



MEMORANDUM

TO: University Senate

FROM: Maurie McInnis
President

DATE: August 31, 2020

SUBJECT: President's Report

I. COVID-19 MATTERS

The impact of COVID-19 on Stony Brook is wide-ranging. Below are key noteworthy actions taken to plan for a safe and strong start to the fall semester:

- **The COVID-19 Pandemic Health & Safety [Policy](#)** was issued in July. It defines expectations and health protocols for this coming year.
- **The [SBU COVID-19 Dashboard](#)** provides pertinent data and will enable us to keep a pulse on where our community stands as the pandemic continues.
- **Return to Work**-The University entered Phase 4 of its return to work schedule on August 12, and all departments that have an approved plan may continue to bring back staff to the workplace following all outlined safety protocols, including social distancing and daily employee health self-screenings.
- **Residential Students-Occupancy** is around 4,500 (includes undergraduates and graduates). This is less than half of our usual occupancy.
- **Quarantined Students**- We quarantined over 130 students coming from other states prior to the start of the semester and continue to have capacity to provide support in a separate housing location for any resident who tests COVID-19 positive or needs to be quarantined based upon exposure identified by Student Health Services.
- **Classes**-Instruction began on August 24 and features online courses, limited in-person instruction, and hybrid classes. About 70% of courses are online.
- **Testing**
 - o All residential students were required to provide a negative test result before checking-in.
 - o The University has developed a protocol for screening, testing and contact tracing that includes continuous surveillance testing at our on-campus student testing site (consistent with SUNY, NYS DOH and New York Forward guidelines).
 - o Before arriving on campus, attending class or activities of any kind, all faculty, staff, and students are required to complete a daily COVID-19 self-health assessment. The daily self-screening for COVID-19 symptoms is available to students in the Campus Clear app. We anticipate the employee version of the app

will launch in the coming weeks. Employees who experience symptoms are prompted to contact the Health Information Line (HIL) and students are told to contact Student Health Services.

- o Testing options include:
 - ✓ **Enzo Labs** (on site/full service outside of SHS, bills patient insurance/covers cost)
 - ✓ **South P Lot** (NYS testing site, staying through semester)
 - ✓ **Applied DNA/Hospital partnership** - still ongoing discussions and awaiting FDA approval, but is a possible option
 - ✓ **SUNY Pooled Testing** - possible option for pooled testing for surveillance purposes once semester begins
- **Facial Coverings** -Face coverings must be worn in buildings and when using transit – with few exemptions (e.g.: medical, while eating, in residence hall room). We are in the process of distributing face coverings on West Campus, and have provided back up masks to various front facing areas.
- **Social Distancing**-The general rule is that 6 feet of distance must be maintained between individuals at all times. Indoor events are capped at 50 people with masking requirements and other safeguards.
- **Communication Efforts**-There are a number of tools being used to keep our community informed, including: weekly campus wide emails, targeted emails to students, videos, signage, and the [Coming Back Safe & Strong website](#).

II. PROVOST SEARCH UPDATE

As we continue to navigate our way through a time in history like no other, it is clear that the choices we make today will set us on the path to a stronger tomorrow. These choices happen at every level – from the deliberate dialogue and participation of students within our classrooms and the incredible, timely research from our faculty and graduate students, to the ongoing commitment and hard work of the staff members, leaders, and working groups informing our decisions as we adapt throughout this unprecedented year.

Toward that end, I announced last month that we are beginning the search for a new Provost. I will be looking for your assistance and support to ensure the optimal outcome for Stony Brook’s future and sustain the tradition of strong and thoughtful leadership at our University.

Our Provost search committee is co-chaired by **Drs. Esther Takeuchi** and **Nina Maung-Gaona**. It includes staff, faculty, and students from throughout the institution; all dedicated to helping us advance the mission of Stony Brook. [Education Executives, LLC](#), which specializes in the search for research university presidents, provosts, and deans, was selected to assist the committee with its work. More information about the search, including the list of search committee members and a link for nominations, may be found on the [Provost Search web page](#). Nominations may also be sent directly to Education Executives at SBUProvost@edexsearch.com.

