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Stars of Stony Brook Gala Raises \$1.2M

More than 750 people helped Stony Brook raise \$1.2 million for scholarships at its annual Stars of Stony Brook Gala in New York City on May 16. Guest speakers included New York State Governor George Pataki, New York Stock Exchange Chairman Richard A. Grasso, and State University of New York Chancellor Robert L. King.

The event honored Dr. Jerome Swartz, creator of the common bar code and Chairman and Co-founder of Symbol Technologies. Swartz is a member of the Stony Brook Foundation Board of Trustees and a committed patron of research efforts at the University.

"We are privileged to honor Dr. Jerome Swartz," said President Kenny in presenting the guest of honor with the Stars of Stony Brook Award. "He epitomizes the dedication to excellence and creativity to which Stony Brook students aspire. He is a brilliant scientist and gifted business leader who has been a steadfast supporter of our students and our institution. Tonight, we honor his achievements and help some wonderful young people reach their dreams."

Based on academic and co-curricular activities, a selection committee made up of

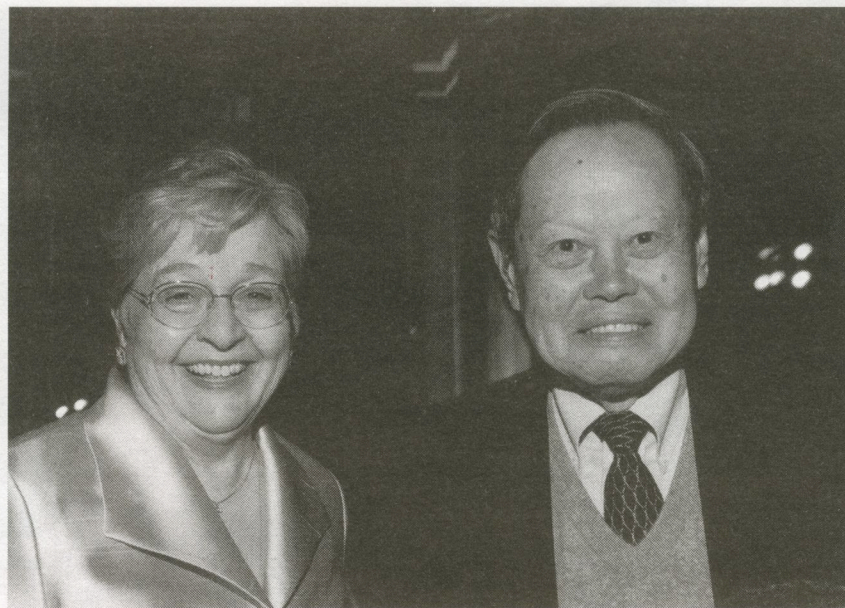
representatives from the Honors College and the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences chose Mariya Fazylova as the recipient of the first Elia Swartz Memorial Scholarship.

Both Pataki and King applauded Stony Brook as a leader among the nation's universities and for being home to some of the most important technological and scientific breakthroughs that will impact the world for generations to come. They also praised President Kenny for her indefatigable advocacy of Stony Brook, which has made it a jewel in the SUNY crown.

Co-chairs of the event were Tomo Razmilovic, President and CEO, Symbol Technologies, and Dr. James H. Simons, President, Renaissance Technologies, who served as Master of Ceremonies. Richard Gelfond, Co-Chairman of IMAX Corp. and Chairman of the Stony Brook Foundation, delivered the welcoming remarks.



From left to right: SUNY Chancellor Robert L. King, President Shirley Strum Kenny, Dr. James H. Simons, the Honorable Governor George E. Pataki, Mrs. Starnette Swartz, and Dr. Jerome Swartz.



President Kenny with Nobel Prize winner and Albert Einstein Professor Emeritus Dr. C.N. Yang.



Mariya Fazylova, recipient of the Elia Swartz Memorial Scholarship.



NYSE Chairman Richard Grasso with President Kenny.



President Kenny and Nobel Prize winner Dr. James Watson, the "Father of DNA."

