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Welcome to the inaugural issue of "Stony Brook Matters," a newsletter created for alumni, friends, faculty, and staff of Stony Brook University.

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President Gives "Red Hot" Convocation Address

In her 30-minute address to over 800 faculty, staff and students, including two former Stony Brook University Presidents, President Shirley Strum Kenny explained why we're "Red Hot," by ticking off the University's progress, development, and standing as an elite academic institution. [Read Dr. Kenny's remarks here.](#)

Journalism School Establishes News Literacy Center

Stony Brook's School of Journalism has established the nation's first News Literacy Center designed to educate current and future news consumers on how to judge the credibility and reliability of news. Visiting Professor Jim Klurfeld, and *Newsday* Editorial Page Editor, was named the Interim Director. [More »](#)

New Provost Appointed



"Eric Kaler is just the right person at the right time to lead the development and expansion of our academic programs in the 21st century," said Dr. Shirley Strum Kenny. Kaler was formerly the Dean of the University of Delaware School of Engineering, which has consistently ranked among the best in the nation since he was named Dean in 2000. [More »](#)

Alumnus Funds Study Center For Student Athletes

The new Thomas and Nicolina Nasti Academic Hall was formally dedicated on August 29, thanks to a generous donation from Richard and Maura Nasti in honor of his parents. "Stony Brook has given my family a tremendous opportunity for which I'm grateful," said Mr. Nasti, who graduated summa cum laude from Stony Brook with a double major in economics and political science. [More »](#)

SBU Medical Center Unveils Robotic Surgery System

The "da Vinci" robot, a first on Long Island and New York City, enables surgeons to perform complex procedures without large incisions. Patients may experience less pain, blood loss, and scarring resulting from procedures performed with the da Vinci robot. They also experience shorter recovery times and better outcomes, compared to conventional surgery. [More »](#)

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Upcoming Events



October 20th
Wolfstock2007
Join us for food, football, and fun at this homecoming tradition

Oct 19
School of Health Technology and Management
Outstanding Alumni Lecture and Lunch

Oct 19 - 20
Wolfstock 2007 - Stony Brook Homecoming Tradition

Oct 27
Parent / Family Day

Nov 15
Distinguished Alumni Awards Gala

Nov 17 - 18
Admissions Office Fall 2007 Open House Program