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**TO:** University Senate

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

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**SUBJECT:** President's Report

**I. SBU SPRING ENROLLMENT SNAPSHOT**

After 15 days of classes, a total of 23,148 students were registered. This is eight more students than at day 10 and 49 more than at this time last year. Due to the February 11 class cancellation, the Day 15 final enrollment snapshot was taken at the close of business on Monday, February 18 instead of Friday, February 15.

**II. STONY BROOK CELEBRATES THE OPENING OF ITS NEW HOTEL**

The University recently announced the opening of its new 135-room Hilton Garden Inn, located at 1 Circle Road, just across the street from the Administration Building parking garage. Operated and managed by Crescent Hotels and Resorts, the hotel features an upscale décor; dining services; beautifully appointed guest rooms, including 12 suites; a fitness center; swimming pool and hot tub; a small library/reading room; and an on-site laundry facility. It also features three meeting rooms, named after previous Stony Brook University Presidents, and a ballroom space that can accommodate 225 people for a seated dinner or up to 300 for a reception. The University community has been responding positively to the opening of this new facility, with many departments having already scheduled conferences, meetings and other institutional events for 2013-14.

**III. PLANS MOVING FORWARD ON STONY BROOK'S WALL OF HONOR**

During my most recent State of the University address in the fall of 2012, I mentioned my intentions to establish the **Stony Brook University Wall of Honor** as a means of recognizing and paying tribute to Stony Brook's outstanding faculty. Plans are now underway for the installation of the Wall of Honor, which will be located in the Melville Library, across from the Alumni Center. As of now, we have plans to recognize individuals with the following awards, prizes and honors: Abel Prize, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Association for the Advancement of Science (Elected Fellows), Fellows of the Royal Society, Fields Medal, Institute of Medicine, the National Academy of Engineering, the National Academy of Science, the National Inventors Hall of Fame, the National Medal of Science, the National Medal of Technology and Innovation, the Nobel Prize, the Pulitzer Prize, and SUNY Distinguished Professors. If all goes according to plan, we expect the completion of the Wall of Honor by this summer and will conduct a formal unveiling ceremony in the fall.

**IV. STARS OF STONY BROOK GALA TO HONOR ALAN ALDA**

The University and the Stony Brook Foundation are excited about plans to honor SBU visiting professor and acclaimed, actor, director and writer **Alan Alda** at our upcoming **Stars of Stony Brook Gala**, which is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 24** at Pier Sixty in New York City. This annual event is designed to raise money in support of student scholarship programs. This year's

Gala will benefit the Center for Communicating Science for which Alda is a founding board member. The Center works to enhance understanding of science by helping train the next generation of scientists and health professionals to communicate more effectively with the public, public officials, the media, and others outside their own discipline. Reduced priced tickets are available for faculty and staff for \$500 per ticket or \$5,000 for a table of ten. In addition, the University will offer chartered coach transportation to and from the Gala. To purchase tickets and/or to reserve seats on the bus, please contact Nicole Piampiano at 632-4197 or [Nicole.piampiano@stonybrook.edu](mailto:Nicole.piampiano@stonybrook.edu).

## V. FACULTY/STUDENT HONORS

### **SBU Assistant Professor Named Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry**

Stony Brook University congratulates **Dr. Alexander Orlov**, Assistant Professor of Materials Science & Engineering, for having recently been named a fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry in Britain. This prestigious honor is bestowed upon researchers who have made outstanding contributions to either the advancement or application of chemical science. With approximately 48,000 members worldwide, the Royal Society of Chemistry is Europe's largest professional and academic society for chemistry and traces its roots to the Chemical Society of London, established in 1841.

### **SBU Professor Awarded the Landau Prize**

Biomedical Engineering Professor **Dr. Shmuel Einav** recently received one of the most prestigious awards given to an Israeli scientist for his lifetime achievements in cardiovascular biomedical engineering. Dr. Einav received the 2012 Mifal Hapayis Landau Prize for Scientific Research. Established in Israel in 1970, the Landau Prize recognizes the achievements and influence of Israeli scholars who have made significant advances in their fields and valuable contributions to the development of science and research. Previous winners include internationally recognized scientists such as Ada Yonat of the Weizmann Institute and Aaron Ciechanover of the Technion, a Nobel Prize recipient in Chemistry.

