Hofstra University has a long history of hosting presidential conferences as well as important programs in law, political science, and the media. We are proud to host the third and final debate of the 2008 presidential campaign on October 15, 2008, as well as Educate ’08, an effort that engages not only students and faculty but also the public in a yearlong series of conferences, events and lectures. Last spring, our students had the opportunity to meet and listen to, among others, The New York Times’ Chief Political Correspondent Adam Nagourney; adviser to four presidents David Gergen; columnist of The New York Times and winner of the 1999 Pulitzer Prize for distinguished commentary Maureen Dowd; nation’s leading political analyst and commentator William Kristol; and presidential adviser Mary Matalin and media personality James Carville.

Hosting the debate offers our students and our community a unique insight into the presidential election and issues surrounding civic engagement.

We invite you and your students to explore everything Hofstra University and Educate ’08 will bring to our University this fall, the complete listing of which is at hofstra.edu/educate08. Events include:

**Tuesday, September 9, 2008**

**Economic Issues Facing the Presidency**

**Wednesday, September 10, 2008**

**Restoring America’s Image in the World: The Public Diplomacy Challenge**
Featuring Dr. Shashi Tharoor, former Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and renowned author.

**Monday, September 15, 2008**

**George Stephanopoulos**
George Stephanopoulos is the chief Washington correspondent for ABC News and anchor of ABC’s Sunday morning program, This Week With George Stephanopoulos.

**Tuesday, September 16, 2008**

**2008 Election: Issues Up Close**
Featuring Lou Dobbs Tonight panelists Michael Goodwin, Edward Rollins and Robert Zimmerman. Continued on page 2

**All’s Fair: Love, War and Politics.** On April 30, 2008, Hofstra University hosted a conversation with Mary Matalin, celebrated conservative voice and presidential adviser; and James Carville (not pictured), media personality and political icon.

Thursday, September 18, 2008
On the Record: A Hofstra Presidential Conference Retrospective

Tuesday, September 23, 2008
Stopping Politics at the Water’s Edge: What are American Foreign Policy Priorities in 2008?
A round table with American foreign policy experts Nancy Soderberg, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations; Dr. Jay M. Parker, visiting associate professor in Georgetown University’s Department of Government; and Peter Beinart, senior fellow for U.S. Foreign Policy, Council on Foreign Relations.

Thursday, October 2, 2008
What Will the Next President Do? Identifying the U.S. Agenda for 2009
A conversation with former New York Governor Mario Cuomo and President of the Council on Foreign Relations Richard Haass.

Tuesday, October 7, 2008
The Politics and Promises of Presidential Campaign Speeches, 1896-2008
A conversation with Michael Cohen, author of Live from the Campaign Trail: The Greatest Presidential Campaign Speeches of the Twentieth Century and How They Shaped Modern America.

Mr. Cohen was a speechwriter for the State Department in the Clinton administration, and has also worked in corporate communications. He is a senior research fellow at the New America Foundation, and has taught speechwriting and political rhetoric at Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs.

Parent Survey 2008 Prize Winners

This past spring, parents/guardians of current undergraduate students were asked to fill out the Parent Survey online and enter the survey sweepstakes. The Office of Parent and Family Programs values input that will help Hofstra create better programs and services for families. We are extremely appreciative of the record-breaking 709 parents and family members who participated in our Parent Survey.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING LUCKY WINNERS:

TWO FIRST PRIZES ($400 JetBlue giftcards):
- Marie Kelliher, South Hadley, MA
- Linda Greenberg, Southampton, PA

TWO SECOND PRIZES ($100 Barnes & Noble giftcards):
- Shelly Sanderlin, McMinnville, OR
- Christine Van Doren, Walpole, MA
Joint Agreement to Form School of Medicine Finalized

Last spring, Hofstra University President Stuart Rabinowitz and North Shore-LIJ Health System President and Chief Executive Officer Michael Dowling announced that Lawrence G. Smith, M.D., North Shore-LIJ’s chief medical officer, was elected to serve as the first dean of the Hofstra University School of Medicine in partnership with North Shore-LIJ Health System. Dr. Smith’s appointment follows the finalization of the agreement to jointly pursue the development of the Hofstra University School of Medicine. It will be the first allopathic (M.D.) medical school in Nassau County – and the first on Long Island in more than 35 years. Plans to create the new school were announced in October 2007, with the first class expected to enter in fall 2011. The agreement received approval from the boards of both Hofstra University and North Shore-LIJ Health System. Hofstra University School of Medicine, in partnership with North Shore-LIJ Health System, is currently pursuing preliminary accreditation with the Liaison Committee on Medical Education and requisite New York state approval.

