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Mr. Donald Schaeffer, JD, CPA
Hofstra Board of Trustees
Hofstra University
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Hempstead, NY 11549-1010

Re: 2025 Hofstra Gala

Dear Mr. Schaeffer:

I am writing to express my heartfelt congratulations to you as you are honored by Hofstra University at their 2025 Hofstra Gala. As a dedicated benefactor of the University, you remind us that a great State is only as great as those persons who devote themselves to the good of their community and who through their commitment to others, generosity of spirit and dedication to purpose, serve as an inspiration to all.

Through the establishment of the Joan & Donald Schaeffer Fellowship awarded to pre-med students, the Dean Bernard J. Firestone Undergraduate Endowed Fellowship in Liberal Arts and the Irene and Emanuel Schaeffer Endowed Scholarship in the Arts, you have made a lasting impact on the academic and arts initiative and have helped change the lives of students.

In addition to your financial contributions to the University, the Schaeffer's have contributed to the development of the campus as well. Your family's contributions to the newly created Joan and Donald Schaeffer Black Box Theater, as well as the restoration of Mrs. Schaeffer's family's 1921 Steinway piano have certainly left an impressive mark.

I, along with the New York State Assembly, take great pride in honoring special individuals, such as yourself, whose outstanding dedication are deserving of our admiration and praise. I am proud to represent Assembly District 12 and the great State of New York in recognizing your significant contributions.

I congratulate you and wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

Hon. Keith P. Brown
NYS Assemblyman 12th Assembly District