ST Announcement: Thank you for joining us tonight. Please feel free to grab some refreshments. We will get started with our program in about 15- minutes as we wait for our guests to arrive. All items should be labeled with allergens. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

ST: Good Evening, everyone! It is my pleasure to welcome each of you here to celebrate the accomplishments of Stony Brook University's fraternities and sororities. My name is Samantha Thompson and I am the Associate Director for Student Engagement and Activities. I am very excited to be here this evening to celebrate your many accomplishments. I would like to welcome our Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students Dr. Ric McClendon to start off tonight's awards ceremony.

Ric: (Short Welcome)
Good evening everyone, and welcome to the 2022 Fraternity and Sorority Life Awards. It is truly wonderful to see so many members of the community join us tonight, as well as members of the staff, faculty and administration as we come together to commend your efforts over the last year. It fills us with a deep sense of pride to consider all that our organizations have contributed to our community, particularly in the areas of friendship, scholarship, leadership and service. As we look back at this past year I would like to acknowledge just a few of your many accomplishments. The fraternity & sorority community volunteered over 6,700 hours to community service initiatives, donated over $47,000 to charitable causes, surpassed the all-campus undergraduate term GPA for the fourth semester in a row, and hosted over 1,500 activities and programs for their members and the larger Stony Brook Community. We are so proud of all you have accomplished and the resilience we have seen in the community, including welcoming over 280 new members this year alone. I look forward to the continued positive impacts our fraternal organizations will have on the Stony Brook community.

ST: Thank you Dean McClendon for your welcoming remarks. To begin our program this evening, I would like to thank our Fraternity & Sorority Awards Judges. These individuals spent countless hours reading through all of your outstanding awards applications and selecting winners for each of our organizational, programming, and individual awards. Thank you so much for your time and commitment to recognizing our fraternity and sorority life community!

ST: The Fraternity and Sorority Life Awards is a time to celebrate the achievements of our fraternity and sorority leaders, advisors, and campus partners who are committed to contributing to the progress, importance, and relevancy of our organizations. This year as we come back together in-person the need to celebrate and recognize one another is paramount. We begin our Awards Ceremony with our Chapter Awards:
The Outstanding Chapter Management Award recognizes a chapter that has excelled in balancing the many facets that go into a fraternal organization. This chapter exemplifies the highest standards of management, teamwork, and communication and has made it a priority to focus this year on their values of individuality, connection and engagement at the chapter and community level. There are many moving parts to this group’s executive board. This organization worked very hard to balance priorities of organizational management, cultivating membership involvement, and working as a collective to attain their goals internally as a chapter and as a member of the Fraternity and Sorority Life Community.

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Please join me in congratulating Sigma Delta Tau for their outstanding chapter management.

<SLIDE CHANGE to Excellence in Academic Achievement>

Scholarship is the cornerstone of both Stony Brook University and the fraternal community. The Excellence in Academic Achievement Award recognizes a chapter for their outstanding commitment to scholarship and is awarded to the chapter with the highest overall GPA. This year’s recipient has an overall GPA of 3.79, which is well above the all-men’s, all-women’s, and all campus GPA.

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Please join me in congratulating Phi Delta Epsilon International Medical Fraternity for their outstanding academic achievement.

<SLIDE CHANGE to Excellence in Campus Involvement Award>

The Excellence in Campus Involvement Award is given to an organization who has members heavily involved in campus life. This year’s recipient consistently collaborates with other organizations on campus to raise awareness for philanthropic causes, as well as offer support and encouragement to their peers. This chapter makes it a priority to support organizations both in and outside of their council and they have shown this through their extensive programming efforts throughout the academic year partnering with groups such as Project Sunshine, SASA, LASO, and many more. This group goes above and beyond to bring the community together by hosting programs to educate others about the fraternity and sorority community and we are so impressed with all of their efforts.

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This year’s Excellence in Campus Involvement Award goes to Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Incorporated.

