



A celebration with Alan Alda and Brian Greene

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To: Faculty, Staff and Students:

Dear Colleagues,

To celebrate the opening of our new Center for Communicating Science, two exciting events will take place on Thursday, September 23.

As part of our Provost's Lecture series, physicist Brian Greene will join special guest Alan Alda in a conversation called "Why Communicating Science Matters." Brian Greene is one of the best-known physicists and string theorists in the country and the author and host of *The Elegant Universe*. His area of research, superstring theory, has the potential to provide a single, all-encompassing theory of the universe. Noted film actor and author Alan Alda, who is the former host of *Scientific American Frontiers*, has been teaching science graduate students to play improvisational theater games with the goal of freeing them to talk about their work more spontaneously and directly and to connect personally with their audience. Both men have dedicated themselves to popularizing science for the public.

Their talk will take place in the Staller Center Auditorium from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm. It is free and open to the public. Seating is limited.

That same evening, the Center for Communicating Science will present an exclusive screening of the IMAX Hubble 3D movie at the AMC Stony Brook IMAX Theatre on Nesconset Highway at 8:00 pm. Alan Alda will make a guest appearance and speak briefly about the Center's activities. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$12 for children and students. Seating is limited. For ticket information visit www.stonybrook.edu/advents.

The Center for Communicating Science, which works to train the next generation of scientists to communicate more effectively with the public, was established at Stony Brook in 2009 in collaboration with Brookhaven National Laboratory and Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. For more information on the center visit www.stonybrook.edu/journalism/science.

Please join me on September 23 to celebrate this landmark opening.

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