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***Mr. Donald M. Schaeffer, JD, CPA
c/o Hofstra University/Office for Development and Alumni Affairs
101 Hofstra University
Hempstead, NY 11549***

Dear Mr. Schaeffer:

It is with great pleasure that I offer my congratulations to you as the honoree of Hofstra University's 2025 annual Gala to raise funds for its Endowed Scholarship Program.

As the owner and president of the accounting firm Schaeffer & Sam, CPA, PC, your ability to leverage your expertise as an attorney and a certified public accountant to assist families and businesses with tax, estate planning, accounting, and legal matters is truly indicative of your dedication and commitment. Your support and leadership as a trustee for many major family foundations and trusts and serving as chair of the Hofstra University Board of Trustees since 2019, named honorary Hofstra alumnus in 2014 and as a trustee since March 2015, are truly commendable.

You and your wife, Joan Behr Schaeffer are dedicated benefactors of Hofstra University and have made a lasting impact on academic and arts initiatives. In 2005, the Joan & Donald Schaeffer fellowship was established. In addition to financial support, you have also contributed to the physical development of the campus in many ways.

Your dedication to the arts extends into your personal life as an author of a trilogy of children's musicals and publication of four children's books. You have also been the recipient of numerous awards.

You and Joan have been married for over 50 years and family is the heart of your lives.

Your philanthropy and leadership have set a high standard for others to follow! My most heartfelt congratulations to you for receiving this prestigious recognition!

Warm regards,

**JOHN K. MIKULIN
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