Nationally and internationally, more than 700 alumni are helping to recruit students for Hofstra. Take a look at this issue’s HART profile of a young alumna who is taking the Mary Louis Academy by storm!

Carol Cooper is the director of development at the Mary Louis Academy in Jamaica Estates, NY. Although her primary responsibilities include fund raising, marketing and publicity, she never misses an opportunity to tell a young student about Hofstra. As an active alumna, serving as a Chartered Group representative to the Executive Council, GOLD member and member of the Homecoming Committee, she still makes time to recruit for Hofstra. “In the past I have done College Fairs, but mostly I send students to take tours at Hofstra all the time from my job,” she said. “Another favorite HART activity is Telecounseling, when we call to congratulate Hofstra accepted students.” As a former graduate assistant for the Alumni Office, Carol is no stranger to the HART program. She constantly uses her resources to make sure the best students at the Mary Louis Academy are educated about what Hofstra has to offer. “I find the program very rewarding. I also have no trouble sharing stories of my Hofstra days! It helps students to identify with the campus life and they get a lot out of my positive experiences!”

Thank you, Carol, for all that you do for Hofstra!

SAVE THE DATES:
The Eighth HART Leadership Institute will be held Friday and Saturday, July 26 and 27, 2002! Details to follow.

HO FSTRA CAN! (CAREER ASSISTANCE NETWORK)

With nearly 450 members participating in Hofstra CAN!, students are buzzing about the advice they are getting from Hofstra alumni! Our volunteers range from retired businesspeople to newly graduated go-getters. Take a look at how our young alumni are assisting Hofstra students in fulfilling their career dreams!

Alaina Guzzo ’98

After graduating from Hofstra with a B.B.A. in accounting in 1998, Alaina used The Career Center’s on-campus recruiting program to help land her first job at Arthur Andersen as an international tax specialist. Just last year, she took a job with Viacom, Inc., owner of such companies as MTV, VH1 and Nickelodeon, in Manhattan in its international tax group. Alaina is currently pursuing a master’s in accounting and taxation, attending Hofstra in the evening. She has been a great addition to the Hofstra CAN! program, helping to mentor students and attending events.

“I feel that I owe a large part of my success to Hofstra. The Hofstra CAN! program is a great way to give back to the University. It is nice for the students to be able to speak to alumni that are familiar with the recruiting and resume process. Having been there not too long ago I know how stressful the recruiting process can be. I like to help make it a smooth one for my mentees.”

Ted Candella ’98

Ted Candella tried his hand as an entrepreneur when he started and ran his own flag distributorship company while obtaining an M.B.A. at Adelphi and attended Hofstra Law School. This company still runs successfully and includes contracts with many states, counties and municipalities throughout the country. Upon graduating with a juris doctor from Hofstra Law School in 1998, he took a job with Merrill Lynch Private Client Group, where he works with high net-worth individuals, their families and business owners solving their financial needs. Ted’s specific expertise includes financial planning concentrating on estate planning, portfolio management and business lending. Ted’s impressive career and his innate ability to excel make him an asset to Hofstra CAN!

“It is gratifying to have an opportunity to give back to my alma mater and to help graduating students better position themselves to be successful in launching their careers. My work with the CAN! program has led to the development of a budding internship program with many recent Hofstra graduates gaining valuable experience in my office for a semester or more. I have also had the opportunity to visit the Hofstra Financial Management Association to speak about the financial industry and students’ future careers. I look forward to helping students and recent graduates in planning their future through the Hofstra CAN! program.”

If you are interested in sharing your career expertise with Hofstra students, please call Tara M. Vassallo ’97, Director of Alumni Programs, at (516) 463-6636.