

Students gathered in the Benedict Atrium in H-Quad on Wednesday, March 7th to learn about the Tagore Book Drive and help kick-off the event. A presentation was lead by a team of five students who are organizing the book drive, with help from their sponsors. They also plan to travel to Guyana this summer.

The team explained how they plan to organize this book drive and what they hope to accomplish when they travel to Guyana. In Guyana, the team will be conducting the “Promoting Higher Education Through Literature Program” to the students there, which they hope will motivate students to go beyond high school education.

Mahendra Persaud, who is a Health Science major at Stony Brook University and vice-president of the Leadership and Service Council, is the founder of the “Promoting Higher Education Through Literature Program.” Persaud explained that he was born in Guyana and after recently traveling back there he saw that students don’t have the materials to be successful in school. This made him see how fortunate he is and he realized he wanted to give back to the community in some way.

When Persaud was asked about what he hopes will be the overall results of the project, he responded, “I’m hoping that students are motivated to stay in high school and eventually move on to college. We are hoping that these students are able to get inspired by these workshops and willing to make a sacrifice for their own education. In the end we also hope that they can see that making a sacrifice was all worth it.”

Currently about 45 percent of the students in Tagore High School don’t graduate. They hope to organize a library and a study area for the students to have access to.

One student listening to the presentation asked if they would be building the library or just supplying the books. The team explained that the school already has a library, but empty shelves because they have no books. As of April 9th, they have sent 17,000 books to the school!

At the presentation, each member of the team spoke about the workshop they will be conducting for the students in Guyana. The workshops include “Importance of Literature”, “Job and Work Ethics”, “Importance of College”, and “Importance of Education”

Jodi Chan, who is an Environmental Studies major at Stony Brook University and Communications Manager for the project, will be leading the workshop, “Importance of College.” When asked about her goals for the workshop Chan said, “I am going to tell them how they can set their goals in college and how to set their eyes on doing well in college and getting up there so they can go out to real world and be successful people and help out their town in exchange.”

After the presentation, students could stay to decorate drop-off boxes for the books.

This is the first time this book drive will be taking place, and Persaud said, “This is our adoptive project and if all goes well next year, I plan on starting a computer lab down there.” This event helped to raise awareness about this project to the entire Stony Brook community.



St. Baldricks

Students from all the quads gathered on Tuesday, March 13th to donate their hair for an important cause. This Battle Against Cancer raised money to donate to the St. Baldrick's Foundation, which is an organization that raises money to find cures for childhood cancer. Kelly Tobin, who is a freshman and a computer science major, donated ten inches of her hair to this cause. "I wanted to cut my hair because it is really long and I haven't cut it short in four years and it's a really good cause and I am glad it is going towards kids that need it," said Kelly.

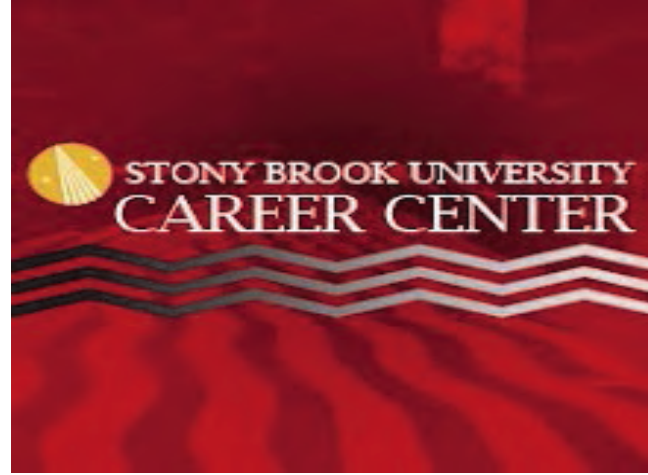
Another student from LDS who decided to shave his head for the cause was Chris Coulter, who is a sophomore. "One of my cousins Lenore, was 7 when she got cancer in her eye, so I am actually doing this in honor of her. It feels great knowing I did something better for others," said Chris.

Thanks to all those who donated their hair to support this wonderful cause!



This event was also a part of the Battle of the Undergraduate Colleges. LDS came in second place for this event just behind HDV. LDS received 90 points for placing second in this event. LDS remains in first place in the battle with a total of 635 points. The upcoming event is the Dodgeball tournament.





Career Center Corner:

Landing a Job/Internship through ZebraNET

Start: 1:00 pm End: 2:00 pm
Monday, April 9th

Career Decision Clinic: Freshman and Sophomore

Start: 11:00 am End: 3:00 pm
Wednesday, April 11th

Interviewing Skills

Start: 12:00 pm End: 1:00 pm
Wednesday, April 11th

Land a Job/Internship through ZebraNET

Start: 11:30 am End: 12:30 pm
Wednesday, April 18th

Career Talk for Writers and Artists

Start: 1:00 pm End: 2:00 pm
Wednesday, April 18th

Accepting & Negotiating a Job Offer

Start: 12:00 pm End: 1:00 pm
Wednesday, April 25th

"Its Not Too Late!" Summer Internships

Start: 1:00 pm End: 2:00 pm
Wednesday, April 25th

Please be advised! **Notes from your Advisors**

Enrollment appointments for First-Year Students will begin April 19th and 20th. Please check your enrollment appointments in SOLAR for the exact date and time.

Get ready to register by coming to see Candace and Katherine in the quad: Monday, April 9th and Wednesday, April 11th from 1-5pm. OR stop by our office the library (N3071) anytime between 9am-12pm and 1-4pm.

From April 12th-April 20th, we will be available only in the library between 9am-12pm and 1-4pm. OR come to our Advising Night on April 16th in Benedict, 7-9pm.

If you have a major or minor, make sure to see your major or minor advisors too before settling on your classes.

LDS Spring Advising Hours

- **In the Quad** (off Benedict Atrium) beginning 2/6 Mondays 1-5pm (Katherine) Wednesdays 1-5pm (Candace)
- **In the Library** (N3071) Mondays 12:30-4pm (Candace) Fridays 12:30-4pm (Katherine)
- **For Appointment times:** Call (631) 632-4378 or email us at Katherine.Kaiser@stonybrook.edu and Candace.Chabza@stonybrook.edu

Spotlight on LDS 102 Class

About 22 students from the Undergraduate College of Leadership and Service gather every Tuesday in the library for the LDS 102 class, Creating Social Change.

This class gives students the opportunity to focus on issues that require service and social change. Dr. Charles Robbins, who is the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Dean of the Undergraduate Colleges, teaches this class.

“I just want to get students thinking about ideas that they normally in the course of their studies would not think about,” said Robbins.

Each week the class discusses a different issue involving social change. Robbins explained that he wants the students to think about broader societal issues and the role they play in them.

For example, one of the issues the class discussed was about the environment. The class participated in a group quiz to find out exactly how many earths it would take to fit all the resources that the students use. Students were shocked at the results, which said that they would need five earths of resources. The class also discussed ways they could reduce their carbon footprint.

Melissa Terrill, a freshman in the class, explained about the topic she will be presenting, “I will be presenting Youth and Education. I personally think that through education all of world’s problems could either be solved or greatly minimized. I hope that I can get others to see how important education is, especially in youth. And I also would like to make the point that education is not just what is in the classroom but it is also having good role models, and following good examples that is an important part of learning.”

Each student in the class gets to lead one presentation to help inform their classmates about a certain issue. This way the class discusses a different topic each week.

When Robbins was asked about the purpose of discussing a different topic each week he said, “It’s to give as broad of a spectrum as possible because the goal isn’t to get them to necessarily become engaged or passionate about one particular topic rather to present a whole range of issues that hopefully something might resonate with them that they become interested in.”



Mark Your Calendars!

