Nearly 700 guests gathered at Pier Sixty at Chelsea Piers to honor one of America’s most dedicated and energetic art and education benefactors, Dorothy Lichtenstein, at the 19th Annual Stars of Stony Brook Gala.

The philanthropist and wife of the late artist Roy Lichtenstein was recognized for her long-running support of a host of arts, cultural and science initiatives at the University, including the Stony Brook Southampton creative writing and film program, one that provides a vital incubator for students and established writers and filmmakers at campuses on Long Island’s East End and in Manhattan.
Guests included: Alec Baldwin, Jane Pauley, Cartoonist Garry Trudeau, writers Roger Rosenblatt, Amy Hempel, Susan Minot, Melissa Bank, Cornelius Eady, Academy Award-Winning Film Producer Christine Vachon, and IMAX CEO Rich Gelfond.

This year’s Gala adds a new record with over $7.1 million raised, including a $5 million donation from Lichtenstein earmarked to support Stony Brook Southampton’s creative writing and film programs and a variety of scholarships and educational initiatives.

Since its inception in 2000, the Stony Brook Foundation’s Stars of Stony Brook Gala had raised $50 million to support student scholarships and a featured academic program of excellence.

Pictured:
Peggy Gelfond, Ray Kelly
Dr. Samuel Stanley Jr., Dorothy Lichtenstein, Rich Gelfond