

# HSC E-NEWS

MARCH 2002 ★ STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER ★

## INFO-BYTES

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There is a great need for the well-established health professions to work together in a mutually respectful collegial environment in order to maintain standards and professionalism as they are placed under attack by a variety of "environmental" forces. It is my view that this can best be achieved by providing the opportunity for students in the various professions to work together at an early stage of their education, in order to gain respect for each other's competencies and for each other as people." Norman H. Edelman, M.D., 1998



From its inception, the Health Sciences Center has sought an integrated and cooperative association among the health sciences. Our current innovations have evolved from the older concept of a core curriculum that provides a base of information about the health care system for the various health care professionals. Today's interdisciplinary efforts serve to prepare health care professionals to view a changing market with a broad perspective. Our interdisciplinary programs capitalize on natural and logical connections that cut across content areas and is organized around questions, themes, problems, or projects rather than along traditional subject-matter boundaries. Learning in this environment is expected to bring efficiencies to the educational process, career mobility to the students, and a better understanding of professional interactions. It has been one of my objectives to place Stony Brook at the forefront of a trend toward interdisciplinary learning in today's health sciences environment. Several initiatives have made a difference in our programs and through a series of articles over the next few months I will highlight some of them.

Five years ago students originated C3 (Career Cultural Competence) a student-run organization that involves the schools of dental medicine, health technology and management, medicine, nursing, and social welfare. It has three main goals:

- 1) Increase students' knowledge and understanding of cultural and societal issues as they impact on healthcare,
- 2) Enhance the competence of the student community by providing opportunities for leadership and training in interdisciplinary skills, and
- 3) Create a multi-disciplinary environment that will reflect future interactions in the complex setting of a healthcare team.

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C3 meets in Lecture Hall 5 at Noon every Wednesday throughout the academic year and is open to all who wish to attend. Career, C3 sponsors the Practitioner Lunch Series where the various health professions in the HSC discuss their work and how they interact with other healthcare professionals. C3 sponsors the popular Brown Eyes/Blue Eyes video which highlights issues related to prejudice and discrimination. Additionally, many community members share their health-related experiences in panel discussions that occur on a regular basis. Competency is enhanced by encouraging active student participation in the planning of events - C3 hopes to help develop leadership skills and professionalism as students from many different healthcare fields work together.

C3 also promotes interaction among students from different health disciplines for the purpose of developing knowledge of themselves and others, fostering collaborative skills and insuring cultural competence which result in better client care. Stop by any Wednesday and see for yourself the positive results C3 are achieving.

Check out the C3 website for more information: [www.uhmc.sunysb.edu/students/c3](http://www.uhmc.sunysb.edu/students/c3)

### RECENT EVENTS:

Feb 20 - guest speaker: A Personal Story of AIDS

Feb 27 - Healthy Choices for Now and the Future: Adolescent Health Conference - an opportunity for community students to talk with HSC students about the health professions

March 6 - guest speaker: Geriatrics in the multi-disciplinary healthcare setting

Stay tuned for: Healthcare in the Prison System, Living with Chronic Disease, and much more.

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## STONY BROOK CHILD CARE CASH BONANZA 2002

### How Sweet It Is!

Stony Brook Child Care Services, located at the Stony Brook Campus, is holding its ninth annual Cash Bonanza fundraiser, with a guaranteed top door prize of \$15,000 and 29 other cash door prizes. A limited number of tickets will be sold at \$50 each. Lucky ticket holders need not be present to win.

A ticket admits the buyer and one guest to attend a spectacular dessert tasting: chocolate-dipped strawberries, truffle, mousse, tarts, brownies and cheesecake, accompanied by a variety of flavored coffees, all beautifully displayed in the stunning atrium lobby of the Student Activities Center. Champagne will be an added attraction again this year. The Three Village Inn Gourmet Catering generously provides the evening's dessert feast and champagne.

To add even more excitement to this annual event, businesses in the community have donated an exciting array of products and services for the silent auction. There will be two 50/50 basket drawings as well. "Stony Brook Child Care Services is unique," says Executive Director, Lucille Oddo. "Many of our teachers are at the master's level. We're used as a model to train others in early childhood education." Proceeds from this annual event benefit the day care centers.

Tickets are available from Stony Brook Child Care Services, South Drive, at Stony Brook University, 11794-4000, or by calling 631-632-KIDS. The raffle and dessert tasting will take place on Monday, April 22, 2002 at 7 p.m. in the Student Activities Center at the Stony Brook Campus. All major credit cards are accepted.

## HSC LIBRARY CLASSES

ES100: Introduction to Computing 3/4  
11-12 pm

ES101: Introduction to Windows 2000  
3/5 9-10am.

