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Kevin Casey

VP / Executive Editor, TALKERS

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SPECIAL KICKOFF ADDRESS

THE ART OF STORYTELLING

Lee Habeeb

CEO / Host / Producer, Our American Stories

8:50 AM

ONE-ON-ONE CHAT

DOING TALK ON A MUSIC STATION

Mike "Bax" Baxendale

Morning Co-Host, WAQY-FM (Rock102), Springfield, MA

Harry Hurley

Facilitator, Morning Host, WPG, Atlantic City, NJ



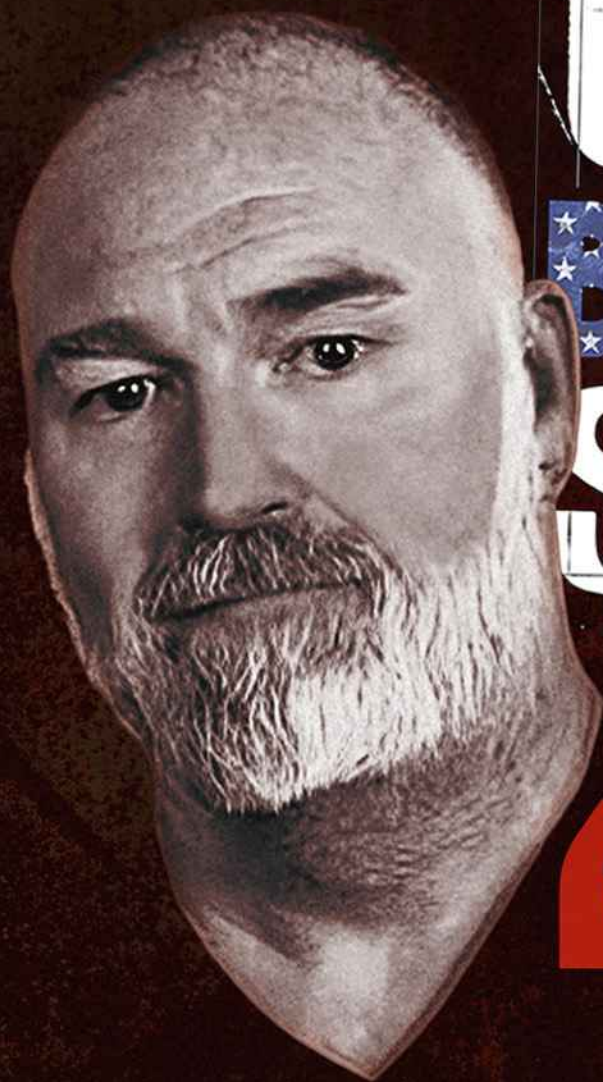
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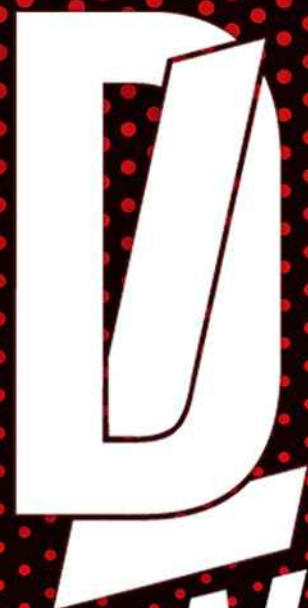
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Host, "The Joe Pags Show"



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SPECIAL ADDRESS

Walter Sterling

Reflections on Radio –
Past, Present, and Future

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SPECIAL ADDRESS

REFLECTIONS ON RADIO - PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

Introduction: **Lee Harris**, VP, News, WABC, New York
and The Worldwide News Network.

