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## The Future of Cancer Care and Research: Celebrating the MART and New Home for Stony Brook University Cancer Center



Stony Brook University and [Stony Brook Medicine](#) celebrated a momentous milestone on Nov. 1 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Medical and Research Translation (MART) building and Stony Brook University Cancer Center.

Stony Brook leaders and staff toured the state-of-the-art facility, which will change the future of cancer care through revolutionary breakthroughs, medical discoveries and lifesaving treatments for patients with cancer on Long Island and beyond.

*(L-R): NYS Assemblyman Steve Englebright; SUNY Trustee and Stony Brook Foundation board member Cary Staller; SBU President Samuel L. Stanley Jr., MD; NYS Sen. Kenneth P. LaValle; SUNY Chancellor Kristina Johnson; Jim and Marilyn Simons; NYS Majority Leader John Flanagan; Kevin Law, President of the Long Island Association and Chair of the Stony Brook Council; Kenneth Kaushansky, MD, Senior Vice President for Health Sciences and Dean of the School of Medicine; Director of the SBU Cancer Center Yusuf Hannun, MD; representing Governor Andrew Cuomo, Marta Santiago-Jones, Consultant Nurse Hospital Services Administrator at the NYS Department of Health.*

Located on the Stony Brook Medicine campus and connected to Stony Brook University Hospital, the MART offers expanded space for patients and families in an environment that promotes healing, fosters research and offers hope for new ways to cure and prevent cancer.

"Already collaborations are occurring across Stony Brook University and Stony Brook Medicine disciplines, which is key to developing new life-changing technology and cancer treatments," said [Samuel L. Stanley Jr., MD](#), President, Stony Brook University. "Imagine what we will accomplish once this building is filled with the pre-eminent doctors and scientists from across campus, the state and the globe."

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**Up in Albany**

# Stony Brook Grads Elected to State Legislature



(L-R) Senators-Elect Monica Martinez and James Gaughran

Two Stony Brook University graduates were elected to the [New York State Senate](#) this past Election Day.

When they take their Oath of Office in January, 2019, Senators-Elect [James Gaughran](#) (D-Northport) and [Monica Martinez](#) (D-Brentwood) will join fellow Stony Brook alums in the State Assembly: [Speaker Carl Heastie](#) (D-Bronx), [Steve Englebright](#) (D-East Setauket), [Kimberley Jean-Pierre](#) (D-Lindenhurst) and [Latoya Joyner](#) (D-Bronx).

Senator-Elect Gaughran received his Bachelors degree in Political Science at Stony Brook before earning his Juris Doctorate Degree. He is currently a practicing attorney and Chairman of the Suffolk Water Authority. He has previously served on the Huntington Town Board and in the Suffolk County Legislature.

Senator-Elect Martinez is currently a Suffolk County Legislator. She earned her Administrative Degree from Stony Brook and served as a Middle School Assistant Principal in the Brentwood School District and was also a Social Studies teacher at Brentwood High School.

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## On the Hill

### Seawolves Rock the Vote in Record Numbers



Yark Beyan, Team Leader for the Center for Civic Justice, talks to students about signing up to vote.

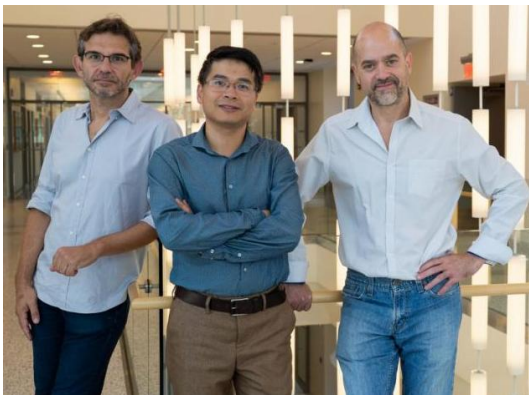
Stony Brook University's students topped the [All In Challenge](#) charts with more than 1,300 students pledging to vote in the 2018 Midterm Election on Tuesday. Among the 455 universities participating in the challenge, Stony Brook's participation was the highest, earning Stony Brook first place in the national challenge.

According to the [National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement](#) from the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service at Tufts University, about 43 percent of Stony Brook University students voted in the November 2012 Presidential Election - 3.7 percentage points lower than all colleges and universities nationwide.

This year, 1,769 total votes were cast by Stony Brook students at the on-campus polling site, marking an increase of more than 300% since the 2014 Midterm Election.

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### Eye-catching \$1.2M NSF Award for CS and Psychology Researchers



Left to right: Dimitris Samaras, Minh Hoai Nguyen and Gregory Zelinsky

Have you ever wondered if a machine could anticipate your next move?

That's exactly what Professor Minh Hoai Nguyen and his team have been researching in the [Department of Computer Science \(CS\)](#) at Stony Brook University. The remarkable nature of this project has earned it a funding award from the National Science Foundation worth nearly \$1.2 million, which will allow researchers in computer science and psychology to join forces and move forward with practical studies.

[Read the full story](#)

## Public Research Universities Unveil Unprecedented National Effort to Increase College Access, Equity & Postsecondary Attainment

Working with 130 public universities and systems, including Stony Brook University, the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) unveiled earlier this month a massive new effort to increase college access, close the achievement gap, and award hundreds of thousands more degrees by 2025. The participating institutions will work within "clusters" of four to 12 institutions that concurrently implement innovative and effective practices to advance student success on their campuses. Collectively, the institutions enroll 3 million students, including 1 million students who receive Pell Grants.



