

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** University Senate

**FROM:** Maurie McInnis, President

**DATE:** March 7, 2022

**SUBJECT:** President's Report

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- **SEARCH UPDATES**

**Executive Vice President and Provost**

The EVP and Provost search was officially launched on February 24. Information on the position description and search committee can be found at the following link:

[Executive Vice President and Provost](#)

**Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance Search**

The search committee for the SVP for Administration and Finance has been charged, and the web page with details on the position description, search committee and search firm will be available in the near future.

- **UNIVERSITY NEWS AND ACCOLADES**

**FOUR SBU FACULTY ARE NAMED 2022 ALFRED P. SLOAN RESEARCH FELLOWS**

Four SBU faculty were among 118 early-career scholars from across the United States and Canada to be recognized by the Sloan Research Fellowship Program, which rewards outstanding early-career faculty who have the potential to revolutionize their fields of study. The fellowships seek to stimulate fundamental research by scientists and scholars of outstanding promise. These two-year, \$75,000 fellowships are awarded yearly to early-career researchers in recognition of distinguished performance and a unique potential to make substantial contributions to their field.

**Michael Airola**, assistant professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Cell Biology in the College of Arts and Sciences, was named a Fellow in Chemistry.

**Eszter Boros**, assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry in the College of Arts and Sciences, was named a Fellow in Chemistry.

**Jennifer Cano**, assistant professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy in the College of Arts and Sciences, was named a Fellow in Physics.

**Prerana Shrestha**, an assistant professor in the Department of Neurobiology and Behavior in the Renaissance School of Medicine, was named a Fellow in Neuroscience.

### **SIX SBU ADJUNCT PROFESSORS WIN CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ADJUNCT TEACHING**

Six adjunct professors at Stony Brook University have won the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching given by the State University of New York (SUNY). Excellence in Adjunct Teaching is a new award category, which recognizes consistently superior teaching at the graduate, undergraduate or professional level in keeping with the State University's commitment to providing its students with instruction of the highest quality.

- **Jennifer Lyons Carter**, Department of Philosophy
- **Michele Giua**, Department of European Languages
- **Leslie Marino**, Department of European Languages
- **Patricia Maurides**, Department of Art
- **Jessica Mitchell**, School of Social Welfare
- **Joanne Souza**, Department of Biology

### **CAROL CARTER ELECTED FELLOW OF AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MICROBIOLOGY**

Carol Carter, professor in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology in the Renaissance School of Medicine and an adjunct professor in the Department of Physiology and Biophysics, has been elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology for its Class of 2022. More than 20 years ago, Professor Carter authored a research paper that suggested a new strategy to fight HIV. Her scientific approach with colleagues in this study ended up opening a new field of investigation into how pathogens escape from infected cells by exploiting cellular machinery, and thus led to a new approach to antiviral drug development.

### **HAMID HEFAZI APPOINTED PROVOST OF SUNY KOREA**

Hamid Hefazi was appointed provost and senior vice president for academic affairs of SUNY Korea, effective February 9. Dr. Hefazi joined SUNY Korea in 2019 as professor and chair of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, and has previously served as the director of several organizations and research labs, including the Boeing Company's Technology Centre at California State University. He received the U.S. Department of Defense's Nunn-Perry Award for 2005 and 2006 and the Boeing Company's Silver Eagle Award for innovation in 2006. He is a member of the U.S. National Academy of Inventors and is an Associate Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA).

### **CHAO CHEN WINS PRESTIGIOUS NSF CAREER AWARD**

Chao Chen, assistant professor in the Department of Biomedical Informatics, has won a prestigious Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) award from the National Science Foundation (NSF). An expert in applications of the theory of topological data analysis in machine learning and in biomedical image analysis, Professor Chen is also affiliated with the Department of Computer Science and the Department of Applied Mathematics & Statistics.

### **DAWN SMALLWOOD IS FIRST WOMAN NAMED POLICE CHIEF IN SBU HISTORY**

Chief Dawn Smallwood entered law enforcement more than three decades ago, moving from the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS), to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), to

the City University of New York (CUNY) public school system, to Stony Brook University, where she was recently promoted to become Assistant Vice President for Campus Safety and Chief of Police — the first female chief in the university's 65-year history. Chief Smallwood also has the distinction of being the first woman of color to rise to that position in the 74-year history of the State University of New York (SUNY).

- **ADVANCEMENT UPDATE**

Since the start of the 2022 fiscal year, \$32.4 million has been generously pledged or contributed by more than 7,100 donors. Their investments in our students, research, healthcare and campus programs provide critical support, helping to elevate the University.

Generous contributions since the last update include:

- \$300,000 pledge to establish an endowment for the Bookends program at Stony Brook Southampton
- An additional \$278,830.99 pledge toward the Ricotta Endowed Professorship in Vascular Surgery
- An additional \$200,000 pledge toward the Pediatric Emergency Department Expansion Fund
- \$100,000 pledge to support the Child Life Services Fund and establish the Children's Hospital Family Support Program Fund
- An additional \$50,135.29 gift toward the Turkana Basin Institute Project
- \$50,000 gift toward the Modern Monetary Theory Fund to support the work of Professor Stephanie Kelton in the College of Arts and Sciences

#### Upcoming Advancement Events

- April 13 - Stars of Stony Brook Gala 6:30pm at Cipriani 42nd Street\*
- April 27 - Stony Brook Giving Day 2022
- June 4 - 50th Reunion Weekend Classes of 1970, 1971 and 1975
- June 9 - Scholarship Golf Classic 10am Nissequoque Golf Club
- September 13 - 40 Under Forty 6:30pm Tribeca Rooftop

- **UPCOMING EVENTS**

The 2022 Staller Gala will be held on March 12. World-renowned musicians Emanuel Ax, Leonidas Kavakos, and Yo-Yo Ma will unite to perform an evening of Beethoven trios.

\*The 23rd annual Stars of Stony Brook Gala will be held on Wednesday, April 13 at Cipriani 42nd Street in New York City. This year's honorees are John Hennessy, President Emeritus, Stanford University, and HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco. Tickets can be purchased online at the [Gala webpage](#).

- **ATHLETICS UPDATE<sup>1</sup>**

- Stony Brook announced its plan to officially transition to the Colonial Athletic Association on July 1, 2022. In response, despite urging from Stony Brook student-athletes and administration and taking a different approach with the last school to leave the Conference, the America East Conference refused to allow the Seawolves to compete in

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<sup>1</sup> As of March 1, 2022

conference championships, denying the ability to earn automatic qualification for NCAA Tournaments.

- Women's Basketball finished the regular season with a record of 23-5 and will await a postseason opportunity. The 23 wins are the fourth-most in program history.
- Men's Basketball finished the regular season with a record of 18-13, winning their last two games including a 66-50 win over Albany 66-50 on February 26. The Seawolves have won eight of the last 10 games against the Great Danes.
- Women's Lacrosse defeated Dartmouth 20-3 in the home opener on February 27. The No. 4 Seawolves traveled to No. 11 Florida this past weekend.
- Men's Lacrosse started the season 4-0 and won the inaugural Long Island Cup, a tournament that featured St. John's Hofstra and LIU.
- Softball opened the season with a 4-1 record at the FIU Tournament in Miami while junior Corinne Badger became the first Stony Brook player to win National Player of the Week honors. Badger hit six home runs and knocked in 11 runs over the team's five games.
- Swimming and Diving broke four school records at the ECAC Championships in Annapolis, Maryland, to cap off the team's best season since returning in 2017 after a five-year hiatus.