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# THE 89TH SENATE

## CABINET

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Hofstra Student Government Association's 89th Senate welcomed many new senators and justices during the Fall Elections, filling every seat at the table!



The Justice Panel was revitalized this past semester as six justices joined the SGA team with Sara Bowles serving as Chief Justice.

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## ADMINISTRATION SENATE GUESTS



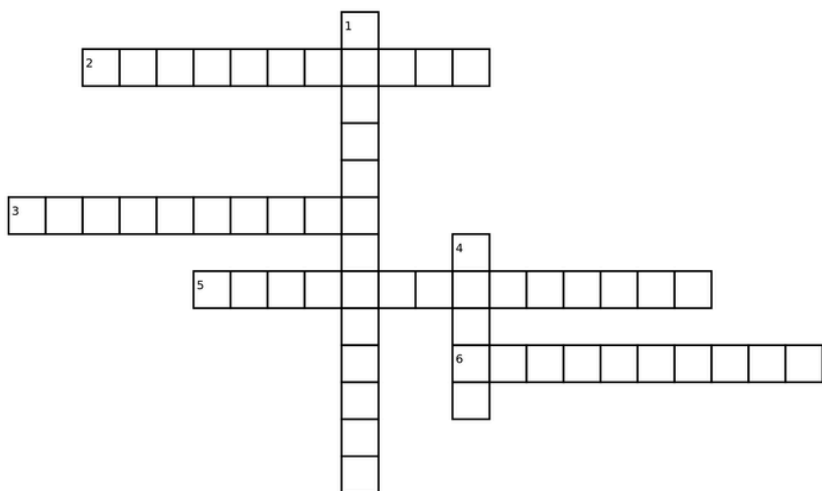
# SAW WEEK

11/4-11/8



During the week of November 4th, SGA was busy for Student Appreciation Week while encouraging students to fill out our survey. This survey helps the organization gauge what issues are important to the student body and what needs to be addressed on campus. By getting strong responses to the survey, our members are able to give solid information to administration about what students care about. We ended the week by teaming up with Hofstra Athletics to host SGA's Build-A-Friend event during halftime of the men's basketball season opener game. With the help of all the students, we were able to go beyond our goal and collect over 1,000 survey responses! Thank you to all who filled out the survey and enjoyed coming to Build-A-Friend!

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Down:

1. The committee that clubs can contact for help or to inquire about becoming SGA recognized
4. The number of committees SGA has

Across:

2. This is where you can find all of the SGA Newsletters (hint: every club can use this!)
3. This is where you can find SGA every Thursday night
5. The committee that allocates budgets for clubs and organizations
6. The organization's username on Instagram and Twitter (you can reach us through these accounts and tag us to repost your clubs events!)



# FALL COMMITTEE UPDATES



Maddie Skeldon

In the fall, the Appropriations Committee was hard at work hosting treasurer trainings, reviewing budgets, and meeting with clubs to allocate funding! We focused on **refining the budget process** to make it more efficient, fair, and accessible for student organizations. **Strengthening communication** was also a priority, ensuring clubs had clear guidelines and reminders to help them secure the funding they need. As we shift into the spring semester, we're excited to continue improving the allocations process, making funding even more accessible, and **supporting student organizations** in bringing their events and initiatives to life!

-Appropriations Committee

In the Fall, the Club Resources Committee was busy! At the start of the semester, we **reallocated and refreshed** all of the club offices. We also presided over Fall Elections and brought in the **biggest Senate in many years**. We also launched the **SGA Club Closet**, an exciting initiative that provides shared materials for clubs to use that is cost-saving for both clubs and SGA. Additionally, we helped **8 new clubs get recognized** and helped another 3 through the **Check-In process**, all while supporting clubs in their day-to-day operations!

Club Resources Committee-



Evelyn Quail



Ava DiSanto

The Communications Committee was working hard during the Fall semester to ensure SGA remains a **resource to the student body** in many different ways. We have **amplified our media presence** on Instagram and Twitter by evaluating what engages students and what doesn't. Our **monthly newsletters** remain a great way in showing what each committee accomplishes throughout the semester and what they continue to strive toward. We are especially grateful for The Hofstra Chronicle in helping us reach students through a partnership that allows us to have our newsletters in another format. Happy with the progress we have made in the fall, and can't wait for what's ahead!

