

# Stony Brook Matters

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## The Inauguration of President Samuel L. Stanley, Jr., MD



On Friday, October 23, Samuel L. Stanley, Jr., MD was sworn in as the fifth President of Stony Brook University. President Stanley took to the podium to announce his many ambitious goals. He pledged to hire 400 new faculty members over the next 8 to 10 years, increase federal funding for interdisciplinary research, and advocate for greater flexibility within the SUNY system. Demonstrating his commitment to health, Dr. Stanley made a dramatic statement by pausing in the middle of his speech to roll up his sleeve and receive his H1N1 flu vaccine. [Watch speech.](#)

## Join President Stanley in Celebrating Stony Brook's Most Accomplished Alumni on November 20

Come enjoy a sumptuous dinner and stand proud with this year's wonderful group of alums. This year's Distinguished Alumnus Awards Ceremony and Dinner Reception will be hosted by Stony Brook alum Craig Allen at the University's Charles B. Wang Center. Craig earned his meteorology degree from the Department of Earth and Space Sciences at Stony Brook University in 1979 and became chief meteorologist for WCBS 880 Radio the following spring. Alums who will be honored include Dr. Robert J. Frey, (BS '80, PhD '87), Rear Admiral Dr. Steven K. Galson, (BS '78), Dr. Sally A. Lynch, (BS '82, PhD '88), and Dr. Margaret M. McGovern, (BS '78). [More.](#)

## DAA Ceremony & Dinner Reception on November 20 - [Register Now](#)

## What Do Dolphins, Whales, and Hippos Have in Common? This SBU Professor Knows

Maureen O'Leary, a professor in the Department of Anatomical Sciences at the Stony Brook University Medical Center, co-authored an analysis of the origin of cetaceans. Her genetic research findings support the theory that hippos are cetaceans' closest living relatives. [More.](#)



## Alumni Spotlight on Keith Kowalsky '86 '88

This past May, Stony Brook alumnus and President of Flame-Spray Industries Keith Kowalsky was awarded the 36th National Inventor of the Year Award by the International Property Owners Association for his Plasma Transferred Wired Arc (PTWA) Thermal Spray Apparatus and Method. [More.](#)



## Alumni Events Open to All

Friday, November 20  
[Distinguished Alumnus Awards Ceremony and Dinner Reception](#)

Wednesday, December 2  
[Stony Brook Men's Basketball Pre-Game Reception](#)



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## University Events

Tuesday, November 10  
[Bone Marrow/Stem Cell Donor Registry Drive](#)

Wednesday, November 11  
[Writers Speak Series: Roger Rosenblatt](#)

Wednesday, November 11  
[Women's Swimming and Diving at Fordham](#)

November 12 - 13  
[Migrations & Transnational Identities Conference: Crossing Borders, Bridging Disciplines](#)

Thursday, November 12  
["The Amazing Power of Estrogen: From Sex Reversal to HIV Prevention"](#)

Friday, November 13  
[Circo Aereo: "Espresso"](#)

November 18 - 19  
[2009 Advanced Energy Conference - Alum Discount](#)

Thursday, November 19

## New Center Translates Biomedical Research into Better Healthcare

The Center for Biomolecular Diagnostics and Therapeutics was created with help from a grant of over 15 million dollars from NYSTAR. The Center is one of only eight New York State-supported Science, Technology, and Academic Research (STAR) Centers and boasts a unique, interdisciplinary team of researchers from the Schools of Medicine and Engineering and Applied Sciences. [More](#).

## Highly-Anticipated Basketball Season Opens This Week

There is plenty of excitement in the air in Pritchard Gym this fall as the Stony Brook basketball teams prepare for the 2009-10 seasons starting this month. Coming off the best season in its 10-year Division I history, the men's team heads into the season with high expectations, backed by Coach Pikiell, voted America East Coach of the Year by CollegeInsider.com. The women's team opens up the season this Friday, hosting Princeton at home. The men's squad kicks off its home schedule on November 16, hosting Mount St. Mary College.

[Get your tickets now!](#)



## Stony Brook Alums to Present at Advanced Energy Conference - Special Discount for Alumni!

This year's conference will again bring together the foremost authorities on emerging energy technology and energy policy as well as leading environmentalists, government officials, and non-profit organizations. Among the 185 speakers at the conference will be seven Stony Brook alums, presenting topics including geothermal power, new solar technologies, and financing renewable energy. Long Island Power Authority CEO and Chairman of the Stony Brook University Council, Kevin Law '82, will give a keynote speech. Stony Brook alumni are entitled to \$50 off their registration fee. [More](#).

## Center for Infectious Diseases Receives Continued National Institutes of Health (NIH) Funding

The NIH recently awarded an additional \$7.4 million to continue a research program focused on investigating emerging organisms causing bacterial and viral infections in humans. The grant is part of a competitive renewal that began in 2004. With this continued funding, the Center will have received a total of \$23 million from NIH. [More](#).

[Arab-American Comedy Night](#)

Friday, November 20  
[University Cafe: Dala](#)

Saturday, November 21  
[Seawolves Home Football vs. Liberty](#)

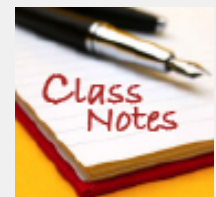
Saturday, November 21  
[Virsky Ukrainian National Dance Company](#)

Saturday, November 28  
[Seawolves Home Basketball vs. NJIT](#)

Thursday, December 3  
[Emerson String Quartet](#)

Saturday, December 5  
[Seawolves Home Basketball vs. Columbia](#)

[Complete List of University Events](#)



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