

June 14, 2004

Dear Colleagues

Our fourth annual New Student Convocation will be held this year in the LaValle Stadium on Saturday, August 28, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. and will serve as the official welcome to our undergraduates from the University.

The New Student Convocation focuses on students' success, recognizing their matriculation but emphasizing the steps and effort necessary for graduation. To assist the students with the visualization of their goal of graduation, we are planning to begin the Convocation with a Procession to include the Mace, the Platform Party, as well as faculty and staff representation from all departments and areas of the campus community in cap and gown.

Your participation will go a long way toward making this event a memorable occasion in our new students' academic careers. Prior to the Convocation, I would like to invite you to a special Robing Breakfast Reception in the Stadium Meeting Room (South Building on Field Level) at 9:00 a.m. The Procession will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. and the ceremony will be finished by 10:15 a.m.

If you have your own academic attire please wear it for the convocation. A limited number of Stony Brook caps, gowns, and hoods will be available to rent or purchase from the University. Orders to purchase or rent your academic regalia from the University Bookstore must be placed by July 16, 2004. Please contact the University Bookstore at (631) 632-6553 for ordering details. The Opening of School Organizing Committee and the Provost's Office will pay for academic regalia rental orders placed with University Bookstore for New Student Convocation participants.

Again, your involvement and participation in the New Student Convocation is important in the academic foundation of our new students and it is well appreciated.

Sincerely,
Robert L. McGrath
Provost & Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs