



# 2018 Student Staff Newsletter

## Note from Interim Dean of University Libraries



Shafeek Fazal  
Interim Dean  
University Libraries

As a leading R1 research and academic library, we rely heavily on you, our student staff, to carry out the University Libraries' mission to inspire and foster teaching, learning, research, scholarly inquiry and service in an environment dedicated to the open exchange of ideas and information. You play a valuable role in our daily operations, not only in presenting a public face to our users at all the service point areas but also filling critical roles in all the back-end operations that's equally important in serving the needs of the academic community.

University Libraries, as one of the unit on campus that employs the largest body of students, values the significant contributions of each and every one of you. You are integral to our success and reputation as a leading research library. In recognition of your dedication, the Library staff organizes several events throughout the year to show our appreciation. It is my pleasure to take this moment to congratulate our recent award winners, Carlos Soto for the Fall 2018 Dorothy Award, Kelly Gomez for the 2018 University Libraries Distinguished Student Employee Award, Dung-Jun (Billy) Kim for the Spring 2018

Dorothy Award, and Kate Sze for the Star A Recognition award. On behalf of the Library staff, faculty, and administrators, I would like to say thank you to all our student employees and express sincere appreciation and gratitude for your dedication, professionalism, and services in advancing the mission of the Library and the University. We hope that your work in the Library benefits you beyond the wages, providing you with the opportunity to gain valuable experiences and relationships that are useful throughout your careers. We look forward to your continued success.

## University Libraries Distinguished Student Employee Award



2018 Award Recipient  
Kelly Gomez  
Library Dean's Office

Kelly worked in the Library Dean's Office since Sept. 2014. She graduated this May with a BA in Sociology. She plans on applying to nursing school and then obtaining her masters to become a nurse practitioner. Kelly is friendly, outgoing and very sociable. She is respectful and gets along well with her fellow student staff. She is willing to do anything asked of her without complaint and she's very reliable. Kelly works well in a team environment and is a

good resource when helping new student staff acclimate to the work in the Library Dean's Office. Kelly is involved with "Let's Get Ready" a self-mentoring club where students help & guide each other to be successful in the academic process & get to the end goal of obtaining their college degree. She is also a member of the Latin American Student Organization, which promotes Hispanic culture &

diversity on campus. Kelly was accepted as a sociology intern where she gained experience with children at Stony Brook Child Care Center. She helped guide the children to become self-confident, competent & cooperative within their group. Kelly also shadowed medical professionals at Stony Brook Hospital to increase her understanding & her love for nursing. Congratulations Kelly on being this year's University Libraries Distinguished Student Employee Award recipient!



**2018 Spring Award Recipient  
Dong-Jun (Billy) Kim  
Library Dean's Office**

## Thomas Jefferson Award - (Spring Semester)

Billy has worked in the Library Dean's Office since Dec. 2016. He is a member of a team of students who cover the reception area. He provides excellent customer service, assists with multiple task & he's always helpful. He trains new student staff. Billy has a strong work ethic and is always on time. He is a responsible student employee and is always willing to assist when needed and goes above and beyond what is required to complete any assigned task. Billy was chosen by Library administrators to work on the

"Emerson String Quartet: Four Extraordinary Decades" Exhibition & Panel Discussion Display. This display is mounted in the hallway leading to the Music Library. Billy is involved in "BeLocal" building bridges with Madagascar; he worked on a design project for transportation for the people of Madagascar to be able to get their goods from one place to another, this means of transportation needed to be easily replicated by the people of Madagascar, using materials indigenous to the area. Billy volunteers to feed the homeless

through his church, making lunches & going to the streets of NYC and distribute meals. He has been involved in fundraisers, bazaars & clothing drives for the people of North Korea & China. He is part of a multi-church choir who sing in Times Square. Billy gives humbly of himself to others naturally. He doesn't look for any accolades & doesn't consider what he does as anything special; what he does for others is just part of who he is. Billy graduated in May with a Bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering. Congratulations Billy !



*A very special Thank You to the anonymous donor of The Dorothy Award.  
Without your continued support, the award would not be possible.*

## Dorothy Award - (Fall Semester)



**2018 Fall Award Recipient  
Carlos Soto  
Library Dean's Office**

Carlos has been working for the Library Dean's Office since Dec. 2017. Carlos works well in a team environment. He is highly adaptable & is willing & motivated to take on new projects. He is an excellent role model. He is involved in Red Watch Band a program designed to provide students with the knowledge, awareness & skills to prevent toxic drinking deaths & to promote a culture of kindness, responsibility, compassion & respect. He is also involved

with the Green Dot program which helps students recognize risky or potentially violent situations & practice skills & strategies for intervention & prevention. He was also part of the Mexican American Student Alliance (MASA) for helping high school student learn about robotics. He's volunteered for the following library events, Comm University Day, Experienced Stony Brook Information Fair & Open Access Symposium 2018. Carlos is a marketing major & has obtained a

Marketing Internship at the Career Center, where he promotes employer events & career opportunities for student to partake in. This position focuses on representing the underrepresented students, providing consist diversity recruitment with employers that are looking to hire diversity of talent. Carlos' goal is to eventually start his own non-profit to help his community in the future. Congratulations Carlos!

## 2018 - Student Employee of The Year Nominees

We'd Like to acknowledge the following Library Student Staff for being nominated for the 2018 Student Employee of the Year. The student employee of the year nominations are sent to a selection committee who consider nominees from all departments throughout campus. The following Library Student Staff were nominated for the 2018 Student Employee of the Year:

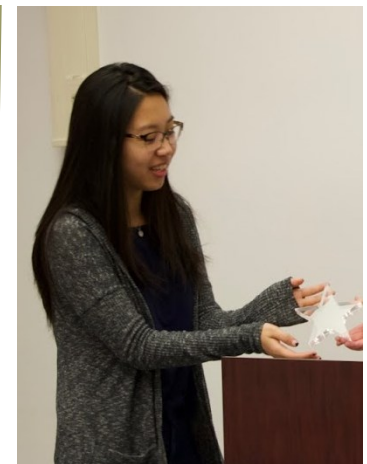
**Joram Mercado** Health Sciences Library  
**Spencer Afriyie** - Southampton Library,  
**Kate Sze** - Health Sciences Library  
**Xiaoqing Zhang** – nominated by the Dept. of Occupational Therapy  
**Melissa Bulina**, Access Services, Melissa received a "Distinction of Excellence Award".

Congratulations to All the nominees for this prestigious recognition.

## Star Recognition Awards

Kate Sze has been working for the Health Science Library since Nov 2016, she is a Health Sciences Major, with a focus in Emergency Medicine & Critical Care. She's been involved in the Red Watch band - The mission of the Red Watch Band is to provide students with the knowledge, awareness, and skills to prevent toxic drinking deaths and to promote a student culture of kindness, responsibility, compassion and respect. She was involved in the Fall 2017 Health Science Forum, where she presented a poster to display

her research on the correlation between exposure to & effectiveness of midwife led care in women with severe fear of childbirth. Kate is also a member of the Pre-Nursing Society. Kate's future goals after graduation, is to go to nursing school and eventually become a nurse practitioner either in field of OB/GYN or in Emergency Medicine & Critical Care. Congratulations Kate on receiving the Star Recognition Award.



**Kate Sze**  
**Health Sciences Library**

## 15th Annual Student Staff Appreciation Luncheon

The 15th Annual Student Staff Appreciation Luncheon was held in the central reading room event space of the Frank Melville Jr. Memorial Library. Thank you to the Faculty/Staff who contributed to this years festivities! The Dorothy Award & the University Libraries Distinguished Student Employee Awards were presented at the luncheon, along with the other student staff recognitions. The luncheon is a special way to show our appreciation to your dedication and hard work throughout the year!! It's also a fun way to meet other library student staff from various library departments.



## End of Year Student Staff Appreciation

It's that time of year again when the University Library Faculty/Staff want to wish the library student staff success on your finals and Bravo for a job well done!! A special acknowledgement to the Library Faculty/Staff who contributed items or donated toward the purchased of items for this year's goody bags, without you this would not have been possible.

*(Thank you: Pam Di Pasquale, Dianne Cyrus, Stacey Horath, Eileen Phoel, Mona Ramonetti, Jeanne Quagliata, and Oluwatobi Oshodi for assembling the goody bags )*



## Special Thank You

### University Libraries Distinguished Student Employee Award

Many thanks to the University Libraries Faculty/Staff who contribute to the University Libraries Distinguished Student Employee Award. Your support and continued contributions is the only way the award can continue.

*(If you'd like more information or are considering supporting the award, please stop by the University Libraries Personnel/Student Employment Office room S-1430B).*

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