



Welcome to the latest issue of *Hofstra Horizons*. As I have said in the past, excellence in research as well as in teaching is essential to attaining the ambitious goals that we have set for ourselves as a university deserving of national and international acclaim. Scholarship and research not only produce articles, books and presentations that expand our quest for truth and knowledge, but also enhance the teaching and learning experience in our classrooms.

Faculty members and administrators grow in their disciplines and enrich our students' education through their research, writings and participation in conferences and other academic initiatives. Our scholars are Hofstra's intellectual ambassadors. Their work allows them to share new developments with our students, which in turn enhances the exciting academic atmosphere on this campus.

In this issue of *Hofstra Horizons*, you will read about the diverse work of five distinguished members of the Hofstra family of scholars, and will find a new feature column titled "Grant News." This issue's column focuses on the accomplishments of Hofstra faculty in national and international, peer-reviewed grant competitions and significant regional grant competitions in the humanities. Congratulations to the recipients of these distinguished awards! I recognize the hard work that grant competition entails, as well as the recognition and prestige to the individuals and the University that follow the award of successful grants, and I am grateful to those of you who compete in this arena.

I thank you for reading *Hofstra Horizons* and supporting our faculty and administrators in their research endeavors. These five contributors and all who have shared their work in the past make us all proud. I am grateful for the opportunity to learn from their findings and look forward to the next issue of *Hofstra Horizons*.

Sincerely,

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Stuart Rabinowitz
President



I very much enjoy reading *Hofstra Horizons*, and this issue is no exception. The articles written by faculty and administrators are diverse in nature but always relevant. This issue features Norman I. Silber writing on the U.S. tradition of philanthropy being misused to undermine national security and peace; Jin Y. Shin presenting the needs and psychological consequences of families of children with spinal cord injury; Eve I. Glasser acquainting us with the Hofstra Arboretum and Model Bird Sanctuary; Sleiman R. Ghorayeb describing ultrasound as a possible replacement for dental X-rays; and Alan D. Flurkey discussing the relationship between reading and time as well as oral reading fluency and reading skill level. This issue is clearly a very impressive demonstration of the breadth of interest and level of sophistication of my Hofstra colleagues.

The best faculty are scholar-teachers, leaders in their disciplines who recognize the importance of excellent teaching in maximizing student learning. I am pleased to note that our faculty fulfill this role in an exemplary manner, and the resulting education prepares our students well for success as tomorrow's leaders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Herman A. Berliner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Herman A. Berliner, Ph.D.

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