Hofstra Salutes “Dr. G.”

The Hofstra community celebrated the distinguished career and retirement of Dr. Sylvia J. Giallombardo (M.S. Ed. ’64), Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, by awarding her the Presidential Medal at Commencement on May 18. Dr. Giallombardo joined the faculty in 1957 and had the distinction of being the longest-serving faculty member at the University. She has served in a number of capacities including chair of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department and vice dean of the school of education. She was instrumental in implementing a bachelor of science teacher preparation program in physical education. For many years “Dr. G” was Director of Women’s Athletics and was founder of the Hofstra women’s intercollegiate athletics program. During her tenure in the Provost’s Office, she developed her interest and commitment to graduate education. She succeeded in increasing the scholarship program for graduate students and established a full-time graduate student status of a nine-credit workload.

Two New Accreditations

The Department of Journalism and Mass Media Studies and the Department of Accounting, Taxation and Business Law were recently awarded prestigious national accreditations. The Department of Journalism and Mass Media Studies is fifth in New York State to earn this designation from the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. The only other accredited schools in New York are Columbia University, New York University, Syracuse University and Iona College. The Department of Accounting, Taxation and Business Law received accreditation from AACSB International. There are approximately 1,400 American institutions with degree programs in business and only 10 percent have accredited accounting programs. This designation represents the highest standard of achievement for business schools worldwide. Achieving accreditation is a rigorous and comprehensive process where faculty and administration must prove a high standard of research and scholarship, challenging curricula, job placement, internship opportunities and an outstanding and dedicated student and faculty community.

Gala Ball

Nearly 800 guests gathered at the Crest Hollow Country Club on May 29 to honor Hofstra alumni Donald E. Axinn and Nelson DeMille. As in the past, the Gala Ball was attended by students, faculty, alumni, trustees and friends. The evening was a memorable celebration and raised approximately $800,000 to benefit Hofstra student scholarships.
ENGLISH FACULTY RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS FELLOWSHIPS

The Department of English announced that Professors Phillis Levin and Martha McPhee have been awarded Guggenheim Fellowships and Professor John Bryant has received a Research Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Poet-in-Residence Levin is the author of three books of poetry and editor of *The Penguin Book of the Sonnet*, an anthology of sonnets from the Renaissance to the present. Her poems have appeared in prestigious magazines and periodicals throughout the United States and abroad. Professor McPhee’s first novel, *Bright Angel Time*, published by Random House in 1997, was a *New York Times* Notable Book. It was recently optioned by film and television director Susan Seidelman (“Desperately Seeking Susan” and “Sex and the City”). Professor McPhee’s second novel, *Gorgeous Lies*, published in 2002 by Harcourt Brace, was a National Book Award nominee. Professor Bryant has written several books and published editions of *Typee: A Peep at Polynesian Life* and *Herman Melville: Tales, Poems and Other Writings*. As editor for the Melville Society, he founded and publishes the journal *Leviathan* as well as the newsletter *Extracts*.

PROFESSOR SUSAN MARTIN NAMED DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR TEACHING AND SCHOLARLY EXCELLENCE

President Stuart Rabinowitz has appointed Professor Susan Martin to succeed Dr. Liora P. Schmelkin as the Director of the Center for Teaching and Scholarly Excellence. Dr. Schmelkin was appointed Vice Provost for Academic Affairs. Professor Martin received a B.A. from Barnard College in 1963 and a J.D. with distinction from Hofstra University School of Law in 1987. Since 1988 she has taught Business Law in the Department of Accounting, Taxation and Business Law, where she is now a full professor. She is an active and productive scholar, whose work is often cited in opinions of federal circuit and district courts, as well as state supreme courts. From 1999 to 2001 she served as editor-in-chief and advisory editor-in-chief of the *American Business Law Journal*, the preeminent journal in collegiate business law. Her service and administrative experiences are extensive including chair of the University Senate Planning and Budget Committee; a two-time member of the Center for Teaching Excellence; author of the School of Business Self-Evaluation Report for AACSB Accounting Accreditation; and membership and leadership positions on numerous other committees.

WREATH AND FOIL ALUMNAE GARDEN DEDICATION

Wreath and Foil alumnae met on campus June 8 to celebrate the creation of the “Wreath and Foil Garden.” More than $5,000 was raised as over 100 sisters contributed to the Garden Fund, – 23 of whom attended the dedication. Mary Tietjen Scott ’56 (second row, far left) and Carol Vickerman Bronzo ’54 (third row, second from left) were the driving force behind this initiative and were overwhelmed by the response to their efforts. The garden will remain in perpetuity, adding to the beauty of the campus, but also as a permanent tribute to Wreath and Foil Sorority.