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Dear Friends,

It is a privilege to join you in celebrating Hofstra University's 30th Annual Gala to recognize the people and programs that continue to shape Hofstra's legacy. This year, we proudly honor Hofstra Athletics, an integral part of the University's identity and a program defined by a legacy of achievement.

Sponsoring 21 athletic teams competing in the Coastal Athletic Association and the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association, Hofstra Athletics has built a reputation beyond competitive success; the program is known for cultivating well-rounded student-athletes who exemplify academic excellence, strong character and outstanding athletic ability, while fostering leadership, discipline, mutual trust and social responsibility among its students.

Since its founding in the 1930s, Hofstra Athletics has built a distinguished legacy that only continues to grow, serving as a source of pride for past, present and future students. It truly embodies what many consider "the pride of Long Island."

Hofstra Athletics also maintains a strong tradition of community engagement through its Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, which organizes service initiatives and outreach opportunities involving student-athletes from all 21 Division I programs.

Hofstra's annual Gala plays a vital role in supporting the University's Endowed Scholarship Program, helping ensure future students have access to the same opportunities to grow, learn and succeed. The support shown this evening contributes directly to that mission.

Congratulations to Hofstra Athletics on this well-deserved recognition, and best wishes to all for an enjoyable and memorable evening.

Sincerely,

Ed Ra
Assembly Minority Leader