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APLU's 2017 Winter Meeting and Innovation Showcase on Capitol Hill Spotlights Stony Brook University



Joe Scaduto, Founder and CEO of Traverse Biosciences

competitive applications from more than 40 institutions across the country to participate in the prestigious showcase. Stony Brook University's [Traverse Biosciences](#) was selected. Traverse Biosciences is commercializing novel drug candidates for the treatment of inflammatory diseases and related conditions affecting humans and companion animals.

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In the Spotlight

Stony Brook University Hosts Fifth Annual Elect Her Workshop



On November 17, Stony Brook hosted its fifth annual Elect Her workshop inspiring and training college women to run for student government on their college or university campuses. Assemblywoman Kimberly Jean-Pierre was the keynote speaker. Other elected officials in attendance included Assemblywoman Christine Pellegrino, Suffolk County Legislator Monica Martinez and Councilwoman Valerie Cartright.

Up in Albany

Innovation and Discovery Center Groundbreaking



(L-R) Kevin Law, President, Stony Brook Council, Judith Greiman, Chief Deputy to the President & Sr. VP, Government and Community Relations, Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan, President Sam Stanley, Senator Kenneth LaValle, Yacov Shamash, VP, Economic Development and Louis Rispoli, Assoc. VP for Facilities and Services, Campus Planning, Design and Construction

A ceremonial groundbreaking recently took place for the Innovation and Discovery Center (IDC) at the Stony Brook University Research & Development Park. The IDC will support the commercialization of scientific breakthroughs and the growth of high-technology ventures through collaboration between the state, University, and private sector enterprises and funders. The facility will house laboratories advancing research in areas such as biotechnology, information technology, electronics and advanced materials.

Construction of the IDC has been made possible through \$60 million in New York State Senate funding championed by Senator Ken LaValle and Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan along with \$2 million in Long Island Regional Economic Development planning funds. The facility is expected to be completed in Spring 2019.

On the Hill

Stony Brook Leadership Weighs in at National Politics and Public Policy Discussion

On Tuesday, November 7, [Judy Greiman](#), Chief Deputy to the President and Senior Vice President of Government and Community Relations, served on [AAU Human Resource Institute's \(AAU-HR\)'s](#) "Politics, Public Policy and Universities" panel during the association's [annual meeting](#) in New York City.

Ms. Greiman discussed how [Stony Brook's Office of Government Relations](#) strategically works with Stony Brook's Office of Human Resource Services and member AAU-HR institutions to effectively advocate on Capitol Hill in favor of joint higher education policy goals. Specifically, Ms. Greiman explained Stony Brook University's position and advocacy efforts regarding the ["Tax Cuts and Jobs Act."](#) Although the bill recently passed the House on November 16, Stony Brook's Office of Government Relations is pleased that all four Long Island congressional members voted against the House bill. As tax reform negotiations continue, Stony Brook urges leaders in Congress to vote against provisions that would make quality higher education less accessible and limit groundbreaking research conducted in the United States. The Senate bill is expected to be brought to a vote this week.

Stony Brook's Bill Wise Speaks to Congress about Disaster Preparedness

[New York Sea Grant](#) Director Bill Wise participated in a legislative briefing, "Using Science and Outreach to Assist State and Local Decision Makers in Disaster Preparedness and Public Safety," on November 8 in Washington, DC, which was sponsored by [Congressmen Lee Zeldin](#) (NY) and [Joe Courtney](#) (CT).

Wise and others on the panel conveyed the importance of the [National Sea Grant College Program](#) (Sea Grant) to Congressional leaders. Specifically, he discussed the [Coastal Storm Awareness Program \(CSAP\)](#), funded with \$1.8 million from the [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#). This program was initiated after Superstorm Sandy to help understand the factors that influenced coastal residents' actions related to storm warnings and to improve clarity of future warnings.

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New York Sea Grant Director Bill Wise introduces Congressman Lee Zeldin at the Congressional Briefing (photo credit: Christopher Katalinas/National Sea Grant).

Federal Budget Update

On November 14, Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wisconsin) [said](#) Congress may need to adopt a short-term spending bill to prevent a December 9 government shutdown, noting, "We might need a little more time to let the appropriators write their bill." Congressional leaders reportedly continue to negotiate potential changes to the Budget Control Act (BCA) caps.

