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Leaders from Stony Brook University and the Mount Sinai Health System, along with elected officials, assemble at the affiliation agreement signing event at Stony Brook Medicine.

Partners in Discovery

Stony Brook Medicine and Mount Sinai announce "momentous" affiliation

In a collaboration that promises to accelerate cutting-edge research and foster tomorrow's medical discoveries, [Stony Brook Medicine](#) and [Mount Sinai Health System](#) have entered into an affiliation agreement aimed at heightening research collaboration and enhancing academic programs and clinical

care initiatives. "This is a momentous day for academic medicine, health care, our respective students, faculty and staff, and for all those who are cared for by our teams of highly trained, dedicated clinicians," said Stony Brook University President Samuel L. Stanley Jr., MD. "Each institution has so much to offer, so this is an opportunity that will prove to be beneficial for all - now and in the future - as we explore and grow this incredible collaboration."

Combining expertise from two premier medical schools, the partnership offers boundless opportunities to promote discovery, enrich academic medicine and enhance clinical care through large-scale research and clinical collaborations that will transform healthcare from Montauk to Manhattan and beyond.

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Stony Brook University President Samuel L. Stanley Jr., MD, (center) signs the affiliation agreement along with Kenneth Kaushansky, MD, Senior VP, Health Sciences and Dean, Stony Brook University School of Medicine (left), and Dennis S. Chamey, MD, the Anne and Joel Ehrenkranz Dean, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, and President, Academic Affairs, Mount Sinai Health System (right).

Summer Campus Tours and Visits are not just for New Students



Senator John Flanagan visits Stony Brook Freedom School students.

New York State Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan made his fourth visit to Stony Brook University's Freedom School, a summer enrichment program that engages students and parents to boost reading and generate positive attitudes toward learning.

Senator Flanagan's greeting of "Good Morning" was responded by 45 students jumping to their feet to greet him back with a vibrant and welcoming song of "G-O-O-D-M-O-R-N-I-N-G. Good morning!... and Freedom School's in the house!" The Senator's familiarity and support of the program enables him to recognize

many students and counselors from previous summer sessions.

Senator Todd Kaminsky who was recently elected to the State Senate, met Bob Catel, Chairman of the Advanced Energy Center and Dr. Yacov Shamash, VP of Economic Development, for an overview and tour of the Advanced Energy Center. The Senator greeted researchers and owners of start-up companies.

Senator Tom Croci, a veteran and expert on homeland security issues, recently visited Stony Brook Medicine and received a hospital overview by CEO Dr. Reuven Pasternak, Dr. Mark Talamini, Chief of Surgery, and Carol Gomes, Chief Operating Officer. Dr. James Vosswinkel provided Senator Croci with an overview of Stony Brook Medicine's emergency response operations and Stony Brook Trauma Center.



Dr. James Vosswinkel provides Senator Croci with a tour of Stony Brook Trauma Center.

Members of Senator Kenneth LaValle's staff toured the Stony Brook Southampton and main campuses as well as the Calverton Business Incubator. Joann Scalia, the Senator's Chief of Staff, and Kelly Hendricken, Director of the Higher Education Committee, received an overview of Stony Brook Medicine and tours of the Medicine and Research Translation (MART) Building and Children's Hospital on east campus as well as the Engineering Department in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Advanced Energy Research and Technology Center, and Center of Excellence in Wireless & Information Technology on west campus.

Newly elected Southampton Town Supervisor Jay Schneiderman, Suffolk County Legislator Bridget Fleming, and Governor Cuomo's Suffolk County staff representative Vanessa Pino-Lockel separately toured Stony Brook Southampton campus and were provided an overview by Dr. Matthew Whelan, Vice President for Strategic Initiatives. Dr. Whelan discussed the campus' growth in graduate studies along with President Stanley's vision for the campus' continued success.

Do You Take the Bus to Campus?

The Office of Stony Brook Government and Community Relations, in cooperation with numerous departments across campus, is working directly with Suffolk County on two off-campus bus service issues.

The first is the University's continued support of County Executive Steve Bellone's Bus Rapid Transit System - a proposal to link Stony Brook University, Suffolk Community College, St. Joseph's College, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Patchogue, Ronkonkoma and

Long Island MacArthur Airport. The route will include a bus-only lane on Nicolls Road and connect research, education and economic locations with downtown communities. As Suffolk County's largest employer and with a student population of 25,000, the County Executive is seeking the University's direct input to make the program most usable and successful.

Second, Suffolk County's budget issues are forcing the County to evaluate and possibly eliminate some existing routes including S71 serving the main campus and hospital, and 10A which serves the Southampton campus. The County is also seeking changes to the 3D line which will significantly extend bus riding time to the Long Island State Veterans Home and the Technology Park in East Setauket.

Government & Community Relations, Student Affairs and campus Transportation and Parking Services are working to determine how the proposed changes will impact students, employees, patients and visitors. The county will hold public hearings on September 8th and 9th. The first day of this service change would be October 3. Riders who use S71, 10A, 3D and S62 are requested to call 631-632-6302.



Artist's rendering of the proposed Innovation Zone at Stony Brook University. (Photo Credit:Suffolk County Office of Economic Development and Planning)

The Loss of a Friend

Stony Brook University lost a friend and advocate when Scott Martella recently died from a tragic accident on the Long Island Expressway at the age of 29. When he was Governor Cuomo's Suffolk County Representative, Scott worked very closely with the President's Office, the Office of Government & Community Relations, and Conferences & Special Events. He loved his job and Stony Brook University, which he saw as an integral part of the state's economic health. Scott will be missed greatly and his family is in our thoughts.

