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Subject New Student Convocation

Colleagues,

Our new undergraduate students begin their academic career at Stony Brook with the New Student Convocation, a short, ceremonial gathering. This year's Convocation will take place in the Sports Complex Main Arena on Sunday, September 1, 2002 at 9:30 a.m. and will serve as the official welcome from the University.

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, and faculty and staff representation from all departments and areas of the campus community in cap and gown. The focus of the Convocation ceremony is on the nurturance of student success, recognizing enrollment but emphasizing the steps and effort necessary for graduation. Students will be attending other academic orientation programs following the Convocation in different campus locations.

Your participation is essential to making this event a memorable event in our new students' academic careers. Prior to the Convocation, we would like you to attend a special Robing Breakfast Reception in the Sports Complex Squash Lounge at 9:00 a.m. The Procession will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. and the entire ceremony will be finished by 10:15 a.m.

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.

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