



Hostos

Community College



Legacy Binder

Academic Year 2022-2023

#HostosSGA

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Overview

One of the main organizations that serves and represents the needs and interests of students at the Hostos Community College is the Student Government Association (SGA). SGA comprises of sixteen (16) members, seven (7) of which serve as Executive Officers and nine (9) as Senators. SGA members are part of many important college-wide committees including the Hostos Association, College-Wide Senate, Auxiliary Enterprise Committee, Technology Fee Committee, Space Requests Committee and others. SGA organizes cultural, educational and social activities for the student body throughout the school year. It also assists student organizations in the planning and development of their activities. The members of the SGA are elected each year to serve for one year.

SGA Members 2022-2023

Summer 2022

First Name	Last Name	Position
Leaghton	Ozoria *	President (began as Senator)
Ashanti	Malcolm	Vice President for Student Affairs
José	González	Vice President for Academic Affairs / Chair of Senate
Brian	Carter	Budget and Finance Commissioner
Abigail	Boateng *	Executive Secretary (began as Senator)
Teyanna	Buckle *	Campus Affairs Commissioner (began as Senator)
Yassine	Gaye	Evening and Part-Time Student Affairs Commissioner
Maria	Benny	Senator
Malik	Pellington	Senator
Elizabeth	Soto	Senator
Kacey	Witter	Senator

Note: Members with an asterisk were elected to office during the Spring 2022 Student Government Elections. They remained as Senators until Summer 2022 when more members were appointed and internal elections took place which allowed them to become Executive Officers.

Fall 2022

First Name	Last Name	Position
Leaghton	Ozoria	President
Ashanti	Malcolm	Vice President for Student Affairs
José	González	Vice President for Academic Affairs / Chair of Senate
Brian	Carter	Budget and Finance Commissioner
Abigail	Boateng	Executive Secretary
Teyanna	Buckle	Campus Affairs Commissioner
Yassine	Gaye	Evening and Part-Time Student Affairs Commissioner
Nasrin	Akter	Senator
Maria	Benny	Senator
Yassir	Djossou	Senator
Adama	Mbengue	Senator
Malik	Pellington	Senator
Abbi	Raper	Senator
Elizabeth	Soto	Senator
Kacey	Witter	Senator

Spring 2023 – February only

First Name	Last Name	Position
Leaghton	Ozoria *	President
Yassine	Gaye	Vice President for Student Affairs
José	González	Vice President for Academic Affairs / Chair of Senate
Brian	Carter	Budget and Finance Commissioner
Abigail	Boateng *	Executive Secretary
Teyanna	Buckle	Campus Affairs Commissioner
Nasrin	Akter	Senate Secretary
Maria	Benny	Senator
Kathy	Disla	Senator
Yassir	Djossou	Senator
Kobe	Jacobs	Senator
Adama	Mbengue	Senator
Elizabeth	Soto	Senator
Kacey	Witter	Senator

Note: Members with an asterisk resigned.

Spring 2023 – March through June

First Name	Last Name	Position
José	González	President
Yassine	Gaye	Vice President for Student Affairs
Kathy	Disla	Vice President for Academic Affairs / Chair of Senate
Brian	Carter	Budget and Finance Commissioner
Kobe	Jacobs	Executive Secretary
Teyanna	Buckle	Campus Affairs Commissioner
Adama	Mbengue	Evening and Part-Time Student Affairs Commissioner
Nasrin	Akter	Senate Secretary
Maria	Benny	Senator
Yassir	Djossou	Senator
Elizabeth	Soto	Senator
Orlando	Soto	Senator
Kacey	Witter	Senator

SGA Members' Reflections:
José González



Major

- Accounting

Positions held

- Summer 2022: Senator, Vice President for Academic Affairs (Chair of Senate)
- Fall 2022: Vice President for Academic Affairs (Chair of Senate)
- Spring 2023: Vice President for Academic Affairs (Chair of Senate), President

Committees

- Member of Hostos Community College Association
- Member of Hostos College-Wide Senate
- Member of Senate Executive Committee
- Hostos Delegate to the University Student Senate (USS)

Why did you join SGA? What was your motivation?

