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Stony Brook University Student/East Northport Resident Wins Hospital Association Scholarship

Hauppauge, NY (August 5, 2022) **Melanie Formosa, a resident of East Northport, NY and student at Stony Brook University**, was selected as the 2022 Ann Marie Brown Memorial Scholarship recipient. The \$2,000 scholarship is awarded annually by the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council (NSHC) and its Communications Committee. Formosa is a rising senior at Stony Brook University who will graduate in May 2023 with a degree in journalism.



Formosa is the recipient of several scholarships and awards for academic excellence, leadership, and community service. She maintains a 4.0 GPA and has interned for WSHU Public Radio, the Southampton Press, and in the communications department at the Suffolk County Water Authority.

She currently serves as president and program director for the campus radio station WUSB and also assumed the role of news director in the fall of 2021. In that role, she founded the station's news department with a team of students she recruited and trained. She also hosts a weekly two-hour radio show, which is focused on positivity in mental health.

The Ann Marie Brown Memorial Scholarship has been awarded since 1994 and commemorates the late vice president for government and public affairs at the Hospital Council. Brown served in this role from 1983 – 1993. The scholarship is offered to a college junior, senior, or post-graduate student who is both a resident of Long Island and studies communications/marketing, journalism, or health care administration. For more specific information, go to www.nshc.org.

The Hospital Council's Communications Committee is comprised of the senior public relations directors from Long Island's not-for-profit and public hospitals. In addition to administering this yearly scholarship, this committee oversees the Hospital Council's communication initiatives. It works to affect rational health policy and legislation, promote the programs and services offered by hospitals, and advocate for the health care needs of all Long Islanders.

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About the Suburban Hospital Alliance of New York State

The Suburban Hospital Alliance of New York State advocates on behalf of hospitals in the Hudson Valley and Long Island regions. It engages key lawmakers and regulatory decision-makers in Albany and Washington to ensure reasonable and rational health care policy prevails.

About the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council (NSHC)



The [Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council](#) represents the not-for-profit and public hospitals on Long Island. It works in conjunction with the [Suburban Hospital Alliance of New York State](#) to advance legislative and regulatory priorities. NSHC serves as the local and collective voice of hospitals on Long Island.



About the Northern Metropolitan Hospital Association (NorMet)



The [Northern Metropolitan Hospital Association](#) represents the not-for-profit and public hospitals in the Hudson Valley region. It works in conjunction with the [Suburban Hospital Alliance of New York State](#) to advance legislative and regulatory priorities. NorMet serves as the local and collective voice of hospitals in the Hudson Valley.