<SLIDE CHANGE to Excellence in Philanthropy/Service Award>

The Excellence in Philanthropy and Service Award is given to a chapter to recognize outstanding efforts in its service related and/or philanthropic endeavors. This year’s recipient collaborated with several organizations and campus departments to raise funds and awareness to combat violence against women. This chapter focused on taking a proactive approach to educating not only their membership, but to the entire Stony Brook Community by partnering with organizations both on and off-campus such as the Center for Prevention and Outreach, the Joyful Heart Foundation, and To Write Love On Her Arms. Together, with the collaboration of different organizations and the community, this organization spread the importance of its philanthropy making strides to transform society’s response to sexual assault and domestic violence, by through advocacy and education.
Please join me in congratulating Sigma Psi Zeta for their Excellence in Philanthropy & Service Award.

ST:

At this time, we will be announcing the results of this year’s 5 star accreditation program.

First we will acknowledge our 4 Star Chapters. Organizations who receive 4-Star recognition have surpassed expectations of the fraternal community. Within the program a 4-Star Organization is seen as one of distinction. These chapters have shown growth and commitment in the areas of scholarship, leadership, community building, philanthropy & service, risk management, and internal operations.

Please join me in congratulating our 4 Star Chapters

Alpha Sigma Alpha
Epsilon Sigma Phi Sorority, Inc.
Kappa Sigma
Lambda Theta Alpha, Inc.
Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
Pi Lambda Phi
Sigma Iota Sigma, Inc.
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Congratulations to all of our 4 Star Chapters
A 5 Star Organization is an organization of excellence. These organizations have reached the highest standards set for the fraternity & sorority community and have excelled at promoting the important values of community, friendship, leadership, scholarship, and service coupled with outstanding chapter management and campus relations.

Please join me in congratulating our 5 Star Chapters

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Alpha Kappa Psi
Delta Sigma Pi

Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.
Phi Delta Epsilon International Medical Fraternity
Sigma Delta Tau

Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority, Inc.
Theta Phi Alpha
Theta Tau

Congratulations for all of your hard work!

ST: At this time I would like to welcome Gabrielle Barone to the podium to announce the winners of our programming awards.
GB: Our fraternity & sorority community contributes many programs which raise awareness about important issues, fundraise for their respective philanthropies, and engage the community as a whole. This year alone our fraternities and sororities have held approximately over 1,500 activities and programs.

<SLIDE CHANGE to Innovative Program for Helping Others Award (Philanthropy/Service)>

The **Innovative Program for Helping Others Award** recognizes a community service or philanthropic program held by a fraternity or sorority that promotes civic engagement and encourages selfless acts of service. This year’s award recipient focused on creating graduation gifts for students in underserved communities. The members of this organization helped students not only by rewarding their success of graduating but also were able to mentor them and give back to a community.

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Please join me in congratulating **Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.** for their continual service and philanthropic work.

<SLIDE CHANGE to Program for Diversity & Multicultural Awareness Award>

The **Innovative Program for Diversity & Multicultural Awareness Award** recognizes a creative program held by a fraternity or sorority that promotes diversity and multicultural awareness. This organization built a coalition of organizations to inform the Stony Brook Community of what Greek life entails and introduced them to the many different culturally based fraternities and sororities on campus. They hosted a panel of six different fraternal organizations to provide time and space for a productive and open conversation regarding multiculturalism within our fraternity and sorority life community.

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Please join me in congratulating **Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Incorporated** for their “Greek Life 101” collaborative program.

<SLIDE CHANGE to Innovative Program for Health & Wellness>

The **Innovative Program for Health and Wellness Award** recognizes a creative program held by a fraternity or sorority that promotes overall positive wellness for its members. As a result of this week of programming, students became more aware of their personal and communal well being and ready to take an active role to enhance it. During this week the chapter held a State of the Nation open forum, a financial literacy educational session, hosted a game night for social engagement, and conducted a Sleep Out for the Homeless to bring about campus education and awareness around homelessness. This week-long program was collaborative, highly engaging, and very educational for not only the members of the chapter but the greater Stony Brook community.

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Please join me in congratulating the **Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.** for their **Work Hard Play Hard Sigma Week** program.

