Note from Dean of University Libraries

I would like to acknowledge the University Libraries student staff for your dedication throughout the year. You are valuable members of the University Libraries team and you help to fulfill the academic mission of SBU Libraries. Your position in the library will serve you well throughout your career. You are developing skills and expertise that will be helpful throughout life. I encourage you to participate in the various SBU Libraries programs such as Pet Therapy, WOLFIE Wednesdays and the Zen Garden, developed to relieve some of the tension you and the student body of SBU may be experiencing throughout the academic year. Please take advantage of the newly renovated reading rooms. The renovations were designed with you in mind. The North Reading Room features technology enabled collaboration rooms, single service point library services and seating to support group or individual study. The Central Reading Room has flexible event space, a reading nook, two computer enabled classrooms and group study rooms. I’d like to take this opportunity to congratulate Jessica Quizhpe, the 2016 Recipient of the University Libraries Distinguished Student Employee Award and to Peter Groffmann and Jeremy Reifer, the Recipients of the Thomas Jefferson Awards. The awards were presented at the Annual Student Staff Appreciation Luncheon in April. We recently distributed the End of Year Goody Bags hoping it will sustain you through finals. We put together these events throughout the year to show you our appreciation. Thank you for your dedication to SBU libraries.

University Libraries Distinguished Student Employee Award

This year’s Award is being presented to Jessica Quizhpe. Jessica has been working in the Music library since Sept 2013. She’s involved with her sorority Alpha Sigma Alpha, the Special Olympics, the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) and has been inducted into the Honor societies Chi Alpha Epsilon and Collegiate Scholars for the past 3 years. She is a very diligent worker and will cover her co-workers shifts when needed. She is very helpful with patrons and takes the initiative. Her supervisor relies on her to open and close the Music Library almost every weekend a position only given to our most trustworthy student staff. Jessica expects to graduate May 2018 with a major is Engineering Science specializing in Biotechnology and a minor in Manufacturing Engineering. Jessica wants to use her passion for science by improving and inventing medical devices that can greatly improve the quality of life for people around the world. Congratulations Jessica!
Thomas Jefferson Award - (Spring Semester)

Peter Groffmann has worked in several areas of the library; including HSL, MASIC, Science/Engineering Library, Music Library and Circulation. Peter was nominated for TJA for his outstanding work in the MASIC library. He’s always on time and provides excellent service to library patrons. He was involved with a major shifting project and worked independently during this time. He is familiar with Aleph and the Library of Congress. Peter designed and painted the horseshoe outside the Central Reading Room. The design is based on “The Catcher in the Rye” and incorporates SBU and University Libraries Symbolism. Peter is in the English honors program, he is a leader of a Christian band and has helped distribute food to the hungry through Harvest Fields Worship Center. He attends Intervarsity & Christians on Campus clubs he writer and artist. Peter is an English major in his senior year and after graduation he plans on continuing his studies in Constitutional law. Congratulations Peter!

A special THANK YOU to the anonymous donor for his generosity and support of the Library Student Staff.
You make the Thomas Jefferson Award a reality!!

Thomas Jefferson Award - (Fall Semester)

Jeremy Reifer has been working in Access Services – Circulation since September 2014. He supervisor states he’s “determined never to be idle” he has a good balance of his responsibilities and is committed to both work and school. Jeremy has a work ethic focused on productivity and he has a quiet determination to insure that his responsibilities are not only meet but exceeded. Jeremy is majoring in Technological Systems Management with a specialization in Computer Science. He plans a career in project management in relation to technology and services that will help the work field and everyday life. Jeremy volunteers at his church, he’s part of the youth ministry, food drive and collection of school supplies for the community. Jeremy TA’s and mentors in the EOP/AIM program. Jeremy is an active member of the American Marketing Association and has been involved with the Women’s Expo, fund raising for cancer research, Rely for Life and SBU Children’s Hospital holiday toy drive. Congratulations Jeremy!
2016 - Student Employee of The Year Nominee

We would like to congratulate Iain Mawhinney from Access Services - Circulation Services for being nominated for the 2016 Student Employee of the Year Award for his outstanding contribution, dependability, dedication to his work and exceptional job performance. Iain is a senior and will be graduating with a Bachelors Arts degree in Anthology with a double minor in South Asia Studies and Comparative Literature. Congratulations Iain!

13th Annual Student Staff Appreciation Luncheon

The 13th Annual Student Staff Appreciation Luncheon was hosted by the social events team and held on April 20, 2016 in Student Activities Center. Thank you for your dedication and hard work throughout the year! Library Faculty/Staff contributed salads, baked goods, fruit and other goodies. We’d like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to this year’s luncheon. The Thomas Jefferson Award and the University Libraries Distinguished Student Employee Award were presented at the luncheon to this year’s recipients.
End of Year Student Staff Appreciation

At the end of each year the University Libraries assembles goody bags for our student staff. It’s our way of wishing you luck on finals and to Thank You for all your hard work throughout the year. Here’s a few of the staff working diligently to get everything ready for distribution.

(Thank you: Kristen Cinar, Dianne Cyrus, Pam Di Pasquale, Bee Farina, Peggy Handle, Keith Krejci, Lisa Miller, Suzanne Natsch, Brenda Polis, Jeanne Quagliata.)

Special Thank You

Library Staff

Thank you so much to the library staff who donated items or gave funds to purchase items for the end of year goody bags for the Library student staff. Without your support we would not have been able to keep this tradition going. The students really love receiving these goody bags. It’s a simple but meaningful way to recognize the hard work of the library student staff.

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).

Questions? Comments? Suggestions?

Do you have a library experience you’d like to share? Please send an email to one of the following links: jeanne.quagliata@stonybrook.edu pamela.dipasquale@stonybrook.edu

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