

MEMORANDUM

TO: University Senate
FROM: Samuel L. Stanley Jr., M.D.
President
DATE: November 5, 2018
SUBJECT: President's Report

I. DEPARTURES AND APPOINTMENTS

- **Patricia Malone**, the Executive Director of Stony Brook's Center for Corporate Education and the Advanced Energy Training Institute, has taken on **temporary duties as the leader of the School of Professional Development (SPD)**. Pat's endeavors in corporate education have enabled our University to serve over 1000 professionals each academic year. Presenting nationally and internationally on the role of higher education in workforce and economic development, Pat has led numerous conferences with labor, education, and industry leaders, and this year launched the inaugural Women in STEM Leadership Program.

She has stewarded clean energy, manufacturing, and aerospace labor market development projects for the New York State Department of Labor, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), and the New York Regional Economic Development Councils Opportunity Agenda, and she is the Long Island Director for Workforce for the U.S. Department of Commerce Manufacturing Extension Partnership.

- Stony Brook University Hospital has appointed **Mark Sands**, MD, MBA, FACR, as **Chief Medical Officer**, effective November 1. Dr. Sands earned his Bachelor of Science and Medical Degrees from Northwestern University, as well as a Masters of Business Administration from Case Western Reserve University-Weatherhead School of Management. He previously served as the Enterprise Associate Chief Quality Officer for the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, where he was responsible for standardizing high-risk quality clinical operations across ten Health System hospitals, fifteen Family Health Centers, and eight Ambulatory Surgery Centers. He is also board certified in Diagnostic Radiology and served as Vice Chairman of Clinical Operations and Quality of the Cleveland Clinic's Enterprise-wide Imaging Institute (Radiology). As Chief Medical Officer, he will oversee the clinical

operation including quality of care and patient safety, coordination of clinical care, development of clinical information systems and physician engagement.

II. **PRESIDENT'S STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY ADDRESS**

President Stanley delivered his ninth **State of the University** address on October 3 and expressed appreciation to administrators, faculty and staff for their hard work and dedication. He shared highlights and milestones from the past year, including Stony Brook's increasingly positive impact on Long Island's economy, the year-over-year rise in student enrollment and graduation rates, completion of the most successful fundraising campaign in SUNY's history, and the expanding Stony Brook University Hospital landscape.

III. **FRIEND OF STONY BROOK, CHARLES B. WANG, DIES AT 74**

Charles B. Wang, 74, founder of CA Technologies, Honorary Degree recipient and steadfast supporter of Stony Brook University, died on Sunday, October 21 on Long Island surrounded by his family.

The Charles B. Wang Center at Stony Brook University opened in 2002 thanks to a \$52 million gift from Wang which was, at the time, the largest individual donation in SUNY history. The Center serves as a bridge between cultures and a welcome home to all students.

IV. **VICE PRESIDENT BRISBANE DONATES \$1M FOR CUSTODIAL STAFF SUPPORT**

As part of a \$1 million dollar planned gift to the University, **former Dean of the School of Social Welfare and current Vice President for Health Sciences Workforce Diversity, Dr. Frances Brisbane**, has announced that she is establishing the Owens-Brisbane Wellbeing and Educational Advancement Endowment for Health Sciences Custodial Staff. This brings her lifetime giving total to Stony Brook to over \$1.5 million. Recipients of her donations have ranged from Stony Brook Athletics to the School of Dental Medicine's Community Outreach Fund to the Staller Center for the Arts.

V. **FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENT ACCOLADES**

- The **Red Watch Band CARE Team** recently won the **Caron Foundation's Community Youth Leadership Award**. Red Watch Band is a bystander intervention program that teaches students how to prevent toxic drinking deaths.

