



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Stony Brook Foundation

**FROM:** Samuel L. Stanley Jr., M.D.  
President

**DATE:** October 5, 2017

**SUBJECT:** President's Report

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### I. STONY BROOK AND SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL ANNOUNCE AFFILIATION

Southampton Hospital joined the Stony Brook Medicine healthcare system. Effective August 1, this brings together the specialists, clinical trials and advanced technology of an academic medical center with the convenience and personalized care of a community hospital. Stony Brook Southampton Hospital now provides care under Stony Brook University Hospital's New York State operating license. As an example of the synergies of this partnership, Stony Brook Medicine has opened a fully-operational cardiac catheterization laboratory at Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, making it the only facility on the East End of Long Island capable of providing clinically complex care to critically ill heart patients.

### II. SENIOR LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **Dr. Rich Reeder Named Vice President for Research and Operations Manager for the Research Foundation**

In his role as Vice President for Research and Operations Manager for the Research Foundation at Stony Brook University, **Rich Reeder** will oversee the Stony Brook research enterprise. Dr. Reeder served as the interim Vice President for Research since July 2016. At Stony Brook for nearly four decades, Reeder joined the Geosciences Department as a faculty member in 1980, where he served as Deputy Chair before being appointed Chair in 2008. From 2002-2012 he served as Director of the National Science Foundation-supported Center for Environmental Molecular Science. He also served as Chair of the national user group, EnviroSync, which promotes application of synchrotron X-ray methods to environmental sciences.

As a researcher, Reeder made extensive use of experimental beamlines at synchrotron facilities throughout the United States and participated in development of beamlines at NSLS and NSLS II at Brookhaven National Laboratory. He is a founding member of Stony Brook's Consortium for Interdisciplinary Environmental Research (CIDER). In 2014, Reeder led the team that, in partnership with Battelle, worked on the application which resulted in the successful renewal of the management contract of Brookhaven National Lab. In 2015 he was appointed Associate Vice President for Brookhaven Affairs.

## **Judith Greiman and Melissa Woo Promoted to Senior Vice Presidents**

**Judith Greiman's** promotion to Senior Vice President for Government and Community Relations and Chief Deputy to the President follows successful years as Vice President for Government and Community Relations/Chief Deputy to the President. While at Stony Brook, Judy took on the oversight and implementation responsibility of several key areas and presidential initiatives including the Office of Institutional Diversity and Equity and the recent appointment of Stony Brook's first Chief Diversity Officer; Stony Brook's Plan for Equity, Inclusion and Diversity; Stony Brook engaging as a 10X10X10 University Impact Champion in the UN Women's HeForShe Movement; and, Stony Brook's initiative to become a tobacco-free campus. In this role she will continue to work closely with the SUNY legislative affairs office and with elected representatives to address higher education issues and opportunities locally, in Albany and in Washington D.C., related to both the main academic programs and the annual budget process. She will also continue to engage with the University's surrounding communities, enhancing existing programs and creating new ones, that help reinforce Stony Brook's ongoing relationship as a trusted community partner.

As Senior Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer, **Melissa Woo** will continue to lead one of the University's rapidly changing departments. Melissa's credentials and her recent success leading the way to Stony Brook University becoming the first higher education institution in New York State to offer a 100 gigabit-per-second (Gbps) connection to the NYSERNet and Internet 2 network, speak to her outstanding ability to implement complex IT projects for the University. In her new role, Woo will take on responsibility for aiding in research computing and Teaching and Learning Technology (TLT) for Stony Brook University as a whole, including Stony Brook Medicine.

