

**Welcome to Hofstra!** We are excited to have you join us this fall. You are starting out your experience this year as a transfer student, but we are all here to help you with your transition so that very quickly, you will shift from feeling like a “transfer student” to feeling like a “Hofstra student.” The information in this newsletter is designed for this time of transition, helping you learn how to make the most of your new academic home.

### OUR TIPS FOR INCOMING TRANSFER STUDENTS

- ▶ Complete your **transfer credit process** as soon as possible so you can move forward with your new academic plan. Be sure the Office of Admission has received final transcript(s) from your previous school(s), submit class descriptions, and follow up with your Advisement dean to be sure all of your credits are posted correctly. That allows your Advisement dean and your faculty adviser to give you the best, most accurate advice on completing your degree requirements. It will also ensure an accurate Degree Audit Report (DAR). *{refer to p. 3}*
- ▶ Connect with a **faculty adviser** before it's time to register for spring classes (which happens in October!). Whether you are ready to declare your major, or are still considering your options, your faculty adviser is key to helping you graduate on schedule.
- ▶ **Get involved!** Too many transfer students sit back their first term, unsure of how to connect with this new community. But those transfer students who jump in, go to events, find students



with similar interests, and engage with the campus find it easier to transition into Hofstra, socially and academically. And remember that involvement isn't only for residential students. It's equally important for commuters to be involved with campus life.

- ▶ We realize that many students need to work in order to make ends meet, but don't let that stop you from becoming part of our Hofstra community. You are a member of our **Hofstra family** and we value your contributions, so consider applying for a job on campus. The Office of Student Employment can assist you with this process; for more information call 516-463-6782 or visit [hofstra.edu/StudentAffairs/StudentServices/stdemp/index.html](http://hofstra.edu/StudentAffairs/StudentServices/stdemp/index.html).
- ▶ Even though you've already attended college, there is a lot to learn about Hofstra. We have a variety of programs designed just for that purpose during **Welcome Week**, beginning September 1, and you should take full advantage to get the best start on the year.

### JOIN US FOR WELCOME WEEK 2011 ▶ SEPTEMBER 1-5, 2011

Welcome Week is not just for first-year students — there is a Transfer Track that has programs designed just for you!

#### Check in for Welcome Week and the Fall 2011 term:

##### Thursday, September 1

- ▶ 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
Residential Students Check-In  
*Intramural Fields, North Campus*
- ▶ Noon-1:30 p.m.  
Commuting Students Check-In  
*Intramural Fields, North Campus*

Representatives from the Division of Student Affairs as well as the Welcome Week leaders are here to welcome you and help you check in. If you are a residential student please check your room assignment letter for your approximate move-in time.

## TRANSFER STUDENT WORKSHOPS

### Personality and Career Exploration for Transfer Students

**Friday, September 2**

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

246 East Library Wing, Axinn Library, South Campus

Do you prefer to study independently? Do you work well in study groups? How will you apply your major to a career? Success in a career, like everything in life, is driven by personality compatibility. This workshop helps students assess their personality utilizing the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator assessment so they can better understand themselves and how to apply their knowledge and skills to a career path. *This workshop is limited to 35 participants. Please contact The Career Center at 516-463-6060 to reserve your space.*

### Who, What, When and Where!

#### Getting Involved as a Transfer Student Jump Start Your Hofstra Experience

**Friday, September 2**

11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

140 rooms, Mack Student Center, North Campus

#### Transfer Social

**Friday, September 2**

4:45-5:45 p.m.

Greenhouse, Lower Level, Mack Student Center, North Campus

#### Transfer Student Outing:

##### Dave & Buster's

**Monday, September 5**

4:30-7 p.m.

Meet in the Mack Student Center Atrium near the Bookstore

#### Social for Residential Transfer Students

**Wednesday, September 14**

7 p.m.