ES105: Internet I - Introduction to the  
Internet 3/5 11-1pm

ES110: MS Word for Office 2000 - Intro-  
duction 3/18 9-10am

ES111: MS Word for Office 2000, Inter-  
mediate 3/19 9-10:30am

ES116: MS Excel for Office 2000, Inter-  
mediate 3/14 2:30-4pm

JOINT CLASS: ES120 + ES121 MS  
Power Point for Office 2000 3/ 6 2-4pm

ES147 Lotus Notes Email II (Intermedi-  
ate) 3/18: 2:30-4pm

JOINT CLASS: ES148 & ES149 Lotus  
Notes Calendar I and II 3/27 3:30-5pm

ES170: MS Access for Office 2000  
Introduction 3/5 3-5pm

ES171: MS Access for Office 2000  
Intermediate 3/12: 3-5pm

ES 172: MS Access for Office 2000  
Advanced 3/19: 3 - 5pm

ES230: Internet II: Introductory Web  
Searching 3/6: 9- 11am

ES311: Introduction to CINAHL 3/12:  
10-11:30am

ES316: Exploring Library Resources II:  
Digging Deeper Into USB Databases  
3/7 11-1pm

ES320: Introduction to PubMed 3/21  
10-11:30am

ES330: Web of Science 3/25 10-  
11:30am

ES411: Cancer Research Resources  
3/4 1-2:30pm

ES425: Women's Health Resources  
3/29 2- 3:30pm

Join us for a small byte every Wednes-  
day at noon

ES700 - Lunch Bytes: Where Am I? 3/6  
12-12:30pm

ES701 Lunch Bytes: Lotus Notes on  
the Go 3/13 12- 12:30pm

ES702 Lunch Bytes: Mail Merge 3/20  
12-12:30pm

ES703 Lunch Bytes: Excel Linking  
3/ 27 12-12:30pm



The Campus Community  
and Habitat for Humanity



*Building our community, one neighbor at a time.*

The Habitat for Humanity drive should be well under way in your department or HSC office. The HSC Library was the first to complete its campaign and brought in \$222 towards our goal. Anesthesiology just dropped off the funds they have raised thus far. With efforts like these and your department's help, we will reach our goal - \$5,000 for the Heating and Insulation.

Please give your contribution to your team leader. Or -- you can send it to Barbara Katz at Z= 8430, or stop down at my office HSC Level 4-177 by no later than March 11. A cumulative tally needs to be done and the money brought to main campus.

Thanks for your support of this worthy cause.

For more information please contact Barbara Katz at 4-2080.

## Employee Wellness Fest

March 25, 26 & 27

**Mark Your Calendar!**



**Wellness Walk ~ Lectures ~ Workshops**  
**Refreshments ~ Samples ~ Raffles**

*For more information call 4-6400*



# News from the Schools

## **SCHOOL OF HEALTH TECHNOLOGY & MANAGEMENT**

The first meeting of the SHTM Alumni Chapter was held on February 7, 2002 at which Dr. Norman H. Edelman, Vice President for the HSC was presented with the first membership card. Officers were elected as was a board of directors and by-laws for the chapter were reviewed and accepted by the board. For additional information or a membership application, please call 4-2252.

Surveys have been mailed to all CSEA members on campus regarding upcoming skills workshops to be offered as part of the New York State Dept. of Health Worker Retraining Grant. A Spring start date is anticipated, so please return your survey as soon as possible. If you are a CSEA member and have not received a survey but would like to participate, please call 4-2252.

The School of Health Technology and Management, along with the other schools in the HSC and local providers, participated in two screening events during the month of February. On Saturday, February 23, 2002, "Healthy People, Healthy Families, Healthy Communities: Community Health Fair" was held at the St. John's Parish Annex in Riverhead, NY. Over 450 members of this underserved community attended.

On Wednesday, February 27, 2002, the "Healthy Choices for Now and the Future: Adolescent Health Conference" was held in the HSC. Designed with middle school and high school students in mind, this is an outreach program promoting health careers, education, preventive medicine and healthy behavior guidelines for this "at risk" group.

## **SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**

### **SOM Planning Retreat**

It is time to comprehensively review our educational programs. To do so, input from various constituencies and users is needed. Faculty from the School of Medicine, Nassau University Medical Center, and Winthrop University Hospital, along with key people from the other HSC Schools, are being invited to participate in a SOM faculty retreat planned for Saturday, April 27. Dr. Edelman will provide an overview of what we have accomplished and share his vision for the future. Discussion items include results of the LCME self-study of strengths and weaknesses review of the SOM curriculum. The retreat is intended to bring faculty together to listen to each other, learn from each other and set a course for positive momentum.

### **Student Leadership Retreat**

Student leaders of all clubs and student organizations in the School of Medicine have been invited to a student retreat to be held Friday, April 5. The retreat will bring student leaders together to develop leadership skills, provide resources, and promote more effective student organizations in an effort to provide more opportunities for growth for the medical students.

"A Conversation About Breast Cancer"-an interdisciplinary conference that will focus on historical, social and conceptual issues related to the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer-will take place on March 6 from 9:00 AM-5:00 PM at the Student Activities Center Auditorium on West Campus. Dr. John Kovach, Director of the Cancer Center of Long Island at Stony Brook University, will discuss "Discovering the Causes of Breast Cancer: Opportunities and Barriers at 2:00 PM. Other presenters include Dr. Barron Lerner, A.B. Gold Professor of Medicine and Public Health at Columbia University and Susan Sherwin, Munro Professor of Philosophy at Dalhousie University. For further information, call (631) 632-9176.

