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Just a few weeks are left of the year and naturally, our thoughts turn to plans for the New Year. However before leaving this year behind, pause and review your important financial matters, including your charitable gift commitments. If you are like most people, you do the majority of your gift giving towards the end of the year.

Bear in mind that when you make a year-end Stony Brook Cares gift to help others you aren't just giving money. You're perpetuating your own values. You are making a statement that says I understand what this agency is doing for healthcare or another cause, and I want to make certain that they keep on doing it.



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Why Stony Brook Cares? Because it offers you an easy method of giving to more than 450 pre-screened agencies that provide top quality mental health services, home health and hospice care, career services, adoption services, environmental protection, guide dogs, scouting activities, and more. During this season, the barrage of earnest appeals by non-profits, by now, has increased your awareness of the magnitude of financial need. If there is any charity important to you, or if you simply want to give back to the community, there are many ways to donate and receive tax benefits.

You can donate to Stony Brook Cares by payroll deduction, check, securities donations, or credit card. Even a modest payroll deduction can help provide vital services to care for children, protect the elderly, provide a safe haven for abused women, supple disaster and crisis services, and much, much more. Also consider that giving through payroll deduction makes your contribution even easier because you can spread it over the entire year.

Take a few minutes to read the Stony Brook Cares/SEFA booklet distributed in October. If you have misplaced your booklet and/or return envelope, please call 4-1282 for another. Please join me in making the 2002 Stony Brook Cares Campaign the best ever for Stony Brook University. Together we can make the \$250,000 goal. Give until it feels good.

Sincerely yours,

Norman H. Edelman, MD

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BROOK**
HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

ANNOUNCING THE NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

Mr. William Dethlefs has accepted the position of Assistant Director of Alumni Relations for the Health Sciences Center. This is the next step to organizing and moving forward an ambitious Alumni Relations program at Stony Brook University and the Health Sciences Center. Bill will be responsible for coordinating the alumni outreach from the five schools in the Health Sciences Center. We are very excited at this announcement and look forward to working with Bill in the future on alumni-related projects. You may contact Bill at 444-2899.

TETRACYCLINES MAY STABILIZE HEART ATTACK-PRODUCING PLAQUES IN ARTERIES

More than 20 years ago, Dr. Lorne Golub of Stony Brook University's School of Dental Medicine, began research that would lead to the development of a critical drug and the only FDA-approved, systematically-administered drug used in the treatment of periodontal disease, the major cause of tooth loss in the adult population world-wide. Today, at an important conference being held by the American Heart Association in Chicago, important new research was presented indicating that Dr. Golub's original discovery may also have important implications in the treatment of heart disease.

Golub and his colleagues, N. Ramamurthy and Thomas F. McNamara, conducted the research at Stony Brook that led to the discovery of Periostat®, which in 1998 became the second drug developed by a State University of New York institution approved for marketing by the FDA. It has gone on to become the leading treatment in the world for periodontal disease. Now Golub is co-author of a research paper that says this non-antibacterial formulation of a tetracycline-a, low-dose doxycycline that is the active ingredient in Periostat® also lowers c-reactive proteins in the plasma of patients with heart disease. C-reactive protein is a leading diagnostic marker of risk for future heart attacks. Periostat®, may block certain inflammatory mediators, or cytokines, and inhibit certain tissue-destructive enzymes or proteinases such as collagenase and gelatinase the biologically-active chemicals produced by inflammatory and other body cells that can destabilize the fatty plaques in diseased blood vessels. Heart attacks can result when pieces of these plaques float downstream, blocking smaller blood vessels leading to the heart and other organs.

Some of these findings were presented at the AHA's Scientific Sessions 2002 by Dr. David Brown, Director of Interventional Cardiology and the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratories at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York. Dr. Golub also attended the event as co-author of this scientific paper.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL MINI-MED SESSION

Another successful Mini Med School series has just ended. The success of this program lies primarily with the faculty, staff, and administrators who put a good deal of effort forth to make it run smoothly. Their interest and contribution to the program have made it a winner for the School of Medicine. Last year it earned a Congressional Citation for Public Service and The Men and Women of the Year in Medicine award from the Times Beacon Newspapers. The good feelings and enhancement to the Stony Brook reputation the 204 community participants derive from it could not be equaled through thousands of dollars spent in advertising.

A program of this magnitude takes the cooperation and teamwork of many departments. I would like to thank:

FSA for use of the Bookends Cafe,
Parking services for making certain the garage was accessible,
Security department for assisting the participants in finding the Lecture Halls (we have not lost anyone yet in our confusing space),
Print Shop for producing the loose-leaf materials, and
Housekeeping staff to tidying up the facilities

I would also like to recognize the valuable help of the following people:

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| Marc | Dinowitz, MD | Irene | Skevofilax |
| Peter | Glass, MD | Zoha | Tamadon |
| Eugene | Hellin | Gui | Van Moorsel |
| Robert | Honkanen, MD | Peter | Viccellio, MD |
| Michael | Huang | James | Weisberg, PhD |
| Angela | Jagendorf | Peter | Williams, PhD |
| Barbara | Katz | Paul | Willoughby, MD |
| Colleen | Kenefick | | |

NEW YORK ISLANDERS HOST A WINTER SKATING FESTIVAL

Fans of the New York Islanders will get a chance to skate on the ice at Nassau Coliseum, get player autographs, take tours of the Islander locker room, bring their cameras, take photos on the Zamboni, and participate in a variety of additional activities when the team hosts a **Festival on Friday, December 27 from 4:30-9:30 PM**. The event will benefit the Sunrise Fund, which supports pediatric oncology programs at Stony Brook University Hospital

University Hospital is Suffolk County's only tertiary center capable of caring for the most severely ill and injured and is home of the Long Island Cancer Center, which combines advanced diagnostics and therapies with the only university-based research in the region.