On March 26, 2008, Hofstra President Stuart Rabinowitz signed Joint Declaration creating the Hofstra University School of Medicine, in partnership with North Shore-LIJ Health System. Dr. Lawrence G. Smith stands in the back.

Greek Life at Hofstra University

Fraternities and sororities offer students opportunities to interact with peers who share similar interests and values, forming friendships that may last a lifetime. Their members attain learning and life experience through community service, alumni networking and leadership opportunities. Students develop skills in areas such as organization, responsibility, communication and decision-making.

At Hofstra University, six percent of male students and seven percent of female students are members of Greek organizations. Greek-lettered organizations were established early in the University’s history in the 1930s. Currently, there are 34 active chapters: 10 sororities for women, 13 fraternities for men, nine culturally based organizations and two coeducational fraternities. All organizations undergo educational training and are closely monitored by the Office of Student Leadership and Activities (OSLA) to be in compliance with Hofstra’s Code of Community Standards.

Community service projects are one of the most rewarding aspects of being a member of a Greek organization. Hofstra Greeks have participated in walks for AIDS, Parkinson’s disease, lupus, breast cancer, and the American Cancer Society. They have supported Hofstra events such as Homecoming, Welcome Week, Family Weekend, and Sinterklaas, which benefited the Hempstead Boys & Girls Club. They have also completed special projects for Glory House Recovery Inc., the National Children’s Leukemia Foundation, Cervical Cancer Workshops, and New York Cares Day, just to name a few. In the 2007-2008 academic year, Greek life at Hofstra University contributed more than 600 hours of community service and more than $37,000 for various charities.

What is My Role as a Parent?

Students need support throughout the process of recruitment/intake and new member education. Be supportive and learn as much as you can about the Hofstra Greek community. OSLA is a good place to start.

Know that the process of joining a sorority or fraternity at Hofstra is competitive. Not everyone who wants to be in a Hofstra fraternity or sorority will receive an invitation to do so. On the other hand, some students will realize during the pledging process that Greek life is not for them; that is perfectly common.

Do not become too involved in the recruitment/intake process. This is your child’s decision.

Urge your student to find resources on campus. It helps students mature when they take charge and call OSLA if they have questions or concerns about their decision to pledge. If you need more information about Greek life at Hofstra, please call the Office of Student Leadership and Activities at (516) 463-6914. We appreciate your input and involvement.
Hofstra Staff, Parents and Students Lend a Hand to Habitat for Humanity’s *Women Build* Project

On May 3, 2008, a group of 20 women from Hofstra University helped build a Habitat for Humanity home in Bellport, New York, as part of its special *Women Build* project. The Hofstra group was led by Teresa Greis, energy, environmental health and safety manager for the University’s Plant Department. The team also included two Hofstra students and their mothers. In addition to donating their time and energy, the Hofstra team raised $2,300 for Habitat for Humanity of Suffolk County.

This future home of Dorri Auerbach and her 11-year-old daughter Stephanie will take five months to complete; from the framing and flooring to the top of the roof, women will be the driving force behind the project.

The Suffolk County chapter of Habitat for Humanity builds an average of 13 houses a year, and in 2008, it expects to complete its 125th house.

For more information about the *Women Build* Suffolk County chapter of Habitat for Humanity, please visit [womenbuildsuffolk.com](http://www.womenbuildsuffolk.com) and [habitatssuffolk.org](http://www.habitatssuffolk.org). If you want to join future Hofstra habitat teams, please e-mail parents@hofstra.edu.

More Hofstra workers in action.

Learning in a *Global World*

The Office of Multicultural and International Student Programs is responsible for planning and implementing cultural awareness and diversity education programming for the Hofstra community. Directed by Ryan Greene, the office works closely with a variety of campus constituencies to ensure that Hofstra University remains a diverse campus that embraces its multicultural identity. The office, a part of the Division of Student Affairs, is also responsible for coordinating many cultural-themed heritage months for the University, including Hispanic Heritage Month, Black History Month, Women’s “Her-story” Month, Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Month, and LGBTQ programming. The office staff also advises 20 student cultural clubs and organizations.

The office plays a major role in the student experience by offering various academic, social and cultural programs for the international student community. There are more than 330 international students from more than 70 countries in attendance at Hofstra University, and the office provides leadership with all immigration and international student-related issues.