Celebrating Stony Brook's End-of-Year Traditions

School of Medicine Graduates 95

Russell M. Bessette, M.D., urged the 95 graduates of the School of Medicine to "take an active role in helping society and not to climb into the grandstand of life because there are already too many spectators there." Bessette delivered an inspirational address at the Medical School's Convocation, drawing enthusiastic applause from the graduates and their families attending the ceremonies in the Staller Center on May 17.

"My advice is, hang in there," said Bessette, who is Executive Director of the New York State Office of Science, Technology, and Academic Research (NYSTAR). "Persistence pays off. Whatever the obstacles the future has in store for you, remember that life is not a spectator sport. Your world needs you."

Bessette was welcomed by Norman H. Edelman, M.D., Vice President of the Health Sciences Center and Dean of the School of Medicine. In his opening remarks, Edelman said, "In this time of budget surplus, it is time to end this national disgrace of unimmunized children, cancer discovered too late to cure, and inferior health outcomes related to race and poverty."

President Kenny reminded the graduates: "It is people—not just science—that you serve."

Owen M. Lander of Sound Beach, NY, was presented with the Marvin Kushner Award, the most distinguished honor that can be bestowed to a Stony Brook medical student. Spencer Cranston Payne of Hunting Woods, Michigan, was given the Patrick K. Brooks Memorial Award for class citizenship, and Frankie-Lynn Silver of Amherst, NY, a professional opera singer, was presented with the Art in Medicine Award. The student speaker was Daniel Henriques Coelho of Port Jefferson, NY.

Excellence in Teaching Awards, which are awarded by the medical students, were presented to Drs. Collin Braithwaite, Roger Cameron, Eva Chalas, Robin McFee, Frederick Miller, George Newman, John Ricotta, Joseph Sorrento, Jack Stern, and David Tompkins. Faculty awards were presented to Drs. Michael Ammazalorso, Gail Cohan, Joanne Holland, and Robin McFee.



1. SUNY Board of Trustees Chair Thomas Egan, honorary degree recipients John Hennessy and Erwin Staller, and University Medal recipient Richard Nasti; 2. student speaker Oluwaseun Ajayi and Vice President of Student Affairs Frederick Preston shake hands; 3. President Kenny; 4. graduates enjoy their lunch after Commencement; 5-6. congratulations, Class of 2001; 7. President Kenny, Senator Schumer, and Richard Nasti; 8. H. Lee Dennison Valedictorian Award winners; 9-10. friends and family enjoy the festivities after the ceremony; 11. Dean of Students Carmen Vazquez shares a moment with a graduate; 12. smiling faces abound; 13. The Ward Melville High School Band performs in front of the Sports Complex; 14-16. Proud graduates of Stony Brook; 17. The Processional.

Degrees Awarded to 3,141 Students

In the largest Commencement Ceremony on Long Island this year and one of the University's largest ever, Stony Brook awarded degrees to 3,141 students on May 18 in the Main Arena of the Sports Complex. New York State Senator Charles E. Schumer delivered the Commencement Address and the student speaker was Oluwaseun Ajayi of Nigeria, a political science major.

The University conferred 2,231 bachelor's degrees, 646 master's degrees, 172 doctoral degrees, and 92 professional certificates. Honorary doctoral degrees were awarded to Stanford University President John Hennessy and philanthropist Erwin Staller. Graduates sang a chorus of "Happy Birthday," as Staller, who turned 80 two days before, concluded his remarks. The University Medal was presented to Richard Nasti, Chair of the Stony Brook Council.

Schumer told the 2001 graduating class that "every deserving student should be able to afford college." He said he is pressing for reforms that include making college tuition deductible.

In her Commencement speech, President Kenny said, "Stony Brook is the best argument I know for strong public higher education. We have just been invited to join the Association of American Universities (AAU), which includes Stanford, Harvard, Yale, and the other top 60 American universities. The most remarkable aspect of our ascendancy to the AAU is that we did it in only 40 years."

