WHAT IS THE SFS RETREAT?

The Planning Committee for the 2008 Student-Faculty-Staff (SFS) Retreat is accepting applications from Stony Brook University students who would like to be considered for participation in this year’s event. The SFS Retreat will begin when buses leave campus at 2:00 pm on Friday, November 7th and will end on Saturday, November 8th at 4:00 pm when we board buses to return to the Stony Brook campus.

This overnight retreat will be held at the Glen Cove Mansion in Glen Cove, NY. In this, its twenty-third year, the retreat brings together a diverse mix of 60 Stony Brook students, faculty, staff and administrators who will focus their attention on our theme: Enhancing the Student Engagement in Undergraduate Education.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF ATTENDING?

The SFS Retreat is an annual Stony Brook tradition where select students, professors and administrators are invited to participate together as a “think-tank” to better understand and continue to improve our campus. Because space is limited for all parties, it is considered an honor to attend.

The specific benefits of attending are:
- To be a part of dialogue to help improve the campus, the campus climate and the student experience
- To spend an all-expenses-paid night off-campus with some of the most respected scholars and educators worldwide
- To help faculty and administrators understand the Stony Brook experience from students’ points of view.
- It’s a lot of fun and the food is great!

HOW DO I APPLY?

The Planning Committee welcomes applications from students who are active in campus life or who would like to become more involved. The application process is competitive, so please make sure to submit your materials in a careful and timely manner. Please take the time to:

1) Fill out the back page of this Student Application
2) Submit a résumé or list of activities
3) Return the Reference Form attached to the application
4) Respond to one of the following question in a one-page, double-spaced essay:

1. A college education is, indeed, about more than just obtaining a degree. Please discuss one or two major goals of a college education. That is, what should students be able to do, think about, know or understand as a result of a university/liberal education?

2. Stony Brook University has made great strides to enhance undergraduate education in recent years. And we are a university committed to constant growth and improvement as well. What recommendations can you provide to further enhance undergraduate education and student engagement at Stony Brook University? Please be sure to define student engagement in your response.

3. Research on college student success demonstrates that there are deep and important connections between what students learn in the classroom and the kinds of activities and learning experiences they are involved with outside of the classroom. Think through some of the educational experiences you have been involved with and talk about how your undergraduate education has been enhanced through your involvement in learning activities inside and outside of the classroom.

Please submit the entire application to SFS Retreat Planning Committee, SAC Room 222 by Friday, October 10th before 5 p.m. If you have any questions regarding the SFS Retreat or the application process, please call 632-7320 and ask for Dean Barnett or e-mail SFSRetreat@notes.cc.sunysb.edu
Name: ______________________________________________________

Major/Area of study: __________________________________________

Class standing: 
☐ Freshman    ☐ Sophomore    ☐ Junior    ☐ Senior    ☐ Graduate

What was your status when you entered SB? 
☐ Freshman    ☐ Transfer Student    ☐ Graduate Student

Are you or were you part of an Undergraduate College (during your freshmen year)?
☐ Arts, Culture & Humanities    ☐ Human Development    ☐ Leadership & Service
☐ Global Studies    ☐ Information & Technology Studies    ☐ Science & Society

What other college/university did you attend (transfers & graduate students):
_____________________________________________________

Gender: (for roommate matching): ☐ Male    ☐ Female

Campus/Local Address:

(Street Number) (Street Name) (Apt. #)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Home Address (list “same” if you commute from home)

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Campus/Local Phone: ____________________________

Home Phone: ____________________________

E-mail Address: ____________________________

(Please print clearly - please provide an address that you check regularly)

**Applications are due on Friday, October 10th before 5pm to SAC 222**
Name of Applicant: ____________________________________________________________

How long have you known the applicant? ____________________________________________________________________________

What is your Relationship to the applicant? ____________________________________________________________________________

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Please rate the student along the following dimensions and comment where appropriate. Thank you for your time in completing this reference form.

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**Submission:**

This reference form can be submitted by the applicant or by faculty/staff completing the form by October 10th, 2008 to:

Jeff Barnett ✤ Assistant Dean of Students ✤ SAC, Room 222 ✤ Stony Brook, NY 11790-2800