On the Hill

With Congress Getting Back to Work in September, Here's Where Science Funding Stands

With the end of the fiscal year (September 30) and the upcoming election (November 8), Congress still has a long way to go to wrap up FY 2017 appropriations. Not one of their twelve annual spending bills has yet to be signed into law, and few have been approved by either chamber. Lawmakers are on recess until Labor Day, but when they get back they'll have to figure out how to proceed on a [continuing resolution that will punt funding decisions at least until late fall](#) to avoid a shutdown, and continue to grapple with lingering floor fights over policy riders on everything from abortion to Zika.

According to the [American Association for the Advancement of Science \(AAAS\)](#), overall R&D budget figures are predictably modest - with the exception of NIH, which has received a billion-dollar increase from House appropriators and a \$2 billion increase in the Senate. The spending caps reached in [last year's budget deal](#) were always going to limit the upside for science funding this appropriations cycle. Under that deal, discretionary spending, which provides most science and technology funding, is essentially flat in FY 2017.

While [Stony Brook Government Relations](#) continues to urge Congress to increase funding to all science agencies, we appreciate that the federal research budget

for FY 2017 will likely end up around \$3 or \$4 billion higher than President Obama had requested, based on appropriations decisions thus far.

[Read more about FY 2017 appropriations](#)

IACS' Robert Harrison is Leader in NSF-Funded Institute to Improve Scientific Software



Professor Robert Harrison

High-

performance computing expert Robert Harrison, director of the [Institute for Advanced Computational Science \(IACS\)](#) at Stony Brook University, is one of the leaders of a new institute that is supported by a five-year \$19.4 million award from the [National Science Foundation](#).

The [Molecular Sciences Software Institute \(MoSSI\)](#), located at Virginia Tech and directed by Daniel Crawford, will act as a nexus for science, education and cooperation. It will serve the worldwide community of computational molecular scientists, which is a broad field including biomolecular simulation, quantum chemistry and materials science.

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In Our Community

At Stony Brook, Promoting Social and Economic Mobility Happens Everywhere

With the unveiling last summer of its Pre-College Summer Institute - a free weeklong program aimed at high school sophomores and juniors from four high-needs districts - the Stony Brook University College of Arts and Sciences has firmly committed to equalizing opportunities for students who comes from low-income families.

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Pre-College Summer Institute at Stony Brook University

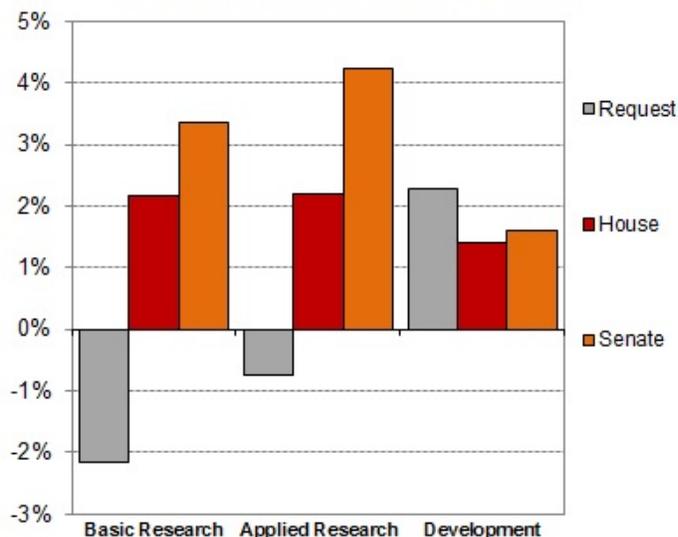
DoIT Helps Launch Global Health Diplomacy MOOC



Stony Brook University launched its new Coursera program on Global Health Diplomacy on August 8. In this seven-week Massive Open Online Course (MOOC), students will be immersed in the diplomatic, financial and geopolitical context that underlies global health decision-making. They will be able to navigate their way through course articles and videos and test their knowledge through voluntary assessments.

FY 2017 R&D Appropriations by Character

estimated percent change from FY 2016, nominal dollars



Inflation is 1.8 percent. © 2016 AAAS

From left: Linda Unger, instructional designer; Jennifer Adams, Coursera handler; Dr. Peter Small, director of SBU's Global Health Institute; Tayisha Saint Vil, Global Health graduate student; and Bill Cusick, video producer.

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Drones Used to Improve Healthcare Delivery in Madagascar

For the first time in history, drones are being used in a new, life-saving way to improve healthcare for vulnerable rural communities where delivery of care is hampered by poor or non-existent roads. Vayu, Inc. and Stony Brook University, with support from Madagascar government and backing from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), completed the first ever series of long-range, fully autonomous drone flights with blood and stool samples.



Drones Deliver Healthcare in Rural Madagascar

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Upcoming Events

Thursday, September 1, 2016

[Seawolves Football vs North Dakota](#)

Tuesday, September 12, 2016

[President's Lecture Series: UN Women Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka](#)

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

[State of the University Address](#)

Friday, September 30, 2016

[Staller Film: A Bigger Splash](#)

Saturday, October 15, 2016

[Wolfstock: A Homecoming Tradition](#)

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