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Campus and Community Celebrate First CommUniversity Day



*Family fun was had by all at Stony Brook's first
CommUniversity Day.*

throughout the Academic Mall, which was divided into "neighborhoods." Each area was staffed with volunteers, and the wide selection of activities offered guests a new discovery at every turn.

Rising out of the Campus Plan for Diversity, Inclusion and Equity, the goal for CommUniversity Day was to create community and campus interactions by showcasing some of the many facets of the University. "We care deeply about being a good neighbor to the community, and this event provided many engaging moments for guests and campus volunteers to come together," said Judith Greiman, Chief Deputy to the President and Senior Vice President of Government and Community Relations. From drowsy driving simulation to playing kazoos to pedaling on the smoothie bike, CommUniversity Day offered one-on-one interactions for the nearly 1,800 guests attending.

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Stony Brook University launched a new campus tradition, [CommUniversity Day](#), on Saturday, September 23, 2017. On a beautiful fall day, more than 200 University faculty, staff and students volunteered their time to share some of their areas of the campus with the community. Families, friends and neighbors enjoyed exploring roughly 80 interactive exhibits during the four-hour event.

"We're proud to offer this new opportunity for visitors to discover more about Stony Brook University and hope that our neighbors and campus community enjoyed the wide array of activities and performances," said President Samuel L. Stanley Jr., MD.

The layout for CommUniversity Day was designed to have participants move



*Everyone enjoyed the duck races at the
end of the day*

In the Spotlight

President Stanley Calls for True Gender Equality at Third Annual HeForShe Event

President Samuel L. Stanley Jr., MD, told a group of leaders in combating gender bias worldwide that he has a critical goal for Stony Brook University: to use the power of scientific research to create true gender equality and build a campus free of gender-based violence.

Alongside heads of state, top ranking corporate executives and other university presidents from around the globe, President Stanley shared bold strategies and ambitious goals for the University in support of gender equality at [UN Women's HeForShe IMPACT 10x10x10 Parity Report Launch event](#) in New York City on Sept. 20.



President Stanley and Stony Brook students at the HeForShe 3rd Anniversary and IMPACT10x10x10 Parity Report Launch

Stanley explained that through groundbreaking research at [Stony Brook's Center for the Study of Men and Masculinities](#), and inspired by a statistic showing that 90 percent of sexual violence is perpetrated by men, an engaged working group is trying to better understand such stereotypes, how they lead to inappropriate behavior and violence, and how to apply what they learn in male-targeted educational programs used on campus.

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[Read the 2017 IMPACT 10x10x10 Gender Parity Report](#)

Up in Albany

Stony Brook Medicine Specialists Testify at Tick and Lyme Disease Hearing

The [New York State Senate Task Force on Lyme and Tick-borne Diseases](#) joined with the Senate Health Committee to hear testimony from [Stony Brook Medicine's Division of Infectious Diseases \(ID\)](#) specialists and others in an effort to identify and determine best practices for combatting the spread of Lyme and tick-borne disease in New



Photo caption (l-r) Dr. Susan Donelan, Dr. Luis Marcos and Dr. Christy Beneri testify at the hearing in Albany.

York State. Providing testimony were Stony Brook Medicine's Luis Marcos, MD, FACP, MPH; and Susan Donelan, MD, as well as Christy Beneri, DO from the [Department of Pediatrics](#) at Stony Brook Children's Hospital.

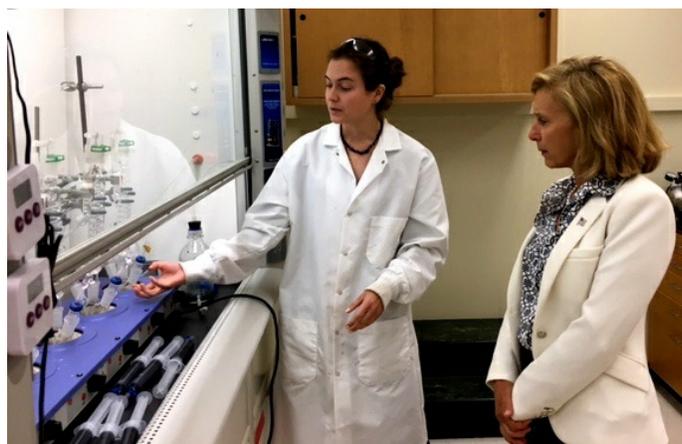
ID has recently announced a [Tick Borne Disease Referral Clinic](#) in order to provide a much-needed service to the local medical community and residents of Suffolk County.