III. LEADERSHIP UPDATES

Jim Malatras Named SUNY Chancellor

The State University of New York Board of Trustees announced the appointment of **Dr. Jim Malatras** as the 14th chancellor of SUNY on August 21. He succeeds **Dr. Kristina Johnson**, who was named president of The Ohio State University. Dr. Malatras, the first SUNY graduate to become chancellor, has emphasized to the Board of Trustees his determination to immediately confront the serious issues spurred by the COVID crisis, while continuing and strengthening the SUNY commitment to affordability and increased access for the state's most underrepresented populations. Dr. Malatras has most recently served as president of SUNY Empire State College. During the 2008-09 financial crisis, he served as chief operating officer and a senior advisor to former **Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher** and helped oversee a cost-reduction strategy to shift \$100 million in administrative costs to academic programming and student services.

Judi Brown Clarke Promoted to Vice President of Equity & Inclusion

Dr. Judi Brown Clarke has been promoted to the newly created position of Vice President of Equity & Inclusion. This position has been created at a time when our nation needs thoughtful leaders who understand the aspirations, challenges, and changing needs of our increasingly diverse society. This is a moment where we can rise to the occasion and address the systemic issues of economic, social, and racial inequality that have infected our country for far too long. Judi has an inspiring history of promoting access and equity within educational institutions and academia. She joined Stony Brook's ranks in February of this year as Chief Diversity Officer and has made a significant impact in helping to lead our University through these challenging times, particularly as our nation has grappled with issues of race and injustice on a massive scale. She has demonstrated a deep, intersectional, and multidisciplinary approach to learning and knowledge. This marks an important step in the history of our University. It is an affirmation of our values as well as an elevation of an incredibly talented leader.

Teresa Flannery Joins SBU as Marketing and Communications Interim VP

Teresa "Terry" Flannery, PhD, one of the leading marketing and communications professionals in higher education, was recently appointed Interim Vice President for Marketing and Communications for Stony Brook University. In this role, Terry leads the marketing and communications teams responsible for the academic and research enterprise, Stony Brook Medicine, and the Stony Brook Medicine Healthcare System, and serves on my executive leadership team. With 35 years of higher education experience in a wide range of functions, most recently as a Policy Fellow at the Center for University Excellence at American University, Terry served as Vice President for Communication and a member of the executive team at American from 2008-2019. She also served at the University of Maryland in a number of roles, including 11 years as its first chief marketing and communications officer. She helped her institutions raise their profiles, improve their digital and internal communications, and accelerate enrollment and advancement performance. Terry is known for creativity, innovation and inclusion and has already demonstrated these traits in her first weeks at Stony Brook.

School of Dental Medicine Leadership Changes

- **Dr. Mary R. Truhlar** recently returned to her professorship within the Department of General Dentistry, having completed her six-year tenure as Dean at the end of the last academic year. I thank Dr. Truhlar for her dedicated service and for helping to move the School of Dental Medicine forward.
- **Dr. Allan Kucine**, Associate Professor and Vice Chair of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and Associate Dean for Information Technology, has been named Interim Dean. He received his dental degree from the Columbia University School of Dental and Oral Surgery, performed a residency and chief residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at the Long Island Jewish Medical Center, a field in which he is board certified, and has been at the Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine since 1990 where he has served in several roles.
- **Dr. Eric Lamberg**, Associate Dean in the School of Health Technology and Management, has assumed an interim operational role in the School of Dental Medicine and will help with the transition.

Jun Liu Returns as Vice President/Vice Provost for Global Affairs & Dean of International Academic Affairs

Dr. Jun Liu, Professor of Linguistics, returned to his position as Vice President/Vice Provost for Global Affairs, and Dean of International Academic Affairs, effective July 1. I extend my sincere thanks to **Dr. Yi-Xian Qin**, Professor of Biomedical Engineering, for his Interim leadership during the 2019-20 academic year.

