



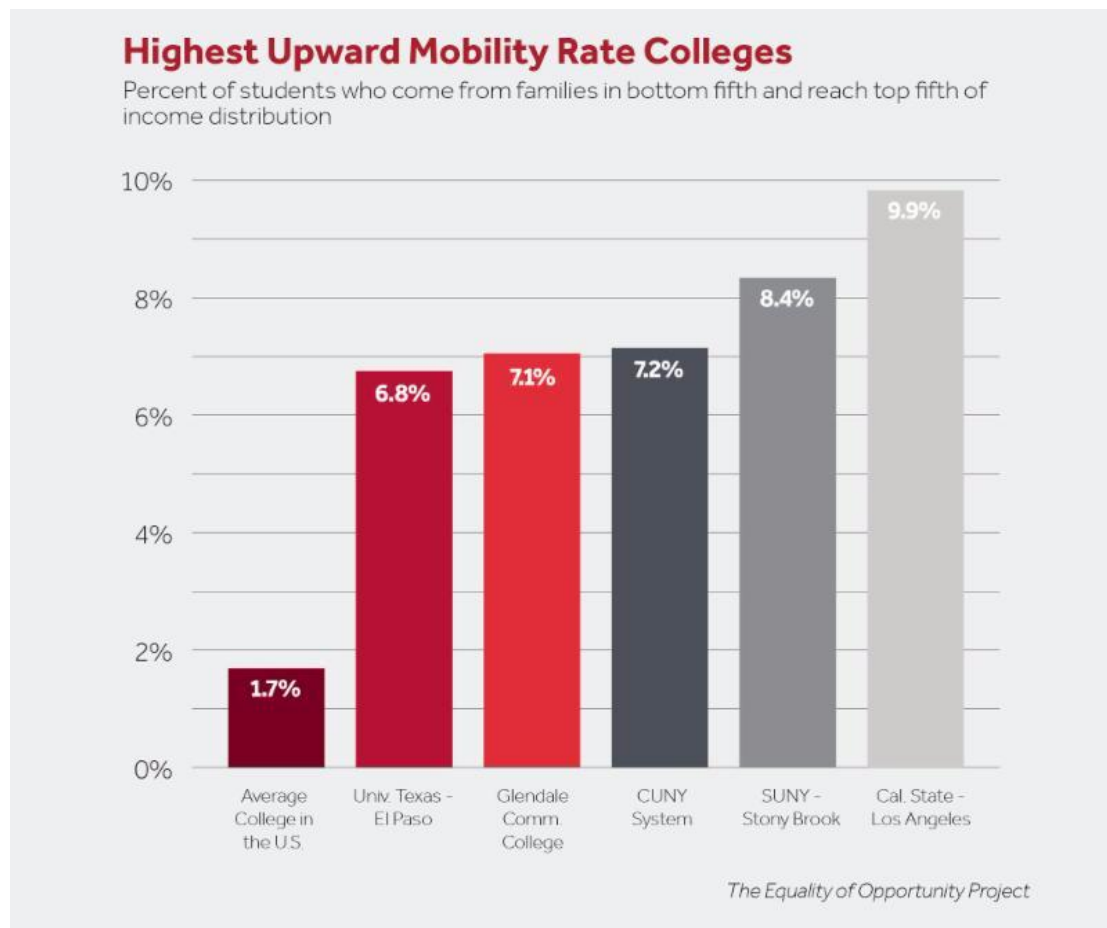
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NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Stony Brook Creates Upward Income Mobility For Low Income Students

A recently released national study, [Mobility Report Cards: The Role of Colleges in Intergenerational Mobility](#), ranks *Stony Brook among the top 10 colleges and universities in the nation for raising low income students up the ladder of opportunity*. The study found that SBU educates a significant number of students at the bottom fifth of income distribution and that they then go on to earn in the top three-fifths of income distribution.



As noted by the authors of the study, **"Some colleges, such as SUNY-Stony Brook, have a much larger fraction of children from low-income families yet have earnings outcomes that are nearly comparable to those at highly selective colleges such as Columbia.** These colleges have very high mobility rates - they have large numbers of students who come from poor families and end up with high incomes."

