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This is the tentative list of Scholar Events for the Spring 2012 semester.

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BE part of the Scholar Community, come to an event!

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Save These Dates!!!!

**February**

- **2/8 (Wednesday)** Scholars Outreach and Intramural Sports Planning———12:50—2:00 PM SBU 247
- **2/15 (Wednesday)** Leadership Panel———12:50-2:00 PM SAC 302
- **2/15 (Wednesday)** Faculty Roundtable, Dr. Charles Robbins———1-2 PM HC Lounge (W3502)
- **2/24 (Friday)** NYC Museum Trip———details to follow

**March**

- **3/14 (Wednesday)** Scholars after the Freshman Year Workshop———12:50-2:00 PM Room TBA
- **3/21 (Wednesday)** Faculty Roundtable, Dr. April Masten———1-2 PM HC Lounge (W3502)
- **3/28 (Wednesday)** Beyond Graduation Workshop———12:50-2:00 PM SAC 302

**April**

- **4/13 (Friday)** NYC Museum Trip———details to follow
- **4/17 (Tuesday)** Spring Celebration Dinner———details to follow
Leadership Panel
Wednesday February 15
12:50—2:00 PM
SBU 247

University Scholars from various leadership positions across campus will be present to discuss the organizations they work for and how to get involved in these positions. Scholars from Undergraduate Student Government, Orientation Leaders, Campus Fellows, Ambassadors, Commuter Assistants, and Residential Assistants will make up this panel.

Scholars After the Freshman Year Workshop
Wednesday March 14
12:50—2:00 PM
Room TBA

Freshmen! Come socialize and devise strategic plans to most effectively tackle your next 3 years at Stony Brook!

….Ok, so maybe we exaggerated a bit! This is not exactly personalized academic advising sessions*, and we cannot guarantee you leaving with a written academic road map, but you will leave with a better idea of what to expect and plan for over the next few years here. We will discuss academic planning as well as talk about mentoring and other resources to consider.

*As always, if you are in need of academic advising, please visit page 7 to find our advisor information and office hours.

Beyond Graduation Workshop
Wednesday March 28
12:50—2:00 PM
SAC 302

So you have graduated. Congratulations! No what?

Or maybe you are day dreaming about life after Stony Brook even though you still have 3 more years to go! Whatever your case may be, it’s never too early to start thinking about what you will do upon graduating. Come hear speakers talk about the various options there are after graduation. Whether it be entering into the career field, continuing on in graduate school or attending medical school, speakers from various departments will discuss ways that you can prepare yourself for the next biggest chapter of your life!

Save the Date!
Scholars End of Year Celebration!
April 17, 2012

Formal invite to follow
RECENT EVENTS

Faculty Lunch Panel
October 12

Health Professions Lunch Panel
October 26

Scholars Research Panel
November 16

The Scholars would like to send a special thank you to all the faculty, staff and students who have graciously given their time and knowledge throughout the months of October and November helping to make our programming successful.
Every fall semester in SCH 101, each class section is responsible for implementing a class project. The topic changes from year to year. This year’s topic was called Civility Challenge. This was inspired by the University’s Community Pledge and in particular, in response to the death of Tyler Clementi—the freshmen at Rutgers University who committed suicide in the Fall of 2010 after being harassed and mistreated by his peers based on his sexual orientation. Each Scholar’s class took on the challenge to create a project that would promote civility across the University. Below are highlights from each section describing the projects they created. Some of them are ongoing and some are about to happen. As a University Scholar, we welcome you to participate in these class projects if you notice it going on.

Also, if you have not signed the University’s Community Pledge, please consider doing so. 
http://studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/pledge/index.shtml

Section 1 & 5: High Five for Life. On Monday, December 12 from 12:30-2:00 (campus lifetime), along with some Scholars from other classes, will assemble on campus and give out high five's to passersby. Assuming that those startled students will then turn around to see what just happened, they will see a message on the back of the students' t-shirts that encourages civility: “Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.” - Mother Teresa. There will also be a competition to see which groups participating can give out the most high fives during the time.

Section 7: Recognizing others for their contributions to our community is key to promoting a positive and inclusive community. Whether big or small, often times we forget to appreciate those who make a difference in the lives of others and contribute to the Stony Brook Community. Our class initiative is to collect and post “thank you” messages from students, faculty, and staff to other members of the Stony Brook Committee. A website was designed to post these messages and each participate will receive a card (and button) that will indicate where recipient of the message can view the “Thank You” note. Our class will implement the Recognition and Button program on Thursday, December 8, 2011 in the Student Activities Center.

Section 3 & 10: Pass the Wealth. Our class came up with a post-it note campaign which they coined “Pass the Wealth.” They created a facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/ptwsbu) for which the post-it notes would then be traced back to. The purpose of this is to create a smile on someone’s face with a positive phrase on the post-it note. They are asking though that instead of just taking the post-it note and keeping it, that everyone “Passes the Wealth” and post another message of their own. They also created a logo to associated with this movement found on every note.

Section 8: Our section created three subgroups that each tackled a distinct focus:

1) "Custodial Staff Recognition" - This project aims to create opportunities for students to voice their recognition and thanks to custodial staff for all of their important work. For example, a bulletin board hung at the commuter lounge with messages of thanks solicited from commuters that use the lounge.

2) "Art for Change" - The implementation of a perpetual mural on-campus that would serve as an icon of civic engagement, specifically as measured through voter registration. I.e. The mural would fill up as more and more students registered to vote in the upcoming general election.

3) "Combating Cyber Bullying" - This project sought to create a poster image that would raise awareness around the topic of cyber bullying and present it to students in a contemporary fashion. Specifically, the poster retains a "facebook" theme and highlights the many facts and myths around cyber bullying.

Section 9: For the civility project, the students chose to create a Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/SBU.Smiles). This page would be a public page and include pictures of Stony Brook University students smiling or doing acts of kindness. The pictures can be uploaded by anyone in the class and will be updated daily. Included in each picture will be details such as the location and if applicable, maybe reasons why the student is smiling. Each student in the class is responsible for posting at least 2 pictures and will give out 2 smiley buttons. The students chose this project because they wanted to capture and share moments of happiness on campus. They believe that if more students see these smiles, they will in turn smile and spread the happiness to others around them. The students believe that by spreading happiness, it can become contagious and affect others in a positive way.
**Advising Hours & Academic Deadlines**

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**Monday, Dec. 12**—Correction Day: Classes follow a Wednesday schedule
Last day to withdraw or take a leave of absence from the University. Form is required to be submitted by 4:00pm

**Tuesday, Dec. 20**—End of Term, Last day of Finals

**Thursday, Dec. 22**—University Graduation Ceremony

**Monday, Jan. 23**—First day of Classes.

**Friday, Feb. 3**—Deadline to apply for May graduation. Application for graduation can be done via SOLAR.

**Friday, Feb. 3**—Last day to drop or withdraw from a class without tuition liability. Last day to add classes and/or swap. All changes must be made by 4:00pm.

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**Students Corner**

The University Scholars Outreach Committee is a club devoted to expanding the Scholars community through service and involvement. Students looking to get involved with both the University Scholars community and the great community welcome! Need community service? Looking to meet more University Scholars? Please attend our meetings during the Spring Semester 2012. The first meeting will be during the Scholars Outreach and Intramural Sports Planning on February 8th during campus lifetime (12:50-2:00 pm in the Union at 247)

Find us on Facebook at Stony Brook University Scholars and email: SBUSOC@gmail.com!
After a week delay due to rain, the annual dodgeball match between the University Scholars and Honors College took place on October 21st. On a beautiful brisk Friday afternoon, the event drew a good sized crowd of both observers and participators. It was a very aggressive match, and both parties had rather talented players, but the Scholars were able to squeeze out the win, 3-2 over the Honors College.

Thank you to everyone who participated!

Special thanks to our wonderful referee Mary Costello.

Our fearless faculty director, Brian Colle even got in on the fun!