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Greetings!

As the Mayor of the Incorporated Village of Hempstead, it gives me great pleasure to extend greetings and recognition as you gather for your annual Hofstra Gala. This premier event continues to stand as a powerful testament to this community's unwavering commitment to investing in the future through the Endowed Scholarship Program. It is, indeed, a most worthy and impactful cause!

This occasion reminds us of the powerful synergy between academics and athletics. Hofstra University has consistently demonstrated excellence in both areas, recruiting some of the best and brightest minds from across the nation while cultivating student-athletes who exemplify discipline, leadership, and perseverance. Since the early 1930s, Hofstra Athletics has been a source of immense pride.

Tonight, I proudly join with countless supporters in celebrating your outstanding student athletes, dedicated coaches, and visionary leadership. Your continued commitment to excellence uplifts not only your institution but the entire community.

I am especially proud to acknowledge and celebrate the strong and enduring relationship between the Incorporated Village of Hempstead and Hofstra University. Together, we continue to build bridges of opportunity, education, and community advancement.

On behalf of the residents of the Village of Hempstead, please accept my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for a successful and memorable evening.

Sincerely,

Mayor Waylyn Hobbs, Jr.
Incorporated Village of Hempstead