

UNIVERSITY STANDS UNITED

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On September 11, 2001, the Hofstra community, along with the rest of the world, was shocked by the tragic events that occurred in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania. On that clear day, many students, faculty and administrators watched from the 10th floor of the Axinn Library as our world changed forever. From atop Hofstra's tower of knowledge, inquiry and intellectual exploration, they stared at Manhattan's Twin Towers as they collapsed ... one after the other. They witnessed the infamous skyline stripped of its two pillars of freedom, enterprise and power.

The University was terribly saddened to learn that the disaster had claimed members of our Hofstra family. Although we are all shaken by the undeserved loss of life, the entire community has responded with unwavering compassion, humanity and patriotism. Students, professors, administrators and alumni came together to help the relief effort in any way possible.

"The concept of the University as part of the community also means that, consistent with its core mission, Hofstra should assist the community in solving problems and in participating in civic activities," said President Stuart Rabinowitz. "It should encourage students to volunteer their time and efforts in community service, and should provide opportunities for them to do so."

On September 12, in conjunction with Long Island Blood Services, an on-campus blood drive was organized at the Hofstra Arena. In addition to donating blood, University students were available to help with the sign-in process and blood drive logistics. The turnout was so overwhelming that after only two hours, many donors and volunteers had to be turned away. Several other blood drives have been held since and have been equally successful.

Since September 11, many services and memorials have taken place, including an outdoor candlelight vigil organized by students on September 21, with approximately 200 people in attendance. An interfaith service was also held in conjunction with America's national day of remembrance. Hofstra's Muslim Chaplain Dr. Mamdouh Farid and the Islamic Organization held a seminar on the topic "What is Islam?" addressing the basic teachings of and misconceptions about Islam.

With help from the Red Cross, the Student Government Association, fraternities and sororities, and the Office of Freshman Advancement held a food and supply drive. Various student clubs held fund-raisers in the Student Center with all proceeds, totaling more than \$5,000, to benefit the victims and their families, as well as letter-writing and ribbon campaigns, car washes and bake sales.

"The University's obligation is not merely to turn out well-educated graduates, but to educate good citizens as well," said President Rabinowitz.

Faculty members from different departments on campus and the Chaplain's Office participated in a "teach-in" on the tragedy. The

assembly, titled "Responding to and Preventing Global Violence," was open to everyone and was led by six University professors. Each professor focused on a different aspect of the attack and discussed how it will impact and challenge politics, culture, civil rights, economics and morality.

The Gray Wig, Hofstra's alumni repertory theater group, raised almost \$15,000 by asking for contributions to the Red Cross at the end of each of their September performances of *Meet Me in St. Louis*.

On November 28, at a memorial service attended by family and friends of the victims, as well as members of the University community, President Rabinowitz announced that Hofstra has established individual endowed scholarships in memory of each of the members of the Hofstra family that were lost in the attacks. These memorial awards will be given to Hofstra students that meet certain criteria. In addition, the University will grant full scholarships to current students whose parent or spouse was killed in the attacks of September 11.

The Long Island Studies Institute at Hofstra created the "September 11 Project," so that future generations and historians can understand how Long Islanders and members of the Hofstra community felt and acted during these traumatic times. The Long Island Studies Institute is gathering documentation to support and describe these tragic events and our reactions to them. From personal accounts to corporate policy, Long Islanders acted and reacted. These materials need to be preserved for future study and inquiry by both scholars and the Long Island community. Any item relating to September 11 will be accepted, from notes and photos to voice- and e-mail messages.

U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige, in a letter to
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1943

Dr. Robert T. Beyer (B.A., L.H.D.'85) and **Ellen Fletcher-Beyer** (B.A.) of Providence, RI, have been married for 57 years and met while at Hofstra in math and chemistry classes...

1950

Helen Schieffer (B.A.) of Merrick, NY, and her husband, John, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They both enjoy traveling to their Upstate home in Olcott Beach, and to their grandchildren's homes in Georgia and Delaware...

1952

Dr. Amy Riemenschneider (B.A.) of Columbus, OH, retired as associate professor emerita from the College of Social Work, Ohio State University, after 28 years of service. In honor of her retirement, the dean of the College of Social Work established a scholarship in her name...

