

The Stony Brook Alumni Kappas Present

# The Fifth Annual HomeKoming Scholarship Gala

## A SNEAKER BALL

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2025

7 pm to Midnight

The Hilton Garden Inn at Stony Brook University

### HONOREES



**Capt. Tracy Isaac**  
Commanding Officer and  
Director - US Navy



**Dr. Alvin K. Knight**  
Educator and Community Advocate  
Etiquette in Motion, Enterprises Inc.



**Oral Muir**  
Vice President  
Hilton Worldwide



**Christina Vargas**  
Associate Vice President  
Suffolk County Community College

# PROGRAM

- ❖ Music & Mingling DJ Kulcha & DJ Smooth C
- ❖ Welcome & Blessing Keith Walker
- ❖ Dinner & Music
- ❖ Alumni Honors
  - Welcome & Presentation of Honorees Dr. Sean Joe
  - Stony Brook Alumni Association Errol Cockfield, President
  - Stony Brook Foundation Scott Barrett, Interim VP for Advancement and Interim ED of SB Foundation
  - Stony Brook University Andrea Goldsmith, President
  - Closing Dr. Sean Joe
- ❖ Party Time!!!
  - Headline performance by The Legendary Chubb Rock!!!
  - Music by DJ Kulcha & DJ Smooth C!!!

# The Stony Brook Alumni Kappas



Founded in 1911 on the principle of achievement, the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.'s mission is at the core of the organization: to elevate young Black men and inspire them to reach higher and dream bigger.

Alumni of Stony Brook's Pi Rho Chapter of the fraternity are living its principles. Led by Thierry S. Cazeau, BA '91, MSW '94; Sean Joe, BA '91, MSW '94; and Keith Walker, BA '96, a group of 60+ alumni have vowed to help others who are following in their footsteps by providing funding to establish a scholarship for underrepresented and civically engaged students.

Their support was inspired by a similar scholarship for underrepresented students established by the Black and Latino Alumni Network. Following that lead, the Stony Brook Kappas Endowed Achievement Scholarship will provide both tuition and supplemental support to students who demonstrate a commitment to academic excellence and to social engagement, social responsibility and the campus and local communities.

The Brothers remain active with the university through its various affinity and alumni groups, mentoring students, and actively participating in Stony Brook's Homecoming festivities, including hosting the annual Homecoming Scholarship Gala fundraiser, which directly supports the endowed scholarship.

# The Stony Brook Kappas Endowed Achievement Scholarship Update: Oct 2025

To endow the scholarship in perpetuity, the Stony Brook Kappas have fundraised internally and engaged the community through Stony Brook's annual "Giving Day" initiative and the HomeKoming Scholarship Gala.

With over \$102,000 raised thus far in donations the scholarship has achieved endowment status. This means the funds raised are now invested, are accruing interest (depending on the stock market) and will continue to make a meaningful impact indefinitely.

The second disbursement of the scholarships is projected for Fall 2025.

The Brothers are excited to continue their efforts to raise funds, increase the principal amount, and increase the disbursements available for scholarships.

The Stony Brook Kappas thank you for your continued support and look forward to supporting Stony Brook students and the University for years to come.



# Capt. Tracy Isaac

**Commanding Officer & Director**

**US Navy**

**CAPT. TRACY ISSAC** is a native of New York, NY, and completed her pre-nursing studies at SUNY at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY. She attended SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn, where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing in 1993. She was commissioned an LTJG in the Navy Nurse Corps in 2001. Prior to joining the Nurse Corps, she worked as a Medical-Surgical Nurse (Liver & Kidney Transplant Unit-Mt. Sinai Hospital), Public Health Nurse, Supervising Public Health Nurse, and District Supervising Public Health Nurse for the New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene, School Health Program. Capt. Isaac is an Adult Health Clinical Nurse Specialist and board-certified Ambulatory Care Nurse. She earned her doctoral degree in Health Science from Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL, in 2018.

Her distinguished career includes clinical and leadership positions at Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune, where she deployed with 2nd FSSG 2nd Medical Battalion, National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) Bethesda, U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa, Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton, Naval Hospital Jacksonville, and National Defense University (NDU). Following her NNMC assignment, she attended graduate school at The Catholic University of America as a full-time student in the Adult Health Clinical Nurse Specialist/Nurse Educator Program. Upon graduation, she reported to Naval Hospital Okinawa, Japan, where she served as Department Head/Clinical Nurse Specialist, Multi-Service Ward and Head of Staff Education and Training from 2007 to 2009. At Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton, she subsequently served as Department Head, Education and Training; Clinic Manager, Family Medicine Department; and Senior Nurse, Directorate for Medical Services. She transferred to Naval Hospital Jacksonville in 2014, where she served as Assistant Department Head, Family Medicine, and assumed her duties as Director for Mental Health in 2015.

Capt. Isaac served as the NDU Command Nurse, Fort McNair, Washington, DC, from 2017 to 2018. As a member of the Health and Fitness Directorate, she administered preventive and executive medical health care to 1,800 students and faculty at NDU colleges. Additionally, she coordinated and provided travel preventive medicine to 200 officers in the CAPSTONE General and Flag Officer Course. In June 2019, she completed her Masters of Science in National Resource Strategy from the NDU's Dwight E. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy. She was the Nurse Corps Staff Inspector at the Office of Medical Inspector General, U.S. Bureau of Medical and Surgery from July 2019 until April 2022. In May 2022, CAPT Isaac served as Executive Officer of Navy Medicine Operational Training Command in Pensacola, Florida, from May 2022 to May 2024. She assumed command as Commanding Officer, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Beaufort, Naval Support Facility Beaufort and Director, Naval Hospital Beaufort in June 2024.

Capt. Isaac's personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (x4), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Service Medal (FMF Combat Operation Insignia), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (x2), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Navy Fleet Marine Force Ribbon, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and National Defense Service Medal.





# Dr. Alvin K. Knight

**Educator & Community Advocate**

**Etiquette in Motion, Enterprises Inc.**

**DR. ALVIN K. KNIGHT** is a dedicated educator, community advocate, and proud native of Brownsville, Brooklyn, NY. His passion for education was ignited during his formative years at Boys and Girls High School, where he was mentored by the late Mr. Phillip Cox and the late Mr. Frank Mickens—visionary leaders who profoundly influenced his lifelong commitment to youth empowerment.

In 1991, Dr. Knight returned to his Brownsville roots to serve the students at NYC Public School District 23. Today, he continues his mission as an Attendance Teacher/Officer in District 29, Queens, NY, where he supports six schools in improving student attendance and engagement. Over the span of more than three decades, he has remained unwavering in his dedication to educating and mentoring underserved youth.

Dr. Knight holds a Doctorate in Educational Administration, Leadership, and Accountability from St. John's University, a Master's in Education from Cambridge College, and a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies/History from Stony Brook University. His educational journey is a reflection of his belief in lifelong learning and the transformative power of academic opportunity.

Throughout his career, Dr. Knight has served in a variety of leadership roles, including Principal of a Pre-K–6 charter school in Queens, Assistant Principal, Dean of Students, and Teacher Leader. His work has consistently centered on fostering academic excellence, social-emotional development, and creating meaningful support systems for families.

In addition to his work in education, Dr. Knight is the founder of *Etiquette in Motion Enterprises, Inc.*, a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering youth with essential life and leadership skills. His commitment to community extends beyond the classroom through his active involvement in *Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated*, where he participates in initiatives aimed at uplifting and inspiring underserved communities.

Dr. Knight has shared his life's journey with his college sweetheart and wife of 30 years, Kim—a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. Together, they are the proud parents of two young adults, Kayla and Alvin Jr. (AJ). Who are also members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity Inc. (Respectively).

Dr. Knight's life and work stand as a testament to the power of mentorship, education, and community service. He remains deeply committed to ensuring that all students—regardless of background—have access to the tools, guidance, and support they need to thrive.



# Oral Muir

**Vice President, Partnerships,  
Experiences & Distribution**

**Hilton Worldwide**

**ORAL MUIR** is the Vice President for Partnerships, Experiences, and Distribution at Hilton Worldwide. In this role he has global responsibility for new enterprise partnerships, in-destination travel experiences and adventure offerings ranging from city tours to glamping and safaris.

Prior to joining Hilton, Oral most recently served as Global Vice President for Groups, Meetings, and Events strategy at Marriott International. Prior to that Oral served as Marriott's Vice President and Global Brand Leader for the Autograph Collection independent luxury and lifestyle hotel portfolio, and as Global Vice President for Cross-Channel Distribution Strategy.

Oral is a member of the Board of Directors for Groups360 software and a member of the Board of Directors for the Executive Leadership Council.

Oral holds a Master's in Business Administration from the Johns Hopkins Carey Business School and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the State University of New York at Stony Brook.



# Christina Vargas

**Associate Vice President**

**Suffolk County Community College**

**CHRISTINA VARGAS** serves as the Associate Vice President for Opportunity and Belonging at Suffolk County Community College, the largest community college in the SUNY system and a Hispanic Serving Institution. As a senior member of the President's Cabinet, she leads efforts to foster a campus culture rooted in equity, belonging, and inclusive excellence. Her work focuses on increasing access, retention, and completion for students, while ensuring a learning and working environment free from discrimination.

At Suffolk, Christina created and teaches in the Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI) professional development institute, facilitates the Braver Spaces LGBTQ+ allyship program, and co-chairs the President's Equity and Inclusion Council. She oversees civil rights and sexual violence compliance, including investigations, training, and policy implementation. In 2019, she secured a \$245K SUNY PRODiG grant to support hiring and retention of underrepresented faculty. She is a member of the SUNY Hispanic Leadership Institute Steering Committee.

Christina is also an adjunct lecturer in the Higher Education Administration Master's Program at Stony Brook University, where she teaches "Diversity and Higher Education" and received the Faculty Excellence Award in 2018.

She spent 20 years at Stony Brook University as Director of Diversity and Affirmative Action and Title IX Coordinator, leading initiatives such as the President's Task Force on Campus Climate and founding programs like Diversity Day, Safe Spaces, and heritage month celebrations. She developed outreach strategies to recruit and retain underrepresented populations and fostered inclusive excellence across the university.

Christina has advised student organizations including Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., where she was inducted as an honorary sister, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. during its centennial.

She holds a B.S. and M.S. in Management from Stony Brook University and a Diversity Management Certification from Cornell University. She is a past President of the Stony Brook Alumni Association and co-founder of the Black and Latino Alumni Network. She also served on the university's Presidential Search Committee and currently sits on the Stony Brook University Hospital Quality Assessment Review Board.

Her community service includes board leadership with ERASE Racism, the Suffolk County Police Reform Task Force, and the Hispanic Advisory Board. She has received numerous honors, including the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service and the Long Island Business News Diversity in Business Award.

A proud Boricua from Brooklyn, Christina lives on Long Island with her family. She and her husband, Curt Hylton, share their stroke survivor and caregiving journey to raise awareness and were keynote speakers at the Stony Brook School of Health Professions Diversity Conference in 2024.



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