### **III. CAMPAIGN FOR STONY BROOK UPDATE**

The Campaign for Stony Brook has secured an additional \$22.6 million in gifts and pledges since the Stony Brook Foundation Board last met. The campaign total of \$559.1 million in support has come from more than 43,785 donors. The Campaign ends on June 30, 2018 and is only 9 months away. The following are recent examples of the tremendous philanthropy at work at Stony Brook University:

- \$5,000,000 to establish the new Center for Foundations of Nuclear Science in Physics
- \$1,500,000 to create an endowed chair in pediatric surgery at Stony Brook Children's
- \$1,500,000 to create an endowed chair in coastal ecology in the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences
- \$1,500,000 for the Turkana Basin Institute
- \$750,000 to create an endowed artist-in-residence in the Music Department
- \$500,000 to benefit the Masters in Fine Arts department
- \$460,000 for the Advanced Power Sources Laboratory
- \$362,000 in support of Stony Brook's Explorations in STEM Research Program
- \$301,000 in support of scholarships for Riverhead High School graduates attending Stony Brook University
- \$256,700 in grants for the Lemur Wildlife Center and Lemur translocation and education programs at Center ValBio in Madagascar
- \$200,000 toward clean water technology
- \$200,000 to the Cardiology Research and Education Fund (CaRE Fund)

- \$165,000 toward research at the Alda Center on the communication needs of women in STEM fields
- \$125,000 for an International Medical Research Fellowship Program
- \$120,000 in scholarships and fellowships for students in the Department of History
- \$100,000 for the Basketball program

For additional updates on the campaign, please visit: [stonybrook.edu/campaign](http://stonybrook.edu/campaign).

#### **IV. BUDGET**

Stony Brook University is faced with some new and unanticipated budget constraints. The ongoing investments in our new faculty hires coupled with a lack of significant tuition increases and no adjustments in state allocation to keep up with both negotiated salary increases and standard cost of living increases has created a structural deficit for our university. To deal with this deficit and set the foundation for continued excellence and forward movement in the coming years, we have implemented a new budget and program review process that will enable us to systematically face these circumstances every year, from every corner of the institution.

We have asked each department – academic and administrative – to work with the budget office and the leadership team to develop budget plans that reflect today’s realities. We will also continue to work to develop new revenue sources, and redouble our efforts to increase both state support and philanthropic support for Stony Brook University.

We will work to minimize the impact on our core mission of teaching and research, continuing to strive for the excellence and quality for which Stony Brook is known. We will continue to invest in areas of excellence; we will be laser focused and strategic in what we do and emerge from this process stronger than ever. We will remain focused on our students, continuing to offer them the opportunity to graduate from Stony Brook well educated, and ready to engage in and address the most important issues of our time.

#### **V. ENROLLMENT DATA**

A total of 25,989 students were registered at the beginning of Day 15 in fall 2017, 255 more than last year at the same point in the term. This level of enrollment represents a record high for Stony Brook. Compared to fall 2016, the following changes were observed by area:

- +372 West Campus undergraduates
- +41 Graduate School (West, HSC, Southampton)
- -276 School of Professional Development [decrease is principally among non-matriculated students]
- +68 East Campus/HSC
- -8 Southampton location

This is the last enrollment snapshot until the end of the term and will serve as the basis for most reporting; these numbers remain unofficial pending a final audit from the Office of Institutional Research, Planning & Effectiveness and reporting to the SUNY system office.

## VI. NEWLY ENDOWED PROFESSORS

### Paul Kelton Installed as Robert David Lion Gardiner Chair in American History

Historian **Paul Kelton** has been named the first Robert David Lion Gardiner Chair in American History by the College of Arts and Sciences. The endowed chair was established in the Department of History in February 2016, thanks to a major gift from the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation. Professor Kelton, a leading scholar of Indigenous North American and Colonial American history, is the author of numerous published works that have made important revisions to our understanding of the biological processes involved in the European takeover of the Americas. He continues his in-depth research on Indigenous experiences with European-introduced diseases and has ongoing projects detailing the contours of Native death and survival during the Seven Years War in North America, the American Revolution, and Indian Removal. He is the author of several articles, two books, and has co-edited *Beyond Germs: Native Depopulation in North America* (Arizona 2015), named a Choice Outstanding Academic Title for 2016. He has won grants and fellowships awarded by the American Philosophical Societies, the Hall Center for the Humanities, and the William Clements Library.

### James A. Vosswinkel, MD, Invested as First Lillian and Leonard Schneider Endowed Professor in Trauma Surgery

Stony Brook surgeon and trauma medicine physician **James A. Vosswinkel, MD**, was named the Lillian and Leonard Schneider Endowed Professor in Trauma Surgery at a recent investiture ceremony. This new endowed professorship position was created by **Lillian Schneider** in memory of her late husband **Leonard Schneider** and in grateful recognition of the care she received from Vosswinkel. In 2016, Schneider was airlifted to Stony Brook University Hospital's emergency department after a serious automobile accident in Montauk.