Lounge, Nassau Hall, North Campus

For more information about Welcome Week visit [hofstra.edu/WelcomeWeek](http://hofstra.edu/WelcomeWeek). Also look for our *Beyond Welcome Week* schedule, which will be posted soon on the same site. There are more social, educational and service events throughout the first four weeks of classes!

## CONNECT WITH THE CAREER CENTER!

Now is the time to find out what The Career Center has to offer! Below is a sampling of the offerings for this semester; all events are held at The Career Center, M. Robert Lowe Hall, South Campus, unless otherwise noted. Visit The Career Center website at [hofstra.edu/career](http://hofstra.edu/career) for more information about programs and services.

### Career Center Kick-Off Party

Join us outside The Career Center for a barbecue, live music, games and giveaways! The Career Center staff will be available to discuss career services at Hofstra University as well as job and internship opportunities. Visit our resume critiquing station in preparation for the Fall Job & Internship Fair!

**Wednesday, September 14**

11 a.m.-1 p.m.

### Fall Career Fairs

#### Fall Job & Internship Fair (all majors):

**Friday, September 16**

11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Multipurpose Room, Mack Student Center, North Campus

#### Accounting & Finance Career Fair:

**Monday, September 26**

6-8 p.m.

David S. Mack Sports and Exhibition Complex, North Campus

#### Communication Career Fair:

**Friday, October 21**

11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Studio A, Dempster Hall, South Campus

#### Education Career Night:

**Thursday, October 27**

4-6 p.m.

Lobby, Hagedorn Hall, South Campus



### Pride Recruiting Orientations

Pride Recruiting brings first-round interviews for full-time and internship positions to you! This program is recommended for students in ALL MAJORS. Visit [hofstra.edu/career](http://hofstra.edu/career) for specific dates and times. The program ends in the middle of October so look for details NOW!

### Internship Orientations

Learn all about the benefits of an internship and how to be a successful applicant. All sessions are held during Common Hour in 106 Breslin Hall, South Campus.

#### Zarb School of Business:

**Wednesday, September 21**

#### School of Communication:

**Wednesday, October 12**

#### Hofstra College of

#### Liberal Arts and Sciences:

**Wednesday, November 2**

### Career Center Webshops

Many of The Career Center workshops have gone online! The Career Center now offers Webshops on Blackboard. Sign up at [hofstra.edu/career](http://hofstra.edu/career) by clicking on the Get Connected box.

## REACHING YOUR ACADEMIC GOALS

### Academic Advising at Hofstra – Are you using all your available resources?

As a new student at Hofstra, it is critical to your academic success to develop an ongoing relationship with your Advisement dean AND your faculty adviser (once you declare a major).

**YOUR ADVISEMENT DEAN:** Every student is assigned an Advisement dean (AD) who is available to the student from admission through graduation. This person is your “go-to” contact as you plan and complete your non-major degree requirements, think through your choice of major, address any personal or academic issues that may impact your academic success, and connect with campus resources. If you can’t recall the name of your AD, you can find that information on your DAR, or call **516-463-6770** or **516-463-7222**.

**FACULTY ADVISERS:** At the time that you declare a major, contact that department to learn the name of your faculty adviser. Your faculty adviser will help you map out a plan for fulfilling your major requirements, and he/she can also talk to you about career plans, graduate school, special opportunities available in the major, internships, and much more.

Both your Advisement dean and your faculty adviser are key to assisting you in meeting your academic goals. Developing a relationship with both of them will enhance your time at Hofstra, so take advantage of all your resources!



## SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students may disclose a disability and request accommodations or services through Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) at any time during their academic career at Hofstra. If you would like to register with SSD, please do so by either stopping at the office in 212 Memorial Hall to obtain application forms, calling us at **516-463-4999** or downloading the forms at [hofstra.edu/StudentAffairs/stddis/stddis\\_forms.html](http://hofstra.edu/StudentAffairs/stddis/stddis_forms.html).

