

# HSC

## E-NEWS

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### HSC Alumni Outreach Update:

Among the longer-term initiatives developed at the Health Sciences Center over the last several years, there has been an increase in alumni outreach activities within each of the five schools in the Health Sciences Center (HSC). Two of the early and more visible outcomes is that all schools have started, or made plans for their own distinguished alumni recognition programs and all have joined in supporting their own alumni as members of the Stony Brook University Alumni Association. Currently, more than 70% of the members of the Stony Brook University Alumni Association are graduates of the schools in the Health Sciences Center. Additionally, the Schools of Social Welfare, Health Technology and Management, and Medicine all have vibrant and dedicated alumni board of directors. Dental Medicine's inaugural alumni board meeting is planned and Nursing is to have a board in place by the end of April. It is a remarkable feat, and the credit goes to the alumni who continue their relationship with the school, the deans, and the faculty, as well as our newly organized HSC Office of Development and Alumni Relations.



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There are three primary opportunities for alumni involvement with the schools and HSC-wide.

◀First, is the opportunity for being kept apprised of changes within the school and participation in events, including professional development and networking opportunities.

◀Second, is the HSC's need to seek alumni that are willing to take on leadership opportunities through various boards, committees, and other volunteer opportunities that are identified throughout the year.

◀Third, is the greatly appreciated and much needed financial support that is shown by our alumni through the annual fund and related scholarship programs. We are particularly pleased that one of our School of Medicine alumni, a member of the class of 1991, established a \$30,000 scholarship in response to receiving an annual fund letter.

The next natural step is to develop an opportunity for the school-based programs to learn from each other, share common information, and receive new information on a timely basis.

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# HSC ALUMNI OUTREACH UPDATE

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Therefore, an HSC Alumni Advisory Committee has been created with staff representatives appointed by their respective deans to work with Bill Dethlefs, Assistant Director for Alumni Relations. Members of the committee are Kathy Yunger PhD from Dental Medicine, Catherine Horgan from Health Technology and Management, David Tompkins MD from the department of Medicine, Gene Mundie of Nursing, and Bertha Murphy from Social Welfare. The first meeting was held on January 27th.

Please contact *Bill Dethlefs* at [wdethlefs@notes.cc.sunysb.edu](mailto:wdethlefs@notes.cc.sunysb.edu) if you are interested in any alumni activities.

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## NOTICE TO ALL SOM FACULTY

### **AESCULAPIUS AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING - 2005**

The School of Medicine announces its intention to offer the 13th annual Aesculapius Awards in recognition of outstanding teaching by its faculty. Awardees receive a monetary prize of \$1000, to be spent in ways that promote professional development or professional activities. Awardees are also recognized on a permanent plaque in the Office of the Dean.

#### **Eligibility**

All members of the faculty of the School of Medicine are eligible for Aesculapius Awards. Teaching may be of undergraduate, graduate, or professional students, as well as of house staff. The setting may be lecture, laboratory, small group, or clinical. Faculty of all academic ranks are eligible for nomination. Past winners are not eligible.

#### **Selection Process**

Nominations of candidates for the Aesculapius Award may be made by students, faculty and/or staff. The deadline for submission of the nominating package is Friday, March 25, 2005. The package should be sent to: Bonnie Chalson, Aesculapius Award Selection Committee, Office of the Dean, HSC L-4, Room 157, Z=8432. The awardees will be chosen by a committee of past winners of the award.

Any questions should be addressed to the Chair of the Aesculapius Committee: David Tompkins MD, Associate Chair, Department of Medicine, at [david.tompkins@stonybrook.edu](mailto:david.tompkins@stonybrook.edu), 631-444-2445.

# HIPAA SECURITY NEWS

The new HIPAA Security Regulation requires that hospitals and healthcare organizations ensure that all workstations that have access to ePHI (electronic protected health information) be secure. To meet this requirement the following security measures are being implemented:

## **User requirements for workstations:**

- <Do not allow anonymous access to your workstation.
- <Ensure you have adequate and secure backups.
- <Always power off your workstation when not in use.
- <Routinely change passwords (every 90 to 120 days).
- <Always use the power user logon.
- <Never run a program if you don't know what it does, call 4-HELP.
- <Databases, spreadsheets of ePHI are not allowed if accessed by more than one user without proper security, unique user logon, tracking and backups.

## **Workstation configuration:**

- <Use password protected screen savers.
- <Maintain updated virus protection.
- <Administrative logon restricted to Information Technology Division personnel.
- <Turn off unnecessary services such as FTP, dial-up, etc.
- <Use only authorized, licensed software.

If you have any questions please contact Ed Hines, ISO, [Edward.Hines@sunysb.edu](mailto:Edward.Hines@sunysb.edu).

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# SBU ALUMNI ONLINE COMMUNITY

Sign up for your FREE alumni online community at  
[www.stonybrookalumni.com](http://www.stonybrookalumni.com)

- <Search the Stony Brook University alumni online directory to find alumni, friends, and classmates from all schools and programs, including the Health Sciences Center.
- < Update your personal profile page.
- < Volunteer to mentor students and new grads.
- <RSVP for alumni events & reunions.
- <Link to campus news & events.
- <Post a photo of yourself for the directory.
- <Join the Alumni Association or renew membership.
- <Write a class note about yourself.
- <Post a message on the alumni message board.
- <Sign up for free e-mail forwarding service.

