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NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

A Message From Judith B. Greiman

*Chief Deputy to the President &
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As part of Stony Brook University's strong commitment to building an inclusive community for our students, employees and neighbors, we are proud to hold our first CommUniversity Day on Saturday, September 23, 2017 from noon to 4 PM.

Please mark your calendars for a day of exploration as we share the innovative work that goes on at SBU through entertaining hands-on, interactive activities. The Academic Mall will have themed neighborhoods for visitors to explore in a family friendly environment.

Learn about our rich musical history in the Traditions & History neighborhood. Explore a virtual reality world in the Discovery Zone. Test your skills at the Drowsy Driving Simulator in Health & Wellness. Drop in to hear a brief hot topic from our faculty and staff in Find Out in 15. Catch our many student cultural performances and browse the Farmers Market and food trucks. Get a free kazoo and join the kazoo concert at 2 PM in the Arts & Music neighborhood on the Staller Steps. There will be sports activities with our student athletes, photo booths to create a memento, a rubber duck race, and musical talent from around the campus on the Main Stage.

Admission and parking are free. Stop by the Info Tent to register. The first 1,500 to register will receive a free Stony Brook University drawstring backpack and a 60th Anniversary celebration cupcake. Stay for the pre-game festivities at Seawolves Town beginning at 4:00 PM and the football game against Towson at 6:00 PM.

[Click here](#) for more information about CommUniversity Day.

Hope to see you for this amazing celebration of all things Stony Brook!

Up in Albany

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Third Track is the Right Track for Stony Brook University



Looking west from the LIRR station in Floral Park April 12, 2017. (Credit: Newsday / J. Conrad Williams Jr.)

Long Island Rail Road's Third Track project was approved after nearly 70 years of discussion. At a recent Long Island Association meeting, the Nassau County Executive said this project was "dead, dead, dead, but Andrew Cuomo picked it up and strapped it to his back." When the call for the project was revised earlier this year, President Samuel L. Stanley Jr. joined in support of the plan and we submitted testimony at a public hearing saying Long Island needs this project and it will help current students and employees in their commute while improving recruiting for top tier students and faculty. As noted in the testimony: "It will be an improvement for the LI economy. The project will certainly create jobs and will help LI to capture the new businesses that are drawn to the intellectual capital at Stony Brook, Cold Spring Harbor and Brookhaven National Lab.

Long Island needs to leverage its mass transit infrastructure to attract new investment, create additional jobs, strengthen real estate values and grow its economy."

President Stanley Named Influential Long Islander by *City and State*

In the first ever Long Island Issue of City and State NY, Stony Brook University President, Samuel L. Stanley, Jr., MD is profiled as one of the top 25 influential people making a difference on Long Island.

Published earlier this month, President Stanley is in good company on the top 25 list with other influential Long Islanders including Doon Gibbs, Laboratory Director of Brookhaven National Labs, and Kevin Law, chair of the Stony Brook Council and head of the Long Island Association.



On the Hill

FY18 Budget Update

Last Thursday, the House passed its minibus spending package, H.R. 3219, which would increase spending levels for several research agencies and higher education programs compared to the spending levels proposed by the White House. The House bill provides a \$1.1 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and maintains the maximum Pell Grant award at \$5,920. However, the House bill rescinds \$3.3 billion of Pell Grant surplus funds and would fund the National Science Foundation (NSF) at \$172 million below the enacted FY17 level.

According to news reports, the bill has little chance of passing the Senate in its current form. It remains unclear whether Congress can avoid a government shutdown when the fiscal year begins October 1. The Senate continues to work on passing its appropriations bills. Click here to view House funding levels for AAU Priorities.

On the health care front, the Senate rejected a "skinny repeal" plan that would have eliminated some parts of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Congress will attempt to move forward on bipartisan efforts to strengthen the health care system.

