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†† STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER †

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The School of Nursing Gala celebrated Dean Lenora McClean's outstanding leadership and University service, the excellence of our programs, the people and organizations that make it all possible, and the communities we serve. The Gala held on June 12th, by all accounts, was a tremendous success! The room was filled to capacity, the music and dinner-delicious. This event would not have been possible without the generous support of the many individuals and companies. The event's proceeds will fund an endowed Chair of Nursing Research.

Equally important, this Gala marked the School of Nursing's earnest entry into a University-wide Capital Campaign. In 1970 when the School of Nursing first opened, its baccalaureate program had an enrollment of just over 100 full time students. Today, the School of Nursing has an enrollment of 800 full and part time students and provides accessible, high quality undergraduate, graduate, and continuing education to diverse, geographically dispersed students through innovative programs that reflect current trends and promote professional growth. There are concentrations in adult health, child health, gerontology, nurse midwifery, peri and neonatal health, peri and women's health, and psychiatry.

The enrollment in the School is a more mature student population than a decade ago, and includes more men-nearly 20% of the students. In 1992, a one year program for college graduates was added to the traditional bachelor's program. This program enables men and women to transition from other fields and is a fast track into nursing. The two year program continues to attract the typical college age student: While interest in nursing as a career has declined, the School of Nursing is still highly selective for admissions to its full capacity classes. There are over 4,500 alumni, most of whom are still employed and many in our own University Hospital.

To sustain its success and nourish its mission, the School must continue to be proactive, adapt its programs to keep pace, and acquire the human capital and physical resources to meet technology and research demands. Because of all the changes within health care, there is more demand for nurses with critical thinking and case management skills. With the advancement of translational research, there is increasing demand for nurses to work with populations of patients on research protocols. With the advanced educational technology presently in use, Stony Brook's School of Nursing will be able to educate these important resource people without regard to geography. The individual selected for the Endowed Chair for Nursing Research will set the foundation for a wide range of programs to fill this critical need including a new doctoral program. My congratulations to all those whose hard work resulted in a significant success. My sincerest appreciation goes to Dean McClean for her vision, tireless effort, and commitment to build excellence.



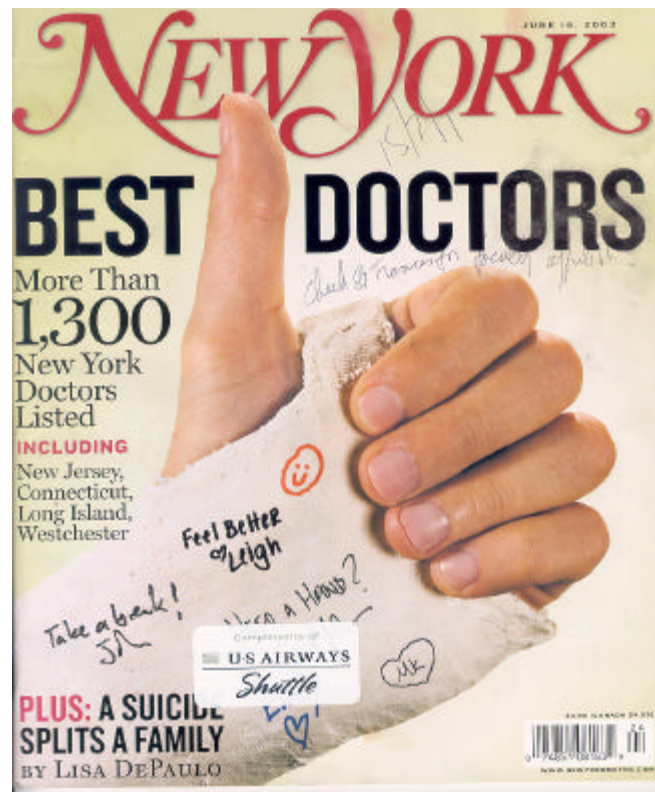
# STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL AND AFFILIATED FACULTY FEATURED IN NEW YORK MAGAZINE'S 'BEST DOCTORS IN NEW YORK'

The "Best Doctors" list is a collaboration of the magazine and Castle Connolly Medical, the research and publishing company. The 2003 list is based on the upcoming eighth edition of Castle Connolly's Top Doctors: New York Metro Area. The twenty-seven Stony Brook and affiliated faculty physicians were among 13,000 chosen from Westchester, northern New Jersey, Fairfield County and Long Island

The selection process is based on questionnaires sent to 16,000 top physicians in the New York area. In addition, Castle Connolly's physician staff conducts hundreds of telephone interviews with leading specialists, chiefs of service, and other hospital personnel. Criteria for the list include training, clinical skills, interpersonal skills, education, residency, board certification, fellowships, professional reputation, hospital appointment, medical school faculty appointment, and experience.

