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†† STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER †

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At Stony Brook, we strive to deepen the connection between our health sciences students and the community in which they live for a major portion of the year. Through community service activities, the students explore their civic roles while sharing their newly acquired healthcare talents with surrounding Long Island communities. As healthcare professionals many of them will swear to be loyal to their chosen profession and its humanitarian principles. By being exposed to community service early in their career development, they learn the meaning of social responsibility that must serve as a guide throughout their lives. And they begin to understand how to achieve the balance between work, family, and social duties by participating in activities while carrying a full academic workload. They also gain understanding of cultural diversity issues since many programs are carried out in under-served communities. This knowledge makes them better prepared for their chosen professions.



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In just one and a half years, the Stony Brook Health Sciences Center Community - School Healthcare Advocacy Program and student development programs have reached greater than 2000 participants from low-income and minority communities. Below is a listing of the activities already conducted in this program. Opportunities exist for faculty and staff participation, if you are interested in participating in any of these activities, please contact Hector Sepulveda MD, MA, MPH, Special Assistant for Healthcare Advocacy, he would welcome your support and interest.

I am proud of the work that all the HSC schools have done in joining as a team to outreach groups on Long Island. I am impressed by the example these students who devote their time and energy set for others. They have become role models for others to emulate. Each them makes a difference by caring and sharing what they have with those who have less.

1. "Healthy People, Healthy Families, Healthy Communities" Community outreach in health educational, screening, and resource development.
2. "Healthy choices for now and the future: Adolescent Health Conferences" exposes children to health professions, education on preventive health, and generates opportunities for shadowing and mentor programs.
3. "Healthy Seniors": Community Health Outreach: Helping community through education on preventive health, screening, and resource development.

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4. Probation and Jail Community Health Outreach for at risk populations: An extension of the adolescent health program, which is catered towards the needs of this population. We emphasize drug and alcohol prevention, mental health, violence prevention, and resource development.
5. Long Island East End Community Forum partnership with Diabetes Resource Coalition Stimson Middle School (Huntington L.I.): Adolescent Outreach.
 - A. "Project Excel" : Mentorship Program.
 - B. "Teaching our Children to Practice Good Health."
(Parent conference on child health issues).
6. Child and Family Health Plus Outreach Program (CHPS).
7. Elder and migrant Flu Vaccination Outreach Program.
8. AMSA: Community Outreach Program resource coordination.
9. Latino Health Initiative of Suffolk County Partnership.
10. Intergenerational Strategies of Long Island Program: Learning from our elder professionals developing tomorrow's leaders.
11. Primary Care Partnership Program (Family Practice and Pediatrics): Allows students to work side by side with primary care physicians in various community settings learning how to culturally interact with populations needs.
12. General Clinical Research Center: Community Outreach: Program shows students the importance of clinical research and community involvement in research.
13. Gay, Lesbian and Transgender Community Partnership: Educates students on the health care needs of the community by creating an interactive forum (both in the classroom and field) for students to learn and have questions answered by community members and leaders.
14. Wyandanch Health Center Health Literacy Program: Demonstration program, which emphasizes the importance of plain language and patient health care education.

Educational:

1. HSC 500: Teaches students intercultural interaction amongst different health professions.
2. "ACT" AIDS Community Teaching Outreach Program: Educating high school students on the dangers and risks of falling into peer pressure.
3. Public Health Interest Group (Graduate and Undergraduate) HSC Program: Development of students in the field of public health and research show casing program development, coordination and partnership building.
4. Minorities in Medicine Program: Mentoring program with undergraduate students interested in health care and becoming doctors.
5. General Clinical Research Center: Community outreach screening skills workshop program.
6. C3: Career, Culture and Competence: Program, which provides a forum for cross professional cultural understanding, community cultural awareness and career opportunities through a series of lectures planned throughout the year. All students from the five schools of health work together in this program's coordination.
7. American Medical Association Medical Spanish Outreach Program coordination.

GRANT TO TRAIN LOW INCOME HEALTHCARE WORKER

Stony Brook University Hospital has received a \$220,000 New York State grant for a unique program designed to recruit and train healthcare workers from low income households. The program will develop the training curriculum in cooperation with the School of Health Technology and Management, the School of Nursing, and the School of Dental Medicine, components of Stony Brook's Health Sciences Center.

The grant is designed to support Stony Brook's effort to help address the regional shortage of healthcare workers in specific fields while providing opportunities for eligible participants to upgrade their skills.

The effort will create employment advancement opportunities for people with low incomes and remove financial barriers to training and education. Participants will be trained as nursing assistants, dental assistants, phlebotomists or surgical technicians. Approximately 30 positions will be created in the first year of the program, most of those within Stony Brook University Hospital and the Health Sciences Center.

"This program is an example of the critical mass that Stony Brook can assemble in order to develop an initiative that responds to a specific need-in this case, a shortage of healthcare workers-while at the same time providing its resources to the surrounding community in a way that aids those with low incomes," said Lee Xippolitos, R.N., Ph.D., the program administrator and Chief Nursing Officer at the hospital.

