

HSC E-NEWS

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AUGUST-SEPTEMBER, 2004 -- STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

I am pleased to welcome our new and ever present students, faculty, and staff. I hope you had a refreshing and enjoyable summer and have returned prepared for the challenges and adventures of a new semester. As we begin our new academic year with many challenges and opportunities before us, I want you to know that I am committed to working with all the members of our academic community to build a great and secure future for our Health Sciences Center.

The synergy between the Health Sciences Center and University Hospital continues to increase in scope and intensity. As the Hospital gains momentum with its major capital plan, growth opportunities are created throughout the Health Sciences Center as well. This summer, the first phase of our comprehensive Heart Center was celebrated with the opening of the newly renovated and upgraded catheterization center with advanced cardiac imaging technology and fully digital laboratories. It also includes Suffolk's only pediatric cardiac catheterization facility. The Ambulatory Care Pavilion that houses the cancer imaging center and the outpatient services of the Long Island Cancer Center, will have a ground breaking ceremony on September 14th. Innovative programming will be increased when the School of Social Welfare joins the hospital and the HSC to provide Suffolk County's only school-based health clinic. In tandem, we will prosper and succeed in programs that coalesce our research and education efforts.

The emerging school Alumni Associations have made great strides in reconnecting our graduates with their schools. Their emphasis is on helping HSC alumni recognize and appreciate the schools of today, not the schools of the past. Our schools have undergone a significant metamorphosis. By reconnecting with their school alums can begin to appreciate where the school is going and help its growth.

On September 10th at 3 pm, you are all invited to join me at the inaugural Vice President's HealthCare Forum that will feature Dr. David Mechanic who will speak on the sources of physician's dissatisfaction. He will address the status of other health professions as well. Please make time to attend. Additionally, the Graduate Program in Public Health inaugurates its first class this semester. An inaugural symposium focusing on universal health coverage in the United States - its importance to public health, the history of our efforts to obtain it, and new ideas about how to achieve it now is planned for October. You are also invited to participate in the symposium. (More details will follow.)

These are just a few highlights of what lies ahead. Plunge in, learn, and grow. Continue to remain engaged in your activities that make this an exciting and vibrant campus community. You have my sincerest wishes for a happy, safe, and productive academic year.



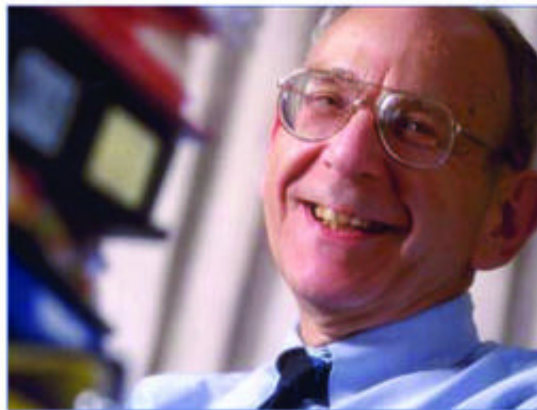
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**STONY
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HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

Vice President's HealthCareForum

The Changing Medical Scene: Sources of Physicians' Dissatisfaction



DAVID MECHANIC, PH.D.

René Dubos University Professor of Behavioral Sciences and Director, Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research, Rutgers University and the Director of Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's National Health Policy Investigator's program.



Friday, September 10, 2004, 3:00 p.m.

Health Sciences Center
Lecture Hall 5, Level 3

Reception to follow. R.S.V.P. 444-2080



Stony Brook University School of Medicine Alumni and Reunion Weedend

Anatomical Sciences, Biochemistry and Cell Biology, Biomedical Engineering, Cellular and Molecular Pathology, Molecular Genetics and Microbiology, Neurobiology and Behavior, Pharmacological Sciences, and Physiology and Biophysics. There are also eighteen clinical science departments: Anesthesiology, Dermatology, Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine, Medicine, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Services, Ophthalmology, Orthopaedics, Pediatrics, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Preventive Medicine, Psychiatry and Behavioral Science, Radiation Oncology, Radiology, Surgery, and Urology.

Celebration 2004 – Be a Part of it!

STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY
**SCHOOL OF
MEDICINE**

ALUMNI & REUNION
WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 10-11, 2004

The mission of the School of Medicine is to improve the quality of health care available to the citizens of New York and the nation by demonstrating national leadership in education, research, patient care, and community service.



