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SBUMC Appoints Internationally Renown Doctor to Lead Cancer Center



The Stony Brook University Cancer Center has announced the appointment of Timothy J. Kinsella, MD as the new Director of the Center. Dr. Kinsella brings over 30 years of research, treatment, and university leadership to the Center. He will spearhead its drive to become the only National Cancer Institute (NCI) designated treatment facility in Suffolk County. [More.](#)

Alumni Association Ends Relationship with Bank of America MasterCard®

The Board of Directors of the Stony Brook Alumni Association has announced its decision not to renew nor extend its long-standing relationship with the Bank of America Platinum Plus® MasterCard® credit card program. The current partnership will end November 30, 2008. Existing cardholder accounts will not be directly affected by this change and may continue to use the card. However, future use of the Stony Brook Alumni Association Bank of America MasterCard® card (i.e., purchases, advances, etc.) will no longer provide any financial benefit to support the Alumni Association or its programs.

Effective December 1, the Association will offer to alumni, as well as University faculty and staff, a new Stony Brook Alumni Association Rewards VISA® provided by Partners First. [More.](#)

President Kenny's convocation address stressed the importance of higher education to New York's future. [More.](#)



London Times Survey Puts Stony Brook in Top 1% Globally

Stony Brook University received its highest ranking ever in the new list of the top 200 universities worldwide, published by Times Higher Education - QS World University Ranking. At 127th on the list overall, Stony Brook further distinguished itself in the top 100 lists in the fields of Natural Sciences (70) and Arts & Humanities (91). Stony Brook was one of only 58 universities included from the United States, and the only SUNY school. [More.](#)

SBU Researchers Announce "Virgin" Shark Birth

Dr. Demian Chapman, shark scientist with the Institute for Ocean Conservation Science at Stony Brook University, confirmed the second-ever recorded "virgin" shark birth, a process known as parthenogenesis. Chapman and his colleagues discovered "Tidbit," a female blacktip shark, was pregnant with a single female pup, though she had lived in a tank for eight years with no male shark contact. [More.](#)

ALUMNI EVENTS



Alumni Events Open to All

Friday, November 21
[Happy Hour - Astoria](#)

Wednesday, December 3
[MFA Students and Alumni Reading](#)

Thursday, December 4
[Happy Hour - New York City](#)

Other University Events

Friday, November 21
[Geology Open Night: The Earth's Super Cycles](#)

Sunday, November 23
[Quebec Circus Troupe](#)

Tuesday, December 2
[Concert of Italian Contemporary Music for Saxophone](#)

Thursday, December 4
[Linguistics Lecture Series: Dr. Daniel Everett](#)

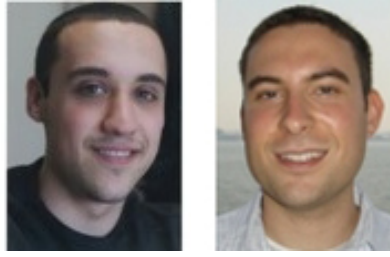
Friday, December 5
[Windmill Lighting & Reception](#)

Friday, December 5
[Lecture Series: Critical Issues Facing the World's Oceans](#)

Sunday, December 7
[Met Opera in HD: La](#)

Spotlight On: Ben Rayburn, '03 and Alex Borress, '04

Ben Rayburn, '03 (left) and Alex Borress, '04 (right) are breaking ground as two of the youngest people to become Fellows in the Society of Actuaries. Their mutual love of math brought them together as freshman and they have been close friends ever since. [More.](#)



[Damnation de Faust](#)

Thursday, January 26
[Cody Center Sweet Dreams: An Evening of Chocolate Indulgence](#)

[Complete List of University Events](#)

Your Alumni Association Needs Your Energy and Ideas!



The Stony Brook Alumni Association is actively seeking alumni and other friends of Stony Brook to volunteer to help with a variety of programs, events, outreach, and key initiatives. You don't have to be "local" to volunteer. In fact, volunteers are needed throughout the U.S. and abroad. Learn more and sign up to volunteer [here.](#)



Join our [Alumni Association Group](#) on Facebook

Auxiliary Raises \$135,000 at Heart Center Gala

On September 25, The Board of Directors of the Stony Brook University Hospital Auxiliary hosted hundreds of Heart Center supporters at a gala at The Inn at East Wind in Wading River, netting \$135,000 for the Stony Brook University Heart Center.



Left to right: Todd K. Rosengart, MD, Chairman, Dept. of Surgery and Co-Director, Heart Center, Barbara Delfyett, President, Auxiliary, and David L. Brown, MD, Chief Div. of Cardiovascular Medicine and Co-Director, Heart Center

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Environmental Fast Fact:

14 plastic bags contain enough petroleum to drive a car 1 mile

What can you do to help?

Bring your own bags to the store. Reuse your plastic bags. When given a choice between paper and plastic, choose paper.

Click [here](#) to see what else you can do to help the environment.

Links to more Stony Brook University news and information:

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- [Stony Brook Alumni Association](#)
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