In his remarks at the ceremony, Dr. Vosswinkel acknowledged the trauma leadership team at Stony Brook Medicine and expressed his gratitude to Lillian Schneider and her family. Moreover, he said thanks to the Schneiders' generosity, the research efforts designed to further advance the trauma care at Stony Brook will continue in perpetuity. "The professorship will have a profound effect on advancing our mission," said Vosswinkel, "including programs training EMT volunteers, lifesaving hemorrhage control training in public school districts and other community outreach programs."

## VII. UNIVERSITY ACCOLADES & HIGHLIGHTS

### SBU Ranks High in U.S. News & World Report's 2018 Best Colleges

Stony Brook University is once again ranked within the top 100 among US colleges and universities (#97) and ranks as #41 among public universities according to *U.S. News & World Report*. Stony Brook also fared much better than expected in the category of 6-year graduation rate by achieving a 72 percent graduation rate vs. the expected rate of 69 percent. These rankings also appear in The 2018 Best Colleges rankings and guidebook.

### **Stony Brook Ranked in the Top Ten of Schools for Upward Mobility of Students**

I am especially proud of the recent findings that show that a Stony Brook University education provides a proven path toward upward mobility for students from low-income households. A new study led by the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research ranks Stony Brook among the top 10 colleges and universities in the nation whose students begin college at the bottom fifth of income distribution and then go on to have income in the top three-fifths of income distribution.

### **Stony Brook Ranked One of 50 Best LGBTQ Friendly Colleges and Universities**

Stony Brook University once again made the College Choice 50 Best LGBT Friendly Colleges and Universities list. The ranking highlights universities like Stony Brook that have a strong history of creating quality programming for the LGBTQ community and committing time and resources to equipping students, faculty and staff with tools that encourage education, support, safety and inclusion campus wide. Stony Brook's LGBTQ\* Services staff provides meaningful programs to help students thrive and to ensure inclusion in every aspect of the University. In addition to these services, the University also has many all-gender restrooms on campus, gender-inclusive housing options, the soon-to-come LGBTQ\* Center and uses the P-400 Preferred Name Policy.

### **Coalition Statement on Paris Agreement Declaring, 'We Are Still In'**

This summer, I joined hundreds of college and university presidents, business leaders, investors, governors and mayors from across the United States in signing an open letter to the international community, endorsing actions being taken at the state and local levels to address climate change in support of the Paris Agreement. Those signing the Grand Coalition Statement on the Paris Agreement declare that they “will continue to support climate action to meet the Paris Agreement,” and vow “to take forceful action and to ensure that the U.S. remains a global leader in reducing emissions.”

### **Stony Brook Ranked by *Money Magazine***

In *Money* magazine's annual list of the Best Colleges for Your Money, Stony Brook University ranked #54 overall and #32 among public universities in the nation. With the goal of identifying schools that provide the best education at the most reasonable price, *Money* evaluated 711 schools on 27 factors in three categories — quality of education, affordability and student outcomes. Our ranking jumped significantly from #125 in 2016 because the rankings now consider social mobility as a factor.

### **Stony Brook Makes Top 1.4% in QS World University Rankings**

The QS World University Rankings 2018 places Stony Brook among the top 1.4 percent of all universities in the world. More than 950 of the world's best universities were included in the rankings. This year's QS World University rankings were compiled by assessing institutions on six different indicators. More than 75,000 academics and 40,000 employers contributed this year, while 12.3 million papers and 71.5 million citations were analyzed to measure the impact of the research produced by each university.