DodgeBall Tournament

Friday, April 13, 2012

5pm

Sports Complex

Teams will compete in a single-elimination draw to decide overall final rankings.

Leadership Summit Field Day

Sunday, April 15, 2012

11am– 4pm

Stony Brook LDS Center

Donate Life: Organ Donation Awareness Event

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

12:50-2:10 PM

Meeting Point SAC Bus Loop

Join Scott Smolka’s LDS 102 class to raise awareness for Organ Donation .

LDS Council Event: Empty Bowl Project

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

8:00 P.M.– 9:00 P.M.

Benedict Lounge

Join the LDS Council to raise funds and awareness for local food banks. The Council will be selling homemade ceramic bowls and serving soup to support the hungry

END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION

APRIL 25th, 12:50-2:10pm

LDS Center

LDS’s Biggest Party!

H-Fest/ Talent Show

April 28th

6:30pm in LDS Center

Join the LDS Big Give Winners and help raise money and awareness for local Animal Shelters!

Did you know that becoming an Organ Donor takes less than 2 minutes?

DONATE

Help Support the ODAC Club through these simple steps!

1. Visit the Website:
<http://campaign4life.org/>
2. Register to donate now under the team: "Stony Brook University- Marie Jeong"

Join the ODAC Club! It's a great way to get involved:

- ♥ Meetings are on **Thursdays, at 5:30 pm** in **Langmuir College Lounge**
- ♥ For more info, contact the ODAC Club at ODACofSBU@gmail.com

Announcing...

LDS Video Competition 2012!!

*** Create a short video entitled "My Year in LDS" ***

Compete for gift cards and other prizes.

The winning video will be screened at LDS Commencement!

Come up with a creative way to share the story of your first year in LDS!

~ Videos must be between 1-3 minutes in length.

~ You may work alone or in groups.

~ Videos **MUST** be uploaded to YouTube.

Check LDS website for contest requirements, rules, & examples:

*** www.stonybrook.edu/lds ***

Video submissions are **DUE April 16th!**



Leadership Summit

Field Day



Jaime Poynter ~ Senior

"Participating in the LSFD last year as a team leader was an incredibly rewarding experience. I helped facilitate conversations about leadership and the importance of developing and knowing your own leadership style. Above all, it was a high-energy, fun day!"

Explore.

Discover.



Gregory Pomeroy ~ Senior

"There is so much to take away from the LSFD. It was great to witness each group work on challenging activities to develop skills and transform into stronger emerging leaders. Participants and facilitators are both given great opportunities for growth and leave with a deeper understanding of leading in a group dynamic."

Lead.



Payal Thakkar ~ Senior

"The Leadership Summit taught me how to implement Kouzes and Posner's five practices of exemplary leadership both effectively and productively. The program was a major stepping stone on my pathway to student leadership."



Vladimir Piersaint ~ Sophomore

"Participating in the Leadership Summit Field Day was a great learning experience and opportunity at the same place. I really enjoyed being surrounded by other emerging student leaders and working together as a team to solve a problem. I really enjoy the interactive activities that are based off Kouzes and Posner's five practices of leadership, it gives the students an opportunity to learn and practice the theories. It's a great experience for any emerging student leader."