- I joined the Student Government Association (SGA) because of my strong desire to help others and my deep gratitude towards the community I grew up in. Having received immense support and opportunities from those around me, I felt a strong sense of responsibility to pay it forward. The SGA presented the perfect platform for me to serve and represent my fellow students, advocating for their needs and working towards positive change.

In your opinion, what were the most challenging things that this SGA administration faced?

- The most challenging things that we faced were meeting deadlines. We had planned events out but it became hard to follow through and complete assignments in a timely matter.

What are you most proud of as far as this SGA team is concerned?

- I am incredibly proud of the unity within our group. Witnessing the way we come together, support one another, and work towards common goals fills me with a sense of pride and gratitude. Despite our diverse backgrounds and perspectives, we have fostered a culture of inclusivity and collaboration. The bond we share goes beyond our individual

roles and responsibilities. It is a testament to our collective commitment to serving our community and making a positive impact.

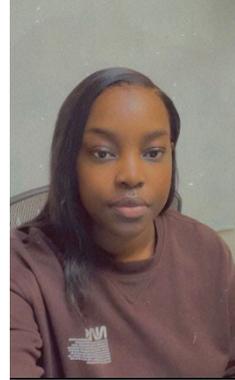
How would you rate this SGA team's performance?

- On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the highest score), I would give this SGA team a 7 for their efforts to serve students.

What recommendations would you give to the next SGA?

- I would recommend to the next SGA to construct early in the summer a plan for the semester ahead. Always knowing what will come next makes the process a lot easier. If anything comes up then you can adapt but at least having something set for each month will work wonders.

SGA Members' Reflections: Yassine Gaye



Major

- Chemical Engineering

Positions held

- Summer 2022: Senator
- Fall 2022: Campus Affairs Commissioner
- Spring 2023: Vice President for Student Affairs and Community Relations

Committees

- Member of Hostos Community College Association
- Member of Hostos College-Wide Senate
- Member of Curriculum Committee
- Members of Instructional Evaluation Committee

Why did you join SGA? What was your motivation?

- I joined SGA to formally advocate for my fellow peers. As a student, I worked as a tutor and a teaching assistant which opened the doors to friendships, I knew many students from different major and backgrounds. As such, I would often receive feedbacks, questions or concerns. I wanted to share those and contribute to ameliorating school's overall experience.

In your opinion, what were the most challenging things that this SGA administration faced?

- The most challenging things we faced were coming back from the pandemic. We were in a situation where some students were on campus while others were online. Therefore the challenge was to find an equilibrium where we could organize activities that would benefit both type of students.

What are you most proud of as far as this SGA team is concerned?

- I am proud that we could offer scholarships (merit based and for hardship) to students and metrocard assistance. But also that we were able to connect with the student body.

How would you rate this SGA team's performance?

- On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the highest score), I would give this SGA team a 9 for their efforts to serve students.

What recommendations would you give to the next SGA?

- I would encourage the next SGA team to make sure that students know that you are there for them and that they can come to you whenever they need anything.

SGA Members' Reflections:
Kathy Disla



Major

- Computer Science

Positions held

- Spring 2023: Senator, Vice President for Academic Affairs (Chair of Senate)

Committees

- Member of Hostos Community College Association
- Member of Hostos College-Wide Senate
- Member of Senate Executive Committee

Why did you join SGA? What was your motivation?

- I joined SGA because i wanted to make a positive impact on the students and i also want their voice to be heard.

In your opinion, what were the most challenging things that this SGA administration faced?

- The most challenging things that we faced were disinterest from some members and motivation.

What are you most proud of as far as this SGA team is concerned?

- I am proud that this SGA team even though some members left through the course of the semester they manage to bounce back from it.

How would you rate this SGA team's performance?

- On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the highest score), I would give this SGA team a 9 for their efforts to serve students.

What recommendations would you give to the next SGA?

- I would encourage the next SGA team to motivate each other and to try to be more present event-wise.

SGA Members' Reflections:

Brian Carter



Major

- Radiologic Technology

Positions held

- Summer 2022: Senator, Budget and Finance Commissioner
- Fall 2022: Budget and Finance Commissioner
- Spring 2023: Budget and Finance Commissioner

Committees

- Member of Hostos Community College Association
- Member of Hostos College-Wide Senate
- Member of Committee on Committees
- Member of Disabilities Committee
- Member of Elections Committee
- Alternate for the University Student Senate (USS)

Why did you join SGA? What was your motivation?