Bob Lenahan Retires as University Police Chief; Lawrence Zicarese Named Interim Chief

Robert "Bob" Lenahan, Police Chief and Assistant Vice President for Campus Safety, recently retired after twelve years at Stony Brook. Prior to arriving at Stony Brook University, Bob was a highly decorated twenty-seven year member of the New York City Police Department (NYPD), rising through the ranks to achieve the position of Deputy Inspector. He was a first responder during the attacks on 9/11 and served many months at "Ground Zero" overseeing perimeter security. During his tenure at Stony Brook, Bob updated the Department's policy and procedure manual to ensure best practices were utilized, developed a number of community building initiatives, and led UPD's efforts to become a fully accredited law enforcement agency that is recognized by the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services.

Lawrence "Larry" Zicarese, current Senior Operations Director for Institutional Resiliency & Business Continuity, Assistant Chief of Police and Director of the Office of Emergency Management, has been appointed to serve as Interim Police Chief. Larry has more than 28 years of experience in law enforcement, emergency management, emergency medical services, and fire-rescue operations. Prior to joining our University in 2009, he served for over a decade in the NYPD. Larry is a licensed attorney and holds a JD, as well as a Master of Public Administration Inspector General and a Bachelor of Arts in Forensic Psychology. He has also received a post-graduate certificate in Global Security and Terrorism Studies, a post-graduate certificate in Criminal Justice, and a New York State Paramedic certificate. Larry is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy and of the FBI Mid-Atlantic Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar.

IV. FINANCE UPDATE

In addition to the impact on the health and welfare of patients, their families and our overall economy, COVID-19 has taken a significant financial toll on this institution. Based on current estimates, COVID-19 costs at the hospital and clinic through the end of June have topped \$58 million after all offsets and federal support are included. COVID-19 costs to the academic and research campus topped over \$74.6 million in the past financial year. This pattern continues in the current fiscal year. As noted on the new Achieving Financial Sustainability [website](#), the University is facing short- and long-term budget challenges. These have been heavily compounded by COVID-19, but they are also the result of many other funding trends and systemic practices that we need to address as efficiently and directly as possible.

Our key challenges include:

- Declining state support: We have been told to expect a 20-30% cut in state funding this year, or \$25 million. We also have been informed that our allocation for last year was retroactively cut – to the tune of \$19 million. It is unclear when, if ever, our funding will return to current levels, let alone the levels of support we would ideally receive as a top research institution in the region.
- Changing student mix: Restrictions placed by the federal government on travel and visas over the past few years coupled with COVID impacts will result, we anticipate, in a significant decrease in the number of international and out-of-state students who will study at Stony Brook in the years to come. This year alone, we are anticipating a 17.5% drop in out-of-state and international students — a loss that not only negatively impacts the level of diversity and intellectual rigor but also results in a \$20 million reduction in revenue.
- Costs of fall semester reopening: The number of student residents on campus this semester has declined from our planned capacity of 10,000 to about 4500, which creates a significant loss. This decline in student residents is also impacting other operations (e.g. FSA, and transportation) where reduced fees will result in additional losses.

I am so pleased that almost 1700 staff and faculty participated in one of the seven Community Conversations and have weighed in with questions, concerns, ideas, and feedback. I urge you to view the [Zoom recording](#) of one of the sessions if you were unable to attend. In these discussions, we endeavored to answer as many questions as possible in real-time. More questions have been received and will be addressed through individual follow up or through the [FAQ](#) section on the website, and I **encourage you to continue to share your [questions and ideas](#) through our website.**

We must, as a community, begin a more substantive series of conversations and discussions across our campus. It is important that we have active participation and engagement from faculty and staff. We need to be strategic, collaborative, open, and future-focused. I look forward to sharing more information with you in the coming weeks about next steps and to hearing your ideas.

