ticular philanthropy. Some memorable annuals include the Sigma Pi Back to School Bash; the Freak Formal in which fraternities and sororities, as well as the rest of the campus, dress up for Hofstra’s annual Halloween party; the Zeta Beta Tau Contraception Party which promotes sexual awareness and the Delta Chi Delta Screw Party. “For me, being a sister of Delta Chi Delta was the time of my life,” said Maddy Leibowitz ’64, past president of Hofstra’s Alumni Organization. “My involvement with Hofstra began and continues today because of my Greek experience.”

Additional fundraising events include Night of 1,000 Stars, sponsored by the Panhellenic Council, with proceeds going toward the fight against breast cancer. At this event sorority women are “auctioned off” with dinner for two at an upscale restaurant being the customary prize. Sigma Pi fraternity sponsors a similar bachelor auction with monies raised donated to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Other benevolent events that Greeks host or participate in include walks to benefit AIDS, March of Dimes and breast cancer; visits to local nursing homes and children’s hospitals; “Adopt-a-Highway” programs and ribbon sales to benefit the World Trade Center Relief Fund. Through their many contributions to various philanthropies and community services, donations exceeded $41,000 in 2001-2002.

Fraternities and sororities strive to promote high academic standards and achievement within their memberships. Individual members who excel academically are recognized by the University and inducted into the Order of Omega Greek honor society. To become a member of the Order of Omega, a student must be in high academic standing, actively involved within the Greek community and recognized as a campus leader. “During my years of leadership in my sorority, I learned valuable lessons on how to negotiate, be a good listener, organize successful events and speak publicly,” added Heather Rocco. “Most importantly, I learned who I really am and attribute my accomplishments to these lessons I derived from my experience at Hofstra.” Greek campus organizations also offer students the opportunity to attend leadership conferences as a way of building upon skills in both academic and professional environments. “As a commuter student I would have missed much of campus life if not for joining a sorority,” said Susan Nolan ’81, an Alpha Theta Beta alumna and an active member of the Alumni Organization Executive Council. “AΘB was great fun as an undergraduate and now that I’m a businesswoman with a family, I still enjoy getting together with my sisters and having a good time.”

Members of the Greek community can be counted among the best and the brightest of the student body. Their presence on campus today is as visible and welcome as it was more than 65 years ago when the sisters of Alpha Theta Beta sorority became the first Greek organization on Hofstra’s campus. Members can be found on academic society honor rolls, athletic teams, in student government and throughout all facets of University life. “It is my pleasure to work with the Greek community at Hofstra,” said Assistant Director of Student Activities and Phi Iota Alpha alumnus, Dennis Camacho ’95. “The privilege of seeing these men and women develop into strong leaders on campus is priceless. As a former Greek, it added another dimension to my college experience.” Added Rick Megaro ’99, Tau Epsilon Phi alumnus, “The Greek community can be a central part of a student’s collegiate life.” And for thousands of Hofstra alumni, that is precisely the case.

**Greeks Giving Back**

Each year hundreds of Greek alumni contribute thousands of dollars to numerous endowed and annual scholarships that have been established by fraternal and sororal alumni chapters. The recipients of these awards tend to be either current members of these Greek organizations or legacies of former Greeks. If you would like to make a donation to a particular Greek scholarship or any Hofstra scholarship, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (516) 463-6636 for further information. For a complete list of Greek-established scholarships visit www.hofstra.edu/AlumDev/Alumni/alu_chart.cfm.