V.S. Ramachandran, Director of the Center for Brain and Cognition at the University of California-San Diego, will be the guest lecturer at the 6th Annual Swartz Foundation Mind/Brain Lecture on April 8 at 4:30 PM at the Staller Center for the Arts. His presentation is entitled "Consciousness, Synesthesia, and the Meaning of Art: Lessons from Neuroscience."

The Sunrise Fund, which supports research and programs focusing on pediatric cancer, has received \$8,550 from the auction of five autographed Olympic hockey jerseys donated by the New York Islanders. The Islanders donated the jerseys from a variety of nations and had them autographed by the team's stars who represented those nations in the Olympic Games in Salt Lake City.

**David Krause, Ph.D.**, Dept. of Anatomy, appears in February's Current Biography. Current Biography is a monthly publication which represents articles on people who are prominent in the news. The article describes how Dr. Krause became involved in paleontology and his expeditions to Madagascar.

Third year medical student **Julie Cantatore** presented at the 60th annual American Academy of Dermatology Convention in New Orleans last month. Ms. Cantatore's case study "Cutaneous Dental Sinus Tract - - A Common Misdiagnosis" has been accepted for publication. Her work also is featured in this month's edition of Dermatology Times.

**Aldustus Jordan, Ph.D.**, Associate Dean for Student Affairs, has been asked by Robert J. Gaffney, Suffolk County Executive, to serve as a member of the Suffolk County Task Force on Literacy. The Task Force was created in an effort to enlighten and educate Suffolk County residents about the pervasiveness of illiteracy in society and its impact on our County.

The Alumni Council of the School of Medicine has announced that **Dr. Dario Gonzalez** is the recipient of the 2002 Distinguished Alumni Award. He was chosen for excellence in his field of endeavor and his courage, leadership and outstanding service at times of our country's greatest need. A 1979 graduate of the School of Medicine, Dr. Gonzalez is the Medical Director for the Office of Emergency Management for the City of New York and medical team manager and team leader for the New York City Urban Search and Rescue Team.

**Jason Sika**, a second year dental student, is the first recipient of the J. Howard Oaks Scholarship at the School of Dental Medicine. Jason will carry the title of J. Howard Oaks Student Scholar in honor of the founding Dean of the School of Dental Medicine and former Vice President of the Health Sciences Center. This scholarship, established in memory of Dr. Oaks, is awarded to a first year dental student in recognition of first year achievements.

Congratulations to the winners of the 4th Institute for Medicine in Contemporary Society Writing Contest. First Prize, Prose: Sara Ilene Cohen, 1st yr medical student; First Prize, Poetry: Jacqueline Raven, former lecturer in the Dept. of Theater Arts and former University Hospital patient. Honorable Mentions: Prose: Marcia Slatkin, a former patient at University Hospital; Meghan MacLean Weir, 2nd yr medical student; Barrie Stevens, Stony Brook University faculty member. Poetry: Claire Nicolas White, Stony Brook University faculty member; Orel Protopopescu, a former University Hospital patient; Kevin Cho, 3rd yr medical student.

## Q & A

**G**ood communication is two way. Therefore, if you would like to comment, respond to any topics, or have news to share, please do so at [HSC\\_VP@notes.cc.sunysb.edu](mailto:HSC_VP@notes.cc.sunysb.edu). Suggestions for future topics are always welcome, as well.

**P**lease feel free to email this publication to others who might be interested in what is happening at the Health Sciences Center.

The State University at Stony Brook is an affirmative action/equal opportunity educator and employer. This publication is available in alternative format on request.

## Calendar of Events

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

- ★ April 5  
SOM Student Leadership Retreat
- ★ April SOM Reunion 2002  
4/12  
6 pm Annual Pot Luck Dinner & Talent Show  
HSC Level 3, Galleria  
4/13  
10 am - 1 pm 5th Annual Career Day  
HSC, Level 3, Galleria  
1:30 pm - 4:30 pm The Medical Response to Terrorism  
HSC, Level 2, LH 1  
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Deans & Faculty Reception  
The University Club  
7:30 pm - 11:30 pm Reunion Dinner  
The University Club  
4/14  
10:00 am - 12:00 noon Morning Brunch  
Hosted by Dr. Edelman
- ★ April 22  
Stony Brook Child Care's 9th Annual Cash Bonanza  
Tickets (\$50) go on sale as of March 1.
- ★ April 27  
SOM Planning Retreat
- ★ May 2  
Twelfth Annual Zickler Lecture  
HSC, LH 3, Level 2 4 PM  
Speaker: Dr. Robert F. Furchgott, Nobel Laureate  
Title: The Importance of Accidental Discoveries in Research Leading to Nitric Oxide
- ★ May 7  
AOA Dinner
- ★ May 8  
Laugh Well
- ★ May 16  
SOM Convocation  
Staller Center