



## A message from **THE PRESIDENT**

It is my sad duty to report the loss of a member of the Hostos family: On April 21, Sage Joyce Sevilla passed away.



Sage was a lecturer in the Behavioral and Social Sciences Department-Behavioral Sciences Unit for seven years as well as an instructor for our College Now program. Before her time at Hostos, she served as Diversity Director of the Dalton School in Manhattan.

A graduate of Yale, Columbia University Teachers College, and New York University, Sage was a woman of many talents and interests. Educator, social worker, therapist, singer – she fulfilled all these roles and more in a life of manifold achievement.

Our hearts go out to her four children, Giancarlo, Stephany, Joey, and Jason, her five grandchildren, and the rest of her beloved family. As we grieve, we also celebrate Sage's indomitable spirit and her legacy of compassion and service. I am reminded of the Canadian/ Indian poet Rupi Kaur's poem "Funeral" and share it with you here:

*when i go from this place  
dress the porch with garlands  
as you would for a wedding my dear  
pull the people from their homes  
and dance in the streets  
when death arrives  
like a bride at the aisle  
send me off in my brightest clothing  
serve ice cream with rose petals to our guests  
there's no reason to cry my dear  
i have waited my whole life  
for such a beauty to take  
my breath away  
when i go let it be a celebration  
for i have been here  
i have lived  
i have won at this game called life*

In memoriam,

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President

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