



TO: University Senate

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ACADEMIC UPDATES

School of Health Professions, School of Medicine, and School of Social Welfare Receive Interprofessional Grant

Dr. Erin Hulfish (Principal Investigator, School of Medicine), Dr. Nancy Krisch (Physical Therapy), Dr. Dale Coffin (Occupational Therapy) and Dr. Melissa Earle (School of Social Welfare) received an interprofessional grant from the Association of American Medical Colleges for their project, "Interprofessional Telehealth Training for Healthcare Students: Working Together to Teach Effectively in a Virtual World". The award provides \$40,000 over two years to support development of learning modules that will increase healthcare students' awareness and proficiency in interprofessional telehealth services.

School of Social Welfare Launches New collaborations

The School of Social Welfare (SSW) launched a first-of-its-kind collaboration with the State Office of Mental Health (OMH) to offer Credentialed Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Counselor (CASAC) training to interprofessional employees in multiple OMH downstate in-patient facilities so that they are trained to address co-occurring mental health and addiction issues. Also, in collaboration with Samaritan Daytop Village (SDV), a comprehensive human services agency, the School has received a competitive workforce development grant from the NY Community Trust to establish an innovative pathway through the MSW program for people who provide services in the field of addictions to enhance their skills and competencies.

Occupational Therapy Holds Research Day

The Occupational Therapy department held its annual OT Research Day on Wednesday, March 1. Second-year OT students presented their research on family and informal caregiving in the US, which was based on national survey data. They examined the health effects of providing care and how it impacts rehabilitation therapists in general and OTs in particular.



Upcoming Event: Social Determinants of Health and the Opioid Use

The Stony Brook Community is invited to attend “Examining Social Determinants of Health and the Opioid Use Crisis,” a discussion hosted by the Physician Assistant program on the risk factors associated with opioid use disorder (OUD) and the barriers to treatment that patients face as they pertain to social determinants of health. The workshop will be held on March 10 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the Stony Brook MART Auditorium. Details are available at the event’s [online website](#).

ADDITIONAL SBM NEWS

[Stony Brook Medicine Cardio-Oncology Recognized as IC-OS Center of Excellence](#)

Stony Brook Medicine’s Cardio-Oncology program became the first on Long Island to be recognized as an IC-OS Center of Excellence and awarded an IC-OS Gold Medal by the International Cardio-Oncology Society (IC-OS). An IC-OS Center of Excellence is a program within a healthcare institution that is assembled to supply an exceptionally high concentration of expertise and related resources centered on a particular area of medicine, delivering associated care in a comprehensive, interdisciplinary fashion to afford the best patient outcomes possible.

[Dr. Sandeep Mallipattu Elected to American Society for Clinical Investigation](#)

Sandeep Mallipattu, MD, professor of Medicine and chief of the Division of Nephrology and Hypertension in the Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University, is among the newest members of the American Society for Clinical Investigation (ASCI). Dr. Mallipattu has conducted groundbreaking research on the molecular mechanisms of chronic kidney disease and how these mechanisms catalyze the disease’s development and progression. He and colleagues have uncovered new details about kidney regulation and function, and advanced the science behind kidney regeneration.

[Patricia Swanson Receives National Dentistry Teaching Award](#)

Patricia Swanson, DDS, clinical assistant professor in the Department of Prosthodontics and Digital Technology at Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine (SDM), was awarded the Charles Craig Teaching Award by Omicron Kappa Upsilon (OKU), the national honor society in the field of dentistry. Dr. Swanson joined the Stony Brook faculty in 2018, teaching preclinical and continuing education courses, as well as caring for patients in the school’s affiliated faculty practice. She was named Junior Educator of the Year by the American College of Prosthodontists.

[Dr. Bettina Fries Named a Fellow of the AAAS](#)

Bettina Fries, MD, chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases, professor of Medicine, and Molecular Genetics and Microbiology in the Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University, has been named a 2022 fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). Dr. Fries is a nationally recognized physician-scientist who specializes in mycology and also conducts research on antibodies in relation to vaccine development.