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New York State Senator Elaine Phillips Tours SBU Water Quality Research Labs

[New York State Senator Elaine Phillips](#) recently met with Stony Brook University's [School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences](#) (SoMAS) researchers and the Center for Clean Water Technology staff to learn about the latest innovation and development in clean water technology.

[Dr. Hal Walker](#), Co-Director of the [Center for Clean Water Technology](#), welcomed the Senator and provided an overview of Stony Brook's research. The Senator then toured several labs in SoMAS to observe firsthand Stony Brook's state-of-the-art facilities and groundbreaking research. *being performed.*



Lisa Herbert (Left), SoMAS Ph.D. student, explains her research to Senator Elaine Phillips.

On the Hill

Stony Brook Leadership Meets with Congressman Peter King



(L-R): Stony Brook University President Samuel L. Stanley Jr., MD; Congressman Peter King, and Judy Greiman, Chief Deputy to the President and Senior Vice President of Government and

On Friday, September 22, Stony Brook University President Samuel L. Stanley Jr., MD; and Judy Greiman, Chief Deputy to the President and Senior Vice President of Government and Community Relations, met with [Congressman Peter King](#) (NY-2) at the Congressman's district office in Massapequa Park.

Topics discussed during the meeting included the importance of federal investment in both student financial aid and scientific research, protecting DACA students, ensuring hospitals have the necessary federal support to provide quality care to patients and Stony Brook's proven success for providing [upward mobility for low income students](#).

Students

On September 5, [President Donald Trump](#) announced that Congress had a [six-month time frame](#) to pass legislation addressing the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program or else he would consider ending the program. In a [message to the Stony Brook University Community](#), President Samuel L. Stanley Jr., MD responded to President Trump's announcement by reaffirming his "unwavering support of the DREAM Act and of DACA."



President Stanley sent personal letters to members of the Long Island Congressional Delegation urging them to protect DACA students in addition to signing a [joint letter](#) of 57 AAU Presidents and Chancellors requesting immediate Congressional action to establish a permanent legislative solution for the DACA program.

Stony Brook's [Office of Government Relations](#) continues to work closely with with our fellow members of the [Association of American Universities](#) (AAU) advocating for the protection of DACA students across the nation. Please contact Stony Brook's [Office of Visa and Immigration Services](#) for [updated information](#) regarding DACA.

Secretary Rick Perry Congratulates BNL on 70 years of Discovery



[Department of Energy Secretary Rick Perry](#) recently sent well wishes to [Brookhaven National Laboratory](#) (BNL) on the [Lab's 70 anniversary](#). During his congratulatory message, Secretary Perry commends BNL, in collaboration with Stony Brook University, for raising the bar "for what our nation's research facilities can accomplish."

In Our Community

Researchers and Students Join NASA on Mission to Explore Other-Worldly Locations

NASA recently joined forces with Stony Brook University students and researchers to venture onto other-worldly terrain in the New Mexico desert as part of a program designed to prepare future astronauts for their potential journeys into space - to the moon and even Mars.

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Inspiring Cultural Programs at the Wang Center this Fall

Visit the Charles B. Wang Center, and get inspired by an array of new exhibitions of traditional and contemporary Asian and Asian American art. Walk through the Center's revitalized outdoor gardens,



Find inner peace in the new Japanese Zen rock garden.

Computer Science was recently awarded \$3.5M by the Office of Naval Research to support "debloating," a process that could help guard against security breaches that threaten the privacy and integrity of personal data.

As part of the researchers' debloating project, titled "Multi-layer Software Transformation for Attack Surface Reduction and Shielding," Professors R. Sekar and Michalis Polychronakis will leverage recent advances they have made in binary code analysis and transformation to remove code bloat and tighten security of today's software.

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The RIS4E team hikes around the rim of Killbourne Hole en route to the next waypoint.

which now include a Japanese Zen rock garden and three sculptures by Korean American artist Jongil Ma.

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SBU Team Awarded \$3.5M to Thwart Online Security Breaches



A team of researchers in the Department of

Professor R. Sekar, left, and Michalis Polychronakis, in the classroom.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, October 4

[Hispanic Heritage Opening Ceremony](#)

Wednesday, October 11

[Emerson String Quartet](#)

Thursday, October 12

[Provost's Lecture Series: Science Reporting in the Age of Fake News](#)

Saturday, October 14

[Wolfstock: A Homecoming Tradition](#)

Wednesday, October 18

[STRIDE Brown Bag Lunch: Storytelling in Science](#)

Saturday, October 21

[Women's Health Day](#)

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