- This member did not write a reflection.

In your opinion, what were the most challenging things that this SGA administration faced?

- This member did not write a reflection.

What are you most proud of as far as this SGA team is concerned?

- This member did not write a reflection.

How would you rate this SGA team's performance?

- This member did not write a reflection.

What recommendations would you give to the next SGA?

- This member did not write a reflection.

SGA Members' Reflections:
Kobe Jacobs



Major

- Electrical Engineering

Positions held

- Spring 2023: Senator, Executive Secretary

Committees

- Member of the College-Wide Senate

Why did you join SGA? What was your motivation?

- This member did not write a reflection.

In your opinion, what were the most challenging things that this SGA administration faced?

- This member did not write a reflection.

What are you most proud of as far as this SGA team is concerned?

- This member did not write a reflection.

How would you rate this SGA team's performance?

- This member did not write a reflection.

What recommendations would you give to the next SGA?

- This member did not write a reflection.

SGA Members' Reflections:
Teyanna Buckle



Major

- Liberal Arts

Positions held

- Summer 2022: Senator, Campus Affairs Commissioner
- Fall 2022: Campus Affairs Commissioner
- Spring 2023: Campus Affairs Commissioner

Committees

- Member of Hostos College-Wide Senate
- Member of Library Committee

Why did you join SGA? What was your motivation?

- This member did not write a reflection.

In your opinion, what were the most challenging things that this SGA administration faced?

- This member did not write a reflection.

What are you most proud of as far as this SGA team is concerned?

- This member did not write a reflection.

How would you rate this SGA team's performance?

- This member did not write a reflection.

What recommendations would you give to the next SGA?

- This member did not write a reflection.

SGA Members' Reflections:
Adama Mbengue



Major

- Computer Science

Positions held

- Fall 2022: Senator
- Spring 2023: Evening and Part-Time Student Affairs Commissioner

Committees

- Member of the College-Wide Senate

Why did you join SGA? What was your motivation?

- I joined the SGA because I wanted to help, I wanted to share my experiences and help others to get experiences in that great community College. Hostos is a second family to us and we only realized that once we got into Clubs and Associations and by being curious and involved in the College's activities.

In your opinion, what were the most challenging things that this SGA administration faced?

- The most challenging things that we faced were:
 - Getting more people coming to some events
 - Planning meeting day and times where all members could attend in person

What are you most proud of as far as this SGA team is concerned?

- I am proud that this SGA team had always ways to figure out solutions for other's needs.

How would you rate this SGA team's performance?

- On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the highest score), I would give this SGA team an 9 for their efforts to serve students.

What recommendations would you give to the next SGA?

- I would encourage the next SGA team to be more involved, more creative and to always work together for better accomplishments.

SGA Members' Reflections:
Nasrin Akter



Major

- Accounting

Positions held

- Fall 2022: Senator
- Spring 2023: Senate Secretary

Committees

- Member of Hostos College-Wide Senate

Why did you join SGA? What was your motivation?

- My main purpose of joining SGA is to increase and focusing to my professional goals and big network. also, I join SGA to helping students as well develop myself, this platform gave me a lots like, working style and career goals, and strength and to develop life leadership skills.

In your opinion, what were the most challenging things that this SGA administration faced?

- Time management

What are you most proud of as far as this SGA team is concerned?

- SGA allows me to get practical experience while earning knowledge with my college degree. It also allowed me to every day meet new people and make friends, which is not possible as a freshmen student.

How would you rate this SGA team's performance?

- On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the highest score), I would give this SGA team a 10 for their efforts to serve students.

What recommendations would you give to the next SGA?

- I would suggest SGA member that they communicate well each other. No one should feel hesitation to ask questions.

SGA Members' Reflections:
Maria Benny



Major

- Dental Hygiene

Positions held

- Summer 2022: Senator
- Fall 2022: Senator
- Spring 2023: Senator

Committees

- Member of Hostos College-Wide Senate

Why did you join SGA? What was your motivation?

- I am just interested in participating in campus activities and supporting other students in every way that I can.

In your opinion, what were the most challenging things that this SGA administration faced?

- Transformation phase

What are you most proud of as far as this SGA team is concerned?