-Communications Committee

Academic Affairs had the opportunity to work on a variety of initiatives over the Fall semester! We got to advocate for the expansion of the Writing Center's resources online and discussed the **future of academic advising** with the Center for University Advising. We also got the chance to work with the University Senate's Faculty Affairs Committee on re-imagining the process behind the Teacher of the Year Award and created a Canvas survey to identify in which areas Canvas usage needs to be improved the most. We also got the chance to **introduce new initiatives** such as proposing the revision of first-year writing requirements, more mid-semester feedback between students and professors, and a **syllabi repository** which will all continue to be worked on.

Academic Affairs Committee-



Justin Danek



# FALL COMMITTEE UPDATES



Laila Vickers

Programming Committee was able to introduce our new semester long event **Hofstra Hunts!** It was for the whole month of October, and was a school-wide scavenger hunt with a total of eight Hofstra students winning amazing prizes. We began our Fall semester with "**Bingo for Books**" geared for first-years during Welcome Week as well as our revamped "**Meet & Mingle with SGA**" open for all first-year and first-generation students who wanted to learn more about SGA and meet new people on campus. We ended the semester with our annual **SAW survey** and hosted **Build-A-Friend** during the Men's Basketball Game v.s Iona with the Hofstra Jungle theme, full of stuffed animals that resemble well loved Hofstra critters!

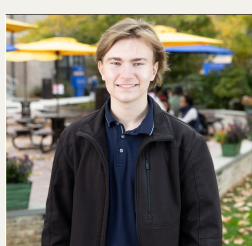
-Programming Committee

In the Fall semester, the E&I committee had many successful events and initiatives that we were able to see come to life. **Rep Your Flag** day was one of the most notable with over **15 identity based clubs** in attendance. We continued the @ Hofstra series hosting **La Bienvenida @ Hofstra** in October. Proud of all that we have accomplished and cannot wait for what is to come in the spring!

Equity & Inclusion Committee-



DaeJa Young



Kyle Denson

Over the fall semester, the Facilities and Operations Committee focused on improving **campus accessibility** and streamlining the process for reporting **facility concerns**. We conducted a campus walkthrough to assess the functionality of **ADA buttons** and **bathroom access**, partnering with the Equity and Inclusion Committee to ensure greater accessibility for all Hofstra students, faculty, and visitors. We've been working closely with Hofstra administration to address student concerns and improve the **facility reporting system**. We also gathered student feedback through the SAW survey, focusing on **dining hours** and general facility issues. The committee reported over 100 facility concerns throughout the semester!

--Facilities & Operations Committee

The committee hosted **HHF: Hofstra Hope Fest**, an uplifting mental health promotion event that included interactive expo booths, peer-to-peer messaging, and support from multiple campus departments and organizations. New **menstrual product dispenser** locations were added to the Library 10th floor, Library Basement, CV. Starr, Roosevelt, LH. Comm. The committee launched **Positivi-Tree**, a tree that hung ornaments of affirmation on its leaves to share the gift of kindness. Furthermore, in an attempt to drive engagement and awareness for the **Plan Van**, it was moved to Pride Park. Finally, the committee continuously worked alongside Public Safety to discuss shuttle issues for students and improve student knowledge on the resources offered by Public Safety.

Wellness & Campus Safety Committee-



Nimba Mahlati



# FALL E-BOARD UPDATES



Lincoln Anniballi

This year we held numerous meetings with administrators to advocate for the many initiatives our chairs and senators work towards. SGA co-hosted the **Presidents Town Hall** once again which was a great success. I had a great time introducing the President at the **State of the University**, attending the Long Island Business Association, cutting the ribbon at Halal Shack and the newly renovated **10th floor of the library**, and continuing to engage with the Hofstra student community. SGA launched its **Keep Hofstra Beautiful** initiative to help keep campus clean and reinforce our values of respect. We continued to advocate for students rights and civic engagement, through proposed changes to the **campus Demonstration Policy**. Towards the end of the semester we sent a letter to the President and Vice President Eads expressing our hope to raise all of the absent **national flags** in the Student Center Atrium. In the Fall 2024 semester, we made big leaps towards progress and supported the student body beyond our expectations.