Hennessy, an alumnus of Stony Brook, is a native of Huntington. He received his master's and doctoral degrees in computer science from Stony Brook in 1975 and 1977, respectively. Staller has been a member of the Stony Brook Foundation Board for more than 14 years; his naming gift of more than \$2 million for the Staller Center in 1987 was the largest single gift to the University at that time.

Nasti, a 1978 summa cum laude graduate of Stony Brook, is Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of H.J. Kalikow and Company. He is also an adviser on education and transportation issues to the administration of Governor George Pataki.

Fountain Festival Reflects Community Pride

Summerlike temperatures, strawberry treats, and a variety of exhibits were among the highlights of the second annual Fountain Festival, which was held on May 2 to celebrate the Year of Community Service (YOCs) at Stony Brook.

"In only its second year, the Fountain Festival is becoming a Stony Brook tradition; it draws us together and uses our Academic Mall as its centerpiece, giving us a real sense of place on campus," said Yvette St. Jacques, Assistant Vice President for Communications.

The Fountain Festival attracted upward of 3,000 students, staff, and faculty to an estimated 65 tables representing volunteer agencies, student organizations celebrating Diversity

Day, and wellness exhibits throughout the Mall. The Strawberry Fest, WBLI live broadcast, African drummers, and the Stony Brook Jazz Band were additional attractions.

Also taking part in the Festival activities was Chris Pendergast, who suffers from Lou Gehrig's Disease. Pendergast rode through campus in a wheelchair on his Ride for Life 2001 journey from Montauk to New York City and was interviewed by WBLI.

Along the Mall, Campus Recreation provided Tai Chi, Tae Kwon Do, Kumdo, and Rugby demonstrations. "There was always something going on," said Joan Dickinson, Fountain Festival Sub-Committee Chair. "The student tables and Campus Rec helped put the fun in the festival."

Celebrating Diversity

This year's Diversity Day theme was "The Color of Helping Hands," which symbolized all of the different ethnicities that comprise the population of Stony Brook. According to Harlisha Kalmanson, Diversity Day Committee member and YOCs Committee member, "The day had an overall feeling of community. There was a place for everyone to write their names on a [outline of a] hand with a message and place it on a poster, which was then filled with a multitude of different hands, symbolizing the unity on campus."

The YOCs ceremony opened with remarks by YOCs Co-Chair Elizabeth Kelley. President Kenny presented an award to Matt and Debra

Cody, who donated \$2.5 million to create the Matt and Debra Cody Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities at Stony Brook. Matt Cody was there to accept the award on the couple's behalf. "The Codys have not only been generous with their resources, but they have sacrificed their privacy to benefit thousands of people across the country," Kelley said.

Kaedrea Jackson, YOCs Undergraduate Co-Chair and Vice President of Student Polity, presented an award to the Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps (SBVAC). For thirty years, students and volunteers have served the University community through SBVAC, setting an example of what community really means.



Thousands attended the annual Fountain Festival, celebrating the Year of Community Service.

Volunteer Opportunities

This year's Fountain Festival featured booths run by student groups implementing their community service initiatives and nearly 20 community agencies seeking volunteers. Alice Golden, Assistant Director of Development for the Ward Melville Heritage Organization, said that students streamed to her display to learn about opportunities in historic preservation and environmental activities.

The Year of Community Service evolved from the Campus Community Initiative, created by the Division of Student Affairs, and was also a major theme in the University's five-year plan, according to YOCs Co-Chair Manny London, Associate Provost of Enrollment and Retention Management. President Kenny designated 2000-2001 as the Year of Community Service and charged the YOCs Com-

mittee with celebrating volunteer activities of students, faculty, and staff and integrating community service into the Stony Brook culture.

The Committee examined ways to incorporate service learning in courses and recommended expanding the campus office of Volunteers for Community Service. The YOCs Committee also sponsored a screening of the film *Me and Isaac Newton*, featuring Anthropology Professor and MacArthur Fellow Patricia Wright.

Other YOCs events included a campus visit by Paul Loeb, author of *Soul of a Citizen*, and two Habitat for Humanity fundraisers: the Nails for Neighbors campaign and a Carnival that took place during Roth Regatta.

