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**THE WHELAN FOUNDATION'S GRANT BOOSTS LEARNING SKILLS
FOR HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY'S DISABLED STUDENTS**

The Whelan Foundation has been improving the lives of Hofstra University's disabled students enrolled in the PALS program since 2013 totaling **\$66,500**. This philanthropic investment has had a profound impact and has dramatically improved the level of educational success the students have received through iPad2s and Note Taking Software.

Julie Yindra, Director for Services for Students with Disabilities at Hofstra University commented, "The 2015 donation from The Whelan Foundation of \$26,500 will afford our students seamless access to course materials and provide them with a greater opportunity to succeed."

ABOUT THE WHELAN FOUNDATION

Founded in 2008 by Lawrence and Deborah Whelan, the foundation supports not-for profit organizations on Long Island and offers a scholarship program for students attending college studying special education. Our partnership with Hofstra has further expanded our mission to help students with disabilities dramatically improve the level of educational success. For more information, please visit www.whelanfoundation.org or call 516-769-3260.

ABOUT HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY PALS PROGRAM

Hofstra University has a long history of being at the forefront of providing educational opportunities for those with disabilities and is one of the first universities in the United States to have a 100% accessible campus. The Program for Academic Learning Skills (PALS) and the Service for Students with Disabilities Office (SSD) provides assistance technology, academic counseling, advocacy support and coordination of academic accommodations for over 500 Hofstra students.