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To the Campus Community,

I am pleased to announce that effective May 1, 2010, Lee Anne Xippolitos, RN, PhD, CARN, CS, NPP, CNAA, BC, will relinquish her interim status and begin in her new official role as Dean of the Stony Brook University School of Nursing. Lee has been serving as Interim Dean since July 1, 2009 following the retirement of Dr. Lenora McClean, who served for 27 distinguished years as Dean of the School. In addition to her role as Dean, Lee will retain her position as Chief Nursing Officer of Stony Brook University Hospital.

As Dean, Lee will serve as chief executive of the School of Nursing, defining its standard in excellence. Working closely with the faculty and department chairs, she will lead the establishment and implementation of academic, research and clinical practice programs. She is also responsible for implementing NYS Department of Education, University and School policies, overseeing all support services for the School, and addressing needs of students, faculty and staff.

With a litany of advanced nursing degrees and certifications, Lee is an outstanding choice for this position. She received her BS degree and MS degree right here at Stony Brook University. She is certified as a Clinical Nurse Specialist as well as a Nurse Practitioner in psychiatric nursing. She completed her PhD at Adelphi University in Garden City, New York. She holds a certificate as an addictions nurse by the National Addictions Nursing Certificate Board and is a certified Nurse Administrator with the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Lee has been extremely active in her field, as a true advocate for the nursing profession and for the University. She is a member of AONE (American Organization of Nurse Executives) and NYONE (New York Organization of Nurse Executives). She is a charter member and past president of Kappa Gamma Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau International. Currently, she serves as the Chairperson for the University Healthsystem Consortium's Council on Nursing. Her current position at Stony Brook University involves responsibility on the Senior Executive team as Chief Nursing Officer at Stony Brook University Medical Center and prior to her appointment as Interim Dean she was Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs at Stony Brook University School of Nursing.

As Chief Nursing Officer at Stony Brook, Lee is deeply entrenched and has leadership roles in several initiatives to outstanding results. She was responsible for managing to reduce the nursing Vacancy Rate from 22% to 2%; she served in a joint leadership role on developing the house-wide Electronic Medical Record; she led the team when the hospital was recognized as Best Practice Hospital for Creating a Healthy Workplace - 2007 UHC Collaborative; she was elected 2008-2010 Chair to University Health System Consortium CNO Council; was recipient of 2008 Sigma Theta Tau International, Kappa Gamma Chapter, Nursing Leadership Award; and, in 2007, was honored as 2007 Farmingdale College Alumni of the Year. She is founding member of

Sigma Theta Tau International Kappa Gamma Chapter where she has held numerous positions and currently serves as Chairperson of the Finance Committee.

Please join me in welcoming Lee Xippolitos as our new Dean of the School of Nursing.

Samuel L. Stanley Jr., M.D. President