aquatic world, Landeau attended AQUAVET® (“A Program in Aquatic Animal Medicine” and the first of its kind in the world) in 1981, becoming the assistant director in 1988 and then associate director in 1993.
ROBERT J. MAZE, PHD

Bob Maze grew up with a great interest in all things aquatic, so it was natural for him to study marine biology at Texas A&M. There, he worked as a scuba diver to help put himself through school and co-founded the Galveston-based Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network, which is still in operation. While an undergraduate, Maze began studying ctenophores, a phylum of invertebrate animals that live in marine waters worldwide, and the parasites that infect them. Maze then went on to earn a master’s degree and a doctorate in parasitology from the University of Pennsylvania.
LANDEAU & MAZE TOGETHER

Laurie and Bob met, fittingly enough, at a research station in Maine, where Landeau was studying migratory bird patterns and Maze was involved in a harbor porpoise census. Their interests in marine science continued to converge as Maze joined Landeau and became involved with AQUAVET® in 1994. In 1996, the pair co-founded Marinetics Inc., an oyster farm doing business as Choptank Oyster Company. Through Marinetics, Maze sought to apply his studies to a real-world problem: the decimation of East Coast oyster stocks because of parasitic infection. Marinetics is now the largest oyster farm on the eastern shore of Maryland, selling more than 1 million oysters a year from New England to the Middle Atlantic states.
LANDEAU & MAZE SUPPORT

Together, Laurie and Bob support Stony Brook in tremendous ways. Their generosity to the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences (SoMAS) graduate students and their faculty research projects help elevate the school’s position as a national and global leader in discovery and innovation. These programs include the Maze–Landeau Fellows Program, the Minghua Zhang Early Career Faculty Innovation Fund, the Dean’s Fund for Success, the Shinnecock Bay Restoration Program and the Marinetics Endowed Professorship. Their interests also extend to Centre ValBio and its community health team on the island nation of Madagascar.

Laurie and Bob’s deep commitment continues with leadership roles they hold at Stony Brook, where Maze is the chair of the SoMAS Dean’s Council, and Landeau serves as vice chair of the Stony Brook Foundation Board of Trustees, a founding member of the Stony Brook University Women’s Leadership Council and a member of the SoMAS Dean’s Council.
“Your generosity has allowed me to pursue an in-depth exploration in areas of study that I’m truly passionate about. Not only has it allowed me to study within the English department’s honors program, but it has allowed me various opportunities outside of the classroom that continue to enrich my educational experience.”
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