



Importance of Student Employment

Have you ever noticed that many of the important events and activities that take place on our campus are primarily due to the efforts of our student employees? This means, from the beginning of the semester, starting with the Opening of School event, to the Veterans Day Ceremony, to the Students Affairs website, and to this very article which you are now reading are made possible by our student employees.

During this semester, there are over 21,685 students attending Stony Brook University. Among these students, like the ones in the photo below, only a handful of our brightest and highly motivated students are student employees. These are the students who are very capable of going beyond the scope of a textbook, to contribute their time and effort to make themselves an invaluable asset to our campus. In return they are gaining specialized skills, work experience, and valuable training which will eventually lead to a great career upon their graduation. Furthermore, student employment will help ease the burden of college expenses which commonly haunts many of our students come graduation day.

Student employment is essentially the key towards a lifetime of work and achievement. It provides students with career-enhancing opportunities, the ability to develop skills relevant to any majors, and the necessary preparation and assistance for the competitive job markets. It is needless to say that this all begins here. The jobs located on campus are real jobs. It affects the day-to-day operations of our departments and the quality of our service to the students, families, staff and faculty that make up our SBU community. Indeed, this university, like many others, is highly dependant of the immeasurable contribution from what our student workforce has to offer.

To show our gratitude for the hard work and dedication that our student staffs had contributed, Dr. Preston, the Vice President for Students Affairs, officially announced a Student Staff Appreciation Day. On this day, the Students Affairs student staffs come together are praised for a job well done. We are proud to have these talented students as part of our family and will hope to see many new faces next year!

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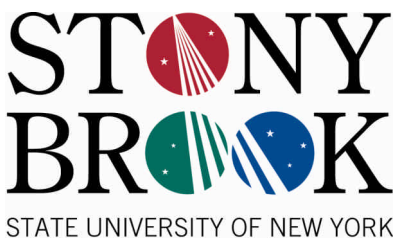
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Often when asked what the Honors College is looking for in a student we respond, "We are particularly interested in students who have sought out academic, extracurricular and creative challenges and have demonstrated the energy and ability to make the most of the extraordinary opportunities available at Stony Brook." Michal is exactly what we had in mind when we created this statement. He is truly an exceptional young man and student. Michael is really a remarkable asset to Stony Brook.

One of the many benefits of the ministry in which I am engaged here at Stony Brook University is the opportunity I have to meet and work with so many of our outstanding students who value and appreciate the education they receive both in and beyond the classroom. Michael Gajewski is one of these students.

Michal emigrated from Warsaw, Poland when he was ten years old. At that time he spoke very little English and yet very quickly mastered the English language and adapted himself to the United States of America's educational system.

Michal, a senior, is an excellent student with double majors in Biology and Art History. He is a member of the Honors College, Sigma Beta Honor Society, Golden Key International Honour Society, National Society for Collegiate Scholars and Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Medical Honor Society. He is a Dean's List student and has an outstanding academic record.. He has had the opportunity to do research in the Pharmacology lab of Dr. Joav Prives on the *Clustering of Acetylcholine Receptors* and was a teaching Assistant for Chemistry 131 and Biology 358. He has received the Undergraduate Recognition Award in the area of *Expanded learning*.

He maintains his excellent academic record while at the same time participating in SBU's "education beyond the classroom". He contributes a great deal in terms of leadership and community service. His leadership has been demonstrated by the following: RA (Resident Assistant) in the Division of Campus Residences, Orientation Leader for New Student Programs, Peer Minister in Catholic Campus Ministry and Executive Board of the Catholic Campus Club and Treasurer of the Pre-Med Society. Michal has also demonstrated his leadership, initiative and

compassion for others by founding and obtaining sponsors for an organization called *Art4Everyone*. Through this program, less privileged and hospitalized patients are instructed in arts and crafts in conjunction with an art history lesson in adult as well as pediatric psychiatry. For his initiative in founding this organization, he received the *Outstanding New Club/Organization Award* at the Campus Life Awards Ceremony (May 2004). His outreach and compassion are further demonstrated through volunteer service in the Emergency Room at Stony Brook University Hospital. Michal served on the Steering Committee for Oxfam America in October 2003. His conscientiousness and commitment to this fundraising effort which Catholic Campus Ministry shares with Chartwell's Dining Services made it possible for SBU to send the largest contribution we have usually made going from over \$2,000.00 to over \$5,000.00!!! He has continued this year in his efforts to exceed the contribution to Oxfam America.