Speaker: **Walter Sterling**, Host, WABC,
New York

9:25 AM

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10:00 AM

PANEL DISCUSSION

GAINING TRACTION IN A NOISY DIGITAL WORLD

Introduction: **Lee Elci**, Host,
WJFF, New London, CT

Moderator: **Mike McVay**, President,
McVay Media Consulting

Panelists: **Rob Carson**, Host,
Newsmax Radio

Heather Cohen, President,
The Weiss Agency

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INDEPENDENT STATION OWNERSHIP

Moderator: **John Caracciolo**, CEO,
JVC Broadcasting

Panelists: **Vince Benedetto**, CEO,
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BRAVE NEW WORLD

Moderator: **Larry O'Connor**, Morning Host,
Salem Radio Network / Editor,
Townhall.com

Panelists: **Scot Bertram**, General Manager,
WRFH, Hillsdale College;

George Capalbo, VP/CTO,
Backbone Networks;

Andy Gladding, EdD, CBT, Chief
Engineer, Salem Media of New York /
Chief Engineer, WRHU Radio, Hofstra
University

Shawn Novatt, Director, 90.3 WHPC,
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**One On One Chat
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ONE ON ONE CHAT

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Facilitator: **Harry Hurley**, Morning Host, WPG, Atlantic City

Speaker: **Dr. Asa Andrew**, Host, "The Dr. Asa Show" / Head of Sports Medicine, Ringside Physician, TNA Wrestling

11:35 AM



12:20 AM

PANEL DISCUSSION

PROGRAMMING NEWS/TALK RADIO

Moderator: **Jeff Katz**, Host, WRVA, Richmond, VA

Panelists: **Phil Boyce**, Senior VP, Salem Radio Network, Salem News Channel, Salem Podcast Network

Michael Czarnecki, Program Director, WFEA, Manchester

Allan Lamberti, Program Director, WICC, Bridgeport, CT

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SPECIAL PRESENTATION

BEHIND THE SCENES AT A MAJOR NEWS/TALK MORNING SHOW

Speakers: **Bo Thompson & Beth Troutman**,
Co-hosts, "Good Morning BT," WBT,
Charlotte, NC

12:50 PM

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1:00 PM

SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE

FROM CAB DRIVER TO TALK STAR

Speaker: **Jimmy Failla**, Host, Fox News Radio/TV



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Dean, School of Communication, Hofstra University

1:40 PM

1:45 PM

SPECIAL WELCOME

WELCOME FROM NEWSMAX

Ralph Renzi

CEO, Newsmax Radio

1:50 PM

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KEYNOTE SESSION

KEYNOTE ONE-ON-ONE

John Catsimatidis

Owner, WABC, New York / Red Apple Networks

Michael Harrison

Facilitator, Publisher/Founder TALKERS



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THE BIG PICTURE

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Publisher/Founder TALKERS

Panelists: **Steve Jones**, President,
CEO & Chairman, Skyview Networks
Chad Lopez, President, WABC,
New York / Red Apple Audio Networks
Chris Oliviero, Chief Business Officer,
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Facilitator: **Harry Hurley**,
Morning Host, WPG, Atlantic City

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OVERCOMING CHALLENGES AS A TALK MEDIA TALENT

Moderator: **Michael Gallagher**

Host, Salem Radio Network

Panelists: **Kathy Barnette**, Host,
WPHT, Philadelphia

Tara Granahan, Host,
WPRO, Providence

Andy Hooser, Co-Owner,
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Kevin McCullough, Host,
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THE LAW, AND CREDIBILITY
IN AN ERA OF FAKES**

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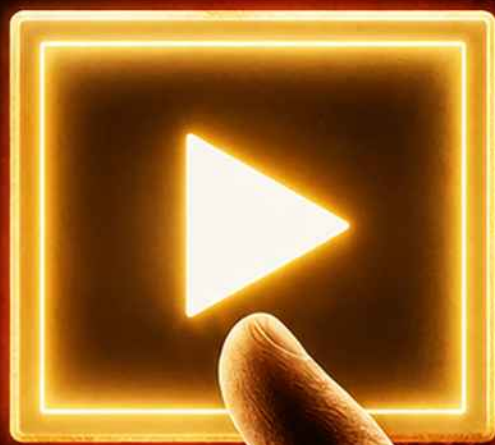
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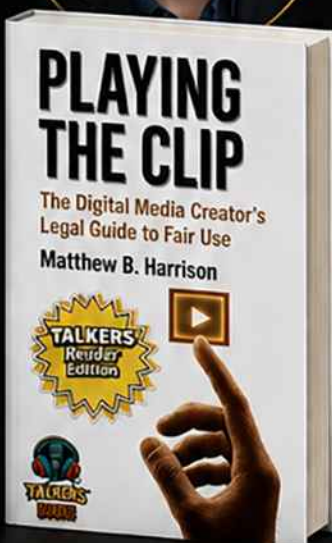