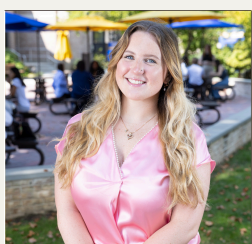
-President

In the Fall, we worked hard during our senate meetings to **advocate for students' issues** to administration. We were able to meet with many of Hofstra's **administration** this semester and this allowed us to bring up many of our student's concerns. We covered many topics such as **residence halls**, **course registration**, and **expression of diversity and culture** on campus in order to help students who have raised concerns to us. Lincoln and I also meet often with President Poser and VP Eads in order to address the concerns talked about within the senate and the committees. By **establishing these connections** with administration it sets the foundation for better advocacy for students for the following semesters. We have a lot prepared for and to look forward to in the next semester.

Vice President-



Jewels Joyal



Makayla Egolf

It was a semester full of giveaways and organization! I appointed Sophia Apostol as Ethics and Conduct Chair and Adriana Miranda as Archivist to help me with weekly operations, such as attendance and minute-taking. All minutes are posted on our **webpage**, so be sure to check them out. We were able to provide some awesome **SGA giveaways** this semester, such as stadium-approved fanny packs, portable fans, and phone wallets. Don't worry, t-shirts will be back next semester! We love to see you supporting SGA and supporting Hofstra!

-Secretary

A busy Fall semester! I completed the **Fall 2024 Financial Report** and amended Appropriations policy with Chair Skeldon. Along with this I removed **Comptroller voting power** from the Appropriations Committee to maintain democratic practices in allocations and supported a future transition to a **digital budget platform**. I signed off on many expenses and was happy to see clubs **fulfilling their purposes** and having great events. In Fall 2024, I was lucky enough to establish a **subcommittee** with one senator and one associate: Prahlad and Julia. They have been a great help and I am excited to further develop the subcommittee in the future!

Comptroller-



Sydney Greenlaw







## KEEP HOFSTRA BEAUTIFUL WEEK (SPRING INTO ACTION)

**3/10-3/14**

This semester, SGA launched the “Keep Hofstra Beautiful” campaign to nudge the Hofstra community into caring for our shared spaces, our community, and each other. We should pick up trash to keep our campus physically cared for and hold the door to care for each other. We should practice the values of keeping Hofstra beautiful in all that we do to create a stronger community and embed those values into ourselves too.

To promote this initiative, SGA re-branded their Spring Into Action Week to be Keep Hofstra Beautiful Week, a campus wide celebration of the Hofstra student community through engaging and educational events and activities. Throughout the week, SGA tabled in the Student Center, with each day themed to a category of campus advocacy. At the table students were able to participate in an action or activity to get free merch.



**SEVERINO RANDAZZO**  
**SGA ADVISOR**

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As SGA’s advisor I am pleased to congratulate the 89th Senate on a successful year of advocacy for the Hofstra student experience. This year, the Student Government Association has continued to strengthen our partnership with the Office of Student Leadership and Engagement. In addition, SGA advocated for several student concerns across campus like increased student advocacy opportunities, enhancing the residential student experience, revising university policies and procedures, increasing funding opportunities and collaborations with student organizations, as well as supporting on-campus programs and traditions. In addition, this year SGA partnered with administrators from the Division of Student Enrollment, Engagement, and Success to start a civil discourse dialogue series for students, an all-new initiative, Keep Hofstra Beautiful Campaign and week of programming, which is a reimagination of their annual Spring Into Action week. I’ve been at the university for four years now, and I’m so proud of the amazing work that SGA continues to do.

As always, it’s been a pleasure to advise the 89th Senate, and I look forward to working with the 90th Senate!

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# SPRING COMMITTEE UPDATES



Maddie Skeldon

This semester, Appropriations continued its work funding clubs at our **weekly allocations meetings**, ensuring student organizations had the resources they needed. We hosted **treasurer trainings for a record 140+ club treasurers**, equipping them with the tools to navigate the funding process. Additionally, we reviewed over **100 semesterly budgets for Fall 2025**, supporting clubs in planning successful events and initiatives!