In the meantime, we have instituted stop-gap approaches that include:

- A continuation for this financial year of our current hiring freeze for both new positions as well as those that become open due to natural staff and faculty attrition. While not sustainable over the long run, this is a necessary and prudent step at this specific moment in time — saving a combined \$20 million;
- One-time benefit of the student housing refinancing, saving \$31.1 million in FY21;

- A continued freeze on increased “out of pocket” expenses covering costs for things such as service contracts, supplies and equipment and travel — anticipated to save approximately \$2.3m;
- A \$2 million cut to the Athletics budget; and
- A 10% pay cut that senior campus leadership has volunteered to take along with a permanent hold back of any 2% raise for all Management Confidential employees.

V. ADVANCEMENT UPDATE

Since the start of the 20/21 fiscal year, \$2.6 million has been generously pledged or donated by 900 donors investing in our students, our faculty/staff, and our patients – further elevating Stony Brook’s extraordinary strengths in research, medicine, technology, engineering, arts, the humanities and social sciences. Generous contributions include:

- \$975,000 for faculty and program support for the Math Department
- \$145,000 for the Black and Latino Alumni Network Endowed Scholarship
- \$100,000 bequest for student support
- \$100,000 grant for First Generation College Scholarships for W.I.S.E. students
- An additional \$75,000 for the Student Emergency Support Fund for the many Stony Brook students – undergraduate, graduate and professional – most at-risk, struggling with crisis-related housing or food insecurities, or having financial difficulties affecting their ability to continue their studies
- \$65,000 for School of Medicine Scholarships

VI. UNIVERSITY ACCOLADES

Stony Brook Rated a Top University for Reducing Inequalities

Stony Brook University is among the top 100 universities in the world for reducing inequalities in higher education based on the Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings 2020 — ranking #1 among all U.S. institutions and #27 worldwide. The Impact Rankings show which universities are successfully reducing inequalities in higher education for first generation students or students from lower socio-economic backgrounds.

SBU Recognized by Forbes as “Best Employers for Women”

Stony Brook University has been named among the top 300 on the Forbes 2020 list of America’s Best Employers for Women. Earlier this year, the University also made Forbes list of America’s Best Employers for Diversity.

Stony Brook Ranked No. 45 Nationwide in QS Survey

Stony Brook University has been ranked No. 45 among all U.S. universities in the QS US University Rankings 2020, placing it in the top 6% nationwide. The University is also ranked as the No. 15 public institution in the U.S. and the No. 1 public university in New York State. Stony Brook is also ranked as the fifth best university in New York State, after Cornell, Columbia, NYU, and University of Rochester.

SBU Ranked No. 2 Among Northeastern Public Universities

Stony Brook is ranked No. 2 among all public universities in the Northeastern U.S., according to an article based on the *Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education* U.S. College Rankings for 2020. Three schools are tied for No. 2 among public schools in the Northeast – the University of Connecticut, Pennsylvania State University and Stony Brook University, all ranked No. 105 among all schools in the country. The *Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education* College Ranking is a ranking of universities and colleges designed to emphasize graduate success and student learning.

SBU Graduate Schools Place High in U.S. News Annual Rankings

Stony Brook University Graduate School made the top 100 list, ranking at 91, in the *U.S. News and World Report* 2021 edition of Best Graduate Schools. The Renaissance School of Medicine ranked 58 in Best Medical Schools: Research, and the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences ranked 63 in Best Engineering Schools. On the Best Health Schools list, Stony Brook’s Doctorate Program in Clinical Psychology ranked 3, the Occupational Therapy Program ranked 42, and the Physical Therapy Program ranked 57.

LGBTQ* Recognition for Stony Brook University Medical Center

Stony Brook University Hospital has achieved a perfect score to attain the designation of “Leader in LGBTQ* Healthcare Equality” in the Healthcare Quality Index for 2020. An interdisciplinary team has been working over the last two years to achieve goals associated with key metrics required for this achievement.