Full time and affiliated faculty (noted in parenthesis) chosen:

Carole Agin, Pain Management, Anesthesiology  
Louis Avvento, (Central Suffolk), Hematology and Oncology, Medicine  
Thomas Biancaniello, Cardiology, Pediatrics  
Steven Carson, (Winthrop) Rheumatology, Medicine  
Eva Chalas, Oncology Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Chown, Judith, (Mather) Endocrinology, Medicine  
Richard Clark, Dermatology  
Barry Coller, (Mt. Sinai) Hematology, Medicine  
Patricia K. Coyle, Neurology  
Burke A. Cunha, (Winthrop) Infectious Disease, Medicine  
Raymond Dattwyler, Allergy and Immunology, Medicine  
Deborah Davenport, Obstetrics and Gynecology



John Gottdiener, (St. Francis) Cardiology, Medicine  
Magdalen Hull, Reproductive Endocrinology, Medicine  
Alan Katz, (Winthrop) Radiation Oncology  
Arthur Klein, Infectious Disease, Medicine  
Leonard Krilov, (Winthrop) Infectious Disease, Pediatrics  
Lucy Macina, (Winthrop) Geriatric Medicine  
Michael S. Niederman, (Winthrop) Pulmonary, Medicine  
Margaret Parker, Pediatrics  
Robert Parker, Hematology-Oncology, Pediatrics  
Lesley Rechter, Family Practice  
Michael Richheimer, Allergy and Immunology, Medicine  
John Ricotta, Vascular Surgery, General Surgery  
Patrick Sibony, Ophthalmology  
Deborah Weisbrot, Child and Adolescent, Psychiatry  
Thomas Wilson, Endocrinology, Pediatrics

# DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF NURSING ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Lenora J. McClean, EdD, RN, who piloted Stony Brook University's School of Nursing through a period of unprecedented growth and established the nursing program as an international leader in many key areas, retires after 31 years at the University-23 of them as Dean. McClean, who has led the School of Nursing since 1980, is considered one of the country's foremost innovators in nursing education.

McClean joined the Stony Brook faculty in 1972, only two years after the School of Nursing opened. She was named Acting Dean in 1980 and Dean in 1981. The School of Nursing Honor Society was chartered as a Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society in Nursing, in 1988 and during McClean's Tenure, the School of Nursing received major awards from the organization for its distance learning program as well as Chapter Key awards for excellence in 1991, 1993, 1995, 1997, and 1999. McClean was inducted into the Nursing Alumni Hall of Fame at Teachers College, Columbia University, in 1999.

"Lenora McClean raised the bar in nursing education," said Norman H. Edelman, MD, Vice President for the Health Sciences Center and Dean of the School of Medicine. "Many of her innovations, first implemented here, now are commonplace in nursing schools throughout the nation. Her contribution to nursing and to Stony Brook is immeasurable."

"Stony Brook holds many great memories for me, and for what we were able to achieve in nursing," said Dean McClean, who is returning to her native Georgia. "I leave knowing that this is an exciting time for the School and that the time is right to begin planning a doctoral program that will keep Stony Brook a leader in the profession."



## HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER APPOINTS DIRECTOR OF MASTER IN PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM

Raymond L. Goldsteen, Dr. P.H., has been appointed Director of the Master in Public Health (MPH) program, which is scheduled to be launched in the Fall of 2004. Dr. Goldsteen will also direct the revitalized Center for Health Policy and Management, which will provide educational support and research opportunities for the MPH Program.

The MPH program will be a collaborative effort among the five Schools of the Health Sciences Center and other critical components of the University, including the Long Island Cancer Center, the General Clinical Research Center, and the Centers for Molecular Medicine. In addition, collaborations are being established with researchers throughout the campus in order to completely harness the University's extraordinary talent and resources that can be applied to public health.

Dr. Goldsteen expects the MPH Program and the Center for Health Policy and Management to advance the field of public health, largely by playing a role in translating the groundbreaking work being done at Stony Brook in the clinical and bench sciences. Important public health issues that will benefit from the multi-disciplinary approach relate to policy and allocation of healthcare resources that will address the question of how to provide the most efficient and effective health care.

