SUNY Employment Report Highlights Positive Outcomes for Stony Brook

In January 2018, the SUNY System Office released a new report on the wages, employment outcomes, and graduate school attendance rates of graduates at every institution by matching graduation records with quarterly wages data at the New York Department of Labor.

For Stony Brook bachelor’s recipients two years after graduation, the median wages for those working in New York State was $45,872, compared to $42,659 for the SUNY doctoral institution sector, and $39,078 for all SUNY bachelor’s recipients. The study found that 76% of Stony Brook graduates were employed in New York, and 33% were pursuing additional education.

In the Spotlight

SBU Joins HeForShe Leaders to Work on Gender Equity

Judy Greiman, Chief Deputy to the President and Senior Vice President for Government and Community Relations, joined with other HeForShe education leaders in Japan this month to discuss global solutions for gender equality. Stony Brook University President Samuel L. Stanley Jr., MD is a leader in the HeForShe
movement as an IMPACT Champion focused on making gender equality an institutional priority by implementing the HeForShe IMPACT framework and working to develop bold, game-changing commitments to advance and achieve gender equality for all.

Greiman participated with representatives from Toyota, Shiseido and the Achi Prefecture on a panel that highlighted ways to work towards gender equity at a symposium for university, business and government leaders.

Up in Albany

LI's SUNY Presidents Discuss Budget with the Majority Leader

Presidents of Long Island's four-year SUNY campuses met recently with New York State Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan to share concerns about the upcoming state budget and the impacts on their individual campuses. They stressed funding issues raised by the failure to include in the state budget funding to support contractual salary increases, which are negotiated at the state level. The lack of funding has caused a total base funding shortfall at each school. President Stanley reiterated that future and retroactive contractual increases will compound the shortfall.

Each president further expressed the need for TAP-Gap (Tuition Assistance Program) relief. Campuses are required to absorb the difference between the maximum TAP award set at the 2011 tuition level and the current tuition level. These expenses increase annually and currently amount to $7M at Stony Brook and $3M each at Old Westbury and Farmingdale. The Presidents also asked for a five-year capital plan to cover critical maintenance, and President Stanley requested that the legislature reject the proposed cut of $78M to the operating budgets of the states three teaching hospitals (Stony Brook's portion of this funding is $34M).

Following the meeting, the Senate added $64M in subsidy for SUNY contractual salary increases while the
Dr. Kenneth Kaushansky, Senior Vice Present and Dean of the School of Medicine, recently provided an overview of the New York State Budget's impact on hospitals and healthcare to members of the State Legislature. The meeting was held at Stony Brook Hospital and coordinated by the Greater New York Hospital Association where Dr. Kaushansky is Chair of the Board of Governors.

Among other priorities, the overview included a call to increase the Healthcare Shortfall Fund since NYS' Medicaid providers have not received a Medicaid reimbursement rate increase in ten years and asked legislators to accept the Executive budget's capital funding for $425M and to restore $78M in operating funds to New York State’s three teaching hospitals.

After this briefing took place, both the Senate and Assembly agreed to reject the Executive’s plan to eliminate the $78M in operating aid and restored it in their respective one house budgets; the Senate included a $1B Healthcare Shortfall Fund as did the Assembly which is also seeking to increase it to $1.5B. The Senate and Assembly further noted their desire to increase the proposed capital funding from $425M to $500M and Assembly $525M respectively. The final budget is due April 1st.

On the Hill

Stony Brook University Plays Key Advocacy Role on the Hill

Each March during the federal appropriations season, thousands of organizations and advocacy groups from around the country flood the halls of Congress to advocate for their legislative and funding priorities. The Stony Brook University (SBU) community is certainly no exception. From advocating for increased funding for both scientific research and higher education programs, to supporting a legislative solution for DACA students and quality health care for all, members of the SBU community are key advocates on the Hill.

NAFSA Recognizes Stony Brook for Excellence in Campus Internationalization

Stony Brook University has been awarded a prestigious 2018 Simon Award for Comprehensive Internationalization by NAFSA: Association of International Educators. Named after the late Senator Paul Simon of Illinois, the award recognizes outstanding innovation and accomplishment in integrating international education throughout all facets of university and college campuses.
Higher Education and Research Community Gain Several Big Wins in FY18 Omnibus Bill

Stony Brook University’s (SBU) Office of Government Relations applauds House and Senate leaders for forging a bipartisan compromise on final FY18 funding. By providing increased science and student aid investments, the omnibus will strengthen America’s extraordinary government-university partnership, which has for decades led to improved public health, innovation, economic growth, and unmatched military superiority. SBU’s Office of Government Relations continues to urge Congress to work towards a resolution for DACA students, which was unfortunately not included in the FY18 spending bill.

Read the full FY18 Omnibus impact summary on Stony Brook University

In Our Community

School of Medicine Launches Three-Year MD Program

Stony Brook University School of Medicine has created a new medical training curriculum that enables students to complete their MD degree in three years instead of the traditional four years. The new MD program is the first of its kind on Long Island and only the second one in New York State.

Read the full story

Global Health Institute Director Named Among First Rockefeller Foundation Fellows

For almost 20 years, Dr. Peter Small has built his career on advocacy, innovation and stewardship for the poorest of the poor. He combines the latest research with cutting-edge technology to help struggling populations around the world fight back against tuberculosis, which killed 10.4 million people in 2016.

The founding director of Stony Brook’s Global Health Institute (GHI) and Jim and Robin Hermstein Chair was recently recognized for his commitment to the organization and its ongoing development of innovative technology. Small was one of just seven researchers from various disciplines to be named to the inaugural class of Rockefeller Fellows in January.

Read the full story
Three Student Exhibits At the Zuccaire Gallery

The Paul W. Zuccaire Gallery in Staller Center will present three separate student exhibitions during the course of March and April. The graduate student exhibition, Time: MFA Thesis Exhibition 2018, will be on view from March 18 through April 14. The undergraduate Senior Show and the URECA Art Exhibition will be on view concurrently beginning April 26. The exhibitions and all events are free and open to the public.

Read the full story

Arts Advocate Dorothy Lichtenstein to be Honored at Stars of Stony Brook Gala

Stony Brook University will honor Dorothy Lichtenstein at its 19th Annual Stars of Stony Brook Gala, Wednesday, April 11 at Pier Sixty at Chelsea Piers, hosted by the Stony Brook Foundation with special guests and friends of Stony Brook Southampton television journalist Jane Pauley and "Doonesbury" creator Garry Trudeau.

Lichtenstein is being recognized for her long-running support of a host of University arts and cultural programs, including the Stony Brook Southampton creative writing and film programs that provide a vibrant incubator for emerging and established writers and filmmakers located on Long Island's East End and in Manhattan.

Read the full story

Upcoming Events

Monday, April 2, 2018
22nd Annual Mind Brain Lecture: Probing the Mysteries of the Mind

Friday, April 6, 2018
Staller Spring Movies: The Post

Saturday, April 7, 2018
Staller Center Recital Hall: Big Sam's Funky Nation

Saturday, April 14, 2018
Men's Lacrosse vs Vermont

Sunday, April 15, 2018
Women's Lacrosse vs New Hampshire

Sunday, April 15, 2018
Staller Center Main Stage: MET Opera - Live in HD - Luisa Miller

Friday, April 20, 2018
Earthstock, The Campus Celebration of Earth Day
Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Wednesday, April 25, 2018
URECA: A Celebration of Undergraduate Research & Creative Activities

Friday, April 27, 2018
Annual Roth Pond Regatta

Full Stony Brook events calendar

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