HOFSTRA WELCOMES NEW CHAIRMAN …

On October 24, 2002, Chairman/CEO of the American Stock Exchange, Salvatore F. Sodano ’77, ’83, was elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Hofstra University. He will lead the Board of Trustees to set policies and oversee management of the University’s business affairs. Previously, Mr. Sodano served as a member of the Board of Trustees and co-chair of its Endowment Committee.

Mr. Sodano earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting and economics and a master’s degree in finance from Hofstra. He is a member of Hofstra’s Dean’s Executive Council for the Frank G. Zarb School of Business and the Business Advisory Board of the Merrill Lynch Center for the Study of International Financial Services and Markets.

His business integrity has been recognized by several prestigious organizations, including an appointment by the Mayor of Beijing to serve on the Chinese Economic Zone Advisory Board.

NEW GROUNDBREAKING …

Construction has begun on Hofstra University’s new School of Education and Allied Human Services building, to be located on the site of the former federal courthouse on Hofstra’s campus. The $10 million construction project includes $3 million from New York state as part of the 2002 Biotechnology Investment Initiative and Job Creation Program, and a substantial matching grant from Hofstra donors Dr. Horace and Amy Hagedorn. “Amy and I are so pleased to be a part of this important public/private partnership. The physical facility for Hofstra’s School of Education and Allied Human Services will be second to none and will match the first-class educational programs offered by Hofstra,” said Dr. Hagedorn.

Hofstra will use the state funds to create the Institute for the Development of Education in the Advanced Sciences (IDEAS), which will provide future computer science and engineering teachers as well as current teachers with access to modern equipment and technology. “We are quite excited at the prospect of moving into the newly renovated facilities and feel this move will offer the University and its students a number of advantages,” said Dr. James R. Johnson, Dean of the School of Education and Allied Human Services.

Broadway Musical Conference …

The history and future of the Broadway Musical, from 1920 to 2020, will be examined in a conference presented by the Hofstra Cultural Center, March 27 to 30, 2003. The four-day program will host a number of special events, including musical performances and discussions by leading actors, directors and producers made famous by the Great White Way. For more information and a registration program, call the Hofstra Cultural Center at (516) 463-5669.

Soccer Alumni Day …

On September 14, 2002, more than 60 men’s and women’s soccer alumni along with the 2002 Hofstra Soccer teams joined the Sergio Villanueva family as they announced the establishment of a men’s and women’s soccer scholarship in his name. The Sergio Villanueva Endowment has raised more than $160,000 for Hofstra Soccer to date. Sergio, a friend of Hofstra, was a victim of the 9/11 attacks.