# Vice President's HealthCareForum

## The IOM Medical Errors Report: **Are Patients Safer Five Years Later?**



### **LINDA H. AIKEN, PH.D., R.N.**

Dr. Aiken is the Claire M. Fagin Leadership Professor of Nursing, a Professor of Sociology, and Director of the Center for Health Outcomes and Policy Research and Senior Fellow at the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics at the University of Pennsylvania



**Wednesday, March 9, 2005 - 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

Health Sciences Center, Lecture Hall 3, Level 2

*Boxed lunch will be provided.*

*Please RSVP: 444-2080*



# NEWS FROM THE SCHOOLS

## **DENTAL MEDICINE**

Dr. Fred Ferguson has initiated a program called "The REACH" to encourage minority students to consider a career in dental medicine. He is piloting this program at Stony Brook. His aim is to have SDM alumni of color and our current dental students to provide guidance and information about dental careers to undergraduate minority students. Please contact him at 632-8902 if you would like more details.

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## **HEALTH TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT**

Dr. Craig Lehmann, Professor and Dean received notification of a \$200,000 grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. This grant is part of Project CARE, a program designed to offer health services to the poor and elderly who have limited access to healthcare. At the First Baptist Church soup kitchen in Riverhead, people arriving for a meal will be escorted by a community health worker to have vital signs, check blood oxygen, and blood sugar levels, and lung capacity checked, using a "doctor on a desk" desktop printer size machine. These findings will be electronically transmitted and monitored by health professionals who can detect health problems. Stony Brook's SHTM is in partnership with the Church; United Comprehensive Care, a Riverhead diagnostic center; and Central Suffolk Hospital, also in Riverhead, that have program oversight.

As part of the CARE project, The International Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (IAHSA), the Center for Aging Services Technologies (CAST) and AARP jointly sponsored a session on "Advancing Health and Health Care for the Aging through Technology" on Feb.15 in conjunction with the 43rd session of the United Nations Commission on Social Development at U.N. headquarters in New York.

The presentation focused on advances being made in the development of technologies to serve the needs of the elderly, both in their homes and in other care settings. Speakers reviewed technologies that are currently available and those being tested in care settings in the U.S. and internationally.

Specific presentations focused on emerging technologies; real-life applications of cutting-edge technologies; the health and economic benefits of telehealth services; and technology's impact on the quality of care and consumer decision making. Dr. Lehmann spoke about the Stony Brook program and its ability to scan patients and identify problems without an office visit. The use of technology is providing new access to health care for many elderly and under served people.

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## **SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**

We are committed to encouraging community service by students both for the benefit to the community that results and to foster altruism -- one of the virtues of health care professionals. With this in mind the School of Medicine has created the *Public Service Summer Program*. This is a program in which up to three students can receive a summer stipend of \$2000 while working with Literacy Suffolk, Inc. in the health literacy project. The Public Service project may be of the students own design or be part of a community service effort organized by others. Only medical students in good standing are eligible to receive an award.

Each year the theme for the summer project will be determined by the Deans and will vary. This year the theme is *Health Literacy: Improving Communication Between Providers and Consumers in Health Care*. Students interested in competing for one of these Public Service Summer Program awards should complete an application obtained in the Office of Student Services from Diane Piscitelli. The web site for Literacy Suffolk/ Health Literacy is: <http://www.literacysuffolk.org/healthLiteracy.cfm> for more information. The deadline this year is the Ides of March. Applications should be returned to Ms. Piscitelli in the Office of Student Services.

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**David Krause, Distinguished Service Professor of Anatomy**, has been awarded Man of the Year in Education by the Times Beacon Record newspaper.

**Suzanne Fields, Professor of Medicine**, has been named Woman of the Year in Medicine by the Times beacon Record newspaper.

**William Studier, of Brookhaven National Laboratory** received the Times Beacon Record's award for Man of the Year in Science for 2004.

**Charles Robbins, Clinical Professor of Social Work/Instructor of Preventive Medicine**, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the National Society for Social Work Leadership in Health Care, and appointed by the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW), one of its representatives to the United Nations.

### SAVE THE DATE

Medical Staff Annual Meeting

June 1, 2005

Old Field Club

More information to follow

### 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 e-mail this publication to others who might be interested in what is happening at the Health Sciences Center.

#### February 21

"History of Medical Treatments, Herbal Supplements, and the Placebo Effects," Arthur Grollman, MD, Professor, Pharmacology, 5:00-6:00p.m., Preventive Medicine Conference Room 067.

#### March 4

Medical School Auction and Talent Show, 6:00-10:00 p.m. in the HSC Galleria. The evening will raise money for Camp Quality, a week long camp for children with cancer. For info, contact Sean Lang at [sean.lang@ravel.informatics.sunysb.edu](mailto:sean.lang@ravel.informatics.sunysb.edu).

#### March 10-11

Center for Inclusive Education, Second Annual Gathering of Science Scholars National Conference Access for Under-represented Students in the Biological, Engineering, and Physical Sciences. For info call 631-632-1387. Final deadline 2-24-05.

#### March 14

Prevention Through the Arts, presented by Kathleen Flynn-Bisson, 4:30-5:45 p.m., in the Preventive Medicine Conference Room 067.

#### March 16

"Seemingly Impossible Experimental Problems of the Physics of Molecular Biology," Walter W. Webb, Ph.D. and Samuel B. Eckert, Professor in Engineering, Cornell University. For info call 631-632-2302 or visit: [www.bme.sunysb.edu](http://www.bme.sunysb.edu).

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