

Dear Stony Brook Class of 2018 Biology and Biochemistry Graduate and Family,

Stony Brook University will hold its Fifty- Eighth Annual Commencement at 11:00 AM, Friday, May 18, 2018 in LaValle Stadium at the University Sports Complex. A separate Convocation Ceremony for Biology Majors and Minors and Biochemistry Majors is scheduled for 8:30 AM on the same morning in the Sports Arena. Graduates will assemble for the Biology and Biochemistry Convocation at 7:30 AM in Pritchard Gym. Each candidate will be individually recognized at the Biology and Biochemistry Convocation. The faculty and staff of Undergraduate Biology and the Departments of Biochemistry and Cell Biology, Ecology and Evolution, and Neurobiology and Behavior invite you to attend these ceremonies honoring your prospective graduate.

The Office of Conferences and Special Events will be mailing a family map to all degree candidates by March 31st with information about the Main Commencement Ceremony. **The Ceremony Registration Form must be completed on the SOLAR System.** It is important to indicate on SOLAR if your graduate intends to attend both the Department Convocation and the Main Commencement Ceremony as the Programs printed for **BOTH** events only include names of those that have indicated they will attend. Student access to this Form was made available on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and will extend through to midnight, May 6<sup>th</sup>. This must be filled out in order for Graduates name to appear in the Programs and receive tickets. Comprehensive information on the Commencement will continue to be available at: [www.stonybrook.edu/graduation](http://www.stonybrook.edu/graduation). If you have any further questions, **please call the Office of Conferences and Special Events, telephone number (631) 632-6320.**

Tickets are required for admission to the Main Commencement Ceremony, and each candidate will receive three tickets. On May 7<sup>th</sup> REGISTERED CANDIDATES who have indicated they will attend the main ceremony, will receive an email invitation with instructions on how to access tickets. Tickets will be disbursed electronically. If your graduate will be attending more than one Departmental Ceremony, they should inform the Department that was not listed on the SOLAR Registration Form. **Tickets are not required for admission to the Biology and Biochemistry Convocation and all family members and friends are invited to attend.** Please note, there will be a professional photographer there to take pictures of each graduate as they are individually recognized on the stage.

**Candidates please note, this letter will not be mailed to your Family. You should send this notice to your Family so they have the information needed for the Biology and Biochemistry Ceremony.**

Congratulations to you and your graduate! We sincerely hope you will join us on Commencement Day.

With all best wishes,



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