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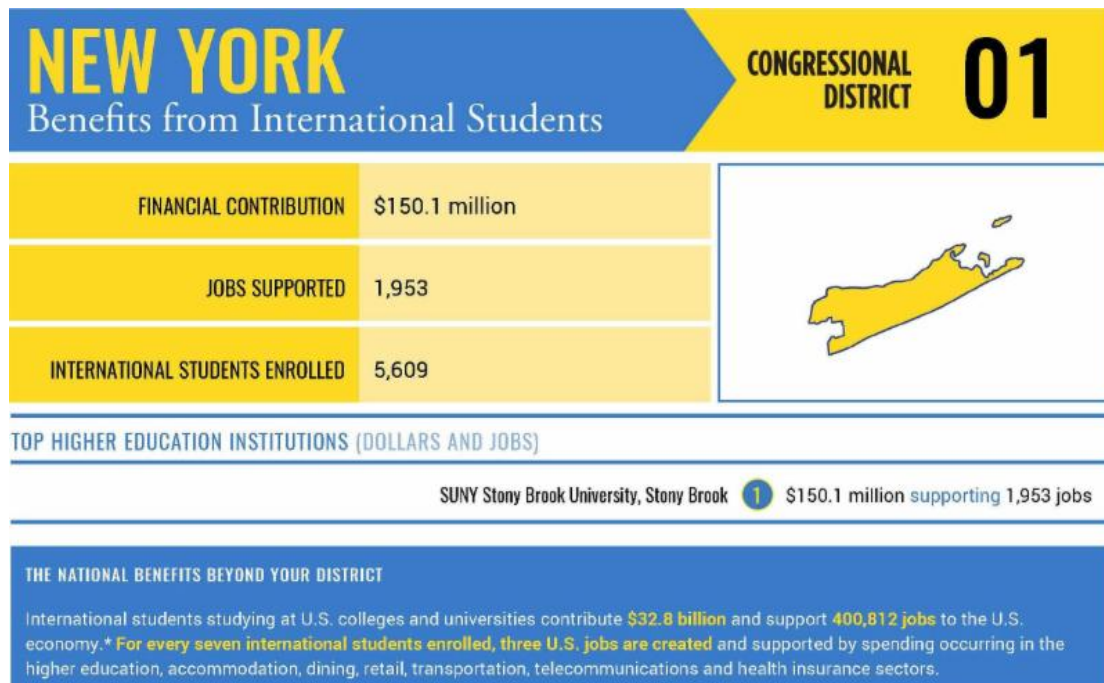


NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

NAFSA Analysis Emphasizes Economic Value of International Students on Long Island and Beyond

A recent analysis by [NAFSA](#): National Association for Foreign Student Advisers (now Association of International Educators), finds that the 1,043,839 international students studying at U.S. colleges and universities contributed \$32.8 billion and supported more than 400,000 jobs to the U.S. economy during the 2015-2016 academic year.

In New York Congressional District 1, home to Stony Brook University, international students supported 1,953 jobs and contributed \$150.1 million to the economy. The economic contributions of Stony Brook's international students are in addition to the immeasurable academic and cultural value these students bring to our campus and community.



Stony Brook has joined with the [higher education community](#) to urge President Trump and congressional leaders to make sure that new immigration policies preserve our ability to recruit the most talented students, researchers, faculty and staff from around the world.

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Up in Albany

Speaker Heastie Spends a Day on Campus



Victor Ochi '15 of the Kansas City Chiefs and New York State Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie '90 met up at the Black History Month closing ceremony.

New York State Assembly Speaker and Stony Brook alum, [Carl Heastie](#), spent a full day on campus after joining in the [ribbon cutting for the Cesar Chavez and Harriet Tubman Residence Halls and East Side Dining](#). The Speaker had the opportunity to observe research underway in the Political Science Department's [Center for Behavioral Political Economy](#) and to give remarks at both the [Student National Medical Association](#) dinner and the closing ceremony for [Black History Month](#).



Ribbon Cutting for the new Cesar Chávez and Harriet Tubman Residence Halls and East Side Dining facility. Far left, Cole Lee, President of Undergraduate Student Government; front row, left to right, Vice President for Student Affairs Peter Baigent; Stony Brook University Council Member Frank Trotta; Kevin Law, Chairman of the Stony Brook Council; President Samuel L. Stanley Jr.; Speaker of the New York State Assembly Carl Heastie; New York State Assemblyman Steve Englebright; Suffolk County Legislator Kara Hahn; Brookhaven Councilwoman Valerie Cartright; Lisa Santeramo (representing Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone); and Kevin Molloy (representing Town of Brookhaven Supervisor Ed Romaine)

Speaker Heastie also met with students in the [UNITI Cultural Center \(UCC\)](#) at its temporary campus location. At the meeting, he highlighted ways that he had worked while a student leader at SBU to support student groups and enhance campus life and offered insights as to ways that current students might embrace and learn from taking on leadership positions. Speaker Heastie also reviewed plans for the permanent UCC that will be in the Student Union after it reopens following a full-scale renovation. The development of the new UCC will be supported by a \$3 million state grant secured for the campus by the Speaker.