PRESIDENTIAL LECTURE SERIES

Dr. Paul C. Lauterbur will be presenting a lecture at Stony Brook University, on September 21, 2004, in the Charles B. Wang Center, at 4:00 P.M., as part of the Presidential Lecture Series. Dr. Lauterbur was awarded the 2003 Nobel Prize for Medicine for his research which led to the development of the MRI--research that was conducted by Dr. Lauterbur in the 1970s, while a member of the Chemistry and Radiology faculty here. The lecture is entitled, "*To There and Back Again: Adventures from Molecules to Man and Back.*" As part of the festivities, there will be a re-dedication ceremony of the original MRI device in the Chemistry Building lobby.

FLORENCE SCHULER OF MEDFORD NAMED VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Florence Schuler of Medford has been honored as the 2004 Volunteer of the Year by Stony Brook University Hospital Auxiliary for her work with the Offices of Special Events and Alumni Affairs. She received the award from Bruce Schroffel, Director and CEO of Stony Brook University Hospital, at a presentation at the hospital on July 6. Florence also received a pin for over 3,000 hours of service.

Ms. Schuler has assisted the hospital staff for nearly 10 years, working on events and activities that support fundraising efforts. Funds from these events have supported valuable services and departments including pediatric cancer and the Matt and Debra Cody Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities.

"Florence is a very loyal and dedicated volunteer," said Debra Lang, Director of Special Events. "She is a breast cancer survivor who decided to give back to Stony Brook University Hospital where she was treated." Schuler, who was very humbled by the award stated, "I get so much satisfaction helping others and look forward to continue doing so."



LONG ISLAND STATE VETERANS HOME CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER



It is with great pleasure we announce the arrival of Mr. Pat D. Rocco, Chief Financial Officer. He joins the Long Island State Veterans Home from Catholic Health System of Long Island, where he served as Director of Financial Reporting. At Catholic Health System, Pat was responsible for an integrated network that included five hospitals, three skilled nursing facilities and multiple physician groups serving Nassau and Suffolk counties. Mr. Rocco's background includes 22 years of diversified financial operational experience, and has a proven track record in health care finance. He is welcomed at the Long Island State Veterans Home and to the Stony Brook family for many years to come.

VISIT AT AJOU UNIVERSITY

President Kim of Ajou University, Republic of Korea, held a luncheon for Susan Shin and Richard Chung, medical students in our class of 2007.



From left to right: 1. Dr. Hee Jung Wang, Head of the Division of Medicine; 2. Richard Chung; 3. Dr. Hugh Chul Kim, President of Ajou University Medical Center; 4. Susan Shin; 5. Dr. Chang-Hyun Moon, Dean of the School of Medicine; and 6. Dr. Yunhwan Lee, Associate Professor.

Kudos

Calendar of Events

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

Gail Mandel, Professor of Neurobiology and Behavior, received notification that her position as Investigator of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute has been renewed for a second five year term. The HHMI funds investigators at the top research institutions and these investigators are heavily sought after. Dr. Mandel is the only HHMI investigator in the entire SUNY system. The scientific intelligencia reviewing for the HHMI, consist of members of the National Academy of Sciences and Nobel prize Laureates. Their decision are based upon the quality and importance of scientific contributions.

Harold Bien, an MD/Ph.D. student, working under the mentorship of **Emilia Entcheva, Assistant Professor**, both of **Bio-medical Engineering**, has won an Individual National Research Service Award (NRSA) from the NIH-National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS). This is the first predoctoral NRSA awarded to Stony Brook by the NIEHS. The title of Harold's research is: "*Myocardial response to particulate matter air pollution*," and will be supported by providing Harold's stipend, tuition and some extra funds (direct cost approximately \$85k) over the next three years.

Craig Lehmann, Dean of the School of Health, Terchnology, and Management and **Paul Werfel, Director of the Paramedic Program** just received the state exam results for the paramedic course. Their class exceeded the statewide average (based upon 279 candidates statewide) in 10 out of 11 categories. They exceeded the EMT-Basic average by 3.3% and the Paramedic by 6%! In the cardiovascular section of the exam, they exceeded the state average by almost 10% (9.76%)! That is a huge difference in the most core area of paramedic management.

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.

August 11

Summer Health Series East End
Info call 444-2899.

August 23

SOM White Coat Ceremony and lunch-
HSC terrace at noon. Info call 444-
2899.

September 10-11

SOM Alumni Day & Reunion Weekend
For info - 444-2899

September 10

Vice President's Healthcare Forum,
David Mechanic, Ph.D., *The Chang-
ing Medical Scene: Sources of
Physicians' Dissatisfaction*, HSC
Lecture Hall 5, Level 3 at 3:00 p.m.
For info and RSVP 444-2080.

September 21

Presidential Lecture Series, Charles
B. Wang Cente, 4:00 p.m., Dr.
Paul C. Lauterbur. Info call
632-6271.

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