SOEAHS Alumni Association Newsletter

From Outgoing President Emily Kleinman Schreiber ’65, ’95

As my two-year term as president draws to a close, I find myself reflecting upon my most fulfilling experiences with the School of Education and Allied Human Services Alumni Association. I think the most gratifying aspect of the job has been my interactions with the wonderfully diverse, intelligent, and talented people who have served on the executive board with me. We have all worked together cohesively, and I feel happy that we have moved the association forward.

An important person has left the University, and that saddens all of us who have had the opportunity to know the former dean, James Johnson. During his 12 years as dean, many innovations were implemented. Two that I would like to mention here are the joining together of the Schools of Education and Allied Human Services into one school. The other extremely important accomplishment was the overseeing of the renovations on the old courthouse, which later became our ultramodern and technologically advanced Hagedorn Hall. The ribbon-cutting ceremony with the late Horace Hagedorn and his wife, Amy, was a proud day for all of us – especially Dean Johnson.

It was also a pleasure getting to know the members of the Executive Council of the Hofstra Alumni Organization. They are an amazingly dedicated group of individuals who strive to help Hofstra prosper academically and financially. Amy Bulhier, former assistant director of alumni programs and Alumni Organization office liaison, helped us get our “word” out by overseeing the creation, printing, and mailing of our postcards, flares, and newsletters.

With Jackie Friedman Borruso at the helm, I am confident that the next two years will bring increased membership to the association, as well as new and different opportunities for our members to interact, share, and learn.

Thank you all for your support during my two-year presidency.

Looking Back at 2004-2005

During the October meeting, Laurie Johnson (right) spoke about her peacemaking activities in Ireland and how they can make an impact here in the United States.

At the February meeting, Alina Newman presented her doctoral research, which is titled “The Child Left Behind: Transformation of Heart and Mind of a Bilingual Teacher Through Conversations With Immigrant Families.”

May 14th Spring Brunch/Alumni Arts Exhibit Artists: (top row) Jeannie Bouza Rosa, Herb Cohen, Roy Reyes; (middle row) Jean Quaranta, Emily Schreiber, Thelma Triant; (bottom row) Justine Scarinzi.

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Rendering of Hagedorn Hall Art Contest

During the spring 2005 semester, the Student Affairs Committee, SOEAHS Alumni Association, and the Dean’s Office sponsored an art contest. Students and alumni were invited to create black and white renderings of Hagedorn Hall. Four entries were selected as finalists from among those entered in the competition. The finalists were Sheryl Stern, Michael Passuello, Rey Reyes and Scott Schwenmer. One hundred and thirty-four students and faculty voted on the four entries.

The first-place winner, Sheryl Stern, received $250, and the second-place winner, Michael Passuello, received $150. Both winners were invited to a luncheon on June 20 at the University Club, where they were presented with their awards. The artwork will serve as a logo for the School of Education and Allied Human Services on various items such as stationery, announcements, and T-shirts.

By Jamie Mitus

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President’s Message

Dear Fellow Alum,

As the newly elected president of the School of Education and Allied Human Services Alumni Association (SOEAHSAA), I would like to introduce myself and welcome all of you back to Hofstra for this new school year.

I attended Hofstra from 1981 to 1990, and earned both a professional diploma and a doctoral degree. I feel grateful for the education I received at Hofstra and was overwhelmed by the welcoming, caring and nurturing environment I encountered here as a student. Therefore, it was with great pleasure that I joined the founding committee of the SOEAHSAA. After having served as vice president of the association for the past two years, I am now honored to accept my new responsibilities as president. I follow in the footsteps of outgoing President Emily Kleinman Schreiber, who brought our association to new heights. She was a wonderful leader and a pleasure to work with. I wish her all the best as she leaves office. My goals as president are to do as good a job as Emily, and to pass along those same warm, caring feelings I felt as a Hofstra student to all members of our association.

The SOEAHSAA strives to provide a supportive environment for alumni. Members of our association have many opportunities to network, to socialize with people who share common interests, and to remain connected to fellow classmates and colleagues. Traditionally, we have held several general membership meetings each year: a welcoming meeting in the fall, a professional sharing meeting in the winter, and a brunch/alumni arts exhibit in the spring. In the past, we have attended several Broadway shows during our theater parties. Our association also awards both an undergraduate and a graduate scholarship each year. Of course, we welcome ideas for new events and activities.

I look forward to working with Maureen Murphy, the new acting dean of SOEAHS. We will miss our former dean, James Johnson, who was instrumental in helping us establish the SOEAHSAA. We wish him good luck as he moves on to future endeavors. Hopefully, he’ll remain a part of our association.

The SOEAHSAA is beginning its fifth year. As a young association, we continue to grow, and your participation and support are welcome. To join the SOEAHSAA or to learn more about our group, please complete the enclosed application, or contact me at JacquelineBorruso@yahoo.com.

I hope to have the opportunity to greet all of you at our upcoming events. Have a great year!

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Friedman Borruso ’84, ’90

All About HNET: The Hofstra Network of Elementary Teachers

HNET is a group of preservice teachers and alumni of Hofstra’s undergraduate and graduate elementary education programs of the Department of Curriculum and Teaching. HNET, which has been in existence for more than three years, exists to provide a professional community for elementary teachers and teachers-to-be associated with Hofstra. It allows us to support each other professionally — in person, via e-mail and through our Website — so that we can learn from each other and grow together as teachers.

HNET hosts an annual conference, in-service credit programs, and get-togethers to discuss new and veteran teacher issues. We will continue to expand and offer additional resource recommendations, links to suggested materials, and special programs to address gaps in content or pedagogical knowledge identified by HNET members.

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Creative Arts Therapy Conference
Exploring Dialogue in Creative Arts Therapy Practice

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The 2006 Creative Arts Therapy Conference will be held on March 23 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

President Emily Kleinman Schreiber during the Spring Brunch/Alumni Arts Exhibit.

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Emily Kleinman Schreiber ’93, ’95

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Janine Paolucci ’93, ’99

Broadway Theater Party

In April, 20 members attended a Sunday matinee performance of Little Women. The seats were right up front and a wonderful time was had by all!

Broadway Theater Party

Scholarship Winners

We are proud to announce this year’s recipients of the SOEAHSAA Scholarships:

Elizabeth Puma – undergraduate
Jessica Pietra Dinatule – graduate

Each recipient was awarded a $500 scholarship. We wish them continued success.

Scholarship applications will be available in February 2006 in all department offices of the School of Education and Allied Human Services.

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