The Office of Commuter Student Services (CSS) is a University administrative office whose mission is to contribute directly and indirectly to the enhancement of the educational experience of all undergraduate commuter students at Stony Brook University.

We accomplish this by providing services, programs, advocacy, research, and outreach.

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Spring is here, and you know what that means: time to update your wardrobe and show off that Seawolf style! According to Glamour magazine, there were an innumerable amount of cute, flirty, and fun styles featured on the runways during Fashion Week for this season. So, be prepared to strut your stuff and walk around campus like a budding fashionista!

Military is just as popular now as it was during the fall. Cargo jackets and military vests, in either khaki or loden, will prove to be nice additions to your closet. A tough, firm-looking top would look great when coupled with skinny-cut pants or a flirty skirt. This look is also versatile; you have the ability to buy a few staple items and wear them year-round.

Say goodbye to hip huggers, low-rise boot cuts, and skinny jeans. High-waisted jeans, which were popular during the 70s, have made a huge comeback. After years of skinny jean domination, high waist and wide leg flares are back and better than ever. This style is designed to make women look tall and thin by accentuating their waist and creating the illusion of long lean legs. To compliment this look, try wearing wedge heels, a skinny belt, and a collared button-up blouse.

Crazy prints haven’t taken a complete backseat, but solids and natural colors have acquired popularity. By taking a “less is more” approach, sand, buff and beige clothing has the ability to appear effortlessly classy or sexy. If you are nervous about wearing neutral colors, and fear looking washed out, be sure to layer! A bold-colored cami or a black crewneck tee under a beige cardigan will add some pizzazz to your look and keep your outfit bright. Additionally, bold solid colors are very trendy this season. Citrus hues are very big this spring, which will couple nicely with last season’s emphasis on cobalt and aquamarine. Vibrant tops and dresses without print won’t scream, “Look at me!” but will be eye-catching and memorable at the very least.

No outfit is complete without the right pair of shoes. This spring, be ready for a new up-and-coming trend: the flatform. Flatforms, which are a combination of platform and wedge, will be girls’ newest sandal obsession. These shoes achieve the same look as a platform, but will have less negative effects on your feet. You still receive the benefits of added height, but won’t get that same squished-toe, pained-arch sensation that one feels while wearing stilettos. If you are still unsure, take solace in the fact that this look is being pioneered by Michael Kors.

All of these styles are flattering and wearable - even on campus. Get a few indispensable items, and you can’t go wrong. Wear these fashions proudly, and let your inner beauty shine through!
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4 Watching a movie in your car
6 Graduates
8 Get to campus by a means of transportation
9 Open-toe shoes
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1 Christian Holiday in April
2 Frozen Yogurt Shop
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SBPL is a pre-professional student organization open to all undergraduates interested in learning about the law. This organization is more than welcoming to students who aren’t majoring in typical pre-law fields, but who just want to diversify and increase their knowledge.

Our general body meetings are held every Monday at 7pm in SAC 311, during which, we educate our members about different fields of law, host different law-related discussions, help students determine whether or not law school is the correct educational path for them, provide an overview of the different steps to the law school application process, discuss and help prepare for the LSAT, play legal trivia games, and generally increase the residual level of happiness in the lives of our members.

Outside of our general body meetings, we have plans for many interesting and educational events planned. Every year, we host our Law Forum, at which we have a panel of lawyers, law students, law school admissions personnel and other notables come in to discuss their experiences involving the law. Last year, we hosted a dinner for members and Stony Brook Alumni, who are prominently positioned in the legal field. We have more intimate events lined up with outstanding alumni for the benefit of our members.

Generally speaking, the benefits of joining SBPL are numerous and multifaceted. Members learn of potential internships, view presentations by E-board members and guests (attorneys, law students, professors, other law-related professionals), prepare for the LSAT, and everything else previously mentioned. SBPL is a great way for students to learn about how to get into law school, how to approach the LSAT, what law school is actually like, and what happens after law school.

Come network with students who care about your future and are able and willing to give you advice every step of the way!

Debbie Machalow
Responsibility
Caterina Reed

Family and work – so much to do,

Can’t sleep, can’t think,

Dreams and nightmares coming true –

No time to even blink.

Chores, errands, homework,

Just trying to be responsible,

Tick, tock…time trying to lurk

In my dreamworld - totally irreversible.

It seems that no one seems to care:

Life is life – just have fun,

But I’m the only dependable one, so I dare

To hope and help – it must be done.

Like a rose growing in the snow,

I’ll overcome all obstacles & begin to grow.