His leadership, communication skills and commitment to Stony Brook as well as his excellent academic record led to his being chosen as one of the student leaders for Stony Brook at Albany Day and the University's Student Ambassadors for 2004 – 2005. He has also been invited to be a member of the President's Student Advisory Council on Diversity and to attend the Annual Faculty/Student/Staff Retreat (November 2004).

As part of his educational experience, Michal spent a semester through Stony Brook University's Study Abroad Program studying at Lancaster University in the United Kingdom. While studying abroad, he had the wonderful opportunity and

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Staff Highlight

Jack Franqui

Contributed by Tori Giardini
Undergraduate Student Assistant

The Staff Highlight for the Advocate this issue is Jack Franqui. Growing up on Long Island, Mr. Franqui was always actively helping out however he could. Guiding and helping him learn, his experiences have impacted his life greatly. He attended Suffolk Community College, involving himself in mechanical and technical work. Afterward he attended a technical school that provided him with further hands on experience. Furthermore, the additional schooling helped expand his creative side. Inspired by the environment, the people, and the professional attitude at Stony Brook, he did not hesitate to accept a position with the subcontractor here during phase 1 of the building of the Student Activities Center. Impressed by his work, the then Dean of Students Carmen Vazquez asked Mr. Franqui if he would like to be Facilities Manager for the SAC.

Mr. Franqui has a passion for this work. Before coming to Stony Brook, he worked in Arizona managing a property for 6 months. It happened to be by Arizona State University, and gave him the opportunity to work with a very diverse group of people. A big part of his success comes from the people that he has interacted with. This is especially important since he is constantly working with people as Facilities Manager of the Student Activities Center.

Mr. Franqui has a tremendous amount of responsibilities. The first priority; however, will always be safety, "...it's important to know that the student is safe. Whether it's a spill in the hallway or an event in which there may be a fire or door

block or anything of that nature. I am always looking. [Everyone] who uses this building must be safe." Witnessing his attention to detail is not difficult. During the short walk to the interview, Mr. Franqui was extremely aware of his surroundings and constantly seeking perfection in his duties. This task is not easy considering that approximately 15,000 people go into the SAC daily.

The numerous amount of services offered in this building are constantly expanding. Last year, several staff members accompanied Mr. Franqui to various campuses trying to figure out what kind of improvements we could make within the SAC. Some of the ideas include external mailboxes by the postal office on the lower level and the new laundry service offered by the Seawolves MarketPlace. The esthetics of the building is one of the most noticeable changes around the building. People are constantly complimenting the flowers planted around the SAC. In response, Mr. Franqui says, "I like for the environment to be good for the students, the faculty, and the staff. I want everyone to feel happy."

In the future Mr. Franqui firmly believes that "the campus will only become larger and better." Personally, he would love to still be involved with facilities, operations, and event planning. He would like to be able to assist more within the community as a whole. Thank you, Mr. Franqui, for serving as an excellent example of a dedicated Student Affairs staff member.



Commuter Student Services CA's Gain Visibility for Commuters

Contributed by Suzanne Sullivan
Commuter Student Services Coordinator

Since last year's crop of Commuter Assistants was so outstanding and a number of CA's have returned this year, we have expanded the team for 2004-2005. We are lucky to have a talented and friendly group of 28 "seasoned" commuters who generously volunteer their time to help bring programs, services and mentoring to commuter students.

This group of motivated students is interested in busting the myth that commuters only go to classes and don't get involved. On the contrary, many are actively involved with student organizations including: honor societies, student media, a sorority, College Bowl, campus ministry, S.A.D.D., pre-professional organizations, etc. In fact, SB's newly crowned Homecoming King, Mike Prodromou, is a CA as is Dana Gomi who was a finalist for Homecoming Queen. Commuter Assistants were very involved in this year's Wolfstock festivities, volunteering in the Alumni tent and marching in the parade with their banner featuring a 3-D image of "Lord LaValle Castle" surrounded by images of stadium parking and CA's carrying medieval shields.

In addition, quite a few CA's can be found working part-time, volunteering or interning in offices or labs around campus. All of them are excellent students. What they share in common is pride in Stony Brook and a desire to be of service to their peers. Two of our CA's were able to show

some of that pride last spring when they joined me at the ACPA (American College Personnel Association) national convention in Philadelphia to present a program about commuters and adult learners called *Do All Students Matter? How Are Students Included or Marginalized?* Our program was co-presented by Deborah Barton, the ACPA Director for State and International Divisions. Deborah and the members of our audience were all very impressed by CA's Amanda Sosulski and Sergio de Freitas. A couple of doctoral students even contacted Sergio after the convention to include him in their dissertation research on adult learners.