## VIII. STONY BROOK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION APPOINTS THREE NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND INSTALLS NEW PRESIDENT

The Stony Brook University Alumni Association Board of Directors has appointed three new board members and installed **Bedel Saget '88** as the Board president at their June meeting. Saget's accomplishments are quite notable:

- **Bedel Saget:** Bedel is an Emmy nominated producer, award winning photographer and videographer, innovative thinker and dynamic leader with more than 28 years of experience as a journalist developing award winning content for *The New York Times* and news outlets like ESPN. As a sports graphics/multimedia editor at *The New York Times*, he has covered 16 Olympic Games as well as Grand Slam Tennis events, Super Bowls, World Cups and countless major sporting events around the world. Bedel has also contributed to many of the paper's major initiatives, such as: the redesign of the Sports section, its conversion from black and white to a color newspaper, transition to the web, mobile and the use of video and audio. He has received numerous citations and awards, while establishing himself as an innovator and industry leader in sports journalism. Bedel earned a BA in Political Science and a minor in African Studies from Stony Brook.

The new board members, appointed to three-year terms, include:

- **Jaime Moore '88:** After earning an economics degree at Stony Brook, Jaime has spent 25 years working in the capital market field. He is currently a director at Citigroup Global Markets Inc. Prior to joining Citi, he served as lead consultant on international economics to governments, Fortune 500 firms, multinational companies and corporate leaders. In addition to his appointment to the Alumni Association Board of Directors, Jaime serves on the Board of the South Bronx based International Educational Resource Center Education Foundation (IERCEF). He was also an adviser to the Fifth Avenue Committee (FAC) in the early 1990s and his strategic advice contributed to the revival and development of the Fifth Avenue commercial corridor as well as the cleanup and development of Fourth Avenue in Park Slope, Brooklyn. Jaime is also the founder and president of El Fogón Center for the Arts, a community-based center and founding member of the Bronx Arts Alliance.
- **Neil Butterklee JD '80, '82:** Neil earned a BA in Political Science and an MS in Urban and Policy Sciences from Harriman College (the precursor to the College of Business) in 1980 and 1982, respectively. From there he received an MBA in Finance in 1987 from Adelphi University before attending and graduating — on full scholarship — from the New York Law School in 1992, where he earned a JD with *cum laude* distinction. He is currently an associate general counsel in the Con Edison Law Department, where he heads up Con Edison's federal regulatory practice group. His practice primarily involves federal energy matters; litigation, mediation and generic proceedings before federal and state regulatory commissions; business development; and appellate litigation before the U.S. Court of Appeals.
- **Shahnilla Jamal '00:** Shahnilla received a BS in Business Management with *magna cum laude* honors from Stony Brook in 2000, after which she started her career in financial services. Currently a relationship manager for Bank of America, Jamal supports clients in Long Island as a strategic partner and adviser to aid in their financial goals. She leads a team of specialists to provide tailored credit, deposit and cash management solutions that enable her to deliver services at the local level. Jamal resides in the Setauket area with her husband

and three daughters, and in her spare time enjoys volunteering with local institutions, including: Habitat for Humanity, Miller Business Resource Center and LI Cares.

## IX. FACULTY, STUDENT, STAFF AND ALUMNI ACCOLADES

I am pleased and proud to report on the following recent outstanding accomplishments of our faculty, students, staff and alumni:

