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Gala Honoring Dorothy Lichtenstein Raises \$7.1 Million to Support Creative Writing and Film Programs and Scholarships



Stars of Stony Brook Gala honoree Dorothy Lichtenstein, center, is joined by, from left, CBS newswoman Jane Pauley, Doonesbury cartoonist Garry Trudeau, Stony Brook University President Samuel L. Stanley Jr., MD, and Stony Brook Foundation Chair Rich Gelfond.

Nearly 700 guests gathered recently at the annual Stars of Stony Brook Gala at Chelsea Piers to honor Dorothy Lichtenstein, one of America's most dedicated arts and education benefactors. The philanthropist and wife of the late artist Roy Lichtenstein was recognized for her long-standing support of a host of arts, cultural and science initiatives at the University. This includes support for 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.

Since its inception in 2000, the [Stony Brook Foundation's](#) Stars of Stony Brook Gala has raised \$50 million to support

student scholarships and a featured academic program of excellence. This year's Gala met 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.

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Up in Albany

New York State Legislature Passes On-Time Budget



The Higher Education Joint Budget Conference Committee Chaired by Senator Ken LaValle and Assemblymember Deborah Glick discuss the higher education portion of the state budget.

The New York State Legislature enacted a [\\$168 billion on-time budget](#) this year that provides an overall decrease in direct State tax support to the SUNY System of \$85.4M, primarily due to the elimination of \$78.6M in direct hospital support for the state's three teaching hospitals. [Stony Brook Hospital's](#) share of this funding is approximately \$34M, however, the state expects the cut to be offset by a federal funding program.

In a [letter](#) signed by the Presidents of the four University Centers to legislative leadership during budget negotiations, the [Senate](#) and [Assembly](#) were thanked for including funding for Contractual Salary Increases in their one-house budgets. Unfortunately, the funding was not included in the final enacted budget, and we continue to work with legislative and administrative leadership to secure needed funding once

the relevant labor contracts are signed and adopted by membership.

The state's DREAM Act which would allow certain undocumented students to qualify for tuition assistance was not included in the final budget.

Below is a further breakdown of the budget for areas of interest to Stony Brook University and Stony Brook Medicine.

OPERATING FUNDING INCLUDES:

- [Excelsior Scholarship Program](#) funding was increased by \$118M to cover increased applications that will occur under the second phase of income based eligibility of \$110,000.
- \$670,000 was provided to Stony Brook Medicine to fund the Stony Brook Cancer Center's federal application for designation as Long Island's only clinical National Cancer Institute.
- Opportunity Programs: [EOP](#) and [ATTAIN](#) were funded at \$32.1M and \$57M statewide respectively.
- Economic Development: [CEWIT](#) and the [Advanced Energy Center](#) were funded at \$1M each and the [Centers for Advanced Technology](#) (CAT) were funded at \$873,000 each - a \$47,000 cut from last year.

CAPITAL FUNDING INCLUDES:

- Critical Maintenance was increased by \$14M for a total of \$49M
- Stony Brook Hospital received an additional \$86.5M, which includes a switch to capital in lieu of a portion of DSH reimbursement owed to the Hospital for uncompensated care provided to needy patients.
- While the University's request to fund a new [Engineering Building](#) did not appear in the enacted budget, [Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan](#) has included \$25M in planning funds in other economic development funds slated for Long Island initiatives.

For questions about the New York State budget please contact [Michael Arens](#).

On the Hill

Students Participate in Catalyzing Advocacy in Science and Engineering Workshop

Stony Brook students Ann Lin and Justin Bell recently participated in the [American Association for the Advancement of Science's](#) (AAAS) Catalyzing Advocacy in Science and Engineering workshop in Washington, DC. The [workshop](#) is organized to educate graduate students who are interested in learning about the



Ann Lin and Justin Bell

role of science in policy-making, to introduce them to the federal policy-making process, and to empower them with ways to become a voice for basic research throughout their careers.

Computer Scientist Robert Patro Earns 2018 NSF CAREER Award

Professor [Robert Patro](#) of the [Department of Computer Science](#) has received a 2018 [National Science Foundation \(NSF\) CAREER Award](#) for his research proposal, A Comprehensive and Lightweight Framework for Transcriptome Analysis. This project focuses on the field of RNA (ribonucleic acid) research and how to analyze sequencing data pertaining to it. In addition to performing various other functions in the cell, RNA acts as a messenger molecule, carrying instructions from DNA and acting as a template for protein synthesis.

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Professor Robert Patro



President Samuel L. Stanley Jr., MD

President Stanley Joins AAU Presidents and Chancellors in Reaffirming Commitment to Free Speech on Campus

During the [Association of American Universities'](#) (AAU) 2018 spring meeting held the week of April 16 in Washington, DC, Stony Brook University [President Samuel L. Stanley Jr., MD](#), joined other Presidents and Chancellors of AAU member universities to [strongly endorse](#) the free and open exchange of ideas and information as fundamental to the educational mission of AAU universities.

In Our Community

Catholic Campus Ministry Students Engage in a Spring Break Mission Trip

Ten students from the Catholic Campus Ministry Center at Stony Brook University travelled to Wyoming County in West Virginia for a Spring Break Mission Trip March 10-17. Joanne Buonocore, the Center's Minister, led the students to the location and managed a partnership with Appalachia Service Project, whose goal is to repair and rebuild substandard housing in Central Appalachia.

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Students building the porch

New Rapid-Fire Method Using Pathology Images, Tumor Data May Help Guide

Cancer Therapies



Cherith Chair of Biomedical Informatics Joel Saltz

By combining data on pathology images of 13 types of cancer and correlating that with clinical and genomic data, a Stony Brook University-led team of researchers are able to identify tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes (TILs), called TIL maps, which will enable cancer specialists to generate tumor-immune information from routinely gathered pathology slides.

The method may provide a foundation on how to better diagnose and create a treatment plan for cancers that are responsive to immune-based anti-cancer therapy, such as melanoma, lung, bladder, and certain types of colon cancer.

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Sabrina Thompson '07: Girl in Space

For Sabrina Thompson '07, not even the sky is the limit. As a NASA Engineer, artist and aspiring astronaut, this 40 Under Forty honoree's skills are as diverse as they are impressive. In her daily work, Thompson designs trajectories, develops mission designs and performs orbit analyses for CubeSat spaceflight missions. Before she found engineering, though, she was enamored by art. Now, she is working hard to bring together the two worlds she loves.

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Sabrina Thompson '07

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

[Diversity Day and Strawberry Festival](#)

Saturday, May 5, 2018

[Pasrons Dance Company](#)

Sunday, May 6, 2018

[Sakura Matsuri: Cherry Blossom Festival](#)

Sunday, May 6, 2018

[Met Opera - Live in HD - Cendrillon](#)

Thursday, May 10, 2018

[Asian Heritage Month: Dallae Story: A Puppet Show](#)

Monday, May 14, 2018

[Library Colloquium Series: Learning Styles: Science or Myth?](#)

Friday, May 18, 2018

[Commencement Ceremony](#)

Save the Date: September 22, 2018
[CommUniversity Day 2018](#)

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