

Honorary Alumnus Larry Bloom

Larry Bloom earned a B.A. in political science and an M.Ed. from Northeastern University in 1969 and 1973, respectively. He began his administrative career in 1970 at Northeastern University, first as building director and then as assistant director of housing. In 1973 he relocated to Long Island University – C.W. Post Campus as director of housing; in 1976 he became assistant director of athletics.



After some time in private industry, Mr. Bloom joined the Hofstra administration as director of sports facilities in 1987. He remained in this position for nearly 20 years until his retirement in 2006. During his tenure, he assumed additional responsibilities, including overseeing the Hofstra University Bookstore operations for four years. He later assumed the position of facilities manager for the University residence halls.

During his tenure as director of sports facilities and later director of athletic facilities, Mr. Bloom was actively involved in the construction of the University Recreation Center, the renovation of Margiotta Hall and James M. Shuart Stadium, the installation of several artificial athletic fields (including the installation of the Hofstra Soccer Stadium),

and the construction of the David S. Mack Sports and Exhibition Complex.

While Mr. Bloom oversaw this construction and promoted use of University facilities, the athletic facilities grew to gross almost \$1 million annually in revenue. During his tenure, the University hosted many events in the athletic facilities, including visits by Presidents George H.W. Bush and William Jefferson Clinton, as well as Vice President Dan Quayle

and Senator John McCain. However, his most memorable accomplishment occurred after his retirement: he was asked by President Stuart Rabinowitz to return to Hofstra to coordinate the University's bid and subsequent hosting of the third and final presidential debate on October 15, 2008.

Mr. Bloom previously served on both the Nassau and Long Island Sports Commissions and was honored by the Nassau Lacrosse and Football Coaches Associations as well as the New York State High School Athletic Administrators, for his work in promoting high school athletics at Hofstra University.

Now fully retired, Mr. Bloom enjoys golf and traveling with his wife, Lainie.