To All Faculty and Staff:

Dear Members of the Campus Community,

During these difficult financial times, it is imperative that we support the reputable organizations that help our neighbors - on campus, in our community, across our nation, and around the world. That's why I urge you to make your charitable donations through the Stony Brook Cares (SEFA/United Way) Campaign and encourage you to take advantage of the payroll deduction option, which spreads your charitable gift over the calendar year. With over 500 charitable organizations to choose from, there's sure to be a good fit for your contribution. Additionally, by making your contribution through SEFA, managed locally by the United Way of Long Island, you can be assured that your donation is put to work to address the needs you choose. Annually, 88 percent of contributions go directly to the agency/agencies of the donor's choice.

Please visit our Stony Brook Cares web site at http://www.stonybrook.edu/sb/stonybrookcares/index.shtml to download a pledge form, for information on how to give, and for the SEFA/United Way list of charities. If you cannot find a specific agency or cannot remember to whom you have given in past years, please contact Millie Lucas, Long Island SEFA Director, at 631-940-3732 or mlucas@unitedwayli.org. All pledge forms should be returned to Darschay Harris, Executive Assistant to the Provost, 407 Administration, Stony Brook, NY 11794 -1401. Please do not hesitate to contact Darschay Harris at darschay.harris@stonybrook.edu or 631-632-4360 if you should have any questions regarding this year's campaign or for assistance in completing the pledge form.

Thank you for your support in helping our Long Island neighbors and people in need around the world through your contributions to the Stony Brook Cares campaign.

It is up to you. You can make the difference! Give because you care.

With Sincere Thanks,

Eric W. Kaler
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs