AIRPORTS: If you have a choice, book your flight to/from JFK airport (rather than LaGuardia or Newark). It is closest to Hofstra campus. Some families prefer a smaller MacArthur Airport in Islip, LI.

FROM JFK AIRPORT TO HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY
Travel time to Hofstra’s campus depends on the time of the day and train/shuttle connections, but it is about 1.5 hours:
Take AirTrain from the airport to Jamaica Station and then take a Long Island Railroad (LIRR) train east. At Jamaica, purchase train ticket at the LIRR station counter or at the machine before boarding train to Hempstead or Mineola stations. Tickets bought on board are more expensive.

Hofstra Shuttle serves both Hempstead and Mineola stations, but at the different times of the day. See schedule at hofstra.edu/shuttle.

FROM HOFSTRA TO JFK AIRPORT
Take Hofstra’s Train Shuttle to the Hempstead (during the day) or the Mineola (morning, evening and night) Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) train station. Purchase train ticket at the station counter or at the machine before boarding train. Tickets bought on board are more expensive. Get off at Jamaica station in Queens and take the overpass to AirTrain. Take AirTrain from Jamaica to your flight’s JFK terminal. Allow about 1.5 hours from the residence hall to JFK. On Wednesday before Thanksgiving, Hofstra shuttle makes three trips from the campus directly to JFK. Your student should regularly check their Pride email account for information.

FROM HOFSTRA TO LAGUARDIA (LGA) AIRPORT
Take Hofstra’s Train Shuttle to the Hempstead or the Mineola Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) train station. Purchase train ticket at the station counter or at the machine before boarding train. Take LIRR to the Woodside Station, Queens. Take the MTA Q70 Limited bus to LaGuardia. Many LIRR trains make Woodside as a regular stop. If not, customers can change at Jamaica Station for a train to Woodside. Allow about 2.5 hours from campus to LGA.

FROM HOFSTRA TO PENN STATION, MANHATTAN
Take Hofstra’s train shuttle to the Hempstead or Mineola Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) Train Station. Campus shuttle buses are scheduled to meet incoming trains during the day and outgoing in the evening. Purchase train tickets at the counter or at the machine before boarding train. The Hempstead line goes to Penn Station, Manhattan, and Atlantic Terminal, Brooklyn. If the train is heading to Atlantic Terminal, you will need to transfer at Jamaica Station to a Penn Station train. The conductor will announce if you need to transfer. Take your ticket with you. The Mineola Station is on the main line (Port Jefferson branch, which includes Port Jefferson, Ronkonkoma, and Oyster Bay Trains), and the trains go directly into Penn Station.

When you arrive at Penn station, the signs will guide you to Amtrak or New Jersey Transit (PATH) trains, if you are continuing your travel. If staying in the city, the following subway lines can be found at Penn Station: A, C, E (34th Street and 8th Avenue) and 1, 2, 3 (34th Street and 7th Avenue). Allow about 1.5 hours from campus to Penn Station.

SCHEDULES AND INFORMATION
Hofstra Train Shuttle (Blue Beetle): hofstra.edu/shuttle
Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) train/MTA subway/bus schedules and fares: http://lirr42.mta.info/
AirTrain JFK: https://www.panynj.gov/airports/jfk-airtrain.html

TAXI SERVICES
Do not take the NYC yellow cab to/from the airport; it charges more when going outside the city limits. Use an online app such as Uber or Lyft and take a “black” cab. Call ahead and ask for a quote. Many drivers are unfamiliar with campus locations, and we suggest that your student know the exact location of their destination and pickup, as well as a precise time. Please let us know if you are unsatisfied with any of the cab services below that our students have been using:

CAR SHARING
Zipcar | zipcar.com/hofstra
Hofstra students may join Zipcar for $15 per year, and if approved, borrow a car on hourly/daily basis.