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As this Update appears in print, we are beginning the Fall 2002 semester at Hofstra. The past year and two months has been an exhilarating and rewarding time for me. During my first year as President of Hofstra, I have had the opportunity to meet many remarkable students and alumni. I have learned about your successes since graduation and your fond memories and appreciation for the University. Your accomplishments, recollections and support are a great source of inspiration for me.

On May 30 Hofstra hosted its annual Gala Ball to raise money for the Scholarship Fund. Students and alumni were among the 800 guests, and the event netted approximately $1 million for scholarships for our students. As the event’s honoree, the Gala was one of the most memorable evenings of my life. But the true star of the evening was Hofstra University, which has achieved remarkable success because of the dedication and hard work of all its alumni, students, faculty, administration and staff.

This upcoming year promises to be a very successful and productive one for Hofstra, as we continue to emphasize the recruitment of the best possible students and faculty from across the nation and the world. I am pleased to report that Hofstra Honors College, which had an exceptional initial year, will be welcoming 142 new students to the program this semester. To be considered for Honors College, incoming freshmen must have at least a 1250 SAT and place in the top 20 percent of their graduating class.

We are also introducing several new and exciting academic offerings this fall, including the Physician’s Assistant Program and a major in Entrepreneurship. Just recently, the Department of Journalism and Mass Media Studies in the School of Communication received its prestigious provisional national accreditation. Hofstra students can now quickly and simply register for their classes on-line.

Additions to campus include the opening of a new lounge in the Student Center, which will include games, couches, televisions, high speed Internet connections and Internet connection ability for laptop computers. Other improvements are being made to the University’s classrooms, residence halls and recreation and athletic facilities.

Hofstra students move back to campus and celebrate Kick-Off Weekend August 31 to September 2. During these days, the students will have a full schedule of parties, barbecues and orientations to attend. They can also look forward to the 10th annual Italian Festival on September 22, Homecoming on October 11 and 12, and hundreds of plays, concerts, lectures and conferences that have been planned for the new academic year.

Throughout 2001-2002, Hofstra student athletes performed superbly and with dedication and sportsmanship. Our football team captured the Atlantic 10 championship, while the men’s lacrosse team finished the season with the NCAA Division I longest winning streak, an 11-3 record, ranking them 6th in the nation. Both our softball and wrestling teams were named 2002 Colonial Athletic Association Champions. We look forward to cheering all of our teams on to another great season.

Hofstra’s cultural and athletic events, many of which you will read about in the following pages, are open to alumni and the public. We would be very pleased to welcome you back to campus.

If you once considered Hofstra your home away from home, I hope you will continue to do so. Please call Alumni Relations at (516) 463-6636 to plan a visit to Hofstra and to learn about the many benefits available to Hofstra’s alumni. Thank you for your continued support.

Stuart Rabinowitz
President