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## In Our Community

### Recreation Field Renamed in Memory of Dr. Peter Baigent, Rugby Enthusiast

For nearly 25 years, Peter Baigent devoted himself to improving access to higher education and bettering Stony Brook University in as many ways as he could. Baigent wore many hats during his time as a Stony Brook administrator, including Vice President for Student Affairs and President of the Faculty Student Association.

Baigent died last fall of complications from an autoimmune disease. On Oct. 20, the University honored his memory by renaming Campus Recreation Field B. From now on, everyone that visits Peter M. Baigent Memorial Field will know him for one of his other great passions: rugby.



*Dedication ceremony for Peter M. Baigent Memorial Field*

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## 31 Days of Giving Back Blog Showcases A Caring Campus Community



Each year, Stony Brook students, faculty, staff and alumni share their time and talent through thousands of community service hours. This caring campus community has a positive impact on friends and neighbors locally and around the world. From organizing clothing drives to blood donations to bringing a smile to a veteran's face, Stony Brook University is committed to sustained, lifelong community engagement.

Look for a different story every day from November 24 to December 24, 2018.

[Read more](#)

## Illuminate Your Holidays with the Southampton Windmill Lighting

Join us for a campus tradition at the annual Lighting of the Windmill at Stony Brook Southampton on Friday, December 7. Enjoy music, refreshments, an alumni-sponsored photo booth, family activities and more! Free and open to the public. After the lighting, enjoy a Special Lecture: "The Future is Now: Climate Change and New York Fisheries" by Associate Professor Janet Nye from the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences in the Duke Lecture Hall.

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## Boys and Girls Club of Bellport Area Visits Campus

On Friday, October 19, 2018, twelve high school students and their chaperones from the Boys and Girls Club of the Bellport Area came to campus to learn about Stony Brook and experience college life. The students are sophomores, juniors, and seniors from Bellport High School.



*Students made photo frames in the iCREATE Lab.*

"My favorite part was seeing all the different clubs that were available to the students. We got to go to Stony Brook on Homecoming weekend and there was so much going on. I loved seeing all the possibilities available to me," said Jasmine Lagala, senior at Bellport High School.

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## Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, November 28, 2018**

[Presidential Lecture: Prince Emmanuel de Merode - A Film Screening and Conversation](#)

6:30 PM

Staller Center for the Arts, Main Stage

Prince Emmanuel de Merode works fearlessly to protect endangered wildlife as director and chief warden of Virunga National Park in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Join us as he introduces Virunga, the award-winning film exposing how he and a team of Congolese rangers risk their lives to de-militarize a national park formerly controlled by rebel militias while striving to build a better future in the World Heritage Site.

**Saturday, December 1, 2018**

[Stony Brook Symphony Orchestra](#)

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

West Campus - Staller Center - Main Stage

Conducted by Alan R. Kay; featuring Stephanie Kwak, flute.

**Tuesday, December 4, 2018**

[School of Journalism My Life As ... Speaker Series: Will the War in Syria Ever End?](#)

8:00 PM

West Campus - SAC- Student Activities Center - Sidney Gelber Auditorium

Anne Barnard, New York Times Beirut Bureau Chief, in conversation with Lindsey Hilsum, Channel 4 News International Editor and author of "In Extremis: The Life and Death of the War Correspondent Marie Colvin.

**Wednesday, December 5, 2018**

[Stony Brook Southampton Writers Speak Series: Lloyd Schwartz](#)

7:00 PM

Stony Brook Southampton - Chancellors Hall - Radio Lounge

Pulitzer Prize-winning critic and professor of English at UMass Boston, Lloyd Schwartz regularly appears on NPR's "Fresh Air" and is a leading authority on poet Elizabeth Bishop.

**Saturday, December 8, 2018**

[Soweto Gospel Choir](#)

7:00 PM

West Campus - Staller Center - Main Stage

A Tribute to Nelson Mandela and a Holiday Celebration

The voices of South Africa's Soweto Gospel Choir will soar and celebrate the unique and

inspirational power of African Gospel music.

**Sunday, December 9, 2018**

**Italian Studies Film Festival: Italy on Screen Today: Edizione III**

2:00 PM - 7:30 PM

West Campus - Wang Center - Lecture Hall 1

A two-day event promoting Italian Contemporary Cinema.

The program includes six recently produced Italian films (all with English subtitles) with remarks and introductions by representative from the Associazione Culturale.

**Sunday, December 9, 2018**

**Messiah Sing-Along (University Orchestra)**

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

West Campus - Staller Center - Recital Hall

The audience is the chorus in this annual tradition, featuring conductor Susan Deaver and guest soloists in a performance of Handel's Messiah.

The University Orchestra is an all-student ensemble featuring more than 70 undergraduate music majors, nonmajors and members of the Stony Brook Young Artists Program.

**Thursday, December 20, 2018**

**The Nutcracker 2018 - Seiskaya Ballet**

7:00 PM

Staller Center Main Stage

The Seiskaya Ballet's Nutcracker has become a perennial holiday favorite on Long Island. This year's staging of the Nutcracker is again scheduled for six performances. Visit the website for a list of dates and times.

**Friday, December 21, 2018**

**December Commencement Ceremony**

11:00 AM

West Campus - Island Federal Arena

Please be sure to get your tickets from your graduate before the event.

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