- **Kenneth Kaushansky, MD**, Senior Vice President for the Health Sciences and Dean of Stony Brook University School of Medicine, was installed as the 2017-2018 Chair of the Greater New York Hospital Association (GNYHA) Board of Governors.
- **Latha Chandran, MD, MPH**, the Miriam and David Donoho Distinguished Teaching Professor and Vice Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education at Stony Brook University School of Medicine, has been elected to a four-year term as an executive board member of the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME).
- The American Chemical Society (ACS) has named **Professor Nicole S. Sampson** to the 2017 class of ACS Fellows, which includes scientists who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in chemistry and have made important contributions to ACS, the world's largest scientific society. Research in the Sampson laboratory focuses on understanding the relationship between protein structure and protein function and synthesizing chemical tools to probe and control biological function. Work is ongoing in the areas of AROMP, cancer metastasis, lipid-protein interactions, mammalian fertilization and tuberculosis steroid metabolism.
- **Andrew Flescher, PhD**, a Professor in the Department of Family, Population and Preventive Medicine at Stony Brook University School of Medicine, has been appointed to serve on the national ethics committee of the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), the country's non-profit organization that manages the nationwide organ procurement and transplant program.
- Department of Art **Professor Nobuho Nagasawa** recently received the New York City Public Design Commission's highest honor at the 34th Annual Awards for Excellence in Design, held at City Hall. Professor Nagasawa was honored for her permanent public art "Luminescence," the installation of which is currently in progress at the newly developed Peninsula, Hunter's Point South Waterfront Park on the East River in Queens, New York.
- **Meryl R. Cosentino, JD**, senior director of Gift Planning, has been elected to serve as a member of the Board of Directors for the National Association of Charitable Gift Planners (CGP).
- **Jason Trelewicz** received the prestigious Early Career Research award from the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Science. He will receive \$750K over five years to develop his project, "Enhancing the Performance of Plasma-facing Materials Through Solute-stabilized Nanostructured Tungsten Alloys."
- **Danny Bluestein**, a professor in the Department of Biomedical Engineering and director of the Biofluids Research Group, has been elected a fellow of the Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES). His award-winning work tackles the dynamics of flow and cellular transport in blood recirculating devices and the diseased cardiovascular system.
- Two Stony Brook University Department of Physics and Astronomy faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences recently received the Department of Energy (DOE) Early Career Award for their individual research projects related to the discovery of dark energy and dark matter.

**Assistant Professor Anja von der Linden** was awarded for her project, “Towards Precision Cluster Cosmology with Large Synoptic Survey Telescope (LSST)”; **Assistant Professor Marilena Loverde**, also appointed in the Yang Institute for Theoretical Physics, was awarded for “Discovering Dark Energy, Dark Matter, and Neutrino Properties with Cosmic Structure.” Each will receive \$750,000 over five years to develop their research.

- **Kellon Belfon**, a PhD student in Stony Brook’s Department of Chemistry, recently received a prestigious ACM-SIGHPC/Intel Computational and Data Science Fellowship. With the fellowship comes a \$15,000 stipend, ACM membership, a travel grant to attend the Annual Supercomputing conference in Denver, networking opportunities and access to computing resources such as the ACM Digital Library.
- **Michael Salerno**, a third year Biomedical Engineering PhD student, was awarded the 2017-2018 STEM Chateaubriand Fellowship, a grant offered by the Embassy of France in the U.S. to support outstanding PhD students from American universities to conduct research in France for up to nine months. As part of the Chateaubriand Fellowship, Salerno will be supported to go to France for nine months on a joint project: Integrating Positron Emission Tomography (PET) and Functional Ultrasound (fUS) in the behaving rat, to study the relationships between blood flow and neurochemistry during various behaviors.
- **Alex Bott**, a Genetics PhD was recognized with two prestigious and highly competitive awards from the National Institutes of Health (NIH): the F31 (Predoctoral Individual National Research Service Award) and the newly-established F99/K00 — the Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Fellow Transition Award, which is designed to encourage and retain outstanding graduate students who have demonstrated potential to pursue careers as independent cancer researchers. Bott’s research focuses on Myc, a regulator gene amplified in a wide range of cancers, particularly breast cancer.
- Stony Brook Linguistics PhD candidate **Paola Cepeda** has been recognized with a 2017 Mellon/American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Dissertation Completion Fellowship for her thesis research entitled “Negation and Time. Against expletive negation in temporal clauses.”
- **Jamie Sommer**, a PhD candidate in the Department of Sociology, has received a research grant from the Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy for her work, “Is Bilateral Environmental Aid Effective? A Cross-National Analysis of Forest Loss.”
- Computer Science doctoral candidates **Mahsa Torkaman**, **Mina Abbasi Dinani** and **Laraib Iqbal Malik** each earned a scholarship from the Anita Borg Institute and will attend the Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing (GHC17) — the world’s largest computing event for women. They will represent Stony Brook University along with eight other students who will attend GHC17 supported by funding from the Department of Computer Science.
- **Isobel Breheny-Schafer**, assistant director of Student Media and General Manager of WUSB 90.1FM, earned the College Media Advisers Four-Year School Broadcast Adviser Award for 2017. She was acknowledged for going well beyond the normal scope of her duties.
- **Bryan Perozzi** ’16, now a research scientist at Google, won the Association of Computing Machinery SIGKDD, KDD 2017 Doctoral Dissertation award for his work at Stony Brook University. The annual award acknowledges excellent doctoral research in the field of data mining and knowledge discovery. Founded in 1947, the ACM is the largest and oldest scientific and industrial computing society.

