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Dr. Rita Nezami
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Dear Dr. Nezami:

It is a pleasure for me to write today to extend my heartfelt congratulations on receiving the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching for the academic year 2024-2025. This distinguished honor recognizes the best of the best across the entire SUNY system. The Stony Brook community is proud to join you in celebrating this outstanding achievement.

It is individuals like you, with your dedication, leadership, and commitment that have helped Stony Brook become what it is today: an innovator, a world-class educator, a convener of great minds and ideas, and a problem solver for New York, the country, and the world.

Your achievement brings immense pride to Stony Brook and also serves as an inspiration to our entire academic community. You are making a tremendous impact here at Stony Brook and beyond. Once again, congratulations on this exceptional honor, and thank you for all you do for Stony Brook.

Sincerely,

Richard L. McCormick

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Interim President



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