Stony Brook Medicine Awarded for Achievements in Stroke Therapy

Stony Brook University Hospital received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association’s Get With the Guidelines® Target: Stroke Advanced Therapy Honor Roll and Stony Brook Southampton Hospital received the Get With The Guidelines® – Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award. These awards recognize Stony Brook Medicine’s commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines based on the latest scientific evidence.

SBUH Ranked Among the Best in the Nation for Neurology and Neurosurgery, and Orthopedics

Stony Brook University Hospital (SBUH) has been recognized as a Best Hospital for 2020-21 by *U.S. News & World Report*, ranking in the top 50 nationally for Neurology and Neurosurgery, and Orthopedics. SBUH ranked No. 41 in Neurology and Neurosurgery, and No. 49 in Orthopedics in the nation. As for regional standings, Stony Brook University Hospital ranked No. 10 in New York State overall out of more than 200 hospitals.

Stony Brook University Medical Center Among Top 25 U.S. Hospitals Honored for Sustainability

Stony Brook University Medical Center was named one of Practice Greenhealth's 2020 Top 25 Environmental Excellence Awards. The award celebrates hospitals that address the links between the environment and human health.

SBU Placed No. 1 for E-waste in 2020 RecycleMania Competition

Last academic year, 300 U.S. and Canadian college campuses participated in the annual RecycleMania competition. Stony Brook University is the top-ranked campus for Electronics: Total Pounds Recycled in the 2020 RecycleMania competition. Stony Brook recycled a total of 112,506 tons of E-waste, which was nearly twice the amount recycled by the team that placed second in the category. RecycleMania is a friendly competition and benchmarking tool for college and university recycling programs to promote waste-reduction activities to their campus communities.

VII. INDIVIDUAL ACCOLADES

- **Surita R. Bhatia, PhD**, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs and Professor, Department of Chemistry, has been named a fellow of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, as well as a fellow of the Society of Rheology. The American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering also announced Surita's induction to its College of Fellows in March.
- **Leonardo Rastelli, PhD**, Professor in the C.N. Yang Institute for Theoretical Physics and the College of Arts and Sciences Department of Physics and Astronomy, and recently named inaugural holder of the Renaissance Chair in Theoretical Physics, has been named a 2020 Simons Investigator.
- **Pierce Gardner, MD**, Professor Emeritus at the Renaissance School of Medicine, is the recipient of the 2020 Dr. Charles Mérieux Award for Achievement in Vaccinology and Immunology from the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID).
- The latest book by Stony Brook's **Stephanie Kelton**, *The Deficit Myth: Modern Monetary Theory and the Birth of the People's Economy*, was named to The New York Times best seller list in June for hardcover nonfiction.
- Twenty-seven of Stony Brook University's esteemed faculty and staff members have received the 2019-2020 State University of New York Chancellor's Awards for Excellence. These awards acknowledge the dedication and accomplishments of instructional faculty, librarians, and professional staff across SUNY campuses and encourage the ongoing pursuit of excellence. The awards are presented annually in seven categories. The following are Stony Brook's honorees:
 - **Excellence in Adjunct Teaching: Zachary Dowdy**, Lecturer, School of Journalism; & **Jeffrey Ecklund**, Lecturer, Undergraduate Biology.
 - **Excellence in Classified Service: Lorraine Carroll**, Office Assistant, Center for Excellence in Learning & Teaching; **LaShawne Jones**, Administrative Assistant, Student Health Services/Infirmary; & **John Lomando**, Recycling Specialist, Recycling and Resource Management/Facilities Operations.

