Greetings students and friends of the University Scholars Program. Welcome to the first issue of the Scholar's newsletter, "The Torch." These bi-monthly newsletters will help communicate many of the exciting things happening within our program. There will be a Student's Corner, so if you want to contribute to this or improve the newsletter in any way, please let us know. Even after one month as the new Faculty Director, I have been truly impressed by the diversity of student talents and their energy towards this program. My goal is to continue the outstanding tradition of the Scholar's Program, while also exploring some new directions. The Scholars Council of students and newly setup Scholars Advisory Board of faculty and staff will also help guide this program. Finally, the Scholars Program (and this newsletter) would not be possible without the time and dedication of the staff, in particular Jessica Klare, Dr. David Maynard, Allison Aldrich, and Jeffrey Barnett, as well as all the SCH101 instructors. On behalf of everyone, I thank you for your efforts. I look forward to a productive and fun year,

**Faculty Director's Corner**

Dr. Brian A. Colle  
University Scholars Faculty Director

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Faculty Lunch Panel
Date: Oct. 12
Time: 12:50 PM—2:10 PM
Place: Tabler Black Box Theatre
Featuring:
  Malcolm Bowman, Marine Sciences
  Bill Collins, Neurobiology & Behavior
  Perry Goldstein, Music
  Nancy Hollingsworth, Biochemistry
  Sara Lipton, History
  Anne Moyer, Psychology
  Scott Sutherland, Mathematics

Health Professions Lunch
Date: Oct. 26
Time: 12:50 PM—2:10 PM
Place: SAC 302
Featuring:
  Jennifer Coppola, School of Nursing
  Kristin Hall, Pre-Professional Advisor
  Paul Ray, HSC
Students interested in a graduate program in a health profession are encouraged to attend. Come learn about the admissions process, how to prepare now for your future, and have any questions you may have answered.

DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT
Our annual dodgeball match is back!

Scholars VS Honors College
Friday Oct 14
3 PM
Staller Grass Steps
(Between library and Staller Center)
**Beyond The Classroom Workshop**

**Date:** Nov. 9  
**Time:** 12:50 PM—2:10 PM  
**Place:** SAC 302

This workshop will help you find out ways to get involved on campus outside of academics. Learn about different programs, and organizations you can be part of. This is great opportunity for resume building especially if you are considering graduate school in the future.

**Scholars Research Panel**

**Date:** Nov. 16  
**Time:** 12:50 PM—2:10 PM  
**Place:** SAC Ballroom B

Come hear a panel comprised of current University Scholar Seniors talk about their own experiences in research. Find out how you can get involved in different research opportunities not just on campus, but across the country. Ask questions, and be inspired by this talented group of individuals.

**Faculty Roundtable Series**

The Honors College invites the University Scholars to join them for their Faculty Roundtable Series. Space is limited.  
Please RSVP to David.Maynard@stonybrook.edu

**Date:** Oct. 19  
**Time:** 1:00 PM—2:00 PM  
**Place:** Honors College Lounge  
( Melville Library W3502 )

**Featuring:**  
Dr. Turhan Canli  
*My Life as a Scientist*

**Date:** Nov. 16  
**Time:** 1:00 PM—2:00 PM  
**Place:** Honors College Lounge  
( Melville Library W3502 )

**Featuring:**  
Dr. Harvard Lyman  
*Biochemistry*

**Date:** Nov. 30  
**Time:** 1:00 PM—2:00 PM  
**Place:** Honors College Lounge  
( Melville Library W3502 )

**Featuring:**  
Dr. Monica Bugallo  
*Electrical Engineer Dept.*
Welcome Back Ice Cream Social—September 22, 2011

Thank you to those who attended and made this a successful event. We are pleased there were no brain freeze injuries reported during the evening.

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Thank you to this years University Scholars Council students for serving on this important committee!!
Jaime Poynter

is a University Scholar with an extraordinary set of accomplishments. She’s a senior majoring in Psychology (with a minor in Child and Family Studies) and she has excelled academically: elected to the Psi Chi National Honor Society, the National Residence Hall Honorary and the Golden Key International Honour Society as well as having been named to the Dean’s List every semester. Her extracurricular achievements at Stony Brook are equally amazing and include being a Student Ambassador, a Senior Academic Peer Advisor, a peer mentor for University Scholars, a Resident Assistant, the Vice President of her Residence Hall Association, and, most recently, Jaime was chosen as Stony Brook University’s Homecoming Queen for 2011. Jaime’s experience with many leadership roles here at SBU have led her to apply to Master’s degree programs in Higher Education and Student Affairs where she will pursue graduate studies after her May 2012 graduation. Her career goal is to work professionally in higher education, and she aims to eventually become the Dean of Students or the President on a college campus. Juggling her classes and all of her work, student leadership and volunteer activities is a challenge, but Jaime says being successful at all of these is a matter of keeping busy, making academics the top priority and learning good time management skills. We interviewed Jaime about her range of accomplishments, and here’s some of what she told us:

