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Dear Friends:

It is my distinct privilege to recognize Donald Schaeffer, JD, CPA, Chair of the Hofstra University Board of Trustees, as the Honoree of the annual Hofstra University Gala, for his commitment and exceptional service to Hofstra University, Long Island, and to the greater New York region.

Donald Schaeffer has served as Chair of the Hofstra University Board of Trustees since 2019. He was named an honorary Hofstra alumnus in 2014, and he has been a Trustee since March 2015. He graduated from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, and Columbia Law School, practicing tax law in Philadelphia at the Schnader and Wolf Block law firms before relocating to New York. He is owner and president of the accounting firm Schaeffer & Sam CPA, P.C..

In 2005, alongside his wife Joan Behr Schaeffer, he established the Joan & Donald Schaeffer Fellowship, which is awarded to pre-med students participating in summer clinical research projects at Hofstra. The Dean Bernard J. Firestone Undergraduate Endowed Fellowship in Liberal Arts was created in 2014, followed by the Irene and Emanuel Schaeffer Endowed Scholarship in the Arts, created in honor of his parents. The Scholarship supports students majoring in dance, drama, fine arts, or music, and who have demonstrated scholastic excellence. The family has also donated their 1921 Steinway piano, as well as created the Joan and Donald Schaeffer Black Box Theater, housing state-of-the-art technology in an intimate performance space.

Mr. Schaeffer is the proud parent and parent-in-law of two Hofstra Alumni, his son Andrew, and daughter-in-law Becca, who graduated from the Frank G. Zarb School of Business and the Lawrence Herbert School of Communication, respectively.

Mr. Schaeffer's legacy of impact will certainly continue at Hofstra University, and I wish him every success in his future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Steve Stern