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Dear Student-Athletes, Coaches, and Members of the Hofstra Community,

Congratulations to all of Hofstra's outstanding student-athletes on your achievements and the many successes being celebrated at the 30th Annual Hofstra Gala.

Today, we recognize not only your performance in competition, but also the discipline, resilience, and commitment it takes to balance athletics with academic excellence. Representing Hofstra University across 21 athletic programs is no small accomplishment. Each practice, each game, and each challenge you have faced reflects your dedication to teamwork, perseverance, and personal growth. You are more than competitors—you are leaders, role models, and ambassadors of your university. The character you demonstrate on the field, court, mat, and beyond speaks volumes about your integrity and determination. These qualities will continue to serve you long after the final whistle, preparing you for success in every path you choose.

This celebration is also a testament to the support system around you. Coaches, trainers, faculty, and families all play an essential role in helping you reach your full potential. Their guidance, combined with your hard work, has created a legacy of excellence that continues to elevate Hofstra Athletics. As you reflect on your accomplishments, take pride in how far you have come—and remain confident in where you are going. The lessons you have learned through athletics—discipline, accountability, and teamwork—will carry you forward in meaningful and lasting ways.

Congratulations once again on all that you have achieved. Wishing you continued success both in competition and in the opportunities that lie ahead.

With highest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kwani B. O'Pharrow".

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