- **Excellence in Faculty Service:** **Dr. Mary Jo Bona**, Professor, Department of Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies; **Dr. M. Ete Chan-Lo**, Research Assistant Professor, Department of Biomedical Engineering; **Dr. Marie Huffman**, Department of Linguistics; **Dr. Hoi-Chung Leung**, Professor, Department of Psychology; & **Dr. Marcia Simon**, Professor, Department of Oral Biology and Pathology.
- **Excellence in Librarianship:** **Yuet Clara Tran**, Associate Librarian, Science Engineering Library.
- **Excellence in Professional Service:** **Charles Beier**, Student University Assistant Director, Department of Activities and Facility; **Joan D. Dickinson**, Senior Staff Associate, Department of Government Relations; **Diane Englot**, Instructional Support Technician, Department of General Library Public Service; **Jennifer L. Green**, Senior Staff Assistant, Graduate School; **Laura S. Hawryluk**, Staff Associate, Department of Microbiology and Immunology; **Jessica L. Klare**, Staff Associate, Department of Honors College; **Jeremy D. Marchese**, Staff Associate, Department of University Scholars; **Elizabeth-Anne Tolson**, Senior Staff Assistant, Department of European Languages; & **Donna Tumminello**, Assistant Director, Department of Research Administration.
- **Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities:** **Dr. Carlos Simmerling**, Professor, Laufer Center for Physical and Quantitative Biology; & **Dr. Jacobus Verbaarschot**, Professor, Department of Physics and Astronomy.
- **Excellence in Teaching:** **Camille Abbruscato**, Lecturer, College of Business; **Dr. Michelle Ballan**, Professor, School of Social Welfare; **Dr. Steven Glynn**, Associate Professor, Department of Biochemistry; **Dr. Sohl Lee**, Assistant Professor, Art Department; & **Dr. Marci Lobel**, Professor, Department of Psychology.
- **Matthew Lerner, PhD**, Associate Professor of Psychology, Psychiatry & Pediatrics in the Department of Psychology at Stony Brook University, and Research Director of the Autism Initiative, has been awarded the American Psychological Association Division 33 Sara Sparrow Early Career Research Award.
- The American Academy for Jewish Research has named Assistant Professor **Joshua Teplitsky**, Department of History, the winner of its 2019 Salo Baron Prize for his book, *Prince of the Press: How One Collector Built History's Most Enduring and Remarkable Jewish Library* (Yale University Press).
- **Krupa Haranahalli '16**, a postdoctoral researcher from Stony Brook University's Department of Chemistry and Institute of Chemical Biology and Drug Discovery, received the 2020 Scarborough Postdoctoral Award by the Medicinal Chemistry Division of the American Chemical Society.
- **Spencer Austin**, a History Doctoral Candidate, has been awarded a Chateaubriand Fellowship in Humanities and Social Sciences. Spencer is one of 14 such grantees named for 2020–2021 and is the second Stony Brook student to receive the honor since 2015.
- **Kiran Eiden '20** has been selected as one of only 26 recipients nationwide for a Department of Energy Computation Science Graduate Fellowship. The program, established in 1991, trains top leaders in computational science.