- The SGA team organized many activities to enable students to demonstrate their talents. Many workshops were conducted to improve both physical and mental well-being. It also provides scholarships and gift cards to students. In addition, events were conducted that taught about financial management. Give students opportunities to speak up.

How would you rate this SGA team's performance?

- On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the highest score), I would give this SGA team a 9 for their efforts to serve students.

What recommendations would you give to the next SGA?

- Engage in student activities. Speak out for them and plan events for them. Understand how SGA works and what your responsibilities are.

SGA Members' Reflections:
Yassir Djossou



Major

- Liberal Arts and Sciences

Positions held

- Fall 2022: Senator
- Spring 2023: Senator

Committees

- Member of Hostos College-Wide Senate

Why did you join SGA? What was your motivation?

- Helping students, improving campus activities

In your opinion, what were the most challenging things that this SGA administration faced?

- Planning ahead

What are you most proud of as far as this SGA team is concerned?

- Workshops and encouraging students

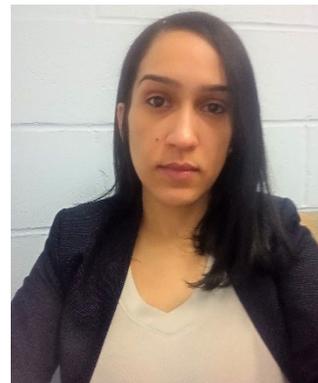
How would you rate this SGA team's performance?

- On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the highest score), I would give this SGA team a 10 for their efforts to serve students.

What recommendations would you give to the next SGA?

- Prepare, plan ahead and use your creativity

SGA Members' Reflections:
Elizabeth Soto



Major

- Liberal Arts and Sciences

Positions held

- Summer 2022: Senator
- Fall 2022: Senator
- Spring 2023: Senator

Committees

- Member of Hostos College-Wide Senate
- Member of Committee on Committees
- Member of Admissions and Retention Committee
- Member of Institutional Research Committee
- Member of Scholarships and Awards Committee

Why did you join SGA? What was your motivation?

- This member did not write a reflection.

In your opinion, what were the most challenging things that this SGA administration faced?

- This member did not write a reflection.

What are you most proud of as far as this SGA team is concerned?

- This member did not write a reflection.

How would you rate this SGA team's performance?

- This member did not write a reflection.

What recommendations would you give to the next SGA?

- This member did not write a reflection.

SGA Members' Reflections:
Orlando Soto

Major

- Liberal Arts

Positions held

- Spring 2023: Senator

Committees

- Member of Hostos College-Wide Senate

Why did you join SGA? What was your motivation?

- This member did not write a reflection.

In your opinion, what were the most challenging things that this SGA administration faced?

- This member did not write a reflection.

What are you most proud of as far as this SGA team is concerned?

- This member did not write a reflection.

How would you rate this SGA team's performance?

- This member did not write a reflection.

What recommendations would you give to the next SGA?

- This member did not write a reflection.



SGA Members' Reflections:
Kacey Witter



Major

- Community Health

Positions held

- Summer 2022: Senator
- Fall 2022: Senator
- Spring 2023: Senator

Committees

- Member of Hostos College-Wide Senate
- Member of Committee on Committees
- Member of Academic Standards Committee
- Member of Grants Committee
- Alternate to the University Student Senate (USS)

Why did you join SGA? What was your motivation?

- This member did not write a reflection.

In your opinion, what were the most challenging things that this SGA administration faced?

- This member did not write a reflection.

What are you most proud of as far as this SGA team is concerned?

- This member did not write a reflection.

How would you rate this SGA team's performance?

- This member did not write a reflection.

What recommendations would you give to the next SGA?

- This member did not write a reflection.

SGA Members' Reflections:
Leighton Ozoria



Major

- Business Management

Positions held

- Summer 2022: Senator, President
- Fall 2022: President
- Spring 2023: President

Committees

- Member of Hostos Community College Association
- Member of Hostos College-Wide Senate
- Member of Senate Executive Committee

Why did you join SGA? What was your motivation?

- I joined to learn how to succeed as a President of a group of people might succeed.

In your opinion, what were the most challenging things that this SGA administration faced?

- It was developing new ideas and making new ideas every time.

What are you most proud of as far as this SGA team is concerned?

- The execution and finalization of our accomplishments.

