



TO: John Jay College Community

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RE: Passing of Dr. Donald Hoffman, faculty member in the Department of Sciences

As some of you are aware, Dr. Donald Hoffman, John Jay's adjunct faculty member in the Department of Sciences, passed away recently after losing his battle with Covid-19. It is with deep sadness that we share this news with our College community.

Dr. Hoffman came to John Jay 44 years ago to offer a graduate course in toxicology as part of the M.S. program in Forensic Sciences. Over the years, Dr. Hoffman taught more than 3,000 students. When the undergraduate toxicology track in Forensic Science major was established in the 1980s, Dr. Hoffman worked alongside Dr. Agarwal to help cement the program in place. Due to his invaluable input, John Jay now has a stand-alone Toxicology major. Moreover, Dr. Hoffman has been a mentor, close friend, partner, and family for many science faculty members. He was very knowledgeable and always curious to learn new advances in sciences.

Dr. Hoffman also worked for many years in the field of forensic toxicology for the New York City Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. This work experience helped inform the academic and research goals of the Department of Sciences.

The John Jay community has lost an exceptional individual who contributed so much to the College, to his students, to his colleagues, and to the disciplines of forensic science and toxicology. We have lost a dear friend and community member.

In this Covid-19 environment, the funeral service is private and for family members only. However, a special memorial at John Jay will be planned when we are back on campus; details will be announced in the future.

The Donald B. Hoffman Memorial Scholarship in Toxicology has been established in his honor. The scholarship will support an outstanding undergraduate student majoring in Toxicology or Forensic Science with a concentration in Forensic Toxicology. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to:

The Donald B. Hoffman Memorial Scholarship in Toxicology

www.jjay.cuny.edu/donate

or by calling 212-887-6185

During this difficult time, our thoughts go out to Dr. Hoffman's family and friends, and we send our heartfelt condolences to them on their loss.