"We are extremely pleased to have Dr. Goldsteen join us," Dr. Edelman said. "As a world-class research institution, Stony Brook has a preeminent healthcare services research role in the region, the state, and the nation. Dr. Goldsteen has just the right qualifications to spearhead this important program. He brings the ability to create a dynamic environment for students and researchers who will focus on a wide range of public health issues."

# BREAST AND PROSTATE CANCER RESEARCH BENEFIT

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Sunday  
September 21, 2003**

*10th Annual  
Walk for Beauty...  
in a  
Beautiful Place*

Registration 8:30 a.m.

Walk 9:30 a.m.

Stony Brook Village Center

*Proceeds to Benefit Breast and  
Prostate Cancer Research  
at Stony Brook University*

Presented by:  
Stony Brook University Hospital  
The Ward Melville Heritage Organization

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# LONG ISLAND GERIATRIC EDUCATION CENTER

In July 2001, Stony Brook University Health Sciences Center was granted 5-year funding from the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) to establish the Long Island Geriatric Education Center (LIGEC). Under the leadership of Dr. Suzanne Fields, the LIGEC has developed a comprehensive education program directed towards physicians, nurse practitioners, social workers, dentists, and allied health professionals in geriatric principles and practice. The multidisciplinary program includes incorporation of evidence-based medicine skills, the refinement of a geriatric core curriculum, and continuing



education programs targeted to full-time and voluntary faculty within the five health professional schools. A major focus of the GEC program is the inclusion of cultural issues in geriatrics relevant to the broad ethnic diversity of seniors on Long Island. Educational programs sponsored by the LIGEC the past two years have covered core curriculum topics for primary care faculty, a half-day Palliative Care Conference at the Northport VAMC, cosponsored by the Consortium of New York GEC's and the Downstate NY GRECC, a Stroke Update, a workshop on Workers' Compensation Issues in the Retiree, interdisciplinary conferences on the Older Driver, Obesity in the Elderly and a special retreat (cosponsored by the Koppaka Foundation and the Institute for Medicine in Contemporary Society) for students, faculty and residents on "Multicultural Aging and Advanced Directives." The last course was enthusiastically attended by over 200 trainees! The LIGEC has offered the opportunity for additional training to other School of Medicine faculty as well as generated enthusiasm for geriatric career development. Two junior faculty members within the Department of Medicine are applying this cycle for specialty-specific geriatric career development awards. A graduating geriatric medicine fellow, who will join the faculty in July, has applied for a HRSA-funded Geriatric Academic Career Award. Recently, the LIGEC was awarded a grant from the Hartford Foundation to cover Geriatric Interdisciplinary Team Training (GITT). Under the GEC leadership of Mr. Peter Kuemmel, the five schools collaborated to produce a 15-hour interdisciplinary course on geriatrics and



gerontology, which was offered for the first time this year. Topics covered included geriatric interdisciplinary team training. Dr. Lisa Strano-Paul, a faculty member within the Division of Geriatrics and General Internal Medicine who co-directed this course, is now working with the medical director of the LISVH on a pilot program to provide a longitudinal nursing home experience for medical students. Twenty-five first and second-year students have thus far signed up. They are each assigned a resident of the academic nursing home. They will follow the resident throughout their four years of medical school.

In June, LIGEC hosted a graduation ceremony where 11 LIGEC associates were awarded their certificates of completion. Graduating associates included faculty from the School of Medicine, Nursing, Dental Medicine, Social Welfare and Health Technology and Management.

# Kudos

**Stefan Judex, Assistant Professor of Biomedical Engineering**, has received a grant; from the Army, consisting of a 282,000. two year study entitled, “Enhancing Bone Accretion Using Short-Duration, Low-Level Mechanical Vibrations,” and recommended for funding with co-investigators **Brigitte Demes, Professor of Anatomy** and **Clinton T. Rubin, Professor and Chair of Biomedical Engineering**, from NSF for 287,000. over two years for an instrumentation proposal entitled: “High Resolution Micro-Computed Tomography Scanning of Biologic Tissues.”

## Calendar of Events

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE



- August 18  
White Coat Ceremony, 10:00 a.m.  
Galleria
- September 8  
Research Golf Classic  
Port Jefferson Country Club
- September 17  
University Convocation
- September 21  
Walk for Beauty in a Beautiful Place  
For Info - 444-9710

### 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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