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### Stony Brook officially picks president

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#### Education



Effective July 1, Dr. Samuel L. Stanley Jr., Vice Chancellor for Research at Washington University in St. Louis, will be the next president of Stony Brook University, the State University of New York college announced Tuesday.

Stanley received the necessary approval from the school's board of trustees.

Since [being named more than a week ago](#), a lot has been made of Stanley's background in medicine, which suggests he will use his expertise to expand the college's medical school and affiliated hospital.

He replaces Shirley Strum-Kenny, who intends to retire.

From the announcement:

“Hearty congratulations and a warm welcome from the entire SUNY community go to Dr. Samuel Stanley on becoming Stony Brook University’s president,” said SUNY Board of Trustees Chairman Carl T. Hayden. “What makes Sam Stanley the best person to lead Stony Brook University is not just that he is a prominent biomedical researcher, a

talented academic administrator, and a published scholar who serves on important national committees related to his field of expertise, but that he was also presented with the Distinguished Service Teaching Award from the students of Washington University.”

Chairman Hayden also remarked on the leadership of Dr. Shirley Strum Kenny saying, “On behalf of the entire SUNY community, I want to express deep appreciation to Shirley Kenny for her 15 years of extraordinary service, leadership and commitment as president of Stony Brook University. We are truly grateful.”

“Dr. Samuel Stanley is the right person to lead Stony Brook University forward and I am excited and enthusiastic about the future,” said SUNY Trustee Michael E. Russell. “Members of the Stony Brook University Council and the Search Committee, and their Chair Rick Nasti, have earned great praise and appreciation for conducting a thorough, rigorous national search and for the outstanding result they achieved in bringing Sam Stanley forward.”

“Dr. Stanley is absolutely an outstanding successor to Dr. Kenny,” said Chancellor-elect Nancy L. Zimpher. “I am so proud that he is the first presidential appointment that I have played a role in at SUNY and I know he will be an exceptional president in leading the talented students, world-class faculty and outstanding staff at Stony Brook University. I look forward to working with Dr. Stanley in the months and years ahead to advance and improve public higher education on Long Island and across New York.”



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