The study tracked 14 years of financial records for college students, aged 18-22, at all public and private

U.S. colleges and universities from 1999 through 2013. Using de-identified IRS data, researchers compared the reported earnings of college graduates in their early 30s to their parents' income during student college years. Researchers examined the percentage of students from each institution and found that Stony Brook's high mobility rate shows graduates reach high income levels within 10 years of graduation.

"The study is a striking confirmation of Stony Brook's unique strengths as an engine of social mobility," said Stony Brook University President Samuel L. Stanley Jr., MD. "We admit the best and brightest students, regardless of economic status, and give them the top-flight education they need for success."

"Stony Brook offers an environment in which a diverse student body is encouraged to thrive, and a wide array of programs - from EOP/AIM to intensive academic counseling - help to facilitate their success," Stanley said.

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Up in Albany

Legislative Breakfast Kicks Off New Session



From left to right: Brian Sapp (representing Leg. William Lindsey), Debbie Tinnirello (Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand), Anthony Powell (Counc. Neil Foley), Counc. Valerie Cartright, Assm. Steve Englebright, Sen. John Flanagan, President Stanley, Sen. Kenneth LaValle, Assm. Fred Thiele, Lisa Santeramo (County Exec. Steve Ballone), Jarett Gandolfo (Assm. Andrew Garbarino), David Hornung (Assm. Phil Ramos), Vanessa Lockel (Governor Andrew Cuomo) and Amanda Surber Gonzalez (Sen. Tom Croci).

Stony Brook University's 2016 Legislative Breakfast kicked off the 2017-18 legislative year. Attendees included government representatives from the town to congressional levels including New York State Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan, Senate Higher Education Committee Chairman Ken LaValle, Assemblyman Steve Englebright and Assemblyman Fred Thiele.

Held in the lobby of the Engineering Building, President Stanley provided an overview of the [University's progress under SUNY 2020](#) and its [affordability](#) compared to public peers in the AAU. He presented the University's legislative priorities including requests for increased operational funding via a predictable tuition program or increased state subsidy, [plus capital funding for critical maintenance and construction of a new Engineering building](#).

Higher Education is Key Budget Priority for Governor Cuomo

Governor Cuomo released his [2017-18 Executive Budget](#) with higher education as a leading state priority. Highlights of [higher education](#) and Stony Brook related information from the budget include:

[Excelsior Scholarship Program](#): provide free college tuition for resident undergraduate students from families earning less than \$125,000 after three-year phase-in

[Predictable Tuition](#): grant authority for the SUNY Board of Trustees to increase tuition up to \$250 per year for five years

[DREAM Act](#): provide financial assistance for undocumented children as long as they meet certain

requirements

Oversight: extend jurisdiction of the state's Inspector General to include SUNY and CUNY and establish a statewide Chief Procurement Officer

Capital and Critical Maintenance Funding: plan to include \$550M in recurring funding to be approved annually for five years including \$136M to be divided among four-year schools (\$21M for SBU) plus an additional \$396M to the SUNY Construction Fund for campuses in need. An additional \$50M each was provided to SBU and Upstate Medical.

Long Island Infrastructure: \$160M for enhancements of LIRR stations and \$40M to connect LIRR to BNL and MacArthur Airport

Economic Development: \$750M for the Regional Economic Development Councils; \$650M for investment in life sciences and a "Buy American" policy requiring state entities to give preference to American-made goods in any procurement valued at more than \$100K

On the Hill

BRIDGE Act Introduced in House and Senate

On January 12, bipartisan groups in the House and Senate introduced the BRIDGE Act, legislation to provide temporary relief from deportation for those eligible for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. The bill would allow these individuals, termed DREAMers, to study and work in the United States for three years, with the expectation their situation would be addressed permanently in broader immigration reform. The bill is intended to address the immigration status of the DREAMers by statute, rather than by the current executive order that established DACA.



Stony Brook University's Office of Government Relations continues to work with our fellow members of the Association of American Universities (AAU) to urge President-elect Trump and congressional leaders to support the BRIDGE Act.

