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HOFSTRA CULTURAL CENTER

December 15, 2015

Dear Len,

The Sinatra Centenary Tribute at Hofstra University last month was a resounding success. As a generous sponsor, I personally wanted to follow up and thank you for your support.

From our opening event—a conversation between legendary writers Pete Hamill (*Why Sinatra Matters*) and Gay Talese (“Frank Sinatra Has a Cold,” *Esquire*, April 1966)—to the closing concert with Maestro Dave Lalama directing the Hofstra Jazz Ensemble showcasing Hofstra’s extraordinary music students, audiences were enthralled and enchanted.

The Sinatra conference was mentioned in the following media outlets: *NY Times*; *Newsday*; NIAF (National Italian American Foundation) November Newsletter; [www.i-italy.org](http://www.i-italy.org); John D. Calandra Italian American Institute Community Calendar; *La Voce di New York*; *America Oggi*; WOR Radio with Mark Simone; *Hofstra University Chronicle*; 1010 WINS Radio with Carol D’Auria; LI *Herald* Newspapers; *Long Island Weekly* (Anton Newspapers); *The Island Now*; ICN Radio Interview with Tony Pasquale; and even *Il Mattino* (the newspaper of Naples, Italy), on Sinatra’s birthday, December 12, 2015.

By all accounts, it was a landmark event in Hofstra University’s history and we are indebted to your patronage. I hope we will be able to work together in the future on another event.

Best wishes for a blessed Christmas full of light and music and a happy and healthy new year.  
*Tante belle cose.*

Sincerely yours,

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