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PANEL DISCUSSION

JOURNALISM, ETHICS, THE LAW, AND CREDIBILITY IN AN ERA OF FAKES

Introduction: **Mark Goldman**, Managing Partner,
Goldman McCormick Public Relations

Moderator: **Dom Giordano**,
Host, WPHT, Philadelphia

Panelists: **Lee Harris**, VP News, WABC,
New York and The Worldwide
News Network

Matthew B. Harrison,
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Sid Rosenberg, Host,
WABC, New York

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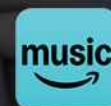


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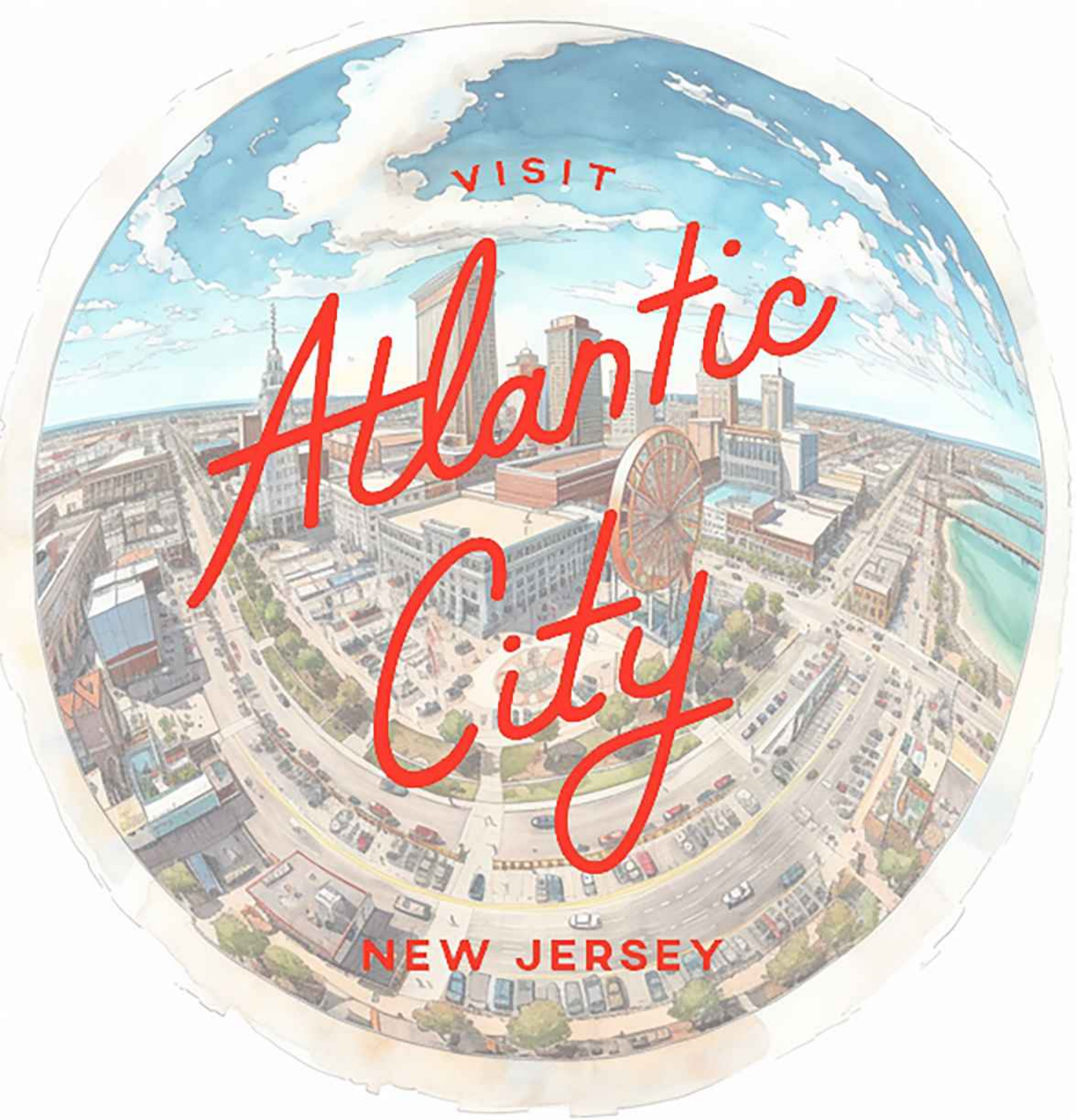