On the Hill

Stony Brook Urges President Trump and Congress to Enact FY17 Spending Package

Stony Brook University joined [other leading medical research institutions and health groups](#) in urging President Trump and Congress to enact, without further delay, a final FY 2017 spending package that includes the Senate Appropriations Committee-approved \$34.1 billion for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and to ensure that [NIH remains a priority](#) in FY 2018 and beyond. The current FY17 continuing resolution expires on April 28.

Stony Brook Government Relations has organized meetings in Washington, D.C. for deans and faculty with members of the New York State Congressional Delegation and their staff to make the case for increased funding for research, higher education programs and student financial aid.

AAU Highlights Stony Brook Energy Research

On February 7, the Association of American Universities (AAU) launched a new webpage, [AAU Universities: Research to Secure Our Energy Future](#). The page gathers stories from its member universities about their energy research projects that are helping ensure society has the energy resources it needs, while making energy production and use more efficient and sustainable.

The innovative research of Stony Brook University's Jin Wang, a Professor of Chemistry and Physics, and Physics graduate student Zedong Zhang is featured on the new webpage. Wang, Zhang and their team of scientists recently announced a discovery that could help make sustainable solar energy a reality.



[Read the full story](#)

SoMAS' Ellen Pikitch Part of Team Studying Marine Fisheries Reform in China



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[Professor Ellen Pikitch](#), Executive Director of the [Institute for Ocean Conservation Science in the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences](#) at Stony Brook University, is part of a research team led by Stanford University, that published its perspective piece, "[Opportunity for Marine Fisheries Reform in China](#)," in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*.

As global fish stocks continue to decline, this study found that China's most recent fisheries conservation plan can achieve a real shift in marine fisheries management, but only if the Chinese government embraces major institutional reform.

[Read the full story](#)

In Our Community

Red Watch Band Gives Back to the Community

The [Red Watch Band](#) CARE Team visited Comsewogue High School on January 30 and 31 to conduct Red Watch Band trainings. A total of 250 juniors and seniors attended the six training sessions offered over the two-day period.

Red Watch Band is a bystander intervention program designed to inform college and high school students of the numerous ways that toxic drinking deaths can be prevented and to promote an atmosphere of respect, responsibility and kindness.

[Read the full story](#)



At Comsewogue High School in Port Jefferson Station, Kerri Mahoney and Lara Hunter, along with students Joel Cohen, Rakia Syed and Christian Rodriguez, gave Comsewogue students Red Watch Band Training.

Help Make the Magic at Camp Kesem

[Camp Kesem at Stony Brook University](#) was founded by Stony Brook students in 2013 and supports children in the Long Island community by providing a week-long summer camp experience and year-long peer support. Camp Kesem will host its Make the Magic



Camp Kesem Stony Brook is run by student volunteers and serves campers ages 6 to 16.

Annual Charity Dinner on Friday, March 31, at the Hilton Garden Inn Stony Brook from 7 pm to 10 pm.

[Read the full story](#)

[Click here to purchase tickets](#)

Time for SBU Summer Camp Sign Up

Do you know a budding scientist, a chamber music fan or an avid athlete? Now is the time to start planning for some summer camp fun.

Stony Brook University hosts many different kinds of programs with camps in science, oceanography, music, sports and more. Children can experience hands-on activities, learn teamwork and make new friends all in the convenient setting of a world-class university.



[More information about SBU summer camps](#)

Upcoming Events

[America East Men's Basketball Playoff Tickets on Sale Now](#)
Quarterfinal Game on March 1, 2017 at IFCU

Saturday, March 4, 2017
[Staller Center Gala: Itzhak Perlman](#)

Wednesday, March 8, 2017
[Starry Nights Concert](#)

Saturday, March 18, 2017
[The Five Irish Tenors](#)

Wednesday, March 22, 2017
[Book Presentation by Professor A.W. Godfrey of his recent publication, Second Edition: *Medieval Mosaic: A Book of Medieval Latin Readings*](#)

Tuesday, March 28, 2017
[Piano Project](#)

[Full Stony Brook events calendar](#)

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