

# HSC E-NEWS

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STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

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## PUBLIC HEALTH AT STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY

One of our Health Sciences Center missions is to prepare professionals to assume public health leadership roles in the identification of community health problems, and in the planning, implementation and evaluation of programs and policies essential for the promotion of health and the alleviation of illness and disease. Health promotion and disease prevention, two cornerstones of the public health approach, provide crucial insights and effective approaches to such major health problems as AIDS, substance abuse, and injuries. Significant changes are underway in the U.S. health care system and our health laws that have increased the need for professionals who can analyze, plan, and manage health care services. We are always excited about the growth and excellence of our educational programs here at Stony Brook and by offering public health degrees and programs we increase the breadth and depth of our students' knowledge and experiences.



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During the past year, Raymond Goldsteen, the Director of the Graduate Program in Public Health, has been working with faculty from the five schools of the Health Sciences Center - Dental Medicine, Medicine, Health Technology and Management, Nursing, and Social Welfare - as well as faculty in other parts of the University, to develop a truly interdisciplinary and innovative program in public health. The MPH degree program blends the strengths and experiences of our medical and health-related programs. As a result, the new public health program will bring together researchers from a wide range of disciplines including biostatistics; epidemiology; basic and clinical sciences; economics; applied mathematics; and many others. The goal is to develop a program that is nationally recognized for its educational, research, and service initiatives. The Program will seek to advance the field of public health, largely by playing a role in translating the groundbreaking work being done at Stony Brook University in the clinical, basic, and social sciences to the field of public health. The 'new' public health must be boundary-spanning if it is to meet the challenges of the 21st Century. Fortunately, this view is completely compatible with the interdisciplinary vision for education and research maintained by the Stony Brook University Health Sciences Center from its beginnings. The mission of the MPH Program and the Center for Health Policy and Management will further the vision of the HSC founders and current leaders.

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Shortly, several faculty members within the Health Sciences Center will formally join the program. Additionally two new faculty members are currently being recruited. In May, the Graduate Program in Public Health will receive authorization from the New York State Department of Education to begin admitting students to its founding class. Students admitted to the new program, that will confer a Masters of Public Health (MPH) degree, will begin their studies in the fall of this year. The Admissions Committee will begin its review in late May. Application materials and information about the application process may be obtained from *Pat Villa (444-2074)*.

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## EARTHSTOCK 2004

Stony Brook University hosted Earthstock 2004 on Thursday, April 22 at the Charles B. Wang Center. There was a concert by Grammy-winning soprano saxophonist Paul Winter and a lecture by world-renowned paleoanthropologist and conservationist, Richard Leakey.

The attendees learned about solar heating panels, organic cleaning and lawn-care solutions, and sustainable building products and more. For more information visit the Web site at [www.stonybrook.edu/earthstock](http://www.stonybrook.edu/earthstock).

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## **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 School of Medicine 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 in items as soon as possible.

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## AS ONE DOOR CLOSES.....

We bid farewell to Michael Rainey, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Academic Advising in the School of Medicine. Dr. Rainey was hired by then Vice Dean Ann Richmond, who hired him one day a week to develop an office for academic advising. The position expanded to three days a week, then to full time, as Dr. Rainey assumed increased responsibilities. He served as acting Associate Dean for Academic Affairs from 2001-2002. He played a major role in helping the School of Medicine prepare for its April 2003 LCME Accreditation Site Visit. For two years, Dr. Rainey taught an undergraduate course in Medical Sociology at Stony Brook as an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Sociology. For four years, he served as a group discussion facilitator in the Medicine in Contemporary Society course for first year medical students.

Dr. Rainey came to us with more than thirty years experience in medical education. He is currently consulting for the Arnold P. Gold Foundation for Humanism in Medicine and is conducting workshops to assist medical schools to develop Gold Humanism Honor Societies. He has moved with his wife, Martha, to New York City to be closer to her job. We wish Dr. Rainey well in his future endeavors and thank him for his dedicated service to Stony Brook University.

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## ANOTHER ONE OPENS

The Dean's office is pleased to announce the appointment of Latha Chandran, M.D., M.P.H., to the position of Associate Dean for Academic Advising. Dr. Chandran completed her M.D. at Kerala University in India and her M.P.H. at Johns Hopkins University. She did her residency at Lincoln Hospital in the Bronx and at SUNY Stony Brook, Department of Pediatrics. Dr. Chandran has been a Stony Brook faculty member in the Department of Pediatrics since 1992 and is a nationally recognized medical educator. She has extensive experience in mentoring trainees and junior faculty, as well as in faculty development. Dr. Chandran is currently co-chair of the Faculty Development Special Interest Group of the Ambulatory Pediatric Association and is in the process of creating a national faculty development program for this association. Her responsibilities here will include academic advising of students either seeking or need assistance, developing a student/faculty mentoring program, and career advising. Please join us in welcoming her in her new role.

# HSC Alumni Professional Development Seminars

The first of our two-part HSC Alumni Professional Development Seminars was held on Wednesday, April 14, in the Charles B. Wang Center. This annual series (the first was last year) is designed for alumni of the five schools in the HSC (this year we added the department of Psychology) that have a private practice now, or will be establishing one in the near future. The first seminar was designed to assist with the legal, financial, and business aspects of establishing a successful private practice. We are happy to say that of the more than 30 participants there was representation from all five schools.

This series is offered in partnership between the Office of Alumni Relations in the Health Sciences Center and the Stony Brook University office of the New York State Small Business Development Center (SBDC). The seminar leaders included Ed Fritz, Director, and Gloria Glowacki, Assistant Director of the SBDC along with an attorney and an accountant. Topics focused on legal compliance, financing, taxation, and marketing. The evaluations rated this event very highly.

The second seminar in the series will be held 8:00am - 11:30 am, Wednesday, May 26, and will focus on the **legal, business, and financial needs of health professionals** that have established practices. Examples include taking over a practice from a senior partner, training a junior partner, buying a building, and financing an expansion of the practice among other topics. The nominal cost is \$25 for alumni and \$40 for non-alumni. For more information kindly contact the *Office of Alumni Relations at 631-444-2899*.

Wednesday, April 28, at 8:00 am - 12:30 pm, the Charles B. Wang Center hosted **Managed Care Coding and Billing**, which event is designed for School of Medicine alumni and their office staff. It offered a special panel discussion on working with managed care payers and minimizing denial of claims for service. Panelists included Dan Nicholl MD, Medical Director for CIGNA Health Care Tri-State Market; Georgina Sampson, PHIA, faculty, School of Health Technology and Management; Patricia McKennon, RN; Harvey Susnick, CPA; Jim Fouassier, Assistant New York Attorney General, Civil Recoveries; and Jay Silverman, Attorney as Moderator. Cost was \$50 alumni, two or more office staff \$40 each. Call *631-444-2899* for information.



# NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Congratulations to Despina Siolas, Medical Scientist Training Program candidate, our 2004 American Medical Association Leadership Award Recipient.

Leadership awards were presented this year to 20 medical students acknowledging each as an "emerging leader" and recognizing their efforts for advancing health care in America. These awards are presented annually to medical students, residents/fellows and young physicians who have demonstrated strong non-clinical leadership skills in medicine or community affairs and have an interest in further developing their skills within organized medicine. Award recipients were sent to the AMA Foundation Leadership Awards program and the AMA's National Advocacy Conference, March 27-31, in Washington, D.C.