Sunday, April 15, 2012

11:00am—4:00pm

Stony Brook University LDS Center

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**Undergraduate
Colleges**

Leadership and Service

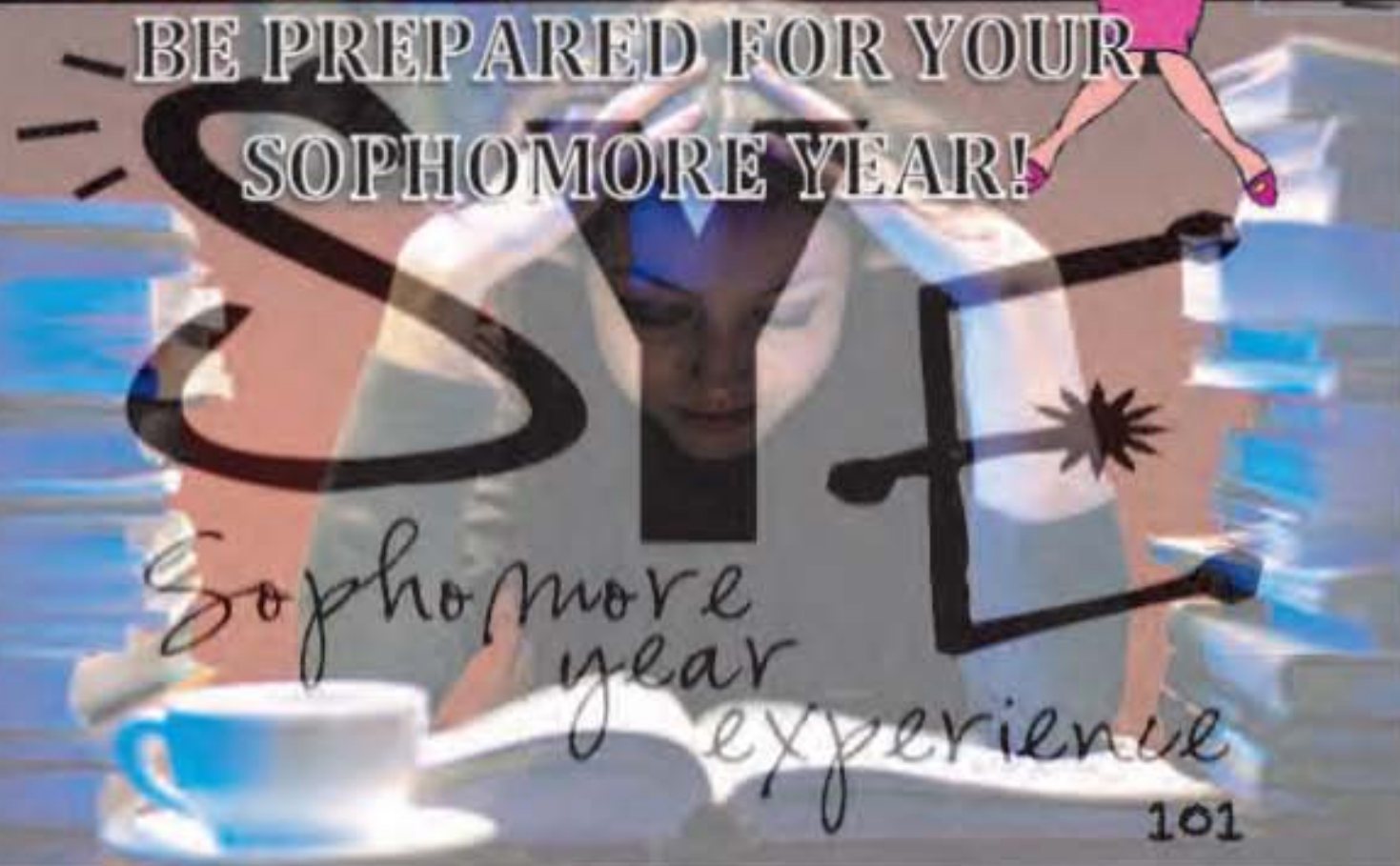
GO TO COLLEGE THEY SAID



You don't want to be her...

IT'LL BE FUN THEY SAID

BE PREPARED FOR YOUR
SOPHOMORE YEAR!



*Sophomore
year
experience*
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All freshmen are cordially invited to this very exciting and informative event to be held on

Monday, April 16 at 7:45PM

IN THE **LANGMUIR LOUNGE**

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED

SAVE THE PETS:

**"TALENT
SHOW"**

APRIL 28TH

6:30 PM

**LDS CENTER
(BENEDICT)**



**ENJOY AWESOME
PERFORMANCES
WHILE SAVING
PETS!**

***DONATIONS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED**