

4TH ANNUAL STONY BROOK ALUMNI KAPPAS
HOMEKOMING

Scholarship Gala

Sneaker Ball

THE THROWBACK EDITION

HONOREES



Kimberly Joy Dixon



Méta Morrison, MBA



Dr. Ronald Taylor

Music by DJ Kulcha and DJ Smooth C

FRIDAY
OCTOBER
25
2024

7 PM TO 12 AM

The Hilton Garden Inn at Stony Brook University
1 Circle Road, Stony Brook, NY

PROGRAM

MUSIC BY: DJ Kulcha & DJ Smooth C

MUSIC & MINGLING

- ❖ **WELCOME & BLESSING** **Keith Walker**

DINNER & MUSIC

- ❖ **ALUMNI HONORS**
 - Presentation of Honorees **Dr. Sean Joe**
 - Stony Brook Foundation **Scott Barrett, Interim Vice President of Advancement**
 - Stony Brook Alumni Association **Errol Cockfield, President**
 - Closing **Dr. Sean Joe**

PARTY TIME!!!

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Founded in 1911 on the principle of achievement, the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity'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 from 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.

To endow the scholarship in perpetuity, Cazeau, Joe and Walker are turning to their fraternity brothers and other members of the Stony Brook community. With over \$18,000 raised from the community on Giving Day 2021 they are well on their way.

The Stony Brook Kappas Endowed Achievement Scholarship Update: Oct 2024

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 \$81,000 raised thus far in donations, the scholarship has achieved endowment status, exceeding projections by almost two years. This means the funds raised are now invested, will accrue interest (depending on the stock market) and will continue to make a meaningful impact indefinitely. The first disbursement for scholarships is projected for 2025.

With another \$23,000 in pledges anticipated for 2025 & 2026, the Brothers are excited to continue striving towards their new goal of \$100,000! This will increase the principal amount, which in turn should increase the disbursement 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.



Kimberly Joy Dixon

Director of Employer Engagement & Diversity Recruitment

Stony Brook University Career Center

KIMBERLY JOY DIXON is the Director of Employer Engagement & Diversity Recruitment at the Stony Brook University Career Center, where she leverages 24 years of career services experience. Specializing in developing and enhancing employer recruitment relationships, Kimberly excels in designing customized recruiting and branding strategies tailored to meet the needs of diverse industries.

With a deep passion for creating impactful career preparation programs, Kimberly is dedicated to addressing student needs, fostering connections with industry professionals, and generating meaningful hiring opportunities. Recognizing the critical importance of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in the workplace, she has been a strategic leader in cultivating programs that build a diverse talent pipeline. For over two decades, Kimberly has aligned her initiatives with industry diversity recruiting efforts to ensure inclusivity.

Among her many achievements, Kimberly's signature program, the ****Diversity Professional Leadership Network (DPLN)****, stands out. This nationally recognized and awarded program, now in its 18th year, serves as a vital pipeline to internships and full-time positions for underrepresented and underserved undergraduate students. Through DPLN, students gain access to industry mentors and essential career preparation, empowering them to succeed in their professional journeys.

Kimberly is a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She is married to Stony Brook alum Russell Dixon and is the mother of Katelynn Joy Dixon, a senior at AMDA College in Los Angeles, who is pursuing a career in commercial dance.

Kimberly holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Lawrence University and a Master of Arts degree in Higher Education Administration from Teachers College at Columbia University.



Méta Morrison,

MBA, MT SBB(ASCP)cm

**Manager, Blood Bank Operations NYU
Langone Health**

MÉTA MORRISON is a Clinical Laboratory Scientist with a specialty in Immunohematology. She graduated from Stony Brook University in 2005 with a double major in Biology & Clinical Laboratory Science, later obtaining her MBA in 2014 from Long Island University. She is a leader in her field with greater than 19 years of experience working at some of the top healthcare institutions in the country, to include New York Blood Center and New York Presbyterian Hospital - Weill Cornell. At this time, she is the Manager of Operations for the blood bank at NYU Langone Health. Throughout her career she has contributed to research resulting in multiple publications in the Transfusion Medicine Journal. Méta also volunteers as an Assessor with the Association for the Advancement of Blood & Biotherapies and the College of American Pathologists.

Méta just celebrated 20 years of uninterrupted years of service as a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated! She became a member while an undergraduate here at Stony Brook University. Méta is the Immediate Past President of the Kappa Epsilon Zeta Chapter, serving the Bronx, NY and has held a number of positions on the local, state and regional levels. She credits her membership for the development of her leadership ability.

On a more personal note, Méta is a member of the New York Covenant Church, is engaged to Dave Roper a brother of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and is the proud guardian to her precious niece Leia.



Dr. Ronald Taylor

Founding Partner and CEO of Trident Endo and RCT Endodontics

DR. RONALD TAYLOR is the esteemed founder of RCT Endodontics and co-founder of Trident ENDO, the largest independently owned and provider-operated endodontic group specialty practice in the United States. Serving as the CEO of Trident ENDO, he leads an executive team that manages endodontic specialty practices in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Washington DC. He takes great pride in his commitment to helping patients preserve their natural teeth through painless endodontic procedures.

Dr. Taylor's expertise and dedication to the field have earned him a mentorship role with the American Board of Endodontics College of Diplomates, where he also serves on the board of directors. His passion for education is reflected in his roles as faculty at Howard University and the University of Maryland. Additionally, he has served as a mock board examiner for endodontic residents across various institutions, nationally. Dr. Taylor continues his professional development with the Edward C. Penick Endodontic Study Club, where he has also held the position of president. He is a proud specialist member of the American Association of Endodontists and has been consistently recognized on Washingtonian Magazine's List of Top Dentists.

Beyond his clinical practice, Dr. Taylor is deeply committed to philanthropy. He founded the Trident Save-a-Smile Foundation to support the communities served by RCT Endodontics. Each year the Save-A-Smile Foundation conducts a large outreach event where they donate free endodontic care to undocumented immigrants and patients in need. Many of these patients have no access to care and have been in dental pain for months. With very few options and nowhere to turn for treatment, the Save-A-Smile Foundation provides hope, by allowing these patients to smile, apply for jobs and live their lives pain-free again.

Dr. Taylor attained his BA from Stony Brook University, his dental degree from University of Maryland Dental School and his Master of Dental Science and endodontic certification from Case Western Reserve University. He is a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated, a member of the American Association of Endodontists and the American Dental Association. Dr. Taylor enjoys attending sporting events, traveling, listening to soca music, and deep-sea fishing. He shares his life with his wife, Chalissa, and their two children, Kayla and Evan. A fun fact about Dr. Taylor: before his career in dentistry, he was a drummer—a passion he still holds dear.

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