

# Stony Brook Matters

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## White House Honors Chemistry Professor with Early Career Award

Elizabeth A. Boons, assistant professor of chemistry, was chosen as of the recipients of the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers. This award is accompanied by \$200,000 of funding, for up to five years, for her research on bacterial biofilms, plus the opportunity to meet with President Obama at the fall awards ceremony. [More](#).

## Researchers Find Shorter Lifespans Among Cold-Blooded Animals in Hotter Environments

School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences scientists, Dr. Stephan Munch and doctoral candidate Santiago Salinas, reviewed data on over 90 cold-blooded species and found that ambient temperature was the dominant factor in explaining why the animals died sooner in warm areas than in cold ones. "It is interesting to consider how cold-blooded species are likely to react in the face of global warming," said Salinas. [More](#).

## Introducing the 2009 Distinguished Alumnus Award Recipients This Month: Margaret M. McGovern, MD ('78)

Dr. Margaret M. McGovern, '78 is the Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at Stony Brook University Medical Center. She received her BS in Biology from Stony Brook in 1978 and subsequently earned both her PhD in Genetics and her MD from Mount Sinai. She is a board certified Pediatrician, Clinical Geneticist and Molecular Geneticist. Dr. McGovern is an NIH funded clinical investigator and has served on numerous national committees. [More](#).



[Register Now](#) - DAA Ceremony & Dinner Reception on November 20

SAVE THE DATE - October 3



## Alumni Events Open to All

Saturday, September 5  
[Seawolves vs. Hofstra Tailgate Party](#)

Monday, September 10  
[NYC Talk on News Media](#)



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## University Events

May 2 - September 12  
["Seeing Things": Milton Glaser Exhibit](#)

Sunday, August 30  
["Hilla Rebay and Women Artists at the Museum of Non-Objective Painting"](#)

Tuesday, September 1  
[Men's Soccer vs. Hofstra](#)

Friday, September 11  
[9/11 Commemoration Ceremony](#)

Thursday, September 19  
[Home Football vs. Brown](#)

September 23 - 24  
[Life Sciences Summit](#)

## Save the Date

Saturday, October 3  
[Homecoming & Reunion](#)

Saturday, October 18  
[School of Medicine Distinguished Alumnus and Outstanding Recent Graduate Awards](#)

## Spotlight On: Kerry Forrestal, MD ('01)



The emergency medicine doctor and SB alum starting working in EMS at age 16. Between serving his country and healing his patients, he's spent nearly his entire life caring for others, so it should come as no surprise that Dr. Forrestal journeyed to Haiti to provide medical care to Haitians desperately in need. [More.](#)

## Seawolves Football Places Second in Preseason Conference Poll

In a preseason poll, coaches and media in the Big South Conference picked Stony Brook to finish second this season, behind last year's conference winner, Liberty. Four individual Seawolves were also selected for the preseason all-conference team, including senior Conte Cuttino and sophomore Ed Gowins. The pair returns in 2009 after each ran for over 1,000 yards in 2008, the only FCS duo in the nation to accomplish the feat. [More.](#)

**Don't miss this red hot football team - get your [tickets online](#) now!**

## Computer Science Alums Create Two New Scholarships in Honors Program

The two scholarships, generously funded by computer science graduates Cristian Mata (MS '93, PhD '98) and Frank Zinghini (BS '81, MS '82), will support outstanding students in the Computer Science Honors Program. [More.](#)

## Give Kids a Healthy Smile Day Helps Almost 700 Long Island Children

Last month, SBUMC dentists and dental students saw about 700 pediatric patients and provided them with free dental cleaning, fluoride treatment, sealant protection, and a dental goodie bag to take home. "It's opportunities like this that allow Stony Brook to give back to the community," said Carol Sloane, director of the Dental Care Center. [More.](#)

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