Specifics of the program include:

A five-week, 200-hour training course to develop nursing assistants.

A full-time, 10-month program to train dental assistants, dental receptionists, and dental laboratory assistants.

A six-week program to train students on blood-collection techniques, specimen requirements, and processing.

A full-time, seven-month program to develop surgical technicians.

Bessie Ortega, Associate Director of Community Relations for the hospital, will work with various organizations throughout Suffolk County to identify candidates for the training. Key organizational support has been provided by the Suffolk County Department of Health, Community Housing Innovations, Inc., the Town of Islip Department of Human Services, and the Shinnecock Nation. In addition, the Suffolk County Department of Social Services will provide child care assistance and the Suffolk County Department of Labor will provide short-term transportation assistance to individuals who meet their requirements.

The Cody Comedy Festival

STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

The Cody Comedy Festival 2003

COMEDY NIGHT

Wednesday, May 14, 2003

Funny Bone Buffet Reception
\$150 per person
Includes buffet, beer, wine, soda and reserved seating
5:00 - 7:00pm
Ballroom
Student
Activity Center

All proceeds to benefit the Cody Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities
Stony Brook University

Tickets & Information
631-444-2899

Comedy Show
\$25 per person
7:30 - 9:30pm
Staller Center

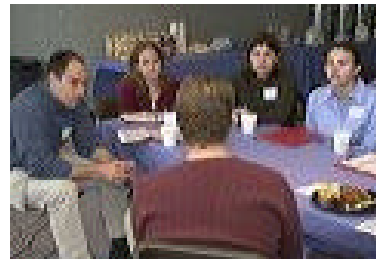
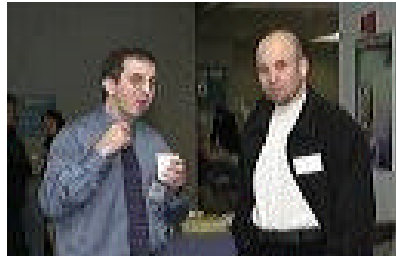
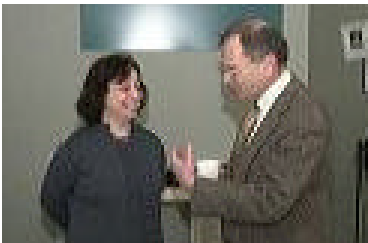
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The fair market value of the Funny Bone ticket is \$40. Your tax-deductible contribution is the amount in excess of this fair market value.

CAREER DAY FESTIVITIES



Nilsa Gutierrez, MD, SOM Alumni (1980) and former Director of the AIDS Institute for NYSDH, she is Region II Director of Medicaid and Medicare in NYC and selected for this year's Distinguished Alumni Award.



Kudos

Frances Brisbane, Dean of the School of Social Welfare, has been announced “Brookhaven Woman of the Year.”

Ruth A. Brandwein, Professor, in the **School of Social Welfare**, has been nominated the Award of Volunteerism and selected as honoree by the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission.

Allison McLarty, Assistant Professor of Surgery, was recognized as the 2002 Woman of the Year in Health by the Village Times Herald Newspapers.

Richard Fine, Professor of Pediatrics, received the 2003 Henry L. Barnett Award for outstanding teaching and clinical care for children with kidney disease.

Howard R. Sussman, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, has completed the 150 hours of CME requirements to retain membership in the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Lawrence Morin, Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science, has accepted the honor to serve as Chair of the Integrative, Functional, and Cognitive Neuroscience Study Section at the National Institute of Health.

Pierce Gardner, Professor of Medicine, was awarded a medal from the Armed Forces Epidemiological Board.

Christopher Grunseich and **Jorge Oldan**, medical students at the **School of Medicine**, have been accepted into the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

Joseph F. Sobanko, medical student at the **School of Medicine**, has been awarded a 2003 Alpha Omega Alpha Student Research Fellowship.

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. 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.

Calendar of Events

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE



May 6

SOM AOA Induction Dinner

May 7

Grand Rounds with AOA
Speaker

May 8

M.D. with Recognition Poster
Session

May 14

Cody Comedy Show
info cll 444-2899

May 15

“Conquering Cancer in the 21st Century”
HSC Level 2 Lecture Hall 1
Info call 444-1167

May 19

HSC Alumni Golf Classic
Port Jefferson Country Club
info call 632-6330

May 20

Recognition Reception for Affiliated
Faculty, at the Old Field Club
Info call 444-3084 or 1025

May 22

School of Medicine Convocation 2003
10:00 am Staller Center

May 23

School of Nursing Convocation 2003
8:30 am Staller Center

School of Health Technology and Management, Bachelor of Science/Health Science 2003, 1:30 pm Indoor Sports Complex

School of Social Welfare Convocation 2003, 3:30 pm Staller Center

School of Dental Medicine Convocation 2003, 4:00 pm Student Activity Center

June 12

School of Nursing Gala
Villa Lombardi, for info 444-3549

June 27

School of Health Technology and Management Convocation 2003, 11:00 am Staller Center

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