## IMPORTANT DATES FALL 2011

- ▶ **Tuesday, September 6** - First day of classes
- ▶ **Monday, September 12** - Last day to add a class online
- ▶ **Tuesday, September 27** - Last day to drop a course online
- ▶ **Tuesday, September 27** - Last day to drop a course without a “W”
- ▶ **Tuesday, September 27** - Conversion day (follow a Thursday schedule)
- ▶ **Wednesday, September 28** - Conversion day (follow a Friday schedule)
- ▶ **Thursday, Friday, September 29, 30** - No classes
- ▶ **Monday, October 3** - Absolute last day to add a course
- ▶ **Saturday, October 8** - No classes
- ▶ **Monday, October 17** - Last day to elect Pass/D+/D/Fail option
- ▶ **Monday, October 24** - Registration begins for juniors
- ▶ **Monday, October 31** - Registration begins for sophomores
- ▶ **Monday, November 7** - Registration begins for first-year students
- ▶ **Thursday, November 17** - Last day to withdraw from a course
- ▶ **Thursday, Friday, November 24, 25** - Thanksgiving Recess – No classes

- ▶ **Sunday, December 11** - Last day to do a complete withdrawal
- ▶ **Monday, December 12** - Snow/study/reading day
- ▶ **Tuesday-Monday, December 13-19** - Final exams

For a comprehensive list of deadlines please visit [hofstra.edu/sfs/sfs\\_deadlines.html](http://hofstra.edu/sfs/sfs_deadlines.html).



### The DAR: Your blueprint for graduation

You should make a habit of checking your Degree Audit Report (DAR) regularly. The DAR can be accessed online 24/7, and it will show you which requirements you have fulfilled, and those you still need to complete. To view your DAR:

1. Log on to the Hofstra portal ([my.hofstra.edu](http://my.hofstra.edu)).
2. Click on the “Hofstra Online” tab.
3. Under “Student Records,” select “DARS”.

*Tip: If you are considering a change of major, run a “what if” analysis. The DAR shows you what requirements your completed classes fulfill.*

### University Tutorial Program: Find a Tutor. Be a Tutor.

Hofstra offers individual and group tutoring in nearly every subject, free of charge. Tutoring begins the third week of the term, and new requests are accepted up to two weeks before finals begin. You may receive tutoring for up to three classes per term, with 1.5 hours of tutoring per class, per week. We are always looking for talented, dedicated students to serve as tutors. To request a tutor or apply to be a tutor, visit [hofstra.edu/utp](http://hofstra.edu/utp).



## SAVE THE DATES

- ▶ **Monday, September 12**  
9/11 10th Anniversary Memorial Ceremony
- ▶ **Friday-Sunday, September 23-25**  
Hofstra Fall Festival: Alumni, Student and Family Weekend
- ▶ **Wednesday, September 28**  
LGBTQ Awareness Month Reception
- ▶ **Wednesday, October 12**  
Study Abroad Fair
- ▶ **Wednesday, October 19**  
Hispanic Heritage Month Reception

## GET INVOLVED

Did you know that students who are involved in clubs and organizations tend to be more successful in the classroom

and as graduates? Do you have a particular interest? Come to the **Club Carnival on Monday, September 5, at 1 p.m.** on the Intramural Fields, North Campus, and explore the large variety of on-campus clubs and organizations we have to offer. Can't make it? Browse all of Hofstra's different clubs on **Collegiate Link**, which you can access via the Hofstra portal.

## GET CONNECTED

Keep up with the wide variety of campus events, as well as important class-specific information, via the following:

**Facebook.com/hofstrastudents**

**Twitter.com/hofstrastudents**

**"This Week @ Hofstra"** weekly e-mail

Class Websites:

**Hofstra.edu/classof2013**

**Hofstra.edu/classof2014** (etc.)



**Collegiate Link** (accessed via the Hofstra portal)

Hofstra Events Website:  
**Hofstra.edu/events**