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Subject Year of Community

To: All Faculty and Staff

I am proud to say that as a community and as an institution, Stony Brook's students, faculty, and staff truly embody the words "All Together Now." We have been all together in our generosity, our concern for others, and most notably, in our diversity.

Two years ago, Stony Brook launched the Campus Community Initiative, which included the "Year of Community" campus-wide theme. During that year we transformed our Academic Mall into a welcoming gathering place, and capped off the achievement with a Fountain Festival in the spring. Last year, designated the "Year of Community Service," we increased our volunteer and community outreach efforts, such as working with Habitat for Humanity to construct homes for those in need here on Long Island; we also included a Diversity Fair in our second Fountain Festival celebration.

In this spirit, it is with great pleasure that I announce the 2001-2002 academic year as the "Year of Community Leadership." The co-chairs for this year's initiative are Lawrence Martin, Dean of the Graduate School; Harlisha Kalmanson, Graduate Student Organization Representative; and Justina Geraci, Student Polity Representative. The leadership theme is reflected in a series of programs and events. Two examples are the Student-Faculty-Staff Retreat, held on November 2 and 3 to address the topic of "Leadership in a Multicultural Community," and our continued involvement with Habitat for Humanity. A special recognition ceremony is planned in the spring to honor many of Long Island's indigenous community leaders.

I encourage all departments and offices to integrate the Year of Community Leadership theme into your programs and events for 2001-2002. Let us continue to shine brightly as a community that gives - and a community that leads.

Sincerely,

Shirley Strum Kenny  
President