Honoring Faculty and Staff
for Their Years of Dedication
to the University

February 11, 2014
Student Activities Center
Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I am pleased to take this opportunity to offer my congratulations and to extend to you our sincere appreciation for the outstanding service you have rendered on behalf of Stony Brook University. Your hard work and dedication have played a major role in positioning this institution among the elite of the world’s universities, and we are extremely grateful for your commitment to our campus community. Whether saving lives in our Hospital, making discoveries that change the world, enhancing the academic or extracurricular lives of our students, or ensuring the safety and beauty of our working and learning environments, you all have made important contributions toward the unparalleled achievements of this world-renowned institution.

Stony Brook has accomplished so much in a relatively short period of time, and we recognize that your individual and collective efforts have been essential to our extraordinary growth and ongoing success. I applaud your accomplishments and thank you sincerely for all that you have done and continue to do for our great University. I personally look forward to your continued service and support as we work together to advance the mission and vision of this great institution.

Sincerely,

Samuel L. Stanley Jr., MD
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- the Health Sciences Center was completed in 1976. Students in all the schools of the HSC moved there from South Campus.
- Chemistry Professor Paul Lauterbur produced the first image of a living organism via nuclear magnetic resonance in 1973. Lauterbur received the Nobel Prize in Medicine in 2003 for his part in developing MRI technology.
- the Zebra Path was designed and hand-painted by student Kim Hardiman as part of a public art seminar in 1981.
- New York Governor Hugh Carey cut the ribbon at the dedication of the Museum of Long Island Natural Sciences, housed in the Earth and Space Sciences Building. Steven Englebright was the museum’s founding curator.
Thiry-year honorees, you were there when...

...the Sunwood mansion was destroyed by fire in 1986. The 40-room, Tudor-style building was used as a conference center, guest facility, faculty retreat and site for conferences, concerts and social events. After it burned down, the grounds continued to be used for picnicking and swimming. In 2002 Sunwood was rebuilt as a presidential residence and site for entertainment, fundraising and other special events by the University community.

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...the Long Island State Veterans Home opened in 1991. The skilled nursing care facility provides health and rehabilitative care to U.S. Armed Forces veterans and is an important site for geriatric research.

...in 1990 President John H. Marburger III had the honor of greeting the Dalai Lama of Tibet on his visit to Stony Brook. The Dalai Lama gave a lecture and was presented with an honorary degree.

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From our humble beginning with 148 students studying to become teachers, we now offer 67 majors and 80 minors to more than 24,300 undergraduate and graduate students.

As of 2013 there are more than 155,000 Stony Brook alumni. Each of you can take pride in having helped those students reach their goals and make their marks in the world.

In January 2010 work began on the Campus Recreation Center. It opened in October 2012 and provides meeting space for sports clubs, more than 50 classes a month, and top-of-the-line exercise equipment.

The Simons Center for Geometry and Physics opened in 2010. All art displays, such as Umbilic Torus (pictured above), will represent the development of ideas that blend the fields of geometry and physics.

Our men’s baseball team shocked the world in 2012 by advancing to the College World Series. It was the first baseball team from the Northeast in more than 20 years to do so.
Historical photos throughout have been culled from the Stony Brook University Archives in the Frank Melville Jr. Memorial Library.

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