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CONCLUDING REMARKS

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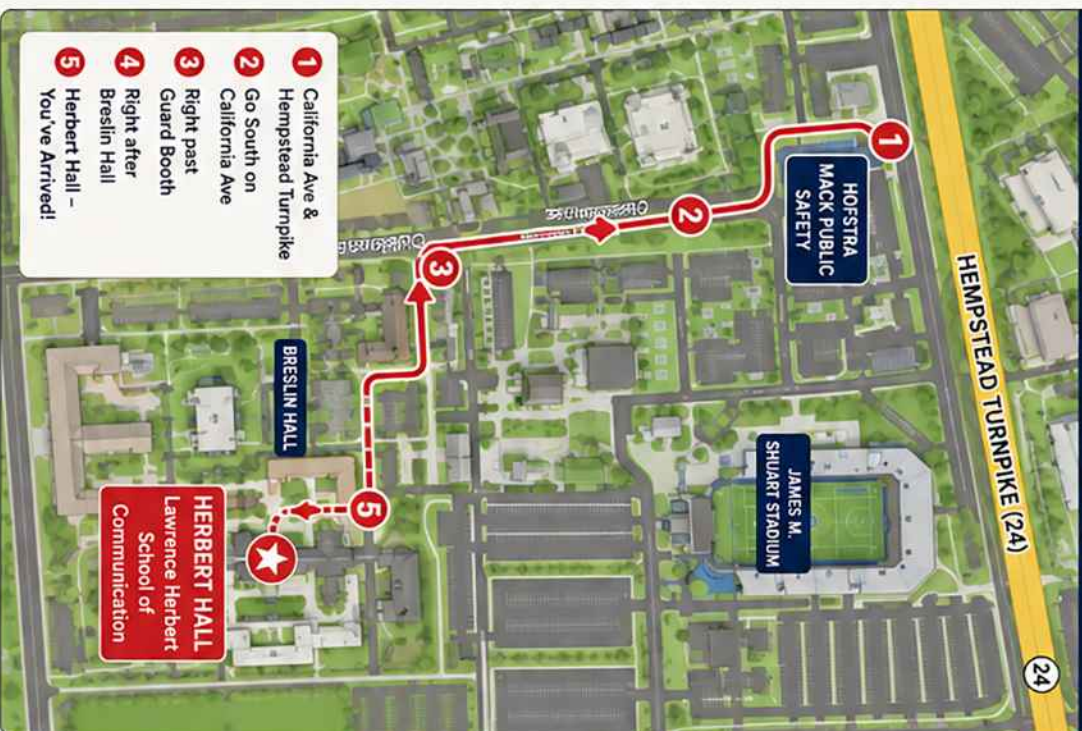