This fall, the Office of Multicultural and International Student Programs will sponsor the *Diversity, Dialogue and Desserts* series, which is a discussion-oriented forum regarding various issues of diversity within today’s world. Each program is hosted by a Hofstra student, faculty or staff member. All members of the Hofstra community are encouraged to join these conversations. A few of these poignant discussions will include:

- **Tuesday, September 23, 2008**
  - *Are You Broke Yet? The Wealth Gap in America*

- **Tuesday, October 7, 2008**
  - *That’s So Gay: The Proliferation of Homophobia on Campus*

- **Tuesday, October 21, 2008**
  - *Latino-Nation: America’s New Majority*

- **Sunday, December 21, 2008**
  - *Merry Christmas Everyone … Thanks, But I’m Actually Muslim*

For more information on these programs and others, please visit [hofstra.edu/omisp](http://www.hofstra.edu/omisp).
Beth Levinthal, Transforming Hofstra University Museum

Prior to assuming her position at Hofstra in 2006, Beth E. Levinthal, director of the Hofstra University Museum, served as executive director of the Heckscher Museum of Art in Huntington, New York, from 2001 to 2006. Levinthal has played an integral part in Hofstra University Museum’s massive transformation. These two years of dedication encompass every aspect of the museum’s operations and outreach, from evolving art exhibits to new flooring and electrical receptacles, to new banners and signage. Recently, the Hofstra University Museum has announced two pieces of exciting news: the unprecedented gift of Andy Warhol art, and an exhibition of photographs documenting Muhammad Ali’s life.

The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts presented a gift of Andy Warhol art to the Hofstra University Museum. The gift, made through the Andy Warhol Photographic Legacy Program, is in honor of the foundation’s 20th anniversary. In July 2008, the Hofstra University Museum took ownership of 103 Polaroid prints and 50 black-and-white gelatin silver prints, valued at $150, 300.

The Hofstra University Museum is one of 183 college and university art museums that has received some of the 28,543 original Warhol photographs valued in excess of $28 million. Each institution is slated to receive approximately 150 original Polaroid photographs and gelatin silver prints selected by Jenny Moore, curator of the Andy Warhol Photographic Legacy Program.

This fall, the Hofstra University Museum presents an original exhibition of distinctive photographs that capture Muhammad Ali’s life, including his childhood, boxing career, family life, humanitarian work and Olympic events. The exhibit, The Greatest of All Time: Muhammad Ali, will be on view September 21, 2008 through December 2, 2008 in the Hofstra University Museum, behind Emily Lowe Gallery, South Campus.

In conjunction with the exhibit, several programs are planned including a public reception and educator open house on Tuesday, September 23, 2008, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. An Art Talk Series presentation, Float Like a Butterfly: Muhammad Ali as an African American Icon, with Hofstra Professor of English Joseph McLaren, will be presented on Tuesday, November 11, 2008, at 4 p.m. Hofstra Entertainment will also present Fightin’ Words, a Muhammad Ali inspired spoken-word performance at the Emily Lowe Gallery on November 13, 14 and 15, 2008, at 8 p.m.

To learn more about the Hofstra University Museum, including membership information, please visit hofstra.edu/museum.

HOFSTRA PARENT COUNCIL

The Office of Parent and Family Programs established the Hofstra Parent Council this past spring. The mission of the Hofstra Parent Council is to enhance communication between the University and the parents/guardians of undergraduates; collaborate with the University in developing programs and recommend changes that will enhance the learning and living environments on campus; and assist in promoting and enhancing the University, both nationally and internationally.

Current Parent Council Members are: William J. Flipse, Jr., David D. Franklin, Teresa A. Greis, Stephen Krown, Cynthia Leslie, Donna Lipari, Joann V. Thompson and Christine Wolf. You may reach them by e-mailing parents@hofstra.edu.

If you would like to apply to become a Hofstra Parent Council member, you will first need to volunteer at our events or write for our newsletter at least three times. Please e-mail the Office of Parent and Family Programs at parents@hofstra.edu, if you are interested in volunteering. It is a great (and fun!) opportunity for parents to get to know each other. We love working together for the benefit of our students.
Summer 2008
Parent Orientation

With more than 1,300 parents and family members of Hofstra students, Parent Orientation was a huge success! Please visit hofstra.edu/parfam/parfam_po.html to view slideshows of Hofstra family members at Parent Orientation.
My Involvement in the Community
by Cynthia Leslie, parent of Paul (Class of 2010)

By the way of introduction, my name is Cynthia Leslie and, recently, I have had the unique pleasure of becoming a Hofstra Parent Council member. Like many family members of Hofstra students, I find it of the utmost importance to set an example for my son, Paul T. Leslie (Class of 2010), by becoming an active member of my community.