Stony Brook's Office of Government Relations continues to urge House and Senate leaders work to complete [FY18 appropriations](#) and reach a bipartisan budget deal to raise the FY18 defense and nondefense spending caps to permit sufficient investment in research and higher education programs critical to our nation's security and prosperity.

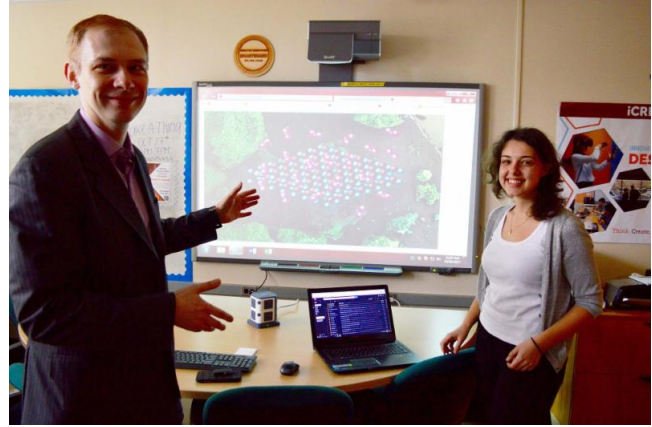
In Our Community

Materials Science and Engineering Professor Uses Art to Communicate Science

The study of objects less than a billionth of a meter, also known as "nanometers," is a special research discipline that Materials Science and

Engineering Professor Alexander Orlov has been working on for years. A major breakthrough in this field has been the emergence of a new generation of consumer products containing nanoparticles, nano-enabled biomedical devices and many other exciting developments straight out of science fiction novels. However, like many scientific breakthroughs, there is hesitation in the implementation of nanotechnology.

To help the general public understand and accept this new technology, Professor Alexander Orlov began using nanoart to visualize nanotechnology. He teamed up with Marija Iloska, a student studying chemical and molecular engineering in the [College of Engineering and Applied Sciences](#), to infuse colors into the black-and-white nano-objects.



Professor Alexander Orlov and student Maria Iloska use nanoart to visualize nanotechnology.

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Seawolves March Against Domestic Violence



Students, staff and faculty came together on October 25 for Stony Brook's annual "Take A Stand, Walk With Me" march around campus to raise awareness of domestic violence. The annual event is organized by the Center for Prevention and Outreach (CPO) as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. CPO hosted a variety of events throughout the month of October to spread awareness about the issue and raise funds for victims of domestic violence, culminating with this campus-wide walk focusing on ending all forms of relationship and dating violence.

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University Partners Receive Community Impact Award

On October 19 Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE) - an organization that supports more than 4,000 individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities, mental illness and traumatic brain injury - honored Stony Brook University at its annual gala and at the Bourne Mansion in Oakdale. Stony Brook's School of Professional Development (SPD) and FREE partnered up in the fall of last year to discuss FREE's training and organizational development needs. SPD pursued a new initiative to develop a Human Services division based on the educational partnership with FREE and has had great success.



Students in the cohort with Carolyn Jankowski, Charles Taber, FREE President Chris Long and FREE CEO Robert Budd

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'Coffee for Compressions' Increases Hands-Only CPR Training at Stony Brook

Volunteers and participants gathered outside the Melville Library's Starbucks on October 18 to participate in a Hands-Only CPR (HOCPR) training session. By the end of the event, 263 people on Stony Brook University's campus were trained. Coffee for Compressions, a new community



engagement program, provides an opportunity for those nearby to learn about HOCPR training and test their chest compressions on a feedback manikin to earn a Starbucks gift card. Participants were required to do two minutes of two-inch-deep compressions to receive a two-dollar gift card

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 2, 2017

[Staller Center Concert: John Pizzarelli and Jessica Molaskey](#)

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

[Emergency Preparedness Workshop](#)

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[Women's Basketball vs. Yale](#)

Saturday, December 9, 2017

[Music Department's 50th Anniversary Concert with Met Opera Star Christine Goerke '94](#)

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

[Men's Basketball vs. Hofstra](#)

Thursday, December 21, 2017

[Commencement](#)

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