How would you rate this SGA team's performance?

- On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the highest score), I would give this SGA team a 3 for their efforts to serve students.

What recommendations would you give to the next SGA?

- Power of time management and relax a little more

SGA Members' Reflections:
Ashanti Malcolm



Major

- Dental Hygiene

Positions held

- Summer 2022: Vice President for Student Affairs
- Fall 2022: Vice President for Student Affairs

Committees

- Member of Hostos College-Wide Senate
- Delegate to the University Student Senate (USS)

Why did you join SGA? What was your motivation?

- This member did not write a reflection.

In your opinion, what were the most challenging things that this SGA administration faced?

- This member did not write a reflection.

What are you most proud of as far as this SGA team is concerned?

- This member did not write a reflection.

How would you rate this SGA team's performance?

- This member did not write a reflection.

What recommendations would you give to the next SGA?

- This member did not write a reflection.

SGA Members' Reflections:
Abigail Boateng



Major

- Business Management

Positions held

- Summer 2022: Executive Secretary
- Fall 2022: Executive Secretary

Committees

- Member of Hostos College-Wide Senate
- Member of Instructional Evaluations Committee
- Delegate to the University Student Senate (USS)

Why did you join SGA? What was your motivation?

- This member did not write a reflection.

In your opinion, what were the most challenging things that this SGA administration faced?

- This member did not write a reflection.

What are you most proud of as far as this SGA team is concerned?

- This member did not write a reflection.

How would you rate this SGA team's performance?

- This member did not write a reflection.

What recommendations would you give to the next SGA?

- This member did not write a reflection.

SGA Members' Reflections:
Malik Pellington



Major

- Liberal Arts and Sciences

Positions held

- Summer 2022: Senator
- Fall 2022: Senator

Committees

- Member of Hostos College-Wide Senate
- Member of Scholarships and Awards Committee

Why did you join SGA? What was your motivation?

- I became a member of the SGA to enhance the overall student experience on campus and serve as a bridge between fellow students and the college administration.

In your opinion, what were the most challenging things that this SGA administration faced?

- As a group, we encountered our greatest challenge in the meticulous and strategic preparations preceding our events.

What are you most proud of as far as this SGA team is concerned?

- I take great pride in the proactive approach taken by our SGA team, as we diligently planned our events in full compliance with college regulations, ultimately achieving success without encountering any significant challenges. Furthermore, I am immensely proud of each individual member, recognizing and applauding their exceptional accomplishments.

How would you rate this SGA team's performance?

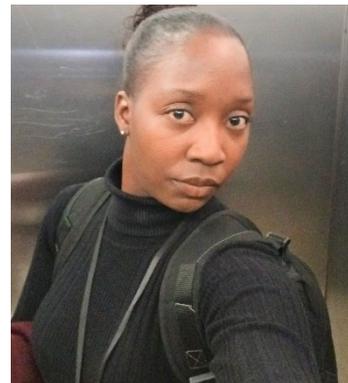
- On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the highest score), I would give this SGA team a 9 for their efforts to serve students.

What recommendations would you give to the next SGA?

- I would encourage the next SGA team to foster student engagement by actively engaging with the student body through regular forums, town hall meetings, and feedback sessions. Encourage students to participate in decision-making processes and seek their input on important issues.

SGA Members' Reflections:

Abbi Raper



Major

- Dental Hygiene

Positions held

- Fall 2022: Senator

Committees

- Member of Hostos College-Wide Senate
- Member of Grants Committee

Why did you join SGA? What was your motivation?

- This member did not write a reflection.

In your opinion, what were the most challenging things that this SGA administration faced?

- This member did not write a reflection.

What are you most proud of as far as this SGA team is concerned?

- This member did not write a reflection.

How would you rate this SGA team's performance?

- This member did not write a reflection.

What recommendations would you give to the next SGA?

- This member did not write a reflection.

SGA Advisors' Reflections:
Jerry Rosa

Director of Student Activities
Office of Student Activities

SGA Main Advisor



Thoughts about the 2022-2023 SGA administration

There are two words that come to mind when I think about the 2022-2023 SGA administration: Challenges and perseverance.

The first challenge faced by the team took place during the Spring 2022 Student Government Elections. Although there were sixteen positions available, only six candidates ran for office. Once