-Appropriations Committee

In the Spring, Club Resources was hard at work! We began the semester by **recognizing 12 new clubs** and worked hard to support them as new organizations. We collaborated with Appropriations to pilot **New Club Training** to streamline the budget process for new clubs. We also organized and expanded our available **club storage space** and focused on getting **feedback from club leaders** as to how we can better support clubs. And as always, we were busy reviewing and passing **Senatorial Actions**!

Club Resources Committee-



Evelyn Quail



Ava DiSanto

This spring, Communications was working hard on several projects to **connect SGA with the student body**. **Decorum For 'Em** was a major focus for the committee as it is a full record of major things the organization has worked on and advocated for this past year, all compiled together. **The Alumni Panel** is also a great staple to the spring semester as we bring back accomplished former members of SGA who can offer advice as to how their college life prepared them for their careers. The committee also focused on doing **social media campaigns** that reached students all across campus to let them know what we have been working on and how to contact us. Happy with all we have been able to accomplish!

-Communications Committee

We were able to work with the **Faculty Affairs Committee** on finalizing the new **Teacher of the Year Voting System** that will go into effect next year. We also hosted an event with the Career Center on April 14th which focused on **job hiring trends and resume-building**. The committee has also evaluated what additions they would like to see to the new **Career Center Canvas Page**. We have introduced the concept of **mid-semester CTRs** to the Provost's Office and will be gauging faculty interest on the idea. We will also be discussing the idea of pairing up incoming students with peer advisors with the **Center for University Advising** and have continued promoting **academic resources**, including course registration dates and a revamped tutoring page.

Academic Affairs Committee-



Justin Danek



# SPRING COMMITTEE UPDATES



Laila Vickers

For the Spring semester, we have been preparing to welcome David Hall to campus and his **Cards Against Hypnosis** event on April 3rd! Engaging Hofstra students with a stress-free and fun event after Spring Break! As well collaborations with BSU, QTPOCC, and SGA's own Equity Committee for the annual **Sex Fest** March 26th and collaborations with RHA for **Big Bucks Bingo**. In coordination with Compass Dining, and both SGA's Wellness and Facilities Committees, we helped continue the tradition of a **Spring Karaoke Night** with fun and delicious food specials and free-giveaways on March 28th! Wrapping up our Spring semester with **Spring Into Action** week, revamped with a whole week of tabling, advocacy and events surrounded on the basis of **Keeping Hofstra Beautiful** and celebrating Hofstra students while striving for advocacy within SGA.

-Programming Committee

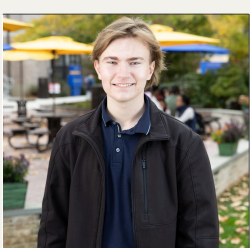
In the Spring, the committee has been working on a '**Minds that Matters**' series for our SGA Instagram that shines a light on notable figures in history that often go unnoticed.

We also had a collab with the Black Student Union and Queer and Trans People of Color for the annual **Sex Fest**! Earlier in March, my committee was on the planning team for Hofstra's first '**Worlds Table**' event. We continued the @ Hofstra series with **AAPI @ Hofstra** and **Disability Community @ Hofstra**. The Equity committee is also on the planning team for Hofstra's **Language Event Expo**. So proud of the important work the Equity committee has accomplished this Spring!

Equity & Inclusion Committee-



DaeJa Young



Kyle Denson

During the Spring semester, our committee worked hard to ensure that Hofstra was improving. We assisted the kickoff of SGA's "Keep Hofstra Beautiful" initiative by putting up related **signage in bathrooms across campus**. During SAW week, we launched the **Facilities Reporting Form**, where students can report their facility concerns directly to SGA! During this week, we also encouraged students to write "**thank you**" notes to workers and custodial staff across campus. Additionally, we worked with other SGA committees to create engaging events for students, including holding a table at **Hofstra's Nutrition Fair** and a **Karaoke Night with Compass Dining**.

-Facilities & Operations Committee

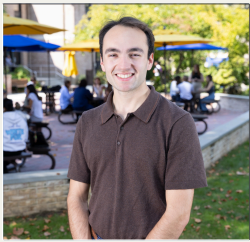
Our committee worked on a lot this Spring! We started a new series called '**Rachel on the Run**' in collaboration with Communications to increase knowledge about Hofstra resources amongst students. We also collaborated with Facilities and Operations to host a fun trivia table during the **Nutrition Fair**, will host a **Narcan training**, and will also be having a **Stop The Bleed** event with **Public Safety** in April. Additionally my committee and I are also hosting a fun tabling event during **Sex Fest** along with the **Plan Van**. The **Plan Van** has been consistently at Hofstra as an active resource for the students as well!