"The Fountain Festival carried forth the spirit raised on the day of the Carnival," said Dickinson. "There was a great feeling of community pride."

Crafts Center Summer Schedule

The Stony Brook Union Crafts Center offers a variety of programs that are open to everyone at the University and in the community. For more information, call 632-6820.

Introduction to Quilting: Four Mondays beginning 6/18, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. \$40 students, \$60 others.

Basic Photography: Six Tuesdays beginning 6/19, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. \$80 students, \$95 others.

East Asian Watercolor Brush Painting: Four Tuesdays beginning 6/19, 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. \$45 students, \$60 others.

Pottery Making Workshop: Six Mondays beginning 6/18 or six Wednesdays beginning 6/20, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. \$80 students, \$100 others.

Intro to Hand Building in Clay: Five Tuesdays beginning 6/19, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. \$65 students, \$85 others.

Defensive Driving: Two Mondays 6/18 and 6/25 or 7/23 and 7/30, 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. \$18 students, \$22 others.

June Concerts at the Staller Center

June 10 and 16

Enjoy outstanding performances by students in the Pre-College Program from the Department of Music and by student composers.

The Pre-College Chamber Music students will be performing on Sunday, June 10, at 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. There will also be a concert of works by student composers for traditional instruments and for computer music on Saturday, June 16, at 3:00 p.m.

All concerts are free of charge and will be held in the Recital Hall at the Staller Center. For more information, call the Music Department at 632-7330.



Stony Brook Film Festival

July 18-28 at the Staller Center for the Arts

This year's sixth annual Stony Brook Film Festival features 43 films from the United States and abroad. Eleven of the features and 17 of the short films will be competing for awards.

A Festival Pass for \$35 entitles the holder to see all 43 films and to attend the Filmmaker Welcome Reception and Discussion on July 21. Additionally, passholders only may purchase a ticket to the Festival Premiere Bash on July 21 and the Closing Night Awards Reception, where the winning films will be announced on July 28, for \$10 each. Beginning July 9 and subject to availability, single film tickets can be purchased (\$5, adults; \$3, students and seniors) as well as tickets to the Festival Bash and Closing Reception (\$15 each). Tickets can be purchased by calling 632-ARTS or online at stonybrookfilmfestival.com.

FILM FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

All films are shown on the Main Stage at the Staller Center. Features in competition are denoted with an asterisk; all shorts are in competition with the exception of *Camera* on opening night.

Wednesday, July 18

The Deep End (USA), 8:30 p.m.: East Coast premiere; preceded by *Camera*.

Thursday, July 19

**Felicitades/Happy Holidays* (Argentina), 7:00 p.m.: Regional premiere; preceded by Q&A.
Hedwig and the Angry Inch (USA), 9:15 p.m.: Regional premiere; preceded by *Helicopter*.

Friday, July 20

Me You Them (Brazil), 5:00 p.m.: Sony Pictures Classics release; preceded by *The Goddess Method*.

**Solitude* (Canada), 7:15 p.m.: East Coast premiere; preceded by *Ordinary Love*.

**Way Off Broadway* (USA), 9:30 p.m.: World premiere; preceded by *Teacher of the Year*.

Saturday, July 21

**The Book of Stars* (USA), 7:00 p.m.: New York premiere; preceded by *Bullet in the Brain*.

**Manna from Heaven* (USA), 9:30 p.m.: East Coast premiere; preceded by *Mutual Love Life*.

Sunday, July 22

Into the Arms of Strangers (USA), 4:00 p.m.: Oscar winner for Documentary Feature.

**All the Wrong Places* (USA), 7:00 p.m.: Long Island premiere; preceded by *Speed-walking*.

**Manhood and Other Modern Dilemmas* (France), 9:15 p.m.: USA premiere; preceded by *Dodgeball*.

Monday, July 23

**Magic Rock* (USA), 7:00 p.m.: World premiere; preceded by *Mercedes, Here Lies the Heart*.

**Memphis Bound . . . and Gagged* (USA), 9:30 p.m.: World premiere; preceded by *Drink*.

Tuesday, July 24

**Diamond Men* (USA), 7:00 p.m.: Preceded by *Me and the Moilsies*.
Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon (China), 9:30 p.m.: Oscar winner for Foreign Language Film, Cinematography, Art Direction, and Musical Score; preceded by *Screwed*.