It's exciting to see that this group of warm, welcoming and enthusiastic students are making such an impact and helping to gain visibility for commuter students at Stony Brook and beyond. Please say hello to them when you see them at our events or on campus committees.

They are: Shailyn Almonte, Karina Aragon, Priya Arcot, Pierre Richard Beau-Negre, Jaclyn Congello, Vanessa Fernandez, Dana Gomi, Sadia Hussain, Marianna Karavolias, Zahra Khan, Suzanne Lagasi, Elaine Klee, Jason Macagnone, Sophia McIntosh, Ali Mehrabian, Sylvia Murdolo, Michelle Pesce, Michael Prodromou, Sidrah Rafiq, Jonathan Reinstein Irina Sarafova, Anas Sawas, Ayman Sawas, Amanda Sosulski, Fatima Tuzahra, Jennifer Wu, Kajal Zaveri



Student Health Services Having A Great Summer



Student Health Services shown at Summer Celebration having a good time. It was the beginning of a wonderful summer for all. Maryann Walsh welcomed a new grandson Timothy Joseph Malone, 9/10/04, Doreen Fiore's granddaughter Olivia Jordan Kennedy was born on August 5th. Trips were taken to Ireland and Florida while many people enjoyed staying on LI. Colleen Scholl and Pat MacDonald participated in building the Habitat for Humanity house in Bellport, pictures and an article were published in Newsday heralding the event. Submitted by Kathleen Flynn-Bisson, SHS-Choice Center & Department of Theatre Arts award winning live production "Swallow This!" uses drama, humor and music in a creative, powerful & efficient way to educate students about Alcohol

& Other Drugs (AOD) while raising awareness of vital information, a strong emotions behind substance use. The performance is developed from actual college student and staff stories relating their own experienced with AOD.

We hope the program gives a voice to the voiceless & that it helps the audience to make healthy choices when it comes to alcohol & other drugs.

FALL 2004 – Swallow This PEROFRMACES

Wed.	11/3	1:00pm SAC Auditorium	Wed.	11/10	9:30pm Hendrix College
Sat.	11/13	Time & Location TBA	Wed.	11/17	1:00pm SAC 306
Wed.	12/1	1:00pm SAC 306	Wed.	12/8	1:00pm SAC 306
Wed.	12/8	9:30pm Wagner College			



Marilyn Stolzberg's husband Mark set a transcontinental speed record on July 22, 2004 in his Grumman Tiger Aircraft in 21 hours and 30 minutes flying West to East. In 2003 Mark set a speed record from West to East & it was listed first among the eight most memorable aviation records that year, he received a Smithsonian Science Institute Award. Dr. Mark Stolzberg is currently serving as President of the Adult Development and Aging Division of the New York State Psychological Association.

Lorraine Lelong's son David was married November 28, 2003 to Karen Chien at the New York Botanical Gardens. Terri Kruger's daughter Kristy Brienne graduated from high school in June, 2004. Maureen Cassar & Mary Leverich both retired from SHS this year after serving for many years as dedicated & caring nurses. They will be missed by everyone.



CAMPUS RECREATION

The Department of Campus Recreation and the Wellness Center want to bring to your attention a special introductory rate for faculty and staff membership in the Wellness Center. From November 1, 2004 thru January 23, 2005 faculty/staff membership will cost only \$35.00.

The Wellness Center is located on the third floor of the Student Activity Center. Amenities include locker rooms and showers, cardiovascular equipment, strength training machines and free weights. Two aerobic studios are located in the basement of the Student Activity Center. Fitness classes include step aerobics, hatha yoga, body sculpting, kickboxing, pilates, spinning and low-impact aerobics are offered for a nominal fee. Special workshops and informative sessions on health, fitness and group activities are also available. For more information call Norm Berhannan at 632-7310

Payment should be made at the Bursar Office, located in the Administration Building, Room 261. All employees wishing to utilize the center must present their campus ID card.



What the Membership Includes

- [Free Equipment Orientation](#)
- Cardiovascular Equipment
- Resistance Training Machines
- Free Weights
- Cybox Circuit Machines
- Physioballs
- Daily-Use Locker Rooms and showers



Sunday, November 21st
10:00 A.M.

For race Application
 Sports Complex or Wellness Center

www.recreation.sunysb.edu



Career Center

Partnership Celebration

On Thursday, September 9, 2004, the SBU Career Center held its second "Career Center Partnership Celebration" at the Wang Center. The Career Center hosts this event to thank its employer and faculty partners, and recognize outstanding contributions to student career development. One hundred thirty (130) people attended.