Higher Education Community Expresses Concerns with Proposed Changes to Student and Exchange Visitor Program



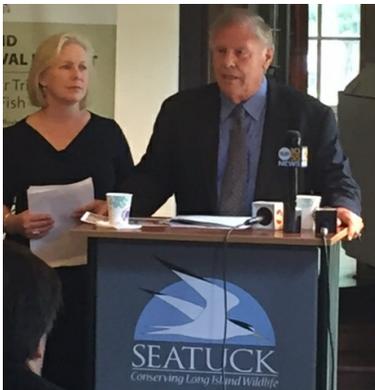
Earlier this month, the [Association of American Universities](#) (AAU) joined 10 organizations in a [letter](#) to Department of Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly regarding a [July 10 Washington Post article](#) that suggests the Administration is considering a proposal that would require foreign students to reapply for permission to stay in the U.S. every year. This would result in significant changes to the Student and Exchange Visitor Program.

Stony Brook's [Office of Government Relations](#) continues to advocate on behalf of our international students, faculty and staff who are invaluable members of the Stony Brook community.

Department of Homeland Security Lifts Ban on Premium Processing for H-1B Visas

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services announced earlier this month that it will [resume premium processing for certain cap-exempt H-1B petitions](#), including requests from universities and nonprofit organizations that conduct research or are affiliated with an institution of higher education. Contact Stony Brook's [Office of Visa and Immigration Services](#) for additional information.

Senator Gillibrand Calls Upon SBU Expert in an Effort to Implement Lyme Disease Prevention and Research Legislation



*Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and
Dr. Jorge Benach*

Lyme disease is on the rise in NY. In 2015 alone, New York State reported 3,252 confirmed cases of Lyme disease to the CDC. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's [Lyme and Tick-Borne Disease Prevention, Education, and Research Act](#) was signed into law at the end of 2016, and is awaiting implementation by the new Administration. [Senator Gillibrand](#) called upon Stony Brook University researcher [Dr. Jorge Benach](#) to convey the importance of federal funding for continued research on debilitating tick-borne diseases during a press conference in Suffolk County earlier this month.

[Read the full story](#)

In Our Community

SBU to Host SENCER Summer Institute on STEM Education

This year Stony Brook will host its first [SENCER Summer Institute](#), which will be held on campus August 3 through August 6. This is the 17th Summer Institute for SENCER (Science Education for New Civic Engagements and Responsibilities) - the signature program for the National Center for Science and Civic Engagement, which is housed in the Department of Technology and Society at Stony Brook. This national program focuses on curricular innovation and professional development in STEM education.

[Read the full story](#)

Free Youth Sports Safety Clinic

Experts from Stony Brook Sports Medicine, Athletic Training, Trauma Center and Safe Kids are teaming up to offer free sports safety clinics to youth sports organizations throughout Suffolk County. At the request of the coach and/or team administrators, our experts will work with each organization to tailor programs to fit the specific needs of the teams. For

convenience, these clinics can be held at the youth organization's location on evenings and weekends. Our experts will offer the latest updates in sports injury prevention recommendations so we can keep our athletes healthy and active.

[Read more](#)

Stony Brook Offers New BS in Polysomnographic Technology



The first

Polysomnographic Technology Bachelor of Science program in the Northeast is approved for accreditation at Stony Brook University's School of Health Technology and Management.

Polysomnographic technologists are healthcare practitioners who use high-tech equipment to diagnose and treat patients with sleep disorders. They work with

a wide variety of patients and provide services in many settings including hospitals, clinics and physician offices.

[Read the full story](#)

"Abstract Expressionism Behind the Iron Curtain" Coming to Pollock-Krasner House

A selection of little-known paintings from Eastern Europe will be presented at the Pollock-Krasner House and Study Center in East Hampton, New York, from August 3 through October 28. "Abstract Expressionism Behind the Iron Curtain" is a highly unusual exhibition that addresses a contrarian aspect of artistic expression in Eastern Europe during the Cold War period, when official art in Soviet bloc countries was strictly regulated and was required to adhere to Communist Party doctrine.

[Read the full story](#)



Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 6, 2017

[BNL Summer Sundays - Atom Smashing](#)

Monday, August 7, 2017

[Pianofest Concert - Stony Brook Southampton](#)

Friday, August 25, 2017

New Students Move In Day

[Full Stony Brook events calendar](#)

Sports Safety Clinic

For Youth Athletes, Parents and Coaches



Play Safer – Play Stronger

*Presented by a Team of
Stony Brook Medicine Experts*

- Acute and Overuse Injury Prevention
- Concussion Awareness and Response
- Emergency Response (CPR, AED)
- Positive Play
- Proper Nutrition and Hydration

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