### **Stony Brook Senior Receives Prestigious Churchill Scholarship**

The Stony Brook University community is proud of senior, **Kevin Sackel**, an Honors College student who is double-majoring in Mathematics and Physics with a minor in Music, for being named one of 14 Churchill Scholars by the Winston Churchill Foundation of the United States to study at the University of Cambridge. He was the only student selected from a New York college or university for this prestigious award, which is given annually to select students who demonstrate exceptional academic talent, outstanding achievement and a capacity to contribute to the advancement of academic knowledge in their respective field. Sackel has been working under the direction of Stony Brook Math Professor **Christopher Bishop**, also a Churchill Scholar (1982-1983), and has maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average at Stony Brook. As part of his scholarship, Sackel will spend the 2013-2014 academic year pursuing a one-year Master of Advanced Study degree in Mathematics.

## VI. SBU WELL REPRESENTED AT 2013 SUNY DAY ACTIVITIES

In spite of treacherous winter weather conditions that cancelled classes on February 11, representatives from the SBU Office of External Relations, the Office of Student Affairs and the President's Office were in attendance at the 2013 SUNY DAY activities in Albany. Also joining SBU personnel at the State Capitol in legislative meetings were juniors **Bath-sheva Sholomson**, **Peter Milien** and graduate student **Pierre Albert**. The Stony Brook representatives met with a host of State lawmakers to discuss the importance of the Tuition Assistance Program, their appreciation of the NY SUNY 2020 Initiative and campus facilities. In addition to meetings with 1 lawmakers, they also interacted with **SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher** and **SUNY Board of Trustees Chair H. Carl McCall**. SUNY Day is an annual event in Albany, which includes representatives from the 64-campus SUNY system, to bring awareness to state lawmakers of what is happening at the campus level and to discuss higher education policy.

## VII. FACULTY/STAFF OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR REC CENTER MEMBERSHIP

Excitement continues to stir with the recent opening of our new Campus Recreation Center. Special faculty and staff rates are available on an annual, semester, summer or monthly basis. Interested personnel may try out the new facility with a free one-day pass or fitness orientation session. The Rec Center is currently open from 6 a.m. to midnight and offers more than 100 pieces of state-of-the-art cardio equipment; a variety of free weights and strength training equipment; three wellness studios for group fitness activities; a three-court gymnasium; a multi-activity court; lounge space; lockers; and shower facilities. Certified personal trainers are also on hand to provide information about the equipment and services offered at the Center. For more information, visit the Rec Center's Web site at [www.recreation.sunysb.edu](http://www.recreation.sunysb.edu).

## VIII. ATHLETICS UPDATE

**Men's Basketball**—**Head Coach Steve Pikiell** and the men's basketball team are in the final week of regular season action. With a 21-6 record, they have won their third regular season championship in the past four years and earned the number one seed in the Conference Tournament which will be hosted in Albany from March 8-10. Senior **Tommy Brenton** (Columbia, MD) is a candidate for the 2013 Lou Henson National Player of the Year Award, which is given to the country's top player from a mid-major conference. Freshman center **Jameel Warney** (Plainfield, NJ) is on pace for America East Conference Rookie of the Year honors.

**Women's Basketball**—**Head Coach Beth O'Boyle** and the women's basketball team are 14-14 and currently have the fifth best turnaround in Division I from last year. The team will compete in the America East Conference Tournament from March 8-10 in Albany. Senior **Dani Klupenger** (Aurora, Oregon) has had a superb year on and off the court. Dani is one of only five Seawolves to tally 100 three-pointers in her career. With 111 to her credit, she sits at fourth all-time at Stony Brook. She was also named the Homecoming Queen this past fall.

**Women's Lacrosse** —Second year **Head Coach Joe Spallina** and the Women's Lacrosse team are off to a 2-1 start on the season and are currently ranked 19th in the country. Their only loss was to #3 Florida. Senior Captains **Claire Petersen** (Wantagh, NY) and **Demmianne Cook** (Nesconset, NY) have both been named to the Teewarton watch list. The Teewarton Award is given to the top player in the nation at the end of the season.

**Football** —Senior all-American running back **Miguel Maysonet** (Riverhead, NY) participated in the prestigious NFL combine in Indianapolis, IN last week in preparation for the upcoming NFL draft.