1954

Dorothea H. Petersen (B.A.) of Malverne, NY, retired from NY Telephone/NYNEX in 1988, where she worked in management for 34 years. She has volunteered with AARP's Tax-Aide program for the past 10 years, and is the current coordinator for Long Island. She recently moved to Glen Eddy Retirement Community in Niskayuna, NY...**Ely Roll** (B.A.) of Kings Park, NY, has been teaching nursery school for 30 years and has developed Tiny Tots Community Play School in Northport, NY...

1955

Charles Lauer (M.S.Ed.) of Southold, NY, has been appointed to the SUNY Farmingdale College Council...

1957

Eileen Holleran (B.S.Ed., M.S.Ed. '67) of Manchester Village, VT, was appointed head teacher at the Village Preschool at the First Congregational Church in Manchester, VT...**Anita Reid Tannuzzo** (B.S.Ed.) of Tampa, FL, plans to celebrate her 55th wedding anniversary with her husband, Patrick, cruising the Eastern Caribbean aboard the SS Norway in

January 2002...

1958

Barbi Frank (M.S.Ed.) of Merrick, NY, was named "Nassau County Secondary Teacher of the Year" by Long Island University. Barbi is a biology teacher at John F. Kennedy High School in Bellmore, NY... **Joe Krupinski** (B.A.) of Sea Cliff, NY, retired after 32 years as a sportswriter for *Newsday*...**Leonard Viggiano** (B.B.A.) of Dix Hills, NY, is stepping down as managing partner of Albrecht Viggiano after 40 years of service...

1960

Stuart C. Rogers (B.A.) of Denver, CO, authored *Marketing Strategies, Tactics, and Techniques: A Handbook for Practitioners* by Quorum Books. The book is an encyclopedia, thesaurus, and how-to manual of "field-tested" material for strategic marketing...

1962

Roberta (B.S.Ed.) and **Bob Alexander** (B.B.A. '65) of Alpharetta, GA, relocated from Glen Head, NY, to be closer to their daughters and granddaughters...**Gerald Serlin** (B.A.) of Lords Valley, PA, is an attorney for his family-operated law firm, Serlin and Serlin. His daughter, Myla, is an attorney, practicing with Shestack and Young in NYC and his son, **Ethan Serlin** (J.D. '95), practices with Serlin and Serlin. Ethan and his wife recently had a baby girl, Haylie Drew...

1963

Dr. Stephen E. Ragone (B.A.) of Reston, VA, was named director of science and technology for the National Ground Water Association...

1964

Myron Levy (B.B.A.) of Lititz, PA, was appointed chief executive officer of Herley Industries...

1965

Frank Gallo (B.A.) of Beijing, China, is the managing director for Watson Wyatt Worldwide...**Carmine Limone** (B.A.) of Stamford, CT, retired as assistant principal of Stamford High School. His son

Michael also works at the high school as an English teacher...**Anne Lazere-Maron** (B.A.) of

Louisville, KY, has been married to her husband, Mel, for 35 years. Mel is a professor of engineering and math at the University of Louisville. Their daughter, Melanie, graduated from law school and works



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in Chicago for the American Jewish Committee. Their son, Daniel, works for Motorola in Austin, TX...**Paul Sullivan** (B.A.) of Mount Vernon, NY, is vice president with Manchester Partners, a consulting firm specializing in career management and has been appointed head of counseling services for New York. Paul also published two novels, *Culligan's Wake* and *All That Glitters*...

1967

Dr. Margaret McCormack-Lehner (B.A.) of Lemont, IN, was reelected to a second term on the Lemont High School Board of Education...**W. Neal Wrinkle** (B.S.) of

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President Rabinowitz, said, "When the University was founded, it was at the time of another national crisis, the Great Depression. With optimism and foresight, the school's founders established Long Island's first private coeducational institution of higher education. Throughout the years, other challenges have followed, but the University met each one of them and prospered from them. The mottoes associated with Hofstra — "Je maintiendray," meaning "I stand steadfast" and "Luctor et emergo," "I struggle and emerge," — are as compelling today as they were to the past generations who coined them. They characterize the beliefs and values of hard work and persistence that rigorous scholarship endows, and they continue to remind us that adversity provides an opportunity to strengthen character."