<SLIDE CHANGE to Program of the Year>

The **Program of the Year Award** celebrates a program hosted by a recognized organization that was the most impactful. This program is an annual event that raises awareness and resources for the Prevent Child Abuse America...
(PCAA), which is the nation’s oldest and largest organization committed to preventing child abuse and neglect before it happens. After a culmination of fundraising efforts involving 180 donors, multiple local business sponsors, supportive campus partners, and student participants this program was able to raise $5,318 for this worthy cause.

We are so proud to present the **Program of the Year Award** to the **Sigma Delta Tau** for their **Kardio for Kidz**! Congratulations!

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<SLIDE CHANGE to Individual Awards>

**GB:** At this time, we are going to begin recognizing individual awards.

The accomplishments of the members of our community have been remarkable this year. We would like to take this time to recognize all of our individual nominees.

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Our fraternity and sorority leaders have worked incredibly hard to innovate and add to the success of our communities. Please feel empowered to share a thank you to any nominated individuals this evening who have made a difference within your chapter or our community. <Pause>

<SLIDE CHANGE to THANK YOU ADVISORS>

Additionally we would like to take a moment to recognize our organization advisors. The role of an advisor is integral to the success of our organizations. They provide support and expertise that challenge our organizations to think critically, consider both their values as well as the values of the community at large, and reach their full potential. At this time, we would like to wish all of our faculty, staff, and alumni advisors a “Thank You” for your commitment to our fraternity and sorority community.

<SLIDE CHANGE to Advisor of the Year>

This award is given to a faculty or staff member who goes above and beyond in their role of campus advisor to a fraternity or sorority. Campus advisors play an integral role in the success of our organizations. This year’s recipient was nominated by the organization they advise for their continued support of the chapter.

This year’s recipient received a heartfelt nomination from the chapter they advise. The chapter noted that their advisor expresses how proud she is of our executive board and our chapter as a whole and makes it a point to come to campus and meet each newly initiated class. This individual is more than an advisor - her students describe her as someone who truly cares about the values of their organization, and takes much pride in the work done by the chapter. It is my pleasure to announce that this year’s Outstanding Campus Advisor Award goes to **Jodi Romano**, advisor to **Sigma Delta Tau**.

<SLIDE CHANGE to Friend of Fraternity & Sorority Life>
The Friend of Fraternity & Sorority Life award is given to individuals or offices at the University who go above and beyond to support our fraternities and sororities. This year we are excited to recognize two individuals who have significantly contributed to our fraternal organizations this year.

This year’s first recipient is a true and valued friend to the fraternity and sorority community. She is always willing to lend a helping hand to support our students. She has served on various committees with a focus on fraternity and sorority life and is a true friend to this community. She has served on the Expansion Committee, FSL Director Search Committee, and contributed as an Awards judge for the past several years. We are grateful to have her support.

Please join me in congratulating our first recipient of this year’s Award to Unity Watts, the Associate Director for Apartments and Suites Residential Education.

Our second recipient is new to the Stony Brook community, but has been an active Friend of Fraternity and Sorority Life since the start of their time here. Through being a council advisor that goes above and beyond to help with mentoring students and getting involved in their programs, to stepping into a large role in the residential community they serve as an advocate for student leadership development, social responsibility, and civic engagement. This recipient has positively and actively empowered members of our fraternity sorority community through their experiences at Stony Brook and beyond.

Please join me in congratulating our second recipient of this year’s Award to Steven Torres.

Steven was feeling under the weather today so was unable to attend but he wanted us to share his deepest gratitude to his nominators and the community.

The Outstanding Scholarship Award is presented to members who excel academically and serve as a role model for their organization through their academic involvement while maintaining at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA. This year’s recipients have been described by their nominators as invested in many different facets of campus life. Throughout this past year these individuals have gone above and beyond to promote the academic success of themselves and their sisters. We were so impressed with the nominees we decided to award two awards this year.

The first recipient accomplishes academic success while maintaining an unwavering dedication to civic engagement and educating the campus community on discussions of civics and social justice. This recipient has achieved a 4.0 GPA for three terms. Their involvement in Stony Brook extends way beyond Fraternity and Sorority Life as this recipient volunteers for the Food Pantry, serves as a member of the Stony Brook’s Advocacy Corps, is a member of two prestigious honor societies and has been recognized for her dedication to civics by the Clinton Global Initiative.

