$1 Million Raised for the Hofstra Endowed Scholarship Fund

On May 30, 800 people came together at the Hofstra Arena to honor and welcome the University’s eighth President, Stuart Rabinowitz.

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