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A Message From Judith B. Greiman

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Whether you want to take an exciting and enriching course, participate in research, see an incredible film or enjoy our beautiful bicycle and walking paths - come and explore all that Stony Brook University has to offer this summer!

Every summer we offer [more than 500 courses and 60 subjects for college students](#). Stony Brook students as well as college students from around the country who return home to Long Island for their summer break, call Stony Brook University their home during the summer.

I hope you join us for [The Stony Brook Film Festival](#) presented by Island Federal Credit Union, which is in its 22nd year! The ten-day festival will be held from Thursday, July 20 through Saturday, July 29, featuring the best in independent film premieres.

I also welcome the Long Island community to enjoy our beautiful campus by exploring our walking and [bicycle paths](#), which provide a

scenic and environmentally friendly way to enjoy a summer afternoon.

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer and hope to see you around campus,

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Up in Albany

Governor Cuomo Takes Hands-On Approach to Support Water



(L-R) Governor Cuomo, Prof. Gobler, Assemblyman Fred Thiele, County Executive Steve Bellone and Assemblyman Steve Englebright.

[Governor Andrew Cuomo](#) has taken a keen interest in supporting efforts to improve water quality in New York State. He recently came to the [School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences \(SoMAS\)](#) at the [Stony Brook Southampton](#) campus to talk about this issue.

Following a discussion with [Professor Chris Gobler](#) about Professor Gobler's [research on Brown Tides](#), Governor Cuomo took a boat tour of the area where SoMAS is deploying clams to help filter the water and restore water quality and ecology. The site visit included SoMAS students, state and local elected officials and media.

At the conclusion of the visit, Governor Cuomo announced a [\\$2 million grant](#) for the shellfish restoration project, which utilizes shellfish to fight brown tide. An estimated 30-50 million clams are needed to fight brown tide in the bay.

Discussion on Lyme and Tick-Borne Diseases

With the concern of the rapidly growing tick population on Long Island and elsewhere throughout the state, the New York State Senate Majority created a [Senate Task Force on Lyme and Tick-borne Disease](#). While a large percentage of the task force consists of Long Island members, the Chair, [Senator Sue Serino](#), experienced Lyme Disease first hand when her son contracted it from a tick bite at a very young age.

Government Relations arranged for Senator Serino to meet [Dr. Jorge Benach](#), who identified the organism that causes Lyme Disease, and [Dr. David Thanassi](#), Chair of the [Department of Molecular Genetics & Microbiology](#).

The discussion focused on state funding for both outreach and research equipment that can be used on campus to advance the state's efforts to combat these diseases.

[Read more about Lyme Disease and prevention](#)



Adult female deer tick

On the Hill

Congressman Paul Tonko Tours SBU Water Quality Research Labs

On June 6, [Congressman Paul Tonko \(NY-20\)](#) met with [Stony Brook University's School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences \(SoMAS\)](#) researchers and the [Center for Clean Water Technology](#) staff to learn about the latest innovation and development in clean water technology.



Congressman Paul Tonko (fourth from right) tours Dr. Laura Wehermann's lab in SoMAS along with Center for Clean Water Technology staff.

[Rich Reeder, Vice President for Research](#), and [Dr. Christopher Gobler, Co-Director of the Center for Clean Water Technology](#), welcomed the Congressman and provided an overview of Stony Brook's research. The Congressman then toured three labs in SoMAS and one lab in the [College of Engineering and Applied Sciences](#) to observe firsthand Stony Brook's state-of-the-art facilities and groundbreaking research being performed. Following

his visit to Stony Brook, the Congressman toured [Brookhaven National Laboratories](#).

Congressman Tonko serves on the [House Science, Space, and Technology Committee](#) and the [Energy and Commerce Committee](#).

Congressman Tom Suozzi Enlists Stony Brook Experts to Weigh-in at Aerospace & Defense Workforce Development Meeting



Patricia Malone, Director of Stony Brook University's Center for Corporate Education, and Congressman Tom Suozzi.

On June 1, [Congressman Tom Suozzi](#) held a meeting at Composite Prototyping Center in Plainview with a cross section of Long Island companies in the aerospace and defense industries as well as representatives from BOCES, the Workforce Development Institute, universities, community colleges, local school districts and unions to work on creating a pipeline of talent to fulfill jobs in the local economy.

Congressman Suozzi invited Patricia Malone, Director of [Stony Brook University's Center for Corporate Education \(CCE\)](#), to explain how private sector aerospace and defense manufacturing companies on Long Island can connect with recent STEM graduates eager to enter the STEM workforce.