Wellness & Campus Safety Committee-



Rachel Jacob

# SPRING E-BOARD UPDATES



Lincoln Anniballi

SGA started off the semester strong with several advocacy wins, including administration meeting our requests to **reform the demonstration policy** to maximize students rights and agreeing to **raise the missing flags** from the Student Center. In an effort to brighten the walls of the Student Center and represent clubs and organizations, SGA hosted our **Club Canvas** event, empowering over 40 clubs to paint representations of their club. We also successfully advocated for a soft serve ice cream machine. We hosted the first **Keep Hofstra Beautiful Week** in place of our usual Spring Into Action Week, tabling Monday through Friday to engage the Hofstra community in a different activity each day to **encourage advocacy and community**. We also engaged in the **Unity Project** hosted by IEI while also supporting and growing the **Hofstra yearbook**. We helped fund and plan an exciting **Music Fest** and welcomed back alumni during our annual alumni panel. Throughout the Spring, we continued to be dynamic and innovative in **engaging and advocating** for the Hofstra community.

-President

This semester we continued our advocacy through our **outreach with administration**. Something new that was introduced this semester during senate was what we call our **"Senator Projects"**. This is where acting senators work in groups to pitch an idea to be brought to campus. During senate we saw these presentations and ideas come to light and it exposed SGA to areas that we should focus on in the future. Another addition this semester is the presence of many **student organizations as guest speakers** at our senate meetings. My main focus this semester was to extend SGA's reach through the clubs and organizations on campus to show that **SGA is always available to help** and support their issues. A successful semester and SGA will continue these efforts in the following years!

Vice President-



Jewels Joyal



Makayla Egolf

The semester started strong thanks to the help of the secretary chair positions! With **Senator Miranda as Archivist** and **Senator Apostol as Ethics and Conduct Chair**, everything behind the scenes ran smoothly. With a new system for attendance and help with things like minutes (which you can find on our website!), these two really helped me throughout the year. Theming "Spring Into Action Week" into "Keep Hofstra Beautiful," I created **merchandise** to give to students if they completed a series of activities **centered around community**. With t-shirts, baseball hats, pocket planners, and croc jibbitz up for grabs, we hope everyone had a chance to **participate, connect, and Keep Hofstra Beautiful!**

-Secretary

Comptroller land was quite busy for the spring semester! I worked hard to **sign off on paperwork**, approve Amazon orders, and **manage student organization financial accounts**. My wonderful **subcommittee** was a great assistance to me and helped to complete a breakdown of every allocated item to aid advisors within their roles. I also completed the **Mid-Semester Financial Report** and presented to the Senate about our **financial standing**. It has been a great semester!

Comptroller-



Sydney Greenlaw





# PRESIDENT & VP FAREWELL



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The 89th Student Government Association helped guide the Hofstra community through challenges and to success. The student body was well represented each week through our incredibly active and passionate senators and chairs. Being a student at Hofstra today during a period of institutional growth and innovation is a privilege. Working with students and administration to serve and make lasting change is our favorite part of the job.

From welcoming incoming students to supporting those already here, SGA has advocated, engaged, and uplifted the Hofstra community. Thank you to everyone who has supported our advocacy and given us something to advocate for.

Congratulations to our departing seniors and we wish the best for the 90th Student Government Association!

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## FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT ANNIBALLI:

Having been elected as President for two years, it has been a privilege serving the Hofstra community in this unique role. I hope to have left SGA and Hofstra better than I found it nearly four years ago. While students come and go, and SGA's change, I am grateful for the opportunity I've had to give back and support the students here today. Hosting events, advocating, and engaging with the community have given me invaluable skills that I will use forever. None of the work we accomplished could be done without the incredible chairs and leaders I served alongside, including Vice Presidents Livingston (88) and Joyal (89). Words cannot express my gratitude and love for the Student Government Association, the friends I've made in it, and the opportunities it has given me. For four years I have called it home and I will miss it deeply. Thank you Hofstra.



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