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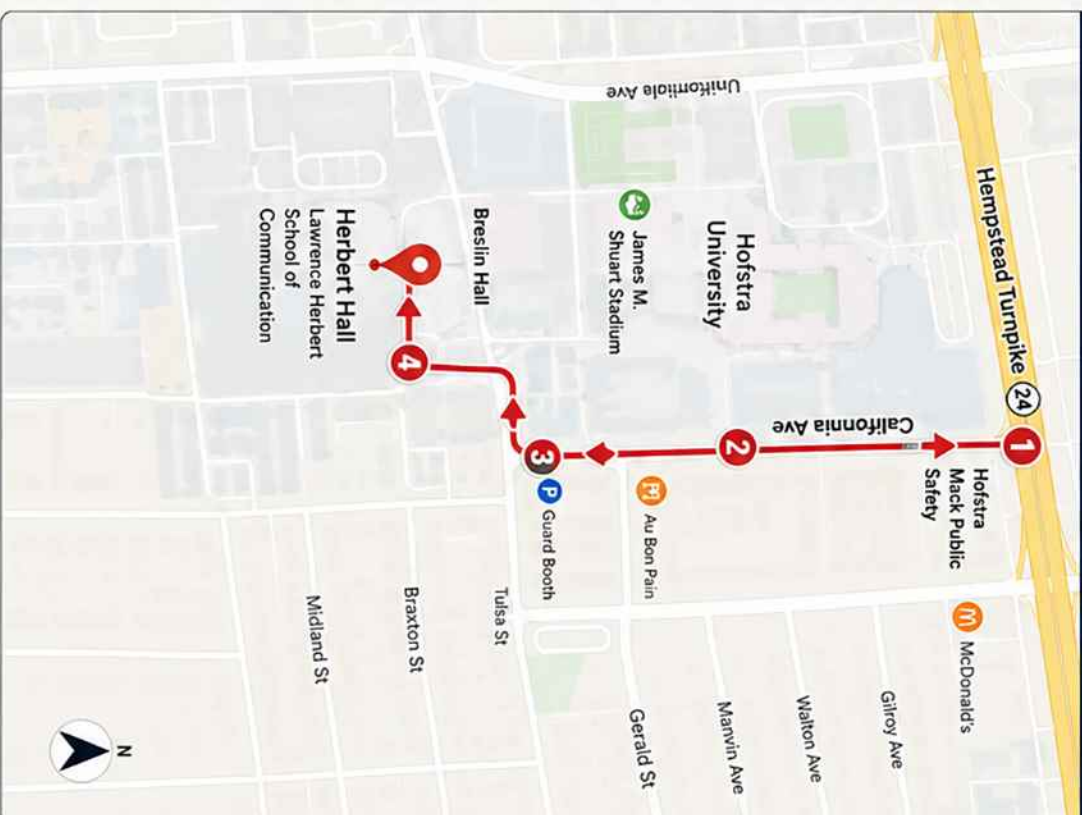
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CAMPUS MAP (OVERVIEW)





- 1 California Ave & Hempstead Turnpike
- 2 Go South on California Ave
- 3 Right past Guard Booth
- 4 Right after Breslin Hall
- 5 Herbert Hall - You've Arrived!


DRIVING ROUTE (GOOGLE MAPS VIEW)





DIRECTIONS

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1 FROM HEMPSTEAD TURNPIKE (24)
When you are heading west on Hempstead Turnpike (24), look for California Ave.
You will see the Hofstra Mack Public Safety building on the corner.
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2 GO SOUTH ON CALIFORNIA AVE
Turn onto California Ave and go south.
You will pass an Au Bon Pain on your right.
Continue past the black iron fence on your right.
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3 RIGHT PAST GUARD BOOTH
At the end of the fence, make a right turn and go past the guard booth.
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4 RIGHT AFTER BRESLIN HALL
Continue straight and make the next right turn immediately after Breslin Hall.
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5 HERBERT HALL
You will see Herbert Hall ahead.
The Lawrence Herbert School of Communication is located inside.