



This has been an exceptionally exciting year at Hofstra University for many reasons. We celebrated the opening of Hagedorn Hall, the new, technologically advanced home for the School of Education and Allied Human Services, and — that same week — received word that Hofstra is the recipient of a \$11.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation!

While much is new and newsworthy at Hofstra, we also continue to enjoy our annual traditions. For example, as this issue of *Hofstra Horizons* goes to print, we will welcome thousands of prospective students to campus during Fall Open House.

Another tradition at our fine university is this publication. *Hofstra Horizons* provides the academic community with thoughtful, scholarly essays and articles. I am always impressed by the insightful, well-researched, and provocative pieces included in this publication.

The articles you will read in this issue of *Hofstra Horizons* once again reflect the dedication of our faculty members to their scholarship and teaching. And that dedication is a tradition that will always be newsworthy.

Congratulations to all contributors!

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Stuart Rabinowitz
President



Excellence in teaching and scholarship are two cornerstones of Hofstra University's fine reputation. More than 90 percent of our full-time faculty members have attained the highest degrees in their fields. What make these scholars outstanding teachers are the experiences and expertise they bring to their classrooms. The articles in this issue of *Hofstra Horizons* clearly underscore the fact that our faculty know both theory *and* its application.

Take for example, "Cocteau Films Come to Hofstra," written by David Pushkin, who co-directed the Hofstra Cultural Center conference *A Pen of Light: The Films of Jean Cocteau* and who curated the exhibits that accompanied the conference. He is a teacher, fine artist, and curator — and our students most certainly benefit from his unique combination of talents.

Dr. Phyllis Zagano is another example of a faculty member who brings her scholarship to bear on contemporary society. In this issue, you can read her continued exploration of the history and trends of women deacons and lay ministry in the Catholic Church.

You can also glean important points from Dr. Jeff Brice's essay, which argues for more study into the relationship of convergent and divergent business development strategies in entrepreneurial enterprises.

In a fascinating piece devoted to decapod crustaceans, Dr. Jason D. Williams examines the symbionts of this most conspicuous and ecologically important member of intertidal and subtidal marine habitats.

You will also read about significant grants that the University has been honored to receive, among them The Freeman Foundation's \$500,000 grant in support of a four-year project to advance our Asian Studies Program. Dr. Patricia Welch of the Department of Comparative Literature and Languages, who also serves as Director of the Asian Studies Program, assumed the leadership role in preparing this grant proposal last spring. She explores this interdisciplinary program in her article "The Asian Studies Program at Hofstra University: Challenges and Opportunities."

As noted in "Grant News," one of the hallmarks of a great university is its active grants program. So it is with much pride that we acknowledge awards from the National Science Foundation totaling more than \$12 million. In addition, Hofstra is the recipient of grants from the National Institutes of Health, funding from the state of New York, and corporate donations. You can read more in the "Grant News" column about the vital work supported by these grants and funding, and learn more about the accomplished professors whose dedication, scholarship and reputation helped Hofstra earn the trust of these foundations.

As articles and news items in this issue demonstrate, Hofstra faculty bring enthusiasm to their teaching as well as their scholarly pursuits. Congratulations to all authors for their fine work. The Hofstra community is proud to present your research and opinions in *Hofstra Horizons*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Herman A. Berliner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Herman A. Berliner, Ph.D.
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