Marianna Savoca, Director of the Career Center, opened the remarks by outlining the Center's accomplishments in 2003-2004. Thousands of students with diverse career needs were served via personal contact, group seminars, career related panels, networking sessions with alumni and employers, and corporate tours. Kudos received this year:

- Recognized by JP Morgan Chase as a model school for recruitment in their application delivery program.
- Recognized by Citigroup as a major partner in their recruitment success at Stony Brook.
- Received Program of the Year 2004 for "Peer Career Advising Internship Program" by the Long Island College Student Personnel Association, which designates one recipient each year from among all colleges & universities on Long Island.
- Received partnership awards from two student organizations: the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) and the Society of Women Engineers (SWE).
- Staffer Patricia Hayes received the 200% Award from the Office of the Vice President for

Student Affairs for her outstanding contribution to the division and to Stony Brook.

- Received the award for Best Faculty Staff Garden with faculty partner Michelle Millar from Chemistry.

Savoca thanked all the attendees for their support and for their continued participation in Career Center programs and initiatives which help students learn about career possibilities, obtain meaningful work/internship experience, and transition from college to the world of work or further education.

Individual Spirit Awards were presented to Bill McNenamy of Target Corporation, Alfredo Rodriguez of New York Life, and Peter Sereno of Wells Fargo.

Major award recipients were presented to these outstanding partners:

- **Faculty Partner of the Year: Robert Ettl from the College of Business.**
- **Staff Partner of the Year: Diana Voss from Instructional Computing.**
- **Non-Profit Partner of the Year: YAI: National Institute for People with Disabilities.**
- **Corporate Partner of the Year: Citigroup.** Receiving the award for Citigroup was alumnus Peter Remch'72, Director of Client Services Technology, an individual who has worked tirelessly on Stony Brook's behalf, and whom Savoca called, "our champion at the firm."



Career Center

Excellence in Professional Service

The Career Center at Stony Brook University is pleased to announce that our Director, Marianna Savoca, has been selected to receive the President's Award for Excellence in Professional Service! Recipients of this award are professionals who demonstrate excellence in professional activities beyond the parameters of their job description in a creative and innovative fashion while demonstrating flexibility and adaptability to institutional needs. For those of you who have met Marianna, you probably already know she is a dedicated professional who always goes above and beyond to ensure that the Stony Brook University Career Center is an innovative office providing a high level of service to students, alumni, employers and Stony Brook faculty/staff. Over 20 exceptional nomination letters were collected on her behalf and the following phrases were used to describe her: "a

rare asset," "skilled leader who expertly steers, inspires and challenges others to put forth their greatest efforts," "shining example of leadership on our campus," and from a student "she is now and always will be a role model who incessantly inspires me to become the great professional that is within me."

This award was made for her and we are so pleased that this exceptional individual is going to be formally recognized for her amazing accomplishments, dedication and service to the Career Center, University and the career services profession. She will be honored at the University Convocation this fall, and will be presented with an award at a formal ceremony immediately thereafter. Congratulations Marianna!



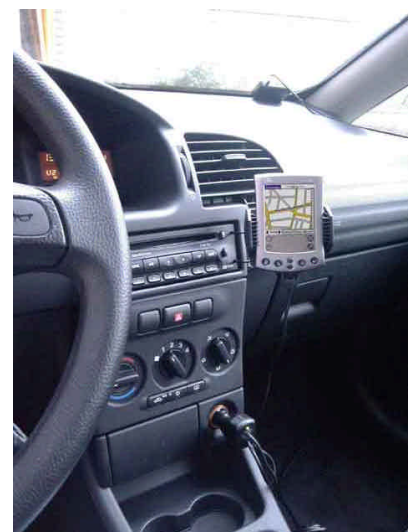
NYS DMV MOBILE OUTREACH PROGRAM

Day/Date: Tuesday and Wednesday, December 7th & 8th
 Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Location: Student Activity Center Lobby

Most services available in our offices will be offered during the DMV Mobile Outreach Visit noted above.

- Apply for a non-driver I.D. card or your learner permit;
- Renew your driver license or registration;
- Refresh your photo for an updated driver license;
- Review your driving record;
- Or simply make an official change of address on your license or registration file.

PLEASE NOTE: NO CASH will be accepted. Credit card, money orders or personal checks only.