Please join me in congratulating Julia Brandenstein (Brand-in-styne) from Theta Phi Alpha!
The second recipient accomplishes this by going the extra mile to connect with campus partners to educate their chapter on relevant academic and risk management topics as well as extending this into their role as a Resident Assistant by educating students about Fraternity and Sorority Life here at Stony Brook. Serving as the chapter’s Academic chair, Warden and IFSC representative while maintaining a rigorous course load as a biochemistry major their sisters are eternally grateful for the dedication and positive impact this recipient has had on their chapter. They are a great example for their peers.

Please join me in congratulating Xiner Jiang (Sinner Jang) from Kappa Phi Lambda for their Outstanding Scholarship.

The Executive Board Member of the Year award recognizes chapter leaders who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to help better their organizations. This year’s recipient has been an active member in keeping the organization running and goes above and beyond to ensure they leave the organization in the best position it has ever been. This member stepped into their role during a challenging time for the organization, but persisted and as a result, the chapter has performed more community service and hosted more collaborative events due to the connections this member has created. The care this member has for not only their chapter but its members is seen through the time they took to meet with every executive board member to ensure they understood how to fulfill the obligations of their position. This member has leveraged their previous and current leadership position experience to improve overall chapter operations and is referred to by their brothers as the cornerstone of their fraternity.

Congratulations to this year's Executive Board Member of the Year Christopher Battista, president of Pi Lambda Phi.

The Outstanding Council Leader Award honors an individual who serves on a council executive board that has gone above and beyond their role. This year’s recipient is described by one of her nominators as someone who goes above and beyond in everything she does. Therefore, it’s no surprise they have excelled in their council leadership position. Their experiences this past year and their impact on the council have been nothing short of transformative. This year’s recipient serves as a role model and advocates for their fellow students. They help to host programs to help their fellow IFSC members understand financial opportunities offered to them and are constantly looking for ways to improve their position’s responsibilities for the betterment of the community. Her leadership this year will leave a long-lasting impact on the Inter-Fraternity and Sorority Council.

We are very excited to present the Outstanding Council Leader Award to Tania Thomas, Treasurer of the Inter-Fraternity and Sorority Council, and member of Sigma Iota Sigma Sorority, Inc.
The **Emerging Leader** award recognizes students who have shown outstanding potential in the areas of leadership and inter-fraternalism. Recipients have been nominated by their chapters as possessing great drive, work ethic, and the ability to better the Stony Brook Community. This year we have chosen to recognize 5 individuals. Please join us in recognizing the following Emerging Leader Award recipients:

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At this time I would like to invite Christine Marullo, Director of Student Engagement & Activities to announce our distinguished leadership awards and remaining chapter awards.

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CM:

Good Evening. I am honored to be here with you all tonight and I will be presenting the remainder of this evening’s awards.

<SLIDE CHANGE to Hyperion Award>

The **Hyperion Award** is presented annually to members who have made a significant impact upon the fraternity and sorority community during their collegiate career through exhibiting excellence within their chapters and contributing to the Stony Brook community. We view this award as an excellent opportunity to recognize the students for their dedication and efforts toward incorporating positive change in their organization, the fraternity and sorority life community, and/or the campus at large. This year we have chosen to recognize 6 individuals. The Hyperion Award Recipients are:

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The Tasheka S. Sutton Spirit Award is presented to an individual who promotes fraternity and sorority life and inspires others to live their lives by the values of the fraternity and sorority community. This year’s recipient has been described as a dedicated hard worker who is committed to the fraternal movement. They are seen as a positive inspiration that seeks to uplift those around them. For example, this individual spearheaded the idea of raising money for the muscular dystrophy association for the first time after the passing of a SBU student who was a large supporter of their organization. This year’s recipient is passionate about embodying and living her organizations’ values and being there for their chapter members.

Please join me in Congratulating Sherin Samuel of Sigma Delta Tau on your award.