The mission of the Center for Corporate Education is to revitalize the region's workforce through education that helps stimulate business growth and strengthen economic well-being.

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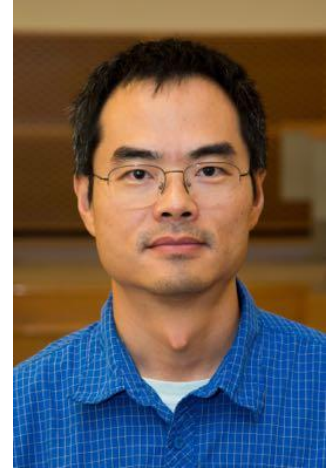
National Science Foundation Awards over \$800,000 to Stony Brook for Smart Technology Research

[The National Science Foundation \(NSF\)](#) awarded \$822,419 to Stony Brook University to aid the development of hardware and software platforms used for advanced sensing and computing.

"Our goal is to develop a customizable research platform, whose hardware and software can be reconfigured to support systems for innovations in smart vehicles, mobile computing and Internet-of-Things," said [Fan Ye, assistant professor](#) in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, and the principal investigator on the NSF funded project.

"For over 50 years, Stony Brook has been a world leader in scientific research and a critical component of the science community here on Long Island," said [Congressman Lee Zeldin](#) following Stony Brook receiving the grant. "It is so important that we continue to provide necessary aid to our scientific institutions."

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Fan Ye, Principal Investigator

In Our Community

iCREATE Has a Positive Impact on the Local Community



Local students learning to create an arm brace.

For the third year in a row, SBU iCREATE (previously known as the SBU Innovation Lab) attended the [Eastern Long Island Mini Maker Faire](#), which took place this year on June 10 at the Port Jefferson Maritime Explorium. The Maker Faire is a family-friendly showcase of the interesting things people - from engineers to artists - do in the spirit of innovation, creativity, resourcefulness and invention. SBU iCREATE was featured as one of the makers and showcased several different interactive activities including 3D Doodler pens, a PacMan robot maze, DIY arm braces, and 3D puzzles made of cardboard and balsa wood.

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Through Education

When Italian American and prominent Nassau County resident Vito DeSimone reads the headlines of the country's growing international political and economic disarray, he underscores his lifelong philosophy: That cultural education and awareness are critical ingredients to modern society. "The importance of inclusion and teaching of culture to up and coming generations can't be understated," DeSimone said. "To compete in today's world, you as an individual and the United States as a nation cannot afford to be isolated. We all need to be aware of and to learn about other cultures and other mentalities. Education is literal freedom."



Vito and Carolyn DeSimone

Promoting Cultural Inclusion

To help facilitate that education, he's given \$100,000 to the [Center for Italian Studies](#) at Stony Brook University to establish the Dr. Vito and Carolyn DeSimone Endowment for a Visiting Lectureship in Italian and Italian American Studies.

[Read the full story](#)

Grad Students Pedal Their Way to Understanding



Doctoral students David Rodriguez and J. Caity Swanson set off for Detroit.

Two doctoral students at Stony Brook have embarked on a research mission to bike hundreds of miles to an academic conference in the Midwestern United States.

As a way to outflank the carbon footprint of air travel and give meaning to their journey, doctoral students J. Caity Swanson and David Rodriguez are bicycling their way to Detroit, Mich. to attend the 12th biennial conference for the [Association for the Study of Literature and Environment \(ASLE\)](#) later this month. Each expects to discover something about what type of impact travel has on perspective. The conference is the major international conference for interdisciplinary work in the humanities and environmental studies.

[Read the full story](#)

Master of Health Administration (MHA) Program Comes to Stony Brook Southampton

Stony Brook University and the School of Health Technology and Management have announced a new Master of Health Administration (MHA) Program at Stony Brook Southampton.

The program, beginning with a cohort of students in August, will be delivered in a blended format, to include online coursework complimented by face-to-face programs and networking events held in Southampton two times each year. This flexible structure is meant to accommodate a variety of busy schedules while maintaining a highly rigorous health management course of study.

[Read the full story](#)

Upcoming Events

Thursday, July 20, 2017

[Stony Brook Film Festival Opening Night](#)

Thursday, July 20, 2017

[Interactive Video "Rolling Point" at Zuccaire Gallery](#)

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

[Seawolves Movie Night: Beauty & The Beast](#)

[Full Stony Brook events calendar](#)

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