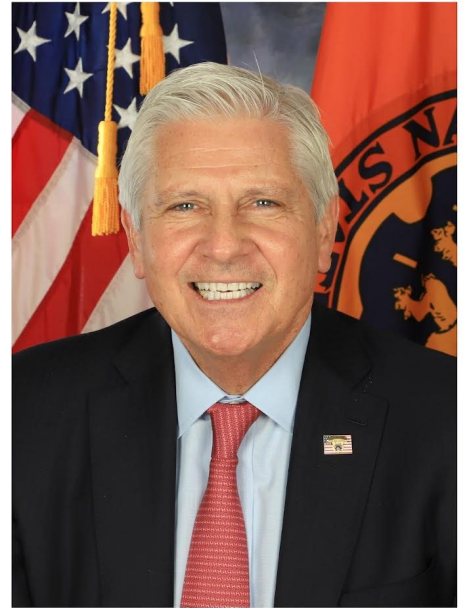




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May 1, 2025

Dear Friends,

I want to extend my warmest greetings to all those attending Hofstra University's annual gala. This event allows us to celebrate one of Nassau County's premier educational institutions and raises critical funding for the vitally important Endowed Scholarship Program.

This year, we also gather to pay tribute to an outstanding individual, Donald Schaeffer. Mr. Schaeffer's unwavering dedication to higher education and exemplary leadership of the Board of Trustees at Hofstra University have significantly enriched our community. His steadfast commitment to the university has played a pivotal role in advancing its mission of enhancing the educational experiences of countless students.

As we recognize Mr. Schaeffer's many accomplishments, let us also remember the impact of the Endowed Scholarship Program. Donations from events like this are essential in helping students achieve their academic dreams, regardless of their financial circumstances. Investing in education is an investment in our future, and I am glad that all of you have come together to offer your support.

Thank you for your commitment to excellence in education, and I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "B. A. Blakeman".

*Bruce A. Blakeman
County Executive*