## X. NEW INITIATIVES

- **The Empire State Development Corporation granted Stony Brook \$75 million to support the development of the Institute for Discovery and Innovation in Medicine and Engineering (I-DIME).** I-DIME will provide a place where cutting edge academic research and data analytic support come together with private sector ingenuity to solve some of the most challenging problems of today and tomorrow. I-DIME will serve as a magnet for companies and will result in the development of new products and markets yet to be conceived. I am confident that this investment will reap significant benefits to society in the near future and for generations to come.
- **Stony Brook University's College of Engineering and Applied Sciences has been awarded two grants totaling \$4.5 million from SUNY's Empire Innovation Program.** The funding will be used to recruit and retain world-class faculty and researchers that strengthen Stony Brook's research productivity in two high economic opportunity areas of state and national significance — artificial intelligence (AI) and cybersecurity. These hires will also accelerate the development of the emergent Institute for AI-Driven Discovery & Innovation. The initiative for the institute involves a collaboration between the CEAS and Stony Brook University School of Medicine, as faculty in these two high-tech areas encompass experts in multiple areas of medicine and engineering. The awards are designed to strengthen Stony Brook's prominence by funding senior field-leading hires in AI and cybersecurity. In AI, Stony Brook will focus on applications in medicine, smart environments and infrastructures, as well as core AI and machine-learning technologies. In cybersecurity, the focus will be on hardware security, operating systems security, big data security, and mobile security and on the National Security Institute, the existing cybersecurity cluster in Stony Brook.
- **Stony Brook University and the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) have partnered to establish the Center for Frontiers of Nuclear Science, bolstered by a new \$5 million grant from the Simons Foundation.** The Center for Frontiers in Nuclear Science will bring us closer to understanding our universe in ways in which it has never before been possible. The work will lead to new knowledge about the structure of everything in the universe today. The new center is slated to become a leading international research and educational hub for quantum chromodynamics over the next several decades, uniting our faculty, students and researchers with BNL staff and scientists from around the world in an effort to crack the quantum case.
- **Stony Brook University's College of Engineering and Applied Sciences and School of Medicine have embarked on an ambitious journey to advance engineering-driven medicine.** Dubbed by some as the "third revolution in medicine," convergence science integrates medicine and engineering to confront some of the big unanswered questions in healthcare, and enables technologies that seek to revolutionize how we deliver healthcare. Together with the Stony Brook University Cancer Center, the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences and School of Medicine convened a gathering of clinicians, scientists and engineers to share ideas and stimulate creative collaboration aimed at some of the toughest challenges in cancer. Following this convergence science workshop, 15 collaborative proposals were submitted from teams across the entire University integrating a broad range of disciplines and expertise. Three winning teams were selected to receive a

total of \$250K in seed funding to advance a range of innovative ideas at the intersection of engineering, physical sciences and oncology.

- **Stony Brook University received a five-year \$1 million grant, effective September 1, 2017, from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) Inclusive Excellence Initiative** for a program that will create faculty learning communities focused on developing inclusive practices in the classroom and laboratory. The goal of the Inclusive Excellence Initiative is to help increase the capacity of higher education institutions to engage students from diverse ethnic, family and economic backgrounds and nontraditional students such as military veterans, to be successful in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education.
- A team of researchers in the Department of 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.** Debloating is the process of removing and streamlining code, thus enhancing software performance as well as security. 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. This funding comes to Stony Brook through an Office of Naval Research Broad Agency Announcement that seeks “innovative scientific and technological solutions to address U.S. Navy and Marine Corps” challenges. It is particularly timely in light of recent news that one of the country’s largest credit reporting agencies, Equifax of Atlanta, was the victim of hacking on a scale that has not been seen in years, exposing Social Security numbers and driver’s license numbers of 143 million U.S. citizens.