For more information, visit www.newyorkislanders.com or www.sunrisefund.org.

2002 NEW FACULTY RECEPTION

The Health Sciences Center welcomed its new faculty at a reception held at the Old Field Club on October 24.



NEWS FROM THE SCHOOLS

On November 21, Stony Brook University honored its outstanding alumni. The 20th Annual Distinguished Awards were made during the Alumni Reception held at The Vanderbilt. The Health Sciences Center was well represented among the recipients. A measure of our success is the quality and achievements of our graduates. Our alumni's distinctions enhance our reputation nationally and internationally.

SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE

Distinguished Alumni Award for Public Service

Dr. Jeffrey Sachs graduated Stony Brook University with Bachelor of Arts (1974) and Doctor of Dental Surgery (1978) degrees. Dr. Jeffrey Sachs has an illustrious career as a public policy developer and innovative organizer of not for profit groups. His marks of distinction are not confined to one area of work, but instead cover careers involving government affairs, corporate finance and not for-profit groups.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Distinguished Alumni Award for Public Service

Dr. Dario Gonzalez graduated Stony Brook School of Medicine (1979) and continued studies in the field of Emergency Medicine at Jacobi Hospital in the Bronx. In 1985, he assumed responsibilities as the Physician in Charge of Emergency Services at Queens Hospital Center, Jamaica, New York. In 1989 he became the Chief of the Department of Emergency Medicine. In 1993, he joined the New York City Emergency Medical Service as the Associate Medical Director and the Medical Director of Training. He has also become the Medical Director of the New York City Urban Search and Rescue Task Force. On April 19, 1995, he was deployed to Oklahoma City as part of the rescue effort for the Murrow Federal Building Bombing. He worked with the NY TF 1 for seven nights (7 PM to 7 AM) in the search for bombing victims. He was also served at the World Trade Center collapse on September 11, 2001.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WELFARE

Distinguished Alumni Award for University Service

Lynda Perdomo Ayala earned a masters degree in social work in 1996. In addition to her professional responsibilities in the Department of Pharmacological Sciences, Lynda has always been a friend of, and advocate for, students. She took upon herself the task of watching over Latino students' interests and needs, has taken an active role in providing leadership and guidance. Lynda offers her expertise in recruitment, retention, and mentoring of minority faculty and staff that makes her a valuable university in achievement of its diversity goals. Additionally, Lynda has distinguished herself as a true leader within the Long Island community, and in particular, the Hispanic/Latino community.

The **School of Social Welfare** celebrated their Third Annual Alumni Recognition Event. Hon Kenneth LaValle, New York State Senator was awarded the Humanitarian Award. Six alumni were awarded Distinguished Alumni Awards: Gwendolyn M. Branch, MSW 1990; Maurice E. P. Coates, MSW 1983; Gerald R. Lucas, MSW 1973; Andrew M. Mattison, MSW 1973; Janice L. Rohlf MSW 1989, Carmen M. Vazquez, MSW 1981

Kudos

Clinton T. Rubin, Professor of Orthopaedics and Anatomical Science, of the department of **Biomedical Engineering** has been named winner of the Elizabeth Winston Lanier Kappa Delta Award for 2003, by the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons and the Orthopaedic Research Society. This award is the highest given by this combined society recognizing outstanding research contributions to the understanding of musculoskeletal diseases. It comes with a cash award of \$20,000.

Arnold Katz, Professor of Clinical Surgery and **Maisie Shindo, Associate Professor of Surgery**, of the department of **Surgery** were honored by members of the Hope Missionary Baptist Church.

The New York State Department of Health has awarded a \$50,000 grant for a culturally-sensitive, web-based breast cancer education program developed by **Elinor Schoenfeld, Research Associate Professor** of the department of **Preventive Medicine**. The program, to be administered by the South Fork Breast Cancer Coalition and the Long Island Cancer Center, will provide individuals visiting the web site with information specifically tailored to their age, family history, and ethnicity.

The Stony Brook University "Kids College" has been launched, providing experts from the Health Sciences Center and University Hospital to make presentations that integrate with the curriculum being taught at a Seaford elementary school. **Lauren Gargiula, a Clinical Instructor of Family Medicine; Dr. Irvin Kruenkamp, Professor of Surgery and Physiology and Biophysics, and Director of the Heart Center; Carolyn Gregory, Research Scientist of the Division of Laboratory Animal Resources** who conducts research in DNA; and **David Krause, Professor of Anatomical Sciences**, are participating in the program.

Anita Marie Santasier, a Clinical Assistant Professor in the School of Health Technology and Management, has been named winner of the President's Award for Excellence in Diversity and Affirmative Action. The award is presented each year to the outstanding faculty member, student, or employee for contributions and activities that further the commitment to the realization of the University's goal "to form a more perfect campus."

Calendar of Events

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE



- † February 5
Evening of the Arts
For info call 444-1032
- † March 1
University Hospital & School of
Medicine Gala - Wang Center
For Info, call 444-2899
- † May 6
SOM AOA Induction Dinner
- † May 7
Grand Rounds with AOA
Speaker
- † May 8
M.D. with Recognition Poster
Session

Q & A

Good communication is two way. Therefore, if you would like to comment, respond to any topics, or have news to share, please do so at HSC_VP@notes.cc.sunysb.edu. Suggestions for future topics are always welcome, as well. Please feel free to email this publication to others who might be interested in what is happening at the Health Sciences Center.

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