

2023 Student Staff Newsletter



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Note from Associate Dean of Research and Learning, University Libraries

Congratulations to all our student workers on finishing your fall semester! My name is Janet H. Clarke, and as the Associate Dean for Research & Learning, I oversee most of the front-facing part of our library work such as information literacy instruction, reference services, and outreach. Also included are our 8 public service points, where most of our student workers work. As frontline student staff, you are the direct line of contact for the patrons, a very important role in conveying our professionalism, passion, and relevance to the research and learning endeavors at Stony Brook University. Thank you for all you do and we are very proud of your outstanding work with us. I hope you will take time to relax and enjoy your winter break and come back refreshed and ready to take on the spring semester!

Happy Holidays!

University Libraries Distinguished Student Employee Award



2023 Award Recipient
Emely Alvarado Lemoine
Library Dean's Office

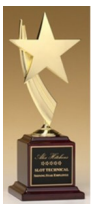
Emely worked for the Library Dean's Office since August 2019 until her graduation this May. She supervised the updating of assignments in Trello, the design of Banners, Posters & Flyers for library workshops & events, & the creation of the student recognition monthly newsletter. She created a team atmosphere & is open to ideas from the other student staff. Emely served on the University Libraries Anti-Racism Task Force Social Justice Project. She is a member of SBU Diversity Professional Leadership Network Program, this program connects with diverse student talent while providing guidance & mentorship. She participated in the SUNY Downstate Exploring Health Careers Program, which covered

the various fields in medicine.

Through her local church she found opportunities to serve her community by tutoring, visiting nursing homes & independent living facilities. She also helped in her local soup kitchen.

Emely served in Guatemala with Hoops for Hope, where she fund-raised for lower income communities & building basketball courts to engage the community in learning teamwork & cultural exchange. She is a member of the SBU Community Service Club, making crafts for children who are hospitalized at SBU Hospital. She also is involved with CITI training where they learn ethical research. She served as a mentor for YAI, a center for people with disabilities. She also TA's Chemistry through the EOP/AIM program. Emely volunteered at the SBU

emergency department as an experienced student facilitator, making sure patients have blankets & pillows & receive answers to questions patients might have regards to their medical care. Emely has shadowed doctors in the hospital in order to get healthcare experience & she also worked in the infectious disease department as a student assistant. Through her community involvement Emely gained a passion for helping others & wants to fill the gaps in medicine & make healthcare more affordable for underrepresented communities. Emely graduated with a BS in Health Sciences, with a concentration in Public Health & plans a career as a Physician Assistant. Congratulations Emely on being this year's award recipient!





2023 Spring Award Recipient
Emelyn Pareja Garcia
Library Dean's Office



Dorothy Award - (Spring Semester)

Emelyn has been working in the Library Dean's Office since Sept. 2020. She has challenged herself to expand her skillset through using new & unfamiliar programs, learning how to solve problems & working in different capacities to help her to become more comfortable in her leadership role. Emelyn worked on the SBU Libraries' Anti-Racism Task Force. The task force was created to address social justice issues through access to information & awareness via resources, instruction & programming. Through this opportunity, she utilized her research skills to help develop a new library guide & provided valuable feedback regarding the design of the guide that would be most appealing & impactful to the greater SBU student population. Emelyn is involved in Planned

Parenthood's Generation Action & is a member of their E-board for the SBU Chapter which brings awareness to the community on sexual & reproductive rights. She is part of their bilingual Program "Promotores de Salud" a peer health education program for young Latinx adults within Suffolk County. The program aims to decrease reproductive health disparities that exist in low-income, uninsured & undocumented populations within the Latinx community by giving participants comprehensive reproductive health education training on topics such as reproductive justice, contraception, consent, safer sex practices, healthy relationships & other social issues affecting marginalized communities. Emelyn volunteers for Citizen Option Unlimited as a Community Habilitation Professional. Emelyn

also TA's transfer students for Academic & Transfer Advising Services. She assists the instructor, teaches the lesson plan each semester & helps transfer students navigate their entry to SBU. She is a member of the HSL Diversity Committee, where she is assisting in re-writing the mission statement, chooses books & creates the book displays, designing informational posters & flyers using Canva. She comes up with ideas that will engage student interest & create videos for DEIA. Emelyn is considering a major in Psychology with a minor in women's & gender studies. She is interested in Clinical psychology & feels Mental Health mental health disorders are at times stigmatized or not taken seriously & she wants to help change that perception. Congratulations Emelyn on being one of the recipients of the Dorothy Award!



2023 Spring Award Recipient
Angelos Koulouris
Library Dean's Office

Dorothy Award - (Spring Semester)

Angelos has been working for the Library Dean's office since August 2019. He works as a Library Office Assistant where he has gained valuable customer service skills as well as learning how to interact with his peers in the workplace. Angelos is consistently a team player, is highly adaptable to change & has proven to be a fast learner. His willingness & motivation to take on new projects is a key asset to staying to the task & meeting deadlines. As a senior member of our team, he has been instrumental in helping on board new hires as well as helping to cross train fellow student staff on special tasks. Angelos is always ready to step in where needed & take on various leadership roles to ensure assignments are completed in a timely manner. Angelos is also a Customer Service Associate for

Investors Bank where he has organized bank events & volunteers for their Annual Giving Day. Angelos is a member of the Fencing Club: which promotes & teaches the Olympic sport to beginners while helping more seasoned fencers sharpen their skills on campus. He also is a member of Greek & Cypriot Student Association, the association strives to bring together all the Greek & Cypriot students as well as any other students of Stony Brook University interested about learning & promoting the Hellenic history, culture, & society. As a club they organize various events in collaboration with the Center for Hellenic Studies to educate students about the values of Hellenic civilization & culture. Angelos is a seasoned musician, he plays the guitar, the piano, the mandolin, & the baritone & has used his skills in

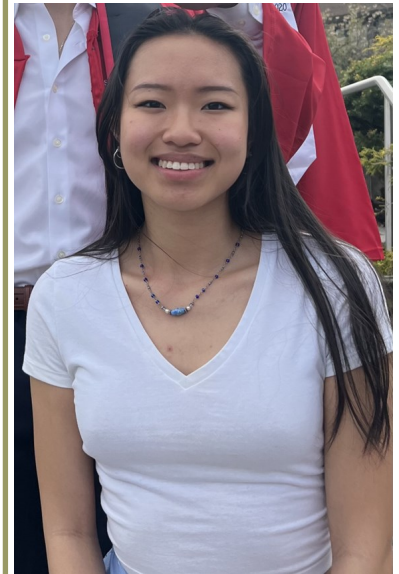
The Spirit of Stony Brook Marching Band, the marching band creates a sense of spirit & tradition on campus with a passion for music, spirit & community. It kicks off many campus events such as Wolfstock, Homecoming weekend, football games, SBU Giving day & the Annual Spring Concert to name a few. The band also is part of the greater community & has participated in NYC Pride Month, Angelos is part of an annual volunteer band in his hometown's Festival each summer. Angelos' Major is in business with a concentrate in Finance. Angelos goal is to further his education & obtain a PhD in Economics & plans on entering academia as a professor. Congratulations Angelos on being one of the recipients of the Dorothy Award.

Dorothy Award - (Fall Semester)

Kassidy has been working for the Library Dean's office since January 2022. Kassidy is highly adaptable to change & has proven to be a fast learner, she has gained valuable customer service skills & works well in a team environment. She is motivated to take on new projects. Kassidy works in the reception area for the Library Dean's Office. She has a strong customer service orientation & is often the first person of contact. She creates banners, design slides & works on graphics for posters for Library Workshops which have hung on the galleria bulletin board. She has created training & onboarding manuals. She helps with room set up for various library events & much more. She welcomes new opportunities to serve the libraries in various leadership roles to support library operations on a day-to-day basis. Kassidy has volunteered for her

community. She has served food, & was part of a beautification project for the local elementary school. She's participated in Earth Strike a movement calling for Climate change. She served an internship with Strength & Spine where she designed graphics for their social media platforms. She is the treasurer for the Philippine United Student Organization a cultural organization whose mission is, "To create a social & educational environment in which Filipin culture is advocated, discussed & celebrated." She is also involved in the Organization of Actuarial Student which helps students gain knowledge of the actuarial field. Provides perspective & guidance for students to reach their academic & career goals. They also provide networking opportunities by hosting guest lectures & panels with visiting

actuaries & alumni from various insurance industries. Kassidy is involved in the Taiwanese Student Organization, which strives to provide a community where students can learn about Taiwanese culture. The goal is to bring diversity to campus by hosting various events on campus. She is a member of the SBU Greenhouse Club, where students learn about a wide array of topics in horticultural areas such as permaculture, hydroponics, sustainable farming & food forests. Kassidy participates on the DEI committee creating events or programs to educate others on the issues affecting underrepresented & unseen minorities. She participates in the Summer Youth Employment Program in NYC. Kassidy is an Applied Mathematics & Statics major & plans a future as an actuary. Congratulations Kassidy on being one of the Dorothy Award recipients!



**2023 Fall Award Recipient
Kassidy Fan
Library Dean's Office**



Dorothy Award - (Fall Semester)

Brian has been working for the Access & User Services since September 2022. He has a kind and friendly personality; he is eager to help the campus community with their questions and provides a high level of service. Brian has proven to be one of our most reliable student employees. He is consistently punctual and has not missed a shift this semester. His ability to remain calm & respond to unpredictable situations speaks volumes about his character & makes him stand out above and beyond his peers & colleagues. Brian has a wonderful work ethic & is committed to going the extra mile. Brian was part of the "IHOPE" Summer Special Olympics. The International Academy of Hope (IHOPE) is a highly specialized brain injury school in New York City. It meets a significant & unmet

need in the NYC community, while also serving as a world-class model of best practices & high-tech solutions in the delivery of educational brain injury services. Brian created event banners, recorded participants & took photos during the Olympics. He was as model for the Black Womyn's Assoc. fashion show. Black Womyn's Association (BWA) is an organization orientated towards creating & promoting a diverse space for womyn from the Pan Afrikan movement by hosting educational workshops, general body meetings & an annual weekend of events. It is designed to address black social injustices, create dialogue in regard to cultural differences & to act as a catalyst in creating a union amongst the Stony Brook

University student body for academic, cultural, political, & social purposes. He is also involved with the Haitian Student Organization which helps to spread the Haitian Culture throughout the Stony Brook community through music, food, dance, and the discussion of current events. Brian interned at YAI a non-profit network of agencies that offer children & adults with intellectual & developmental disabilities a wide range of services. YAI is committed to seeing beyond the disability. Brian received the EOP/AIM Leadership Award and was accepted in the Professional Leadership Networking Program. Brian is a Health Sciences major & plans to pursue a career in physical therapy. His goal is to work with people with disabilities, especially children. Congratulations Brian on being one of the Dorothy Award Recipients!



**2023 Fall Award Recipient
Brian Phileny
Access & User Services**



Star Recognition Award
Jenny Chin
Access & User Services
Spring 2023



Star Recognition Awards (Spring 2023)

Jenny has been working for Access & User Services as a student assistant since January 2022. Jenny has proven to be a great asset in the Central Reading Room. She has worked regularly in the North Reading Room and Main Stacks (Circulation), & covered some shifts in the Music Library, & Math & Physics. Jenny has experience in opening & closing various locations independently when called to do so. She is a wonderful part of the Access & User services team. She is a member of the Color Guard team & she volunteered for the Hofstra Summer Camp REACH program. This program helps children with special needs navigate through camp. Jenny's goal was to guide the children who need a little more attention through the camp schedule, ensuring they are comfortable with the activities & facilitating interactions between each other & help make camp a positive experience. She is a member & participates in the Chinese Association at Stony Brook, which is a cultural organization dedicated to promoting & celebrating Chinese & Asian-American culture through various events, as well as fostering a sense of community on-campus & beyond. Jenny is a member of the Cantonese Club. The club's purpose is to promote & educate Cantonese/Chinese culture with the entire Stony Brook campus community. Jenny served as a Merchandise Planning & Allocation intern at Macy's last summer. Through this position, she gained an understanding of financial performance & assortment planning. Jenny also a TA's for various Applied Math and Statistic courses. Her primary responsibility was to assist course instructors in various academic & administrative tasks. This included grading assignments, leading discussions, holding weekly office hours, & providing individualized academic support to students. Jenny has been on the Dean's List every semester and will be graduating Summa Cum Laude. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society (a nationally recognized academic honor society). Jenny will be graduating as a double major in Applied Mathematics & Statistics (AMS) & in Economics & a minor in Chemistry. In the future, she hopes to pursue a career in data analytics as it provides a powerful tool for making informed decisions & driving change. She desires to help organizations & businesses identify trends, opportunities, & areas for improvement. Congratulations Jenny on receiving the Star Recognition Award!



Star Recognition Award
Patrick Larkin
Access & User Services
Fall 2023

Star Recognition Awards (Fall 2023)

Patrick has been working for Access and User Services since May 2022. He provides assistance at the service desk, assists with stacks maintenance and collection management. He performs shelving, sorting, fine shorting, room checks, provides excellent customer service to patrons visiting the University Libraries. He has a strong work ethics and commitment to professionalism. He handles most patron interactions independently. He has served in Main Stacks, Music Library, Math/Physics Library, and North and Central Reading Rooms. Patrick is a history major with a double minor in Writing and Rhetoric and Political Science. He will be graduating Summa Cum Laude this December. He received the Stony Brook Foundation Award for Highest GPA. He was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa (PBK) the nation's oldest academic honor society and Phi Alpha Theta a national history honor society. Patrick is involved with the Statesman as a copy editor and a writer for Arts and Culture, with the Undergraduate History Journal and the RhetComp blog as an editor. He is a member of the University Scholars. He volunteers with Christie Fena as an Academic Engagement Volunteer, where he is learning the role of a reference librarian. He provides assistance to students by guiding them through library databases and resources for writing 102. He has an internship with Long Island Museum and the Straus Historical Society. Patrick wants to pursue a career as a librarian or as an editor. Congratulations Patrick on being one of the recipients of the Star Recognition Award!

Star Recognition Awards (Fall 2023)

Zack has been working for the Health Sciences Library since August 2021. He opens & closes the library, trains new student staff, has helped with workshops and has a good understanding of library databases. He is confident, personable, and he desires to help others is inspiring. His presence has created a very warm and welcoming environment to all patrons who visit the libraries. Zack is highly skilled at enforcing library policies. He is very responsible and requires very little to no supervision to complete tasks. Zack has received the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) Academic Achievement Leadership Award. He's a success coach for the EOP/AIM program which helps students transition from HS to college providing mentorship and advise on time management and study technics. Zack has also provided assistance through EOP on navigating Library data-bases. Zack has been given several certificates from the Stony Brook University Center of Outreach and Prevention for his participation in the Green Dot training, A strategy for preventing forms of power-based personal violence. QPR which stands for "Question, Persuade and Refer" where he encourages and helps to connect students with mental health resources. RED WATCH BAND provides students with the knowledge, awareness, and skills to prevent toxic drinking deaths. Zack is a RA and fosters community among students, providing moral support, compassion and advice. He is a linguistics and TESOL major. His goal is to be a ESL teacher in the future. Congratulations Zack for receiving the Star Recognition Award!



Star Recognition Award
Zack Li
Access & User Services
Fall 2023



Star Recognition Awards (Fall 2023)

Kelly has been working for the Health Sciences Library since September 2023. She has provided support for many Health Sciences Library events, including the Health Tech Fair, creating materials for the Veterans Card display, creating a graphic for American Sign Language Awareness Month and creating signage for a card to be signed for the Stony Brook Children's Hospital. Prior to coming to SBU Kelly was awarded the "Daughters of 1812" awarded to JROTC students who show academic excellence, leadership, discipline, dependability, patriotism, & upright character in speech and habits & she has interned with the NYPD 62th precinct. Kelly serves the Stony Brook University Community as a Volunteer in thw SBU Ambulance Corps. She also volunteers for the Parent Child Relationship Assoc. by creating week-long lessons for the community and cleaning local parks. She is Certified as an EMT, in First Aid & FEMA Emergency Management Institute. She interns for Cultured Kids Cuisine, an International non-profit association striving to build love and tolerance through food. She is a specimen Curation & Research Assistant for the department of Ecology and Evolution allowing her to expand her knowledge of biology, digital fossils and processing osteological specimens. Kelly is a biology major and plans a future as a Clinical Technician. Congratulations Kelly on being a recipient of the Star Recognition Award!



Star Recognition Award
Kelly Zheng
Health Sciences Library
Fall 2023

Class of 2023 Student Staff

Congratulations to our graduating student staff. Thank you for contributing to the University Libraries success by supporting students, faculty, staff and the community. Best wishes on the next steps in your career!

Access and User Services

Susan Chen
Ying Chen
Jenny Chin
Swati Sree Chirumamilla
Ruiheng Huang
Samvied Kattékola
Patrick Larkin
Vinay Nandamuri
Rachel Rodriguez
Vishnu Teja Sardee
Jian hao (John) Xie
Jiayuan Yan

Library Dean's Office

Emely Alvarado Lemoine
Samantha Hernandez
Eugene Hsiung
Justin Kenny
Angelos Koulouris
Dahiana Ortega Nunez
Emelyn Pareja Garcia

Health Sciences Library

Jian Hao Xie
MD (Nasif) Islam
Ganesh Jothilingam

Resource Management

Odyssey Bowser
Suzanna Liang

All Star Certificates

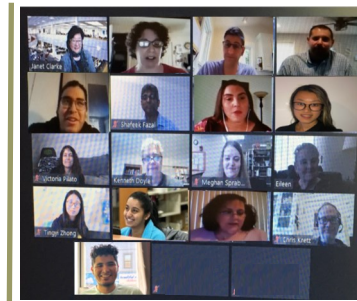
The All-Star Certificates are presented to student staff recognized by their supervisors for their outstanding work & dedication to the University Libraries. Congratulations to the following student staff who received the "All Star Certificates". From Access & User Services – **Charles Burghardt, Susan Chen, Jenny Chin, Swati Sree Chirumamilla, Meloseri Dumnoi, Jian Hao Xie, MD Nasif Islam, Joseph Jeong, Ganesh Jothilingam, Samved Kattékola, Patrick Larkin, Jiaming Li, Angela Liu, Jovanka Poveda, Vishnu Sardee.** The Library Dean's Office – **Emely Alvarado Lemoine, Cassidy Fan, Samantha Hernandez, Eugene Hsiung, Angelos Koulouris, Mehki Mitchell, Dahiana Ortega Nunez, Emelyn Pareja- Garcia, Sophia Qu.** Library IT – **Edward Yeboah.** Preservation – **Zi Yin Deng, Mariana Osorio.** Resource Management – **Odyssey Bowser.**

2023 - Student Employee of The Year Nominees

We like to acknowledge & congratulate **Rachel Rodriguez** for being the University Libraries Nominee for Student Employee of the Year. The student employee of the year nominations are sent to the selection committee who consider nominees from all departments throughout campus who employ student staff. The recipient moves forward for consideration to the regional student employee of the year selection committee & then to a national student employee of the year selection committee for consideration. Congratulations Rachel for being considered for this prestigious award.

20th Annual Student Staff Appreciation Award Ceremony and Student Social

We came together virtually to celebrate the Stony Brook University Libraries 20th Annual Student Staff Appreciation in Celebration of the Library Student Staff. We acknowledged some of your accomplishments and presented the Spring Dorothy Awards and the University Libraries Distinguished Student Employee Award to this year's recipients. This virtual ceremony and student social is a our way of saying THANK YOU for all you do throughout the year, for your dedication and hard work for the University Libraries.



Fall Dorothy Awards Ceremony Recognition Award

The Fall Dorothy Award Ceremony celebrates the accomplishments & hard work of the libraries student staff. We recognized the Dorothy Award recipients & the student staff receiving the Star Recognition Awards.



Carpe Librum Bookplates: Exciting New Opportunity for the Graduating Library Student



The Bookplate Program is fairly a new program created to honor graduating student staff & to recognize your tremendous contribution to the University Libraries. It's a way for the student staff to be part of the library even after their graduation. Students can select an item from the circulating items in the collection that has some meaning to them. To be eligible the student should have worked at least 2 semesters & be currently working for the University Libraries. This is an optional program so not all graduating students staff may be represented. The bookplates are on display in the Central Reading Room. The following graduating student staff for Spring and Summer 2023 who participated in the program are as follows:

Access and User Services

Jenny Chin
Swati Sree Chirumamilla
Ruiheng Huang
Md Nasif) Islam
Ganesh Jothilingam
Samved Kattekola
Patrick Larkin
Vinay Nandamuri
Rachel Rodriguez
Vishnu Teja Sardee
Jian Hao (John) Xie

Library Dean's Office

Eugene Hsiung
Angelos Koulouris
Dahiana Ortega Nunez
Emelyn Pareja Garcia

Library Social Media

Justin Kenny

End of Year Student Staff Appreciation

The University Library Faculty/Staff want to wish the library student staff success on your finals and say thank you for the great job you do!! A special acknowledgement to Karim Boughida for sponsoring this year's goody bags and thank you to staff who brought items. Thank you: Susan Chen, Pam Di Pasquale, Ken Doyle, Raquel Lynn, Mona Ramonetti, & Jeanne Quagliata for taking time out of your busy day to assemble the goody bags (photos contributed by Pam Di Pasquale)



Special Thank You

University Libraries Distinguished Student Employee Award

The award was established by Library faculty / staff in 2004 to reward outstanding work and commitment to the University Libraries by Library student staff. It is supported by library staff and individual donations. This year's award was made possible by the generous donation of **Hanne Tracy** (a retired University Libraries staff). Thank so much Hanne for considering our student staff in such a special way and making this

Dorothy Award

The University Libraries was saddened to learn of the passing of the anonymous donor of the Dorothy Award this year. The donor created and has solely financially supported the award since 1997. The Dorothy Award has helped relieve some of the financial burden for many Library Student Staff throughout the years.

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Library Student Staff