The Student Faculty Staff Retreat Celebrates Twenty Years

Contributed by Mira Kinariwala

Can you imagine Stony Brook University in fifty years? Would the campus look different? Will the tuition increase? Will we still be Red Hot? These questions and so much more were addressed at the twentieth annual Student Faculty Staff Retreat.

The Retreat is an annual tradition at Stony Brook. Students, faculty and staff spend one night and two days discussing concerns about the campus community and ways to improve Stony Brook University. Past topics have ranged from learning in community to the roles and expectations of a multicultural university. This year's retreat was held from November 5-November 6 at the Harrison Conference Center in Glen Cove, NY.

As a kick-off to the Retreat, the Student-Faculty-Staff planning committee hosted a Pre-Retreat event. The event was held in the Traditions Lounge, located beside the SAC Courtyard, on October 18, 2004. The program involved, among other things, a plaque dedicated to Dr. Preston for "his unyielding dedication to the development of our community." Dr. Preston, along with the Department of Student Union and Activities and the Dean of Students Area, founded the SFS Retreat twenty years ago.

On its twentieth anniversary, the Student Faculty Staff Retreat is set with the backdrop of a university that has come "so far so fast." Appropriately, the theme for the 2004 SFS Retreat is "SB Pride and Tradition: Who Are We? Who We Are!" Participants hope to understand the changes that SB University has undergone in the past

twenty years as well as shape the face of Stony Brook University in the years to come.

Participants perused *Specula* Yearbooks from the past four decades. "Stony Brook University looked so different in the past. There was so much more political activism, music concerts and mud!" said Marrisra Trachtenberg, junior and SFS Retreat participant.

Participants also discussed changes they would like to see implemented at Stony Brook University. Suggestions ranged from changing the format of the *Specula* Yearbooks to restructuring the modes of communication.

"The Retreat was really beneficial because students were given the opportunity to be frank and upfront not only what they were proud of but also their fears and frustrations," said Tasheka Sutton, Assistant Director for the Interfraternity Sorority Council. "People felt like they could say what they needed to say."

Interspersed with the discussions were free give-a-ways, a performance by Stony Brook's all male a capella group the "Hi-C's," fun icebreakers and an absolutely hysterical skit. "I think everyone had a great time," said Isobel Breheny-Schafer, graduate student and participant of the SFS Retreat.

All the participants left with new ideas, new viewpoints and excitement about meeting the challenges ahead. Everyone had a chance to sign up for the 5 year plan task force and get involved with the *Specula* Yearbook Committee. While the 2004 SFS Retreat is over, the experiences will not soon be forgotten



Veterans Affairs

Students Veterans Join the Campus Community

The Veterans Student Organization is among the new student organizations joining the campus community and we look forward to contributing to its diversity. Our main goal is to promote the lives of veterans on campus by coordinating community events and to make the campus aware of the many veterans already among us. You don't have to be a Veteran to join. Among the events already coordinated are: The Iraq Veteran Forum, students

that postponed their education to go to Iraq shared their experiences with the campus community. The Veterans Day Ceremony, honoring those who served and are serving. Operation Shoebox, items are being collected to provide much needed personal supplies to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, among those are students from our University. To join our efforts, please contact us at 632-4143 or e-mail us at veso@ic.sunysb.edu.

Student Highlight

Michal Gajewski

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learning experience through travel to France, Italy, Spain, Ireland, Germany and Poland. Visiting Poland was especially meaningful to him because it was the first time since he was ten years old that he had the opportunity to visit many family, relatives and friends whom he had not seen in nine years. For him, it was memorable experience.

This past summer Michal had the very beneficial experience of doing an internship for the Arts Commission for the City of New York at City Hall with Mayor Bloomberg. Through the commission he was involved in various events at Gracie Mansion and attended the Annual Commission Awards Ceremony for Excellence in Design at the Brooklyn Museum of Art. As a result, he was introduced not only to urban planning and the work that goes into it but also to the underlying politics and cooperation that goes into running New York City.

His goal after graduating from Stony Brook is to attend medical school and eventually hold a position which would allow him to change for the better the contemporary healthcare policy.

When asked what he likes especially about his educational experience both in and beyond the classroom, Michal stated: *"Stony Brook University has allowed me to expand my horizons and learn about myself. By studying abroad in England, I was able to travel all around Europe and meet amazing people. While studying here at Stony Brook, I have been provided with a great many opportunities to get involved in the community. What I enjoy and appreciate most about the University is that it has a wonderful support system with people to guide you through every step of the way."*

Michal is an outstanding Stony Brook student and I am confident he will be an outstanding Stony Brook graduate!