Despina with award



Surgeon General Carmona



Award recipients taking time out for a picture



Congressman Ackerman

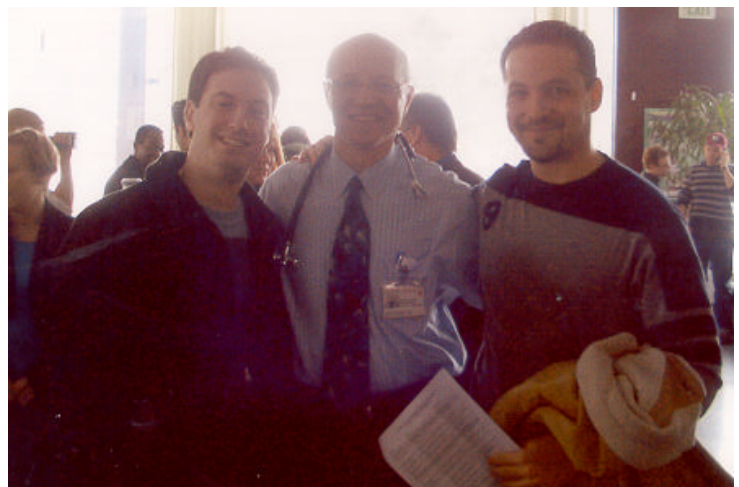
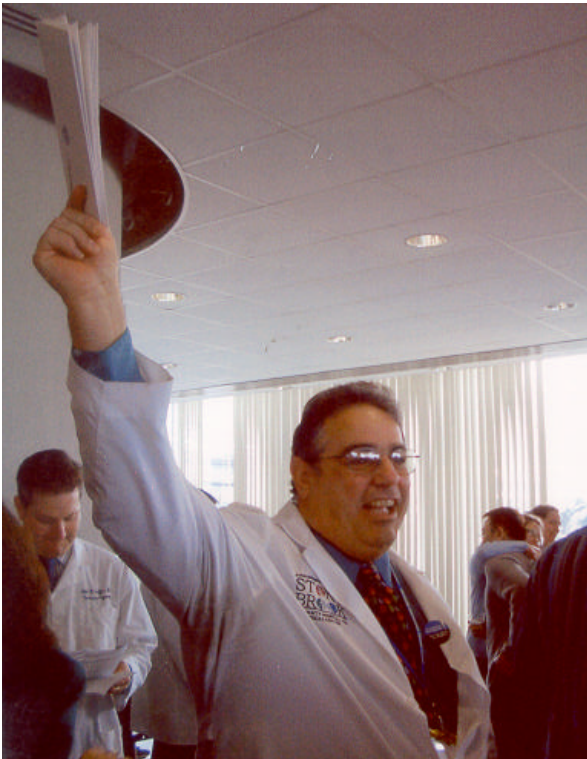


Yank Coble, Immediate Past President AMA; Elias Zerhouni, NIH Director; John Nelson, President Elect AMA



# MATCH DAY

On March 18, our Medical School Class of 2004 received news of the NRMP Match results. This annual tradition, when medical students learn where they have matched, was filled with excitement and high emotions.



# AWARD WINNING DOCUMENTARY

On Tuesday, April 13, the **School of Social Welfare** hosted the Long Island screening of the new documentary *Farmingville*. This film received the Special Jury Award during the Sundance Film Festival in January. It will be receiving its world premiere on PBS's special program called P.O.V. (Point of View) on Tuesday, June 22.

The events on Tuesday, April 13 consisted of a screening at 2:30 pm of the film in the new Charles B. Wang Center Theatre. This was followed by a panel, representing diverse points of view regarding the immigrant day laborer community, of various community groups that live or work in the Farmingville area. This was followed by a reception from 5:30 - 7:00 pm hosted by several groups on campus. A second showing was then held at 7:00 pm followed by a question and answer session featuring the film makers, Carlos Sandoval and Catherine Tambini. (Their picture is below).





PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

**Marilyn London, Assistant Dean** in the **School of Medicine**, has been selected for inclusion as one in only 5% of our nation's teachers in *Who's Who Among America Teachers, 2004*.

**Margaret M. Parker, Professor of Pediatrics/Director, Pediatric Clinical Care Medicine**, was recently elected as President of the Society of Critical Care Medicine.

**Richard Zu-Sheng Lin, Assistant Professor of Medicine**, will be awarded a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers. He will attend an award ceremony at the White House on May 4.

### 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 Cen-  
ter). 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 Recep-  
tion (all day in Wang Center).  
School of Dental Medicine Convocation  
Student Activity Center Ballroom.  
Office of Alumni Relations Convocation  
Reception, Charles B.Wang Center.  
For info 631 - 444-2899.

### May 26

HSC Professional Development  
Seminar Series. For info 631 -  
444-2899.

SBU Alumni Golf Outing, Port Jeffer-  
son Country Club. For info 631 -  
444-2899.

### June 17

Research Golf Classic-Kickoff Party  
TRITEC Bldg. For info 631 - 444-  
2899.

### June 22

Stony Brook Heart Center Phase 1  
Opening.

## 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](mailto: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.

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