Wednesday, July 25

Before Night Falls (USA), 7:00 p.m.: Fine Line Features release; preceded by *Jane*.
Tillsammans/Together (Sweden), 9:30 p.m.: Regional premiere; preceded by *Life Is Sweet*.

Thursday, July 26

The Taste of Others (France), 7:00 p.m.: Preceded by *Cusp*.

**The Pretenders* (USA), 9:30 p.m.: Long Island-made film; preceded by *Eyeball Eddie*.

Friday, July 27

The Circle (Iran), 6:00 p.m.: Winstar Cinema Release.

In the Mood for Love (Hong Kong), 7:45 p.m.: USA Films release.

Momento (USA), 9:45 p.m.: Newmarket Films in association with Summit Entertainment.

Saturday, July 28

Pollock (USA), 7:00 p.m.: Special screening in collaboration with Stony Brook's Pollock-Krasner House.

Liam (United Kingdom), 9:30 p.m.: East Coast premiere courtesy of Lion's Gate Films.

Library News

The University Library now offers access to the complete back files of the Web of Science. Over the last two years, the Office of the Vice President for Research (VPR) has donated \$505,620 of royalty income to expand the Library's Web of Science files back to 1945 for the Science Citation Index portion and to 1956 for the Social Science Citation Index portion. (The Arts and Humanities Index segment remains fixed at 1975.) The cost for back files of this extremely useful research archive were beyond what the Library's budget would have allowed. The partnership between the Library, which pays for the current subscription, and the VPR, which purchased back files as a one-time cost, makes Stony Brook the only SUNY campus with comprehensive Web of Science coverage. The Web of Science is available from any Stony Brook IP address (or via dial-up with an I.D.) at <http://wos.isiglobalnet2.com>.

A new series of four paintings by the Danish-American artist Vibeke Armark is now on permanent display in the Library Galleria. The group of colorful abstract landscapes, titled *Nordic Summer*, was commissioned for the Library and given by an anonymous donor last fall. Armark, a native of Denmark, lives part of the year in Shoreham and part of the year in Copenhagen. She was a teacher and therapist before moving to the United States in 1996. Since 1970 she has been exhibiting here and abroad. Her contribution joins other works that Long Island artists have been encouraged to make to the Library and to the University.

The Interlibrary Loan Department has announced the full implementation of the new online interlibrary loan service ILLIAD. Paper requests are being phased out as quickly as possible and should be completed by the fall. All borrowers are being encouraged to register on the ILLIAD Web page, linked from the Library home page (www.sunysb.edu/library), where they can request materials, track orders, and see a history of their requests 24 hours a day from remote locations.

Anesthesiology Lectures

Thursday, June 14
and Friday, June 15

Visiting Professor Alan C. Santos, Associate Director in the Department of Anesthesiology at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Center, will give two lectures. Thursday: "Anesthesia for Emergency Cesarean Delivery," 5:00 p.m., Lecture Hall 1, Level 2, HSC. Friday: "Newer Amide Local Anesthetics for Obstetric Use," 7:00 a.m., Lecture Hall 1, Level 2, HSC.

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Athletes of the Week

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April 30

Lacrosse player **Mike Dworczyk**, a junior from Smithtown, NY, scored the game winning goal in Stony Brook's 10-9 defeat of 16th-ranked UMBC, the Seawolves' first win in the ECAC League and first over a top 20 opponent in four years. He also had an assist in the game and a goal in Stony Brook's win over Manhattan.

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May 7

Baseball player **George Kearnes**, a senior from Bayshore, NY, had a phenomenal week, especially in a four-game set at Albany. He blasted four homeruns and drove in 12 runs over the weekend, including a two-homer, six-RBI performance in a 13-10 win on Saturday. For the week, Kearnes went 9-for-18 with five homeruns, 15 RBI, and eight runs scored.