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†† STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER ††

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Revisiting a Shared HSC Vision Set in Motion 2001

In 2001, we embarked on a mission of improving cultural competency through HSC interdisciplinary activities and increasing outreach exposure opportunities for our students to Long Island's under-represented communities. In less than three years, Dr. Hector Sepulveda, Assistant to the Vice President for Health Care Advocacy, has been able to demonstrate through partnering our resources (both community and joint collaboration among the Schools of Health Technology and Management, Nursing, Dental Medicine, Social Welfare, and Medicine) that we can make a difference. "We can accomplish anything as one voice, one spirit, understanding needs and healing lives, and we are", stated Dr. Sepulveda.



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In addition to recognizing all our HSC Deans who have supported these efforts, I want to extend special recognition to Dr. Aldustus Jordan (SOM), Dr. Jedan Phillips, and Dr. Gwendolyn Stretch (Family Practice), Dr. Arnold Katz, Dr. Collin Brathwaite (Surgery), Dr. Virginia Coletti, Jeannette Coane (Nursing), Jim Ganetis (SHTM: Respiratory Care), Bertha Murphy (Social Welfare), Dr. Debra Cinotti, Dr. William Tinkler, Dr. Mark Wolf, Carol Sloane, Elizabeth Crutchfield (Dental Medicine), Dr. Marie Gelato and her staff at the General Clinical Research Center, and Dr. Patricia Casey (Affiliated Provider in Podiatry), and Jirina Vasek (Hospital Chemistry Laboratory). Their dedication to extracurricular community outreach and donation of their personal time to support our HSC interdisciplinary outreach initiatives and the students involved in community outreach has not gone unnoticed. Our pilot models such as "Healthy People, Healthy Families Healthy Communities, "Healthy Seniors", "Healthy Choices for Now and the Future: Adolescent Health and Careers" are being used by community groups to help their leaders make a greater impact in their communities. We continue to be instrumental in helping develop long-standing programs on a bi-county level that empower communities to help themselves and show the importance of joint interdisciplinary collaboration.

Some examples of our many joint accomplishments include:

1) Expanded outreach partnerships with such organizations as:

Smith Haven Mall Walkers Club, Long Island Head Start, Town of Huntington Senior Citizens Division, American Cancer Society "Lets Talk about Cancer" kick off campaign, The Suffolk Coalition Partnership for Adolescent Mental Health Care, Telecare, East End Health and Community Services, American Diabetes Association, National Learning for Life, a subsidiary of the Boy Scouts of America.

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- 2) Continuation of our initial outreach partnerships programs like: Healthy People, Healthy Families Healthy Communities", "Healthy Seniors": Probation and Jail Community Health Outreach for at risk populations, Stimson Middle School (Huntington L.I.): Adolescent mentoring "Project Excel" and parent education seminars "Teaching our Children to Practice Good Health", Brentwood, Coram, Selden, Riverhead, Greenport community faith based programs, Gay, Lesbian and Transgender Community health disparities, and Health Literacy.
- 3) Partnerships with the Stony Brook Adult Literacy Center and Literacy Volunteers of America, Suffolk County has provided materials to promote plain language communication by health care professionals.
- 4) Expanded use and exposure of our General Clinical Research Center (GCRC) through programs like: Grand Round Lecture Series, Student Development Series, Community Education Programs, and "Ask Dr. Sepulveda" Web Site question and answer corner.
- 5) Continued support and expansion of our extracurricular interdisciplinary HSC student groups like: C3: Career, Culture and Competence focusing on seminar series addressing health care trends and issues and The Public Health Interest Group which coordinates interdisciplinary student training and community outreach opportunities. Along with our cultural student groups like SNMA and Asian American.
- 6) Continued support of HSC interdisciplinary class HAS 500. Coordinated through the School of Health Technology and Management, this is a class which addresses health in America in a multidisciplinary approach (with its teachers comprised from our five schools) and sets an example for interdisciplinary partnerships in addressing patient care issues to its students.

New on the horizon are partnership initiatives, such as:

- 1) Mentoring Partnership of Long Island (MPLI): Coordinating our efforts for the implementation of a joint HSC/ MPLI youth for health care professions pilot program.
- 2) Long Island Chapter of 100 Black Women and 100 Black Men Partnership for a Long Island bi-county health care initiative initiating a year-long campaign to unite all health care professionals and community organizations for a joint pilot to begin resolving healthcare disparities which have still not been resolved despite national exposure. It will then be presented in Washington for consideration as a national initiative.
- 3) Faith-Based Initiative: monthly health series addressing specific community health risks in partnership with the American Cancer and Diabetes Associations.
- 4) GCRC partnership with Brookhaven National laboratory increasing our ability to expand resources available for clinical trials to our participating investigators.

These achievements could not have been obtained without the cooperative spirit and willingness of our professional staff in the HSC and Hospital Family to get involved. Our accomplishments come from shared ideas, resources and talents of students, faculty, community providers and leaders. With Dr. Sepulveda's energetic approach, knowledge of public health and skill in resource management, we continue to help realize joint ventures and improve community health education, empowerment and resource utilization. But you need to contact him and be ready to share your talents and skills. If you are interested in participating in any of these programs or have interest in creating new joint interdisciplinary activities to help our communities, please join us and speak with Dr. Sepulveda.

ASSISTANT DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Elza Mylona, Ph.D., has been appointed to the Dean's office as Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and Director of the Center for Educational Support. Elza comes to us after a decade of training and work in medical education at UCLA and USC. She is a Greek national and received her Ph.D. at USC in Instructional Technology with an emphasis on adult distinct education. At USC's Keck School of Medicine she helped guide curricular design and assessment and played an important role in successfully reconfiguring their curriculum. In addition, she has extensive experience in faculty development and, in particular, training faculty in case-based instruction.

She will be invaluable in our efforts to update our curriculum. Please help us make her feel at home. She is located in the Health Sciences Center, Level 4 Room 184.

SENIOR DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT

BJ Isaacson has been selected as the Senior Director of Advancement for the Health Sciences Center and Stony Brook University Hospital.

BJ has extensive lobbying, grant writing and fundraising experience. For the past 25 years, she has worked in a variety of nonprofit organizations. Most recently, BJ was the Executive Director of the Indiana Primary Health Care Association in Indianapolis, Indiana. Prior to that, she was with the Development Office at the Indiana University School of Dental Medicine, with responsibilities for fund raising, alumni relations, and media relations. In addition, BJ's knowledge in the areas of board training and development, strategic planning, and volunteer management will serve Stony Brook well.

We are delighted to have someone of BJ's strength and caliber join us. She is located in the Health Sciences Center, Level 4, Suite 215.

Stony Brook University Hospital 25th Anniversary Celebration February 2005

The University Hospital is planning a year-long celebration to mark its 25 years of smart medicine and expert care. In preparing for this occasion, several committees have been formed and activities are underway. Among the plans are a documenting of our history to be developed into a display, and possibly a video or CD.

The hospital's first phone directory, written on mimeograph paper has been located. We have a copy of the original announcement of the hospital opening. We also have the timeline prepared for the SOM 25th anniversary.

But, your help is needed. Anyone with old articles, books, photos, artifacts, or anything you think would be useful to include in a history that looks back upon where we started, should send them to the Special Events Office, HSC 3-122A, Z= 8304. Items will be catalogued and returned to the owner. Please send things by the end of April.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

ATTENTION ALL FACULTY!

Opportunity to improve our clinical clerkships has presented itself with a "Master Clinical Education" grant opportunity. The School of Medicine, Norman Edelman, MD, and Fred Schiavone, MD, have received recognition by the AAMC/NY Academy of Medicine for a grant program we are beginning this year. With support from your Chair, twelve (12) faculty will be chosen based on the best proposals for curricular improvement submitted to the Office of Medical Education. The selection process will be completed by the grant steering committee and will provide the faculty with the following:

\$5,000/year, renewable X 2 years (no offset of salary)

Induction into the new "Master Clinical Educators Society of Stony Brook School of Medicine"

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Dr. Aldustus E. Jordan, Associate Dean for Student and Minority Affairs, has been selected by the American Medical Association Foundation to receive its Health Literacy Grant for Community Organizations and Alliances. The grant will be used to further produce the Suffolk County Health Literacy Tool Kits for distribution within clinics located in poor and minority communities. Dr. Jordan is President of the Board of Directors, Literacy Suffolk, Inc. (formerly Literacy Volunteers of America, Suffolk County). He is also a member of the Suffolk County Task Force on Literacy.

The School of Medicine was recently recognized by the Pfizer Clear Health Communication Initiative and received one of 15 national awards. The award cited the School of Medicine's partnership with Literacy Suffolk, Inc., and the Stony Brook Adult Literacy Center as a major collaboration in promoting health literacy and clear communication in healthcare. The award was presented to Dr. Norman Edelman at a Health Literacy Month breakfast. Dr. Linda Potter, a national expert in health literacy, was the featured speaker.



