



2019 Student Staff Newsletter

Note from Interim Dean of University Libraries



Shafeek Fazal
Interim Dean
University Libraries

Student employees are undeniably invaluable to the University Libraries' success! 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, and scholarly inquiry. 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 are equally important in serving the needs of the academic community. As one of the University's largest student employers, the Library values the significant contributions of each and everyone of you. Also, 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.

As the University Libraries continue to evolve into the 21st century with various innovative initiatives, we welcome students' input and feedback on how best to meet their needs for success. Our student staff have the unique perspective of being both a student and an employee at the Library, and thus, can provide valuable insights on our services and resources. We welcome your engagement!

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, Xiaoqing Zhang for the 2019 University Libraries Distinguished Student Employee Award, Christopher Couluris for the 2019 Spring Dorothy Award, and Fitzgerald Reyes for the 2019 Fall Dorothy 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 look forward to your continued success!

University Libraries Distinguished Student Employee Award



2019 Award Recipient
Xiaoqing Zhang
Health Sciences Library

Xiaoqing Zhang has been working in the Health Sciences Library since May 2017 she is a Ph.D. student in the field of Health Rehabilitation Sciences in the School of Health Technology & Management. She has served for 2 years as a Senator of the Graduate Student Assoc. and is currently their Treasurer and supports initiatives within the GSO Budget Committee by funding programs and activities with high impact on the academic and professional potential of graduate students. She is the President of the Schomburg Apartments Resident Association. She served as a member of the SHTM Research Committee. She worked on the

GSI Special Lecture Series given by the President and the Provost. She volunteers with the "SUNY's Got Your Back" initiative, which provides SUNY campuses across the state with materials to make comfort kits for victims of sexual and interpersonal violence, and raise awareness and support for prevention and response to sexual and domestic violence. She is a Graduate Assistant in her program. Qi worked with the Left Behind Children of China and this made a lasting impression on her life. This refers to children who remain in poverty stricken rural regions of China while their parents leave to find work in urban areas and in many case these children are taken care of by grandparents or

family friend. Many of these children face developmental and emotional challenges. There are approximately 61 million left behind children in China. She is very active with a non-profit organization "Global Friendship" that contributes supplies to the Left Behind children in an effort to improve their lives. She is studying their community and behavioral health along with the mental health outcomes of the "Left Behind" children of China. Qi has attended many of the Libraries Colloquiums and workshops. She is highly knowledgeable of the library's resources and is capable of assisting patrons with research. She provides excellent customer service and is a valued member of the HSL team. Congratulations Qi on being this year's Award Recipient!



**2019 Spring Award Recipient
Christopher Couluris
Library IT**

Dorothy Award - (Spring Semester)

A major Criteria of the Dorothy Award is that the recipient exhibits responsible citizenship and will be an asset to the country. Chris Couluris strongly fulfills this criteria. Chris started his volunteer experience when he was in the 7th grade. He has worked blood drives, tutored English, Math and Science to 1st and 2nd grade children of the employees at the Belmont Racetrack through Anna House in Elmont NY during the week and each Saturday he volunteered as a weekend Counselor for a youth group run out of a local church in his town. He participates in Liz's Day each year. It's an annual festival in honor of Liz McFarland who succumbed to Breast Cancer and the proceeds of the festival

goes toward breast cancer research. Last Oct. they were able to donate over \$1,000,000 to Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory specifically for breast cancer research. He served as a Constituent Liaison for Assemblyman Brian Barnwell's District Office until this March. Chris was involved in person to person help for members of the community. He worked on constituent concerns such as Home Care for the elderly, Health Insurance, reasonable renter's fees: and also participated in Women's History Month event and various community related issues. He is involved in various clubs on campus and he's a member of the Actor's Conservatory, the Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Society Fraternity,

EBoard, Douglass Hall Council, and the Event Coordinator for the Pre-Law Society. After he and several other students experienced food poisoning, he ran a petition, and took pictures of rotting fruit and clocked how long food was left out and then sold to students. He met with the Head of FSA to fix the food situation on campus, resulting in better food management. Chris has worked in the Library IT department since Aug. 2018. He wrote, directed and edited a YouTube Video promoting the new study room reservation system for Library Access Services starring Rick Gatteau, VP of Student Affairs & Dean of Students. Chris is a history major with a minor in Media Journalism and plans on being a real estate attorney. Congratulations Chris on being the Spring 2019 Dorothy Award Recipient!



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)



**2019 Fall Award Recipient
Fitzgerald Reyes
Library Dean's Office**

Fitzgerald has been working in the Library Dean's Office since Sept. 2017. He's involved in various University Libraries events and has created event banners for the library digital presence displayed in the Central Reading Room and the University Library website. He's assisted the Libraries Equity, Inclusion and Diversity Committee and has been involved in the Holocaust Remembrance, as well as the Champion of Women's Rights and Open Access Symposium. He has worked on a training orientation program for incoming student assistants for the Library Dean's Office. He's also part of the CAS workshop and the Student Health Services Awareness of Contraception program. He has greatly contributed to the EOP program by serving as a mentor to incoming EOP

freshman students. In this role, Fitzgerald voluntarily took on the opportunity to work with these students to help them get a sense of life as a Stony Brook student, encouraging them to become involved on campus and pursue their degree. In addition, he was able to provide guidance on what classes they should expect to take, as well as ways to stay connected to campus life, to help them transition from high school to college in order to be successful at Stony Brook University. He also participates in food and clothing drives through his local house of worship. Fitzgerald's goal is to be a medical doctor in the field of anesthesiology. This past summer he obtained certification to shadow doctors in various fields of medicine through the College of

Medicine at SUNY Downstate. He gained experience in how to interact with patients, and learned proper procedures and etiquette. This opportunity allowed Fitzgerald to gain first-hand experience and has only enhanced his passion to help people by providing healthcare services. He also gained his certification in Mental Health First Aid USA through the National Council for Behavioral Health. He obtained a DMP license (Deer Management Population) through the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to study and become part of a major report on controlling the deer population in NYS and on Long Island by tagging the deer for statistical purposes in an attempt to control the over population of deer in NYS. Congratulations Fitzgerald on being the Fall 2019 Dorothy

2019 - Student Employee of The Year Nominees

We'd like to acknowledge the following Library Student Staff for being nominated for the 2019 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 2019 Student Employee of the Year:

- Xiaoqing Zhang** - Health Sciences Library
- Chelsea Appiah-Kubi** - Access & User Services
- Delphine Mossman** - Access & User Services
- Jennifer Landi** – Access & User Services / Resource Sharing
- Kaylee Chavez**, Access & User Services

Congratulations to all the nominees for this prestigious recognition.

Star Recognition Award

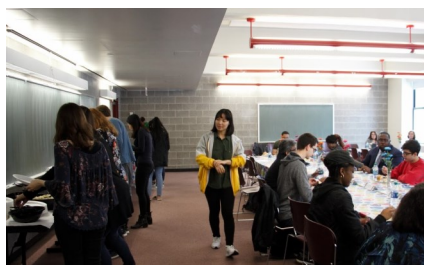
Benjamin Owusu has been working in the Library Dean's Office since Sept. 2017 and has been involved in many Library sponsored events and workshops. He took part in the Center for Digital Humanities Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, the Stony Brook Information Fair, Comm University Day and the Open Access Symposium. He is involved in the EOP college initiative program and mentors incoming freshman. Benjamin is the treasurer of the (ASU) African Students Union, whose goal is to bring African culture to the campus, and as treasurer of the ASU he has coordinated various fundraising events to support numerous charities. Benjamin is a Health Sciences Major and over the summer he interned for "Radical Health", an outreach program that prompts community health and wellness in the South Bronx. Congratulations Benjamin on receiving the Star Recognition Award!



Star Recognition Award
Benjamin Owusu
 Library Dean's Office

16th Annual Student Staff Appreciation Luncheon

The 16th Annual Student Staff Appreciation Luncheon was held in the Student Activities Center. The Dorothy Award & the University Libraries Distinguished Student Employee Awards were presented at the luncheon, along with 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. Thank you to the Faculty/Staff who contributed to this years festivities!



End of Year Student Staff Appreciation

The University Library Faculty/Staff want to wish the library student staff success on your finals and thank you for a job well done!! A special acknowledgement to the Library Faculty/Staff who contributed items or donated towards the purchase of items for this year's goody bags. Without you this would not have been possible. (Thank you: Dianne Cyrus, Pam Di Pasquale, Remiah Dookie, Subika Jafri, Judy Just, Eileen Phoel and Jeanne Quagliata for taking time out of your busy day to assemble 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 are 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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