

KEITH KOWALSKY RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD FROM STONY BROOK

Honored for community achievements, extraordinary commitment to SBU

STONY BROOK, NY, November 10, 2011 – The [Stony Brook University Alumni Association](#) honored Keith Kowalsky with a [2011 Distinguished Alumni Award](#), the highest honor given by the Alumni Association, at a special ceremony and reception held at Flowerfield in St. James on November 9. Mr. Kowalsky was presented the award by mentor Herb Herman, Professor Emeritus, Materials Science and Engineering at Stony Brook.

The Stony Brook University Alumni Association recognizes prominent SBU graduates for their career and community achievements, extraordinary commitment to Stony Brook and for reflecting “the highest values embraced and promoted by the University and the Stony Brook Alumni Association.”

Keith Kowalsky is the president of [Flame-Spray Industries, Inc.](#), a state-of-the-art company that develops and implements advanced thermal spray technologies. In 2009, Mr. Kowalsky was named [National Inventor of the Year](#) along with his team for the development of the Plasma Transferred Wire Arc Thermal Spray Apparatus and Method, a system designed to improve fuel consumption that is now used by Ford, Land Rover, Nissan, Caterpillar and Detroit Diesel. Keith earned a BS in Physics from Buffalo State College in 1984, a BE in Mechanical Engineering from Stony Brook in 1986, and an MS in Materials Engineering from Stony Brook in 1988, all while playing for the University hockey team.

Mr. Kowalsky also participates in Stony Brook University’s Industrial Advisory Board, is a member of the Thermal Spray Society, and is a trustee of the Oyster Bay East Norwich School Board. He holds more than 18 U.S. and foreign patents and has written more than 30 publications, including a software publication.



Samuel L. Stanley Jr., MD, (left) and Scott Middleton (right) pictured with Keith Kowalsky.

The Stony Brook University Alumni Association also honored [four other individuals](#): Jane Corrarino (MS '86, DNP '10); Aaron Podolefsky (MAL '73, MA '76, PhD '78); Peter Seccia (BA '89); and Marilyn Simons (BA '74, PhD '84).

“Our five recipients are a great credit to their alma mater,” said Samuel L. Stanley Jr., MD, President of Stony Brook University. “Each one is a dedicated and dynamic person who has made the most of his or her Stony Brook degree. They are all a source of inspiration to our emerging scholars, beginning researchers and developing professionals. They represent the best Stony Brook has to offer.”

About the Stony Brook Alumni Association

The Stony Brook Alumni Association is an independent 501(c)(3) organization that represents more than 144,000 Stony Brook University alumni nationwide and abroad. Established in 1965, the Association seeks to reach, serve and engage all alumni, students, and other constituencies to foster a lifelong intellectual and emotional connection between the University and its graduates, and to provide the University with goodwill and support.

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