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Stony Brook University Celebrates Their 2021 40 Under Forty Honorees
Individuals From Six Different Fields were Rewarded

Tribeca Rooftop, NYC: On September 13th, successful Stony Brook University alumni under the age of forty gathered to be awarded by their alma mater for the work they've accomplished. Each individual has gained prominent success in their respective fields, and independently have had an impact on their communities. The fields alumni were selected from were: Arts & Entertainment, Civil Service & Activism, Education, Entrepreneurship, Finance, Healthcare, Law, Marketing, Science & Engineering, Sports, Technology, and Writers & Media. Since there are a multitude of possible fields individuals can be in, the selection process is based on pure success and influence on advancing their vocation. A majority of awardees were selected from Healthcare (40%), Science & Engineering (20%), and Civil Service & Activism (17.5%) with the rest of the 22.5% being selected from other fields.
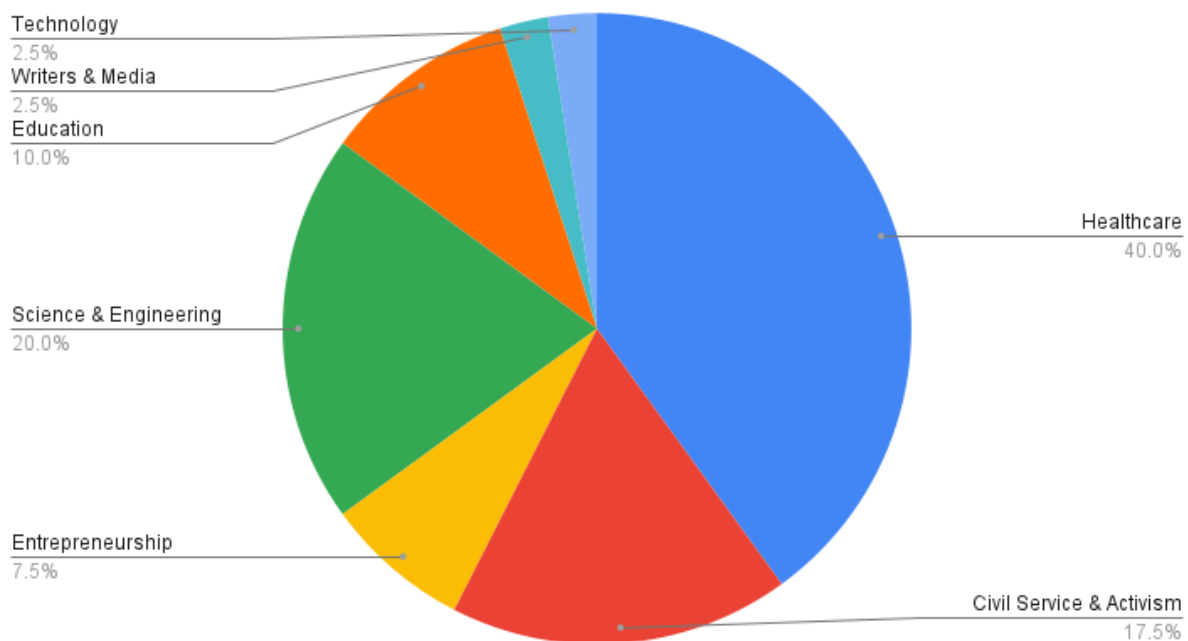

Figure 1: The field count breakdown of the honorees. Some fields were not selected from this year and thus were not a part of this chart.

Stony Brook University President Maurie McInnis stated on Tuesday night, "The caliber of this year's honorees is a true testament to the power of a Stony Brook education to make an impact not only in our own community, but around the world . . . I am inspired by the strides that these remarkable alumni have made so early in their careers." The diverse and strong

backgrounds of each of the alumni truly shows how successful Stony Brook University has been in becoming a top-tier school. Some of the notable honorees in this year's class are:

- **Fanny Cornejo '15,** a Country Director as part of the Rainforest Partnership who founded the Peruvian NGO Yunkawasi to support communities located within the Amazon and to protect the natural environment.
- **Marc Anthony Rodriguez '05,** the Chief Operating Officer of VoxPop Games Inc. who helped in the development and release of the popular video game franchises such as "Grand Theft Auto" and "Street Fighter " and founded New York's first independent games distribution and development company.
- **Farrukh Jafri, MS-HPEd, MD '09,** the Medical Director of White Plains Hospital Cares who developed a data driven virtual health program used for complex care patients released from the Emergency Department and Inpatient Units.
- **Suhas Satheesh '12,** a Senior Hardware Engineering Manager at NVIDIA who designed new circuit designs to improve upon NVIDIA chips used in millions of devices. He is also currently working on providing a girls hostel in rural Uttar Pradesh to help decrease the high dropout rate for girls in the area.

This is the 6th year that these awards have been given out meaning 240 students who graduated from Stony Brook University have been recognized for their impact. The university looks forward to awarding its alumni every year as it is a reflection upon what their education can achieve.

About Stony Brook University: Stony Brook University is a public research institution that was founded in 1957 and is located in Long Island, NY. With 25,989 students, Stony Brook has a strong focus on its STEM programs such as medicine and computer science but has also achieved recent accreditation in its College of Business. It is ranked 77th amongst National Universities and 31st amongst Public Universities by the *U.S. News & World Report* in its 2023 Best Colleges publication.