- **Issa Balde**, a Business Management major, was selected as a Forbes Under 30 scholar and had the opportunity to attend the recent Forbes Under 30 Summit.
- Ph.D Student **Bingjie Zhang** received the 14th annual Mow Shiah Lin Scholarship. The Asian Pacific American Association (APAA) at the U.S. Department of Energy's Brookhaven National Laboratory funds the scholarship in honor of the late Brookhaven Lab scientist for whom it is named.
- **Dr. Trevor Sears**, a professor in the Chemistry Department was selected as a 2018 fellow by the American Physical Society. Professor Sears was selected based on his advances in the high-resolution spectroscopy of small molecular free radicals, particularly those of importance in combustion chemistry.
- **Dr. Marvin Goldfried**, distinguished professor of Clinical Psychology in the Department of Psychology, recently received the Gold Medal Award for Life Achievement in the Application of Psychology from the American Psychological Foundation.

VI. RECENT EVENTS

Supreme Court Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor spoke at Stony Brook's First Year Reading Program culmination event. In a fireside chat with President Stanley, her inspirational words encouraged students to build community and to strive to overcome obstacles to success.

Thousands of University faculty, staff and administrators attended a Cultural Competency Seminar at the IFCU Arena on Tuesday, October 9. This first-of-its-kind campuswide training covered recognizing and responding to implicit bias, bullying and sexual misconduct.

The **HeForShe #GetFree Bus Tour** made a stop at Stony Brook on Wednesday, October 10, bringing with it speakers to discuss issues of gender equality with students.

On October 15, 2018, President Stanley hosted **economist and faculty member Stephanie Kelton** for a **Presidential Lecture entitled "But How Will We Pay For It? Making Public Money Work for Us."**

The **Homecoming BBQ and Football Game** took place on Saturday, October 20. The campus was filled with activities and visitors throughout the day, and the festivities were capped by a win for the football team and the first time crowning of three royals, regardless of gender, for the Homecoming Court.

“The Defamation Experience” was performed on Tuesday, October 23 at the Sidney Gelber Auditorium. The play is a nationally acclaimed, live production that combines a riveting courtroom drama with audience deliberation and discussion exploring issues of race, class, religion, gender and the law.

The **MART & Cancer Center Ribbon Cutting** took place on Thursday, November 1.

VII. UPCOMING EVENTS

The Provost’s Lecture by Patricia Richards titled **“Sexual Harassment and the Construction of Knowledge: The Case of Ethnography”** will take place on Wednesday, **November 7, from 1 pm to 2:30 pm in the Humanities Building, Room 1008.**

A [Diversity Celebration](#) event will be held on **Monday, November 12 from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. in the Student Activities Center.** It will highlight successes in implementing the campus **Plan for Equity, Inclusion & Diversity.** There will be student presentations, cultural performances and a keynote lecture by NASA engineer and graphic artist **Sabrina Thompson ’07,**

Prince Emmanuel de Merode, Director of the Virunga National Park in the Democratic Republic of Congo, will receive an Honorary Degree and hold a screening of VIRUNGA, the award-winning documentary that exposes the great lengths that he and a team of rangers went to in protecting Virunga National Park, one of the most biologically diverse areas on the planet. The event will take place on **Wednesday, November 28 at 6:30 p.m.**

Winter Commencement is scheduled for **Friday, December 21 at 11:00 a.m.** in the **IFCU Arena.**

VIII. ADVANCEMENT UPDATE

Since the beginning of the academic year, we have secured \$10.9 million from 3,214 donors. The following are the most recent examples of how generous donors are making gifts to transform our University community:

- \$3.5 million for expanding the Pediatric Emergency Department
- \$3 million for endowed faculty in Stony Brook Medicine
- \$270,000 for scholarships in Engineering and STEM
- \$100,000 for cancer research

IX. ATHLETICS UPDATE

- Stony Brook fall sports teams (Football, Volleyball, Men's Soccer and Women's Soccer) have a combined record of 25-4-1 in regular season conference games.
- Women's Soccer won the America East regular season title
- Volleyball has won 12 consecutive matches, the longest winning streak in program history, and is 9-0 in the America East Conference.
- Football is ranked No. 16 and will play its final regular season home game against Delaware on Nov. 10
- Men's Soccer is currently in first place in the America East Conference and has clinched a share of the regular season title
- Men's Basketball opens the 2018-19 season at George Washington on Nov. 6 while Women's Basketball opens at Rutgers on Nov. 9.