- Nine Stony Brook University students have been recognized by the Department of State's prestigious Fulbright U.S. Student Program, a highly competitive scholarship opportunity that provides funding for American students to conduct research or teach English in more than 140 countries overseas. The Fulbright Program provides grants annually for international research and teaching to foster global partnership and cultural exchange. This year's Fulbright honorees are: **Carolyn Acosta, Emily Carll, Ashley Du, Kevin Hatton, Nathalie Peña, Hayley Rein, Amanda Rowe, Robert Serrano and Peony Tse**. Alternates are: **Mary Bertschi, Dominick DeGaetano, Ian Lesnick, Jeremy Nielsen and Kelly Smestad**.
- Fourteen undergraduate students from Stony Brook University have received the 2020 Chancellor's Award for Excellence, which recognizes students who have best demonstrated the integration of academic excellence with accomplishments in the areas of leadership, athletics, community service, creative and performing arts, campus involvement, or career achievement. The 2020 Chancellor's Award for Excellence winners from Stony Brook University are: **Isabella Bouklas, Brandon Catalano, Danny DeGennaro, Udokama Ezewke Abuja, Claire Garfield, Marissa Kelberman, Ian Lesnick, Sishir Pasumarthy, Nicholas Roig, Chloe Savino, Caleb Sooknanan, Jessica Tom, and Peony Tse**.
- Two Stony Brook doctoral candidates are among the winners of the 2020 Mellon/American Council of Learned Societies Dissertation Completion Fellowships. Stony Brook's honorees are **Gonzalo Romero Sommer**, Department of History, and **Megan Hines**, Art History and Criticism program.
- **Priyanka Sharma**, a research scientist in the laboratory group of Distinguished Professor of Chemistry **Benjamin Hsiao**, has been awarded the 2020 Young Academic Inventor's Award from the National Academy of Inventors, Stony Brook Chapter for her inventions leading to the development of nitro-oxidation method to extract nanocellulose from raw biomass, which drastically decreases the consumption of energy, chemicals and water.
- Award-winning film producer **Christine Vachon**, Artistic Director of the Stony Brook University MFA in Film program and co-founder of Killer Films, has been named one of the 50 Most Powerful LGBTQ* Players in Hollywood by The Hollywood Reporter.
- **Suparna Rajaram**, distinguished professor of cognitive science in the Department of Psychology at Stony Brook University, has been elected a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Academy members are world leaders in the arts and sciences, business, philanthropy and public affairs.
- **Nick Nikiforakis**, an associate professor in the Department of Computer Science in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, has been awarded the prestigious National Science Foundation's Faculty Early Career Development Award and the Office of Naval Research's Young Investigator Program Award.
- Five Stony Brook University students have been awarded prestigious Graduate Research Fellowships by the National Science Foundation. Another six SBU students earned honorable mentions. This nationally competitive award provides successful applicants in NSF-supported STEM disciplines with three years of funding for graduate school. Students honored with fellowships are, in alphabetical order: **Fatoumata Ceesay**, PhD student, Sociology; **Kiran Eiden**, undergraduate, Physics and Astronomy; **Audrey Farrell**, undergraduate, Physics; **Mateo Mezcic**, master's student, Marine and Atmospheric Sciences; and **Tori Pena**, PhD student, Cognitive Science (Cognitive

Psychology). Students winning honorable mentions were: **Erica Bower**, PhD student, Marine and Atmospheric Sciences; **Claire Garfield**, undergraduate, Biology; **Gabrielle Kamm**, PhD student, Chemistry; **Madani Khan**, PhD student, Chemistry; **Gregory Matousek**, undergraduate, Physics and Astronomy; and **Priscilla Yevo**, PhD student, Neuroscience.

- Biochemistry major **Erika Nemeth** '21 has been named a Goldwater Scholar, one of 396 U.S. students receiving the prestigious annual science award in 2020.
- **Yalile Suriel**, Center for Inclusive Education Turner Fellow and advanced doctoral student in History, has won the American Education Research Association Minority Dissertation Fellowship in Education Research.

VIII. FALL ENROLLMENT

A total of 26,130 students were registered at the beginning of Day 1 in fall 2020, 195 fewer than last year at the same point in the term. Compared to fall 2019, the following changes were observed by area:

- -105 West Campus undergraduates
- -204 Graduate School (West, HSC, Southampton)
- +81 School of Professional Development
- +23 East Campus/HSC
- +36 Southampton location

Student counts are updated every five class days until the final snapshot is taken at the close of business on September 14.

IX. ATHLETICS UPDATE

- All fall teams have postponed competition to the spring semester. This includes football, volleyball, soccer, and cross-country. All fall NCAA championships will take place in the spring.
- Our student-athletes will train during the fall semester in anticipation of their scheduled seasons.
- The NCAA provided all fall sport student-athletes an additional year of eligibility. Additionally, any student-athlete who is concerned about COVID-19 and opts out of competition may do so while maintaining their scholarship for the 2020-21 academic year.
- The Division of Athletics is in the process of conducting a thorough budget review to determine ways to reduce expenditures.
- Members of the Black Student-Athlete Huddle and Student-Athlete Advisory Committee are working together to create a peer department initiative around social justice. This will be in conjunction with the America East Conference's Spread Respect program.