

A Guide to University Resources for Alumni: How We Can Help You

Hofstra University's commitment to its students does not end at graduation; alumni are members of the Hofstra family for their entire lives. In these challenging times, there are several resources available for Hofstra alumni, whether they are on campus or throughout the United States. The Office for Development and Alumni Affairs provides the following list of resources and networking opportunities.

Alumni Networking Opportunities

Whether your interests lie in fraternity and sorority life or a professional association, Hofstra University's Alumni Organization provides many social and career networking opportunities with more than 30 regional, academic and special interest groups. These affinity clubs offer opportunities for Hofstra's 115,000+ alumni to connect with colleagues and former classmates within their areas of interest.

Thus far this year, there have been dozens of networking events—including holiday parties in New York City and on Long Island, afterwork receptions for Zarb alumni, career panels for HCLAS alumni, fraternity and sorority reunions, several golf outings, Homecoming Weekend, the Hofstra Gala and regional gatherings in eight states. Details regarding alumni groups, events and alumni activities can be found at <u>www.hofstra.edu/alumni</u> as well as on the attached sheet.

Social Networking

There are more than one hundred Hofstra alumni groups on Facebook and Linked-In. Some are regionally-based, some are organized by profession, and others are based on Hofstra clubs, student organizations and special interests.

Auditing Courses at Hofstra

Alumni can avail of hundreds of classes at Hofstra. Whether you're interested in enriching your life or dabbling in a new career path, alumni not currently enrolled at a college or university may audit Hofstra undergraduate courses at a 50% discount, with the permission of the instructor teaching the course. This may prove to be a terrific way to learn a new skill set or just enjoy a new subject. For more information about auditing a specific class, please contact the course professor directly. A course bulletin can be found at http://bulletin.hofstra.edu/

Hofstra University Continuing Education Program

Hofstra University Continuing Education offers a broad range of courses, certificates, lectures and events to the community. Professional development and continuing education courses are available to alumni for a discounted price. Visit <u>www.hofstra.edu/Academics/CCEPA</u> for more information and to access the course catalog.

The Business Development Center (BDC) at Hofstra

In cooperation with the Frank G. Zarb School of Business, the BDC provides a comprehensive package of expertise and services promoting economic development and job creation for the Hofstra community, Long Island, and the region. The BDC offers business development seminars, certificate courses, and networking opportunities throughout the year for both small businesses and individual proprietors as well as for business and government leaders. These include:

- Entrepreneurial Assistance Program
- Institute of Real Estate at Hofstra University
- Operation Downtown
- QuickBooks Certificate Program
- Market Research and Polling Center
- The Merrill Lynch Center for International Financial Services and Markets
- Distinguished Lecture Series to interact with some of the country's most powerful and influential thinkers in fields ranging from science to politics to investments.

Visit www.Hofstra.edu/BDC for more information about specific events and programs.

The Joan and Arnold Saltzman Community Services Center

Since its inception in 1991, the Saltzman Center has provided an academic partnership between community service and multidisciplinary education and research at Hofstra University. The Center serves as the University's teaching facility for its Ph.D. programs in psychology. Counseling is available for people going through a personal transition.

Among the five clinics, Hofstra alumni can utilize the following at a reduced rate:

• Marriage and Family Therapy Clinic

Psychological Evaluation Research and counseling Clinic (PERC)

Visit www.hofstra.edu/community/slzctr for more information, or contact SaltzmanCenter@Hofstra.edu or (516) 463-6535 with specific inquiries.

Career Services

The University's Office of Career Services is a thriving place whose primary focus is to serve current students in their quest for full-time employment after graduation.

General services available to recent graduates include:

- Making an appointment for individual career advisement and planning
- Utilizing the office's Quick Question Hours for resume, cover letter, thank-you letter and portfolio critiques
- Setting up a recorded/taped "Mock Interview" •
- Attending University-wide career fairs, workshops or speaker panels with a valid ID •
- Utilizing the Credential File/Letters of Recommendation service for graduate school planning and employment purposes
- Utilizing various on-line resources available 24/7 at www.hofstra.edu/career, including resume review, individual consultations, and interview prep and practice.
- Alumni employers may post career opportunities using the Pride-CMS system, which is accessible to both students and • alumni seeking jobs.

MyWorkster@Hofstra- A brand new electronic offering that provides an online opportunity for alumni to network with both current and former students who are seeking career advice. Alumni may sign up either to be a Career Advisor or may take advantage of those Career Advisors currently available. Visit www.myworkster.com for the simple registration process.

Online Job Bank, in which alumni can electronically post profiles, upload and manage resumes and cover letters, apply to full-time and part-time jobs off campus or seek internships. The Pride-Career Management System (Pride-CMS) is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week through the Hofstra Portal.

Hofstra MBA Career Services include resume review, individual consultations, interview prep and practice, professional development events, and networking opportunities for Hofstra MBA alumni. Alumni employers may post career opportunities using the Pride-CMS system, which is accessible to both students and alumni seeking jobs. For additional information, call (516) 463-6060.

Electronic Communications from Hofstra

Keep up-to-date on alumni news, activities, and events by signing up to receive the following electronically:

- *AlumNet* (Monthly -- for social, networking and event-related news)
- News @ Hofstra (Weekly -- for academic news)

Hofstra University Alumni Card

With an annual-and renewable-Hofstra Card, alumni are entitled to:

- Access Axinn Library and West Campus Library; on-campus database use in Axinn Library; checkout privileges at Axinn Library • (up to five books at a time for 30 days with no renewals)
- Access Hammer and Calkins computer labs •
- Access membership at the Hofstra Recreation Center
- Access membership at the Hofstra University Club •
- Access Career Center Services (see above)

A ten percent discount at the Hofstra Bookstore on Hofstra insignia clothing and gift items and a 20 percent discount during Homecoming Weekend

Student Loan Assistance

Hofstra can help alumni defer or cancel certain student education loans. Call the Loan Repayment Office at (516) 463-6868 for additional information.

For further information, please contact the Office for Development and Alumni Affairs at (516) 463-6636 or at alumni@hofstra.edu.