Fraternity and Sorority Leader of the Year is the highest honor given to individuals within the fraternity and sorority community. This award is given to a student leader who has made significant contributions to the Stony Brook University Fraternity & Sorority community during this year and their overall time at Stony Brook. The fraternity and sorority leader of the year demonstrates teamwork, and the ability to inspire and encourage their peers. Candidates show exemplary leadership, organization, character, and distinction.

This year’s Sorority Leader of the Year is someone who has not only impacted their organizations but someone who has been committed to bettering the Stony Brook Community as a whole. This year alone this individual partnered with organizations both on and off campus to raise awareness and funds to support worthy causes. She has served as an advocate for her fellow students on campus committees and has been referenced by those who work with her as driven and trustworthy. Her continued work within her own organization and the overall community speaks for itself and her drive, passion, and values will leave a lasting impact on Stony Brook Fraternity and Sorority Life for years to come. She is a strong advocate for the fraternity and sorority community and has demonstrated her leadership in multiple executive board positions but most notable as the 2021-2022 Inter-Fraternity & Sorority Council President.

It is my pleasure to present this year’s Sorority Leader of the Year… Alyssa DiBenedetto (Dee-Ben-ee-debt-owe) of Sigma Delta Tau.

This year’s Fraternity Leader of the Year has been identified as an individual who is driven and creates results with a high standard for their organization. This year’s recipient takes initiative through his leadership and innovation to promote positive change within their chapter and the Stony Brook community. This leader designs purposeful programs through their fraternity to make sure the voices of all student populations can be heard and recognized. This leader has led their chapter and other organizations through the challenging impact of COVID and continues as a graduating senior to work on projects to ensure a better and brighter future for Stony Brook University students.
He can always be counted on as a positive role model for his peers and we are so proud of all he has accomplished for himself, his chapter, and our community.

Please join me in congratulating this year’s Fraternity Leader of the Year… Abdoulaye Barry of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.

The Most Improved Chapter is given to an organization that has made significant strides in all areas of their development. This year’s award recipient has made great progress in chapter operations and organizational growth over the last year. Over the last year this organization worked tirelessly to ensure their chapter would continue on in the Stony Brook community and come back stronger than before. In the 2021-2022 school, this chapter doubled in size, collaborated with campus partners and student organizations they had not previously worked with, focused on internal operations and were able to bring their annual philanthropic event back to campus this year. The tireless efforts of the leadership within this organization have set the precedent for the future of their chapter and believe that their success would not be possible without each and every one of their members.

It is for these efforts we award The Most Improved Chapter to Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority Inc.

The Chapter of the Year is selected among the Five Star organizations who have been named an organization of excellence. The recipient must have consistently demonstrated excellence in all areas of fraternity and sorority life. Over the last year, this organization has made significant strides in persisting through the pandemic and focused on community and philanthropic programming, membership growth, and sisterhood connection. This organization works diligently on supporting their nationally recognized philanthropic organizations as well as organizations that hit close to home for the Stony Brook community. The chapter is consistently educating its members on the topics of risk management and DEI throughout attending and hosting campus speakers and workshops in collaboration with on campus partners and off campus speakers. This chapter is a vital force within our Fraternity and Sorority community and we are so proud of all they have accomplished this year.

Please join me in congratulating this year's Chapter of the year: Sigma Delta Tau

At this time I would like to welcome back Samantha Thompson to close out tonight's awards.

ST: Let's please give a round of applause for all of our honorees tonight. While tonight we recognized a limited few, it doesn't diminish the spirit, collaboration, & efforts put forth by so many others that work tirelessly for the betterment of the SBU experience. You should all be proud of your accomplishments and unwavering commitment to bettering our campus. You all play an invaluable role on campus and we are honored to uplift your success and resiliency. Even when faced with the challenges of a pandemic you all have continued to re-imagine, re-frame, and re-affirm community and campus life. Thank you all you do for our campus.
I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to give a final thank you to someone who has been instrumental in the success of the Fraternity & Sorority Community. Gabrielle! You are a true pleasure to work with and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all that you have done this year.

ST: Thank you all again for making this a great night and a wonderful year! Wishing you all a safe summer.