



PLEASE JOIN US FOR

THE INAUGURATION OF  
*Dr. Susan Poser*  
THE NINTH PRESIDENT OF  
HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2021

11 A.M.

DOORS OPEN AT 10 A.M.

DAVID S. MACK SPORTS & EXHIBITION COMPLEX  
RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING EVENT

RSVP REQUIRED FOR ATTENDANCE

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FOR VISITOR INFORMATION (DIRECTIONS AND HOTELS) AND A  
COMPREHENSIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR INAUGURATION WEEK.

## ABOUT *Susan Poser*



Dr. Susan Poser is the ninth president of Hofstra University. She assumed the office of the president on August 1, 2021.

Before coming to Hofstra, Dr. Poser served from 2016 to 2021 as the provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC), a Carnegie Research One university with 16 colleges and over 33,000 students. At UIC, Dr. Poser's major accomplishments included UIC's 2019 acquisition of the John Marshall Law School, creating the first and only public law school in Chicago. Another major focus was the creation of initiatives to support faculty and enhance diversity, including pipeline programs

for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, and the establishment of UIC's Center for Teaching Excellence with a special focus on assisting faculty in creating inclusive classrooms. Dr. Poser created regular forums for faculty from across the disciplines to meet and share research in order to generate interdisciplinary research and scholarship. Under her leadership, UIC oversaw a multifaceted Student Success Initiative, and she was the principal investigator on a \$1 million grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to create the Engaged Humanities Initiative at UIC.

Prior to becoming provost at UIC, Dr. Poser was a law professor at the University of Nebraska, where she served as the dean of the College of Law from 2010 to 2016, and the associate to the chancellor from 2007 to 2010. Among her accomplishments were increased fundraising and alumni outreach as well as significant curricular reform, including the creation of an Entrepreneurship Legal Clinic, and an addition to the law school building to house law clinics.

Dr. Poser grew up in New York City and graduated with honors from Swarthmore College with a major in Ancient Greek. She earned a JD and a PhD from the University of California, Berkeley. After law school, Dr. Poser clerked for the Honorable Dolores K. Sloviter, the chief judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit in Philadelphia. Dr. Poser's scholarly work is primarily in the areas of legal ethics and tort law, and she has published widely.

Dr. Poser has a history of institutional service and regional leadership in Nebraska as well as in Illinois. Nationally, she has served in leadership positions for the Association of Public & Land-Grant Universities, the American Bar Association Section on Legal Education, and the Association of American Law Schools.

## ABOUT INAUGURATION WEEK

Hofstra University is celebrating the inauguration of President Susan Poser with a week of academic, community, and recreational events that bring together faculty, staff, students, alumni, and neighbors to highlight our commitment to the core values of scholarship, service, and civic engagement. These include an interdisciplinary symposium, *Building and Bridging Our Future Together: Hofstra University and Our Communities* that will examine ways the University can improve lives through collaborations with the community around issues of inclusion, social justice, equity, and innovation.



Painting by Kelly Elkowitz, '23,  
in honor of the inaugural celebration