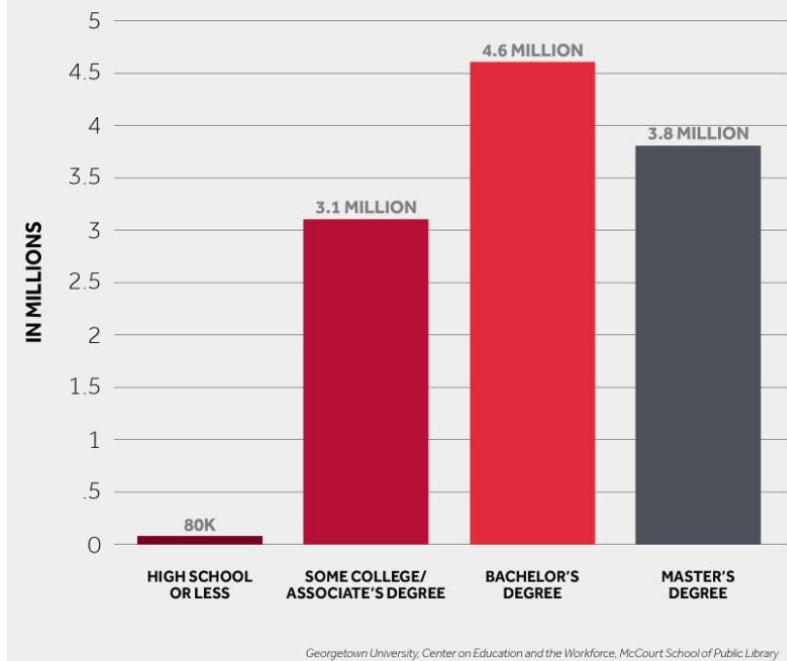
America's Divided Recovery: College Haves and Have-Nots

The economic recovery has divided the country along an educational fault line. Out of the 11.6 million jobs created in the post-recession economy, 11.5 million went to workers with at least some college education, according to newly published research from the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce (Georgetown Center). Of these jobs, 8.4 million went to workers with a bachelor's degree or higher. The 2008 recession decimated low-skill blue-collar and clerical jobs, whereas the recovery added primarily high-skill managerial and professional jobs.

[Review the full report](#)

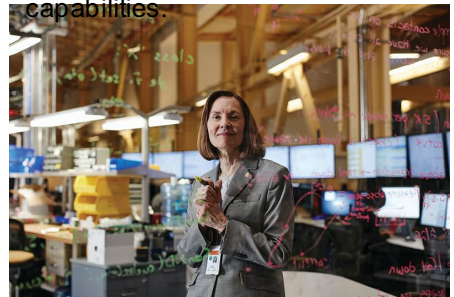
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Renowned Energy Storage Researcher Esther Takeuchi Named Knapp Chair in Energy and the Environment

Esther Takeuchi, who holds a joint appointment at Brookhaven National Lab and Stony Brook University, is credited with more than 150 U.S. patents and developed the battery technology that implanted cardiac defibrillators employ today. Takeuchi is directing a U.S. Department of Energy [\\$10 million Energy Frontier Research Center award](#) to drive her research in alternative battery systems that aren't dangerous to the environment, but still boast high-energy, power and lifespan capabilities.



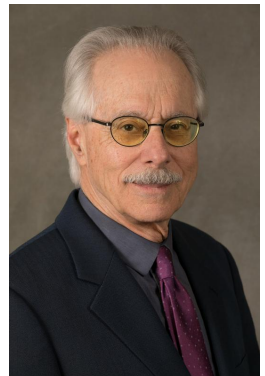
Esther Takeuchi, Distinguished Professor

This innovative research that Professor Takeuchi has pursued since her arrival on campus in 2012 has earned her the recent honor of being named the inaugural William and Jane Knapp Chair in Energy and the Environment.