## **XI. DIVERSITY PLAN UPDATE**

The 2017 Workplan connected to our “Plan for Equity, Inclusion and Diversity” was released in May following a year of effort by the eight working groups, the Advisory Council and the leadership team. The Workplan spells out the initiatives that will be completed or started in 2017 by each academic and administrative area. Additionally, over 550 faculty and staff participated in the REDI program that helps to build cultural competencies and eliminate hidden biases in the workplace and the classroom. Updates on Plan implementation will be provided on a regular basis via the web and at our fall town halls in November. For more details, visit: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/diversityplan/>.

## **XII. RECENT EVENTS**

### **State of the University Address**

The annual State of the University presentation and introduction of new faculty took place on September 27 at the Staller Center, Main Stage. All members of the University community were encouraged to attend the address and help to officially welcome our new faculty members. During my address, I highlighted statistics and stories exemplifying the growth and momentum Stony Brook has experienced over the past 60 years. I spoke on a number of topics, including: our recent graduating class, all-time highs for admissions, support for the Deferred Action for Childhood

Arrivals program (DACA), rising graduation rates, accomplishments of our faculty and students, budget realities, and our expanding reach.

### **XIII. UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Save the Date: Wolfstock 2017 and Homecoming Football Game**

Wolfstock 2017 will take place on **Saturday, October 14**. The annual homecoming tradition has something for everyone, including a family-friendly barbecue, special events for students, alumni and friends – and, of course, the big game in LaValle Stadium. For more information, visit: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/wolfstock/>.

### **XIV. ATHLETICS**

#### **Christina Melian Named Finalist for NCAA Woman of the Year**

Stony Brook women's cross country and track & field graduate **Christina Melian** (Staten Island, NY) was recently named a finalist for the NCAA Woman of the Year Award. She is one of nine finalists, including three from Division I. The NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics will announce the 2017 Woman of the Year on October 22 at a ceremony in Indianapolis.

#### **Academics**

The Seawolves had a record year in the classroom in 2016-17, tallying a program-best 3.17 GPA during the academic year and surpassing the goal of 3.15 set in Athletics' five-year vision *Together We Transform*. The GPA has risen from a mark of 3.08 in 2014-15. Twelve student-athletes achieved a perfect 4.0 GPA in the fall 2016 semester while 16 posted a 4.0 in spring 2017.

#### **Hall of Fame to Induct Five Members**

Stony Brook Department of Athletics will proudly induct the following five standout individuals into the Rita and Kurt Eppenstein Hall of Fame:

- **Dave Alexander** (former head coach, Swimming & Diving 1979-2012)
- **Alyssa Breres** (Struzenberg) '10 (Softball)
- **Travis Jankowski** (Baseball)
- **Earl Keith** '79 (Men's Basketball)
- **Lucy Oliver** (Van Dalen) '12 (Cross Country/Track & Field).

The Class of 2017 will be inducted on October 13 as part of the weekend's homecoming celebration.

#### **Team Updates**

- **Football:** The team is off to its best start since 2012. In their last four games, the Seawolves outscored Rhode Island, Sacred Heart, Towson, and William and Mary. The team currently holds a 4-1 record.

- **Volleyball:** The women's volleyball team is off to its best start since 2007. With a record of 9-6, the team has won five straight and already eclipsed their win total (8) from 2016. The team starts conference play on September 29 at home against Hartford.
- **Men's Soccer:** The team is off to its best start since 2004. They currently boast a record of 5-2-2 heading into their first conference game on September 30 against Binghamton.
- **Women's Soccer:** The team started its season with four non-conference wins – the most since 2013. The Seawolves are in the heart of conference play with 7 matches to go. They will face UMass Lowell and Hartford this week.
- **Cross Country:** The Stony Brook men's and women's cross country teams will travel to Bethlehem, PA for the Paul Short Invitational. The Paul Short Run is the largest intercollegiate cross country meet in the nation, with approximately 6,000 athletes from nearly 450 colleges and high schools slated to compete. Currently, the men are ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the Northeast region and are poised to repeat as America East champions.
- **Swimming & Diving:** The new women's swimming & diving team has been practicing for over a month now. They will compete for the first time since 2012 in a dual meet at Vermont on October 21.