“It’s exciting to see students really take advantage of everything Stony Brook has to offer. The things I’m involved with on campus give me more of an incentive to do well academically, and with all of my commitments to the University I realize that I’m a student first and that I need to do well in order to continue doing all of my activities on the side. One of my advisors once told me that to be a student leader you have to be a student first. After taking SCH 101, I was a Scholars peer mentor, and I was able to use everything I had learned about Stony Brook and help a new Scholar coming here”

Finally, her advice to new University Scholars students: “Definitely work hard on your classes, but always remember that you have lots of opportunities to be involved on campus and not to let anything pass you by”

This corner is YOUR corner. As members of the University Scholars program we would like you to contribute to this newsletter as well. Anything you would like printed, any achievements you have made, any announcements, please submit them to us to print.
Congratulations!!

University Scholars have been very successful at Stony Brook academically as well as in other ways. In Fall 2010, for example, over 25 first year Scholars had semester GPAs of 4.0 (!). We want to highlight some recent Scholars’ achievements in three areas: student leadership, research, and participation in international study.

**Student Leadership:**
University Scholars have continued to excel as campus leaders. Our profile of Jaime Poynter in this issue is an excellent example. Here are some of our other leaders: Mark Maloof is the current USG President and Farjad Fazli is the USG Vice President of Communications and Public Relations. Nine University Scholars are currently Student Ambassadors: Kyle Buescher, Denise DeGennaro, Megan Dwyer, Frank Fanizza, Daniel Fourman, Zackery Good, Jaime Poynter, Alexandra Santiago, and Christopher Weber. This past summer eleven Scholars were Orientation Leaders: Alison Becker, Annie Bernberg, Jason Caballes, Rachel Hoelzer, Jenna Leshowitz, Kenneth Myers, Aman Mundra, Bryan Nguyen, Kyle O’Connor, Jameela Syed. and Blessen Thomas. In addition, a growing number of Scholars are Resident Assistants and Commuter Assistants at Stony Brook.

**Undergraduate Research:**
At this year’s URECA Research Celebration on April 27—their premier annual campus showcase of undergraduate research and creativity—a record twenty University Scholars participated as presenters, including:

- Anna Caselli
- Antonio Wong
- Weida Zhang
- James Messina
- James Pastore
- Daniel Weinstein
- Jenny Abraham
- Sasha Seroy
- Sal Garofalo
- James Ging
- Silvia Hofmann
- Rajeev Masson
- Jin Yu
- Ryan Overdahl
- Nikolay Bogomolov
- Sixin Li
- Deanna Schneider
- Ali Syed
- Zhifan Yang
- and Bilal Asif.

Other Scholars have participated in research on or off campus on research supported by the National Science Foundation and the Howard Hughes grants.

**International Academic Study:**
Scholars have been going on study abroad programs in large numbers over the past several years. Garshaw Amidi-Abraham and Kasia Sendek did the Spring 2011 Turkana Basin Institute Program in Kenya searching for early human fossils under the supervision of the legendary Leakey family, and Roy Lotz is at TBI this semester. Last summer’s destinations included France (Kirti Parmar and Brittany Barnett were among the Scholars participating) and Tanzania (with University Scholars Sasha Seroy, Alex Santiago, and Maria Rodrigues). Next semester, Scholars are headed off to Florence University of the Arts (Italy), the City University of Hong Kong (China), as well as programs in New Zealand, England and Ireland, among others.

We want to continue telling the extraordinary stories about the achievements and accomplishments of University Scholars students. Here’s where you can help us: if you’re doing research, if you are a campus leader, if you have won awards or scholarships, if you are heading off to law, medical or graduate school...please let us know and we will share the good news with the Scholars and Stony Brook community.
**Advise Hours & Academic Deadlines**

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October 21—Last day to process drop-down or move up for selected MAT and MAP courses. Students must have signed form with instructor approval. Form must be processed by 4:00pm.

October 28—Last day to process a section change or credit change for an enrolled course. All changes must be processed by 4:00pm.

October 28—Last day to change a class to or from the Pass/No Credit option. Full time students are limited to 8.0 credits and part-time students are limited to 4.0 P/NC credits. There is NO petition process to change a class after the deadline. All changes must be processed by 4:00pm.

October 28—Last day to drop a course. “W” will be recorded on the transcript. Students wishing to drop below 12.0 credits must petition. All changes must be processed by 4:00pm.

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**Scholars Advisory Board 2011-2012**

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The new University Scholars Advisory Board has been setup for the 2011-2012 academic year. We thank everyone on this committee for their time to help advise the Scholars program.