In an award ceremony held in Trier, Germany, on February 2nd, 2004, Dr. Arthur Stone, Professor and Vice-Chair of the Department of Psychiatry, was awarded the Medal of the University of Trier (*"Universitätsmedaille"*). The medal was presented by the University of Trier's President, Professor. Dr. Peter Schwenkmezger. This was the sixth time in the University's history that the medal was awarded, an honor requiring the confirmation of the University's senate. The medal is intended to recognize the contributions of an individual's achievement in his or her field of study and their special contributions to the University of Trier. In particular, under the supervision of Dr. Stone, Stony Brook's Psychiatry Department has hosted about two dozen masters and doctoral students over the last 15 years for training in the behavioral sciences.



Kudos

Calendar of Events

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE



The Center for Structural Biology, under the leadership of **Steven O. Smith, Professor of Biochemistry and Cell Biology**, submitted a Shared Instrumentation Grant to the NIH last March for upgrading their computational facility. The grant has made the cut and will be funded with an award between \$200-250,000.

Jeffrey Trilling, Professor of Family Medicine, has been selected for inclusion as one in only 5% of our nation's teachers in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2004*.

According to the latest report from the New York State Education Department, and under the **Deanship of Lenora McClean**, the **School of Nursing** National Council Licensing Exam pass rate for the period 1/01/03 to 12/31/03 is 96.72%!

David W. Krause, Distinguished Service Professor of Anatomical Sciences who mentored Alexander J. Fumelli (Smithtown HS, Smithtown). Alex became one of 300 semifinalists nationwide in the Intel Science Talent Search for his project entitled "*Inferring the Diet of a Bizarre Fossil Crocodyliform: Was Simosuchus clarki/herbivorous?*"

Lorne M. Golub, Professor of Dental Medicine who mentored Jeremy Price (Jericho HS, Jericho). Jeremy became an Intel semifinalist for his work in Dr. Golub's laboratory: "*Cell Culture Studies as a model of the Interaction Between Two Inflammatory Diseases: Periodontitis and Coronary Artery Disease.*"

Lisa Haddad, third year SOM student, received the American Medical Women's Association Anne C. Carter Student Leadership Award Honorary Citation for "exceptional leadership skills in the organization of local projects that further the mission of AMWA by improving women's health and supporting women in medicine. She was also elected to the Reproductive Health Initiative National Student Liaison.

Lauren Heath and Darcy McConnell (second year SOM students) were part of the North East leadership and organizers of the first annual Circle of Healers, 2004 Hu Med Region II Retreat in the Catskills, New York. The Humanistic Medicine Action Committee is part of AMSA whose goal is to promote "the personal development of (physicians in training) as compassionate healers while seeking active changes in the way we educate physicians and practice medicine."

Q&A

Good communication is two way. Therefore, if you would like to comment respond to topics, or have news to share: 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.

March 24

LICC New Faculty Reception. For info 631 - 444-8035.

March 24-27

HSC Alumni Reception, CA. For info 631 - 444-2899.

March 28

1 in 9: The L I Breast Cancer Action Coalition Presents: "Your Health & Cancer" - Expo 2004. For info 631 - 444-9327.

April 14

SOM Career Day 2004 5:00-8:00 p.m Galleria. For info 631 - 444-2899.

April 21

2004 Alumni Professional Development Seminar Series. For info 631 - 444-2899.

April 28

President Kenny's Gala, Waldorf Astoria. For info Cathy McNamara, 212 - 786-6055 or FAX 212 - 786-6054.

School of Nursing Alumni Reception. For info 631 - 444-3289.

May 6

MD with Recognition Poster Session Class of 2004, Charles Wang Ctr, 1:00-3:00 p.m. For info 631 - 444-2899.

May 8

School of Dental Medicine Class of '94 10 year reunion. For info 631 - 632-8807.

May 14

Cody Comedy Festival (Staller Center) & Funny Bone Reception (Wang Center). For info 631 - 444-2899.

May 15

School of Dental Medicine Class of '79 25th Anniversary. For info 631 - 632-8807.

Fountain/Strawberry Festival - West Campus.

May 20

School of Medicine Graduation (Staller Center) and Reception.

May 21

All HSC New Graduate/Family Reception (all day in Wang Center).

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