[Read the full story](#)

Professor Lorne Golub Named a Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors

Lorne Golub, DMD, SUNY Distinguished Professor of Oral Biology & Pathology at Stony Brook University School of Dental Medicine, and an innovator in the development of medicines to promote oral health and to treat chronic inflammatory diseases, has been named a Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors (NAI). Dr. Golub's research innovations and patents are largely related to his discoveries and development of therapeutic medications as inhibitors of tissue-destructive enzymes called the matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs). These novel medications have shown evidence of efficacy in a variety of oral and systemic diseases including periodontitis, dermatitis, arthritis, diabetes, cancer, and cardiovascular and lung diseases.



Lorne Golub, DMD, SUNY Distinguished Professor of Oral Biology & Pathology

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In Our Community

Stony Brook Community Helps Raise \$25 Million for New Children's Hospital

When her 11-year old son, Joe, was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma, Dina Isola quickly realized the value and importance of having a dedicated children's hospital in Suffolk County. "When your child is facing a serious illness or injury, you can't get help fast enough," said Dina. "And of course

you only want the best." Now, thanks to his medical team at Stony Brook Children's Hospital, Joe is cancer-free. Out of her gratitude and belief in the importance of Stony Brook Children's to her community, Dina agreed to serve on the Stony Brook Children's Hospital Task Force with 22 other local leaders who together helped inspire more than 3,000 community members, companies, foundations and labor unions to support the new 71,500-square-foot children's hospital building.

Scheduled to open in early 2018, the new building will feature all-single patient rooms, a pediatric intensive care unit and medical surgical beds, family amenities, playrooms, teen spaces and more.

[Read the full story](#)

Celebrating Black History Month

Throughout February 2017, [Stony Brook University will host Black History Month](#), an annual tradition that celebrates the African American experience. The month-long celebration will kick off with the Black History Month [Opening Ceremony](#), on February 1, 2017, from 12:50 PM to 2:20 PM in the Sidney Gelber Auditorium of the Student Activities Center on the Stony Brook University campus.

[Black History Month full calendar of events](#)



Stony Brook University Standing for Change The Evolution of the Black Experience

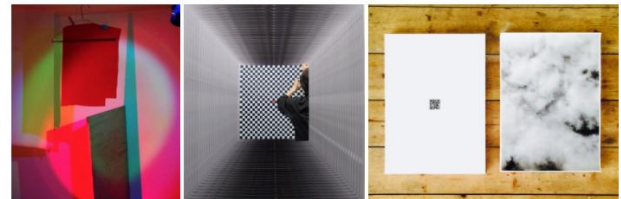
ANTIFORM: Packer, Patrick and Ros' opens January 24 at Zuccaire Gallery

The work of three experimental New York artists - Lindsay Packer, Mitch Patrick and John Ros - will be on display at the [Paul W. Zuccaire Gallery](#) from January 24 through February 18.

The exhibition's title, ANTIFORM, is borrowed from an art movement of the late 1960s, in which artists' interest shifted from strict Minimalist forms to materials and processes, including chance.

The exhibit is free and open to the public.

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Left to right: Lindsay Packer, Spectral Response, Part 1: Color Coder (detail), 2016; Mitch Patrick, Peeler, 2016, video still; John Ros, untitled: 18 malden rd, 2016, digital print takeaway.

Student Entrepreneur Makes Waves on the Air

Imagine being both the youngest person in a company and one of the bosses. That is the unique perspective enjoyed by Stony Brook senior Matthew Glaser '17 (graduating cum laude, a full year early), who recently purchased radio station WELJ in East Hampton (104.7 FM) with business partner Andrew Adams, a senior at Plattsburgh College.

"We're the youngest radio owners in the country," said Matthew. "It's pretty scary."

[Read the full story](#)



Matthew Glaser '17

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

[Black History Month Opening Ceremony](#)

Saturday, February 11, 2017

[TAJ EXPRESS: The Bollywood Musical Revue](#)

Saturday, February 18, 2017

[Men's Basketball vs Binghamton](#)

Retiring Jameel Warney's No. 20 jersey

Sunday, February 19, 2017

[NAACP Image Awards](#)

Thursday, February 23, 2017

[Women's Basketball vs UMBC](#)

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