I have found new joy and a gift in bicycling! I have participated in the American Cancer Society’s bike-a-thon for the third consecutive year. The American Cancer Society’s bike-a-thon is designed to raise critical funds in the fight against cancer. This is one of several worthy cycling events in which I participate yearly. In April, I was part of a 16-person team that traveled to New Orleans with a Habitat for Humanity chapter to help build homes for families, particularly poor, single women with children who had been devastated by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Building these homes from the foundation up in hot weather conditions was hard work, but it was a fun and rewarding experience. The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer three-day, 60-mile walk in Philadelphia was another challenging event that I participated in to benefit the American Cancer Society. Each participant fundraised, on average, $2,000 benefiting Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the National Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund. I met so many interesting and inspiring people, including my team captain who survived a double mastectomy.

I encourage all Hofstra family members to become involved in their communities and set an example for their students. Whether it’s a fundraising walk or volunteering at your local food distribution center, become an engaged community member and your student will follow suit. I also serve as a member on my Condominium Association Board in hopes to make positive changes; I enjoy singing in my church’s choir; and I am a bike enthusiast. If you want to reach me, please e-mail parents@hofstra.edu. I’d be happy to answer your questions.

My Daughter’s First-Year Journey
by David P. Franklin, parent of Hilary (Class of 2011)

I’ll take the risk of revealing to you that Hofstra was not Hilary’s first choice in universities. She deeply wanted to attend another northeastern university, in large part because my wife graduated from that institution’s law school and Hilary was smitten with the idea of walking across that same stage. That university was concerned that Hilary wasn’t ready for a large university experience, and as a result, offered her a contract rather than immediate admission. Essentially, it guaranteed Hilary admission in fall 2008 if she was able to achieve a B or better at a smaller school that would help her transition. I know this is odd, but she actually has a contract granting her admission to her dream school in the fall if she meets their benchmarks.

Hofstra was her second choice, and rather than taking the other university’s advice to attend a smaller school to which she also was admitted, she committed to Hofstra almost as a way of proving she could survive in a larger university.

Well, Hilary beat her “dream school’s” requirements this year. Her grades and the courses she took actually exceed what they wanted to see. We could not be any more proud of her. But the real credit to Hofstra is that Hilary is turning down her admission to that institution and returning to Hofstra in the fall. We pressure-checked her decision recently for an entire weekend. We reminded her of her declared commitment to attending that other school “no matter what.” We feared that her decision was based on not wanting to leave her new Hofstra friends behind. In fact, Hilary laid out a strong, logical and well-considered argument as to why Hofstra was a better school. Her argument wasn’t based on friends, fun and familiarity; it was based on professors, community and pride.

In fact, one of the biggest changes we saw in Hilary this year was evident when she argued in favor of Hofstra.

Simply put, being part of the Hofstra community has helped my daughter (and us) gain a whole new appreciation for the school and all that it has to offer. Hilary is now a Pride Guide—something we feared would be a distraction—but in fact it is an outlet for her to communicate the pride she has in her school to the world.

We sincerely appreciate all that Hofstra’s Office of Parent and Family Programs has done to help us be part of this great transformation. Hilary is a great Pride Guide because she has “sold” us on Hofstra, but the office provides us with the “customer service” that really completes the experience of Hofstra for our whole family.
FAMILY WEEKEND

We cordially invite you to join us for Family Weekend 2008!

Friday and Saturday, October 24 and 25
Please register online at hofstra.edu/fw. If you don’t have access to a computer, please call our office at (516) 463-4698; we can register you over the phone if you use your credit card; we can also send you a paper registration form if you prefer paying by check. The registration deadline is October 9, 2008.

Friday, October 24
Continental Breakfast
Faculty Model Classes
Tours of Hofstra Schools and Emily Lowe Gallery
Lunch and Resource Fair
Information Sessions on Hofstra
Undergraduate Experience
Student Club Performances
Hofstra Arboretum Tour
Welcome Reception
Student Musical: Footloose

Saturday, October 25
Morning Workout
Family Hot Breakfast
Tour of Emily Lowe Gallery
Information Sessions on Hofstra’s Opportunities for Students
Hofstra’s Club Zone!
(Children, Ages 6-15)
Hofstra Arboretum Tour
Pregame Barbecue
Hofstra Pride Football game
Hofstra Men’s Soccer game
Movie Night: Mamma Mia!
Student Talent Show: Hofstra Idol

Off-Campus Trips on Saturday
(at an additional cost):
Manhattan: Broadway Show: Hairspray
Manhattan: Metropolitan Museum of Art
Long Island: Phipps Mansion in Old Westbury Gardens

Note: The Family Weekend program is subject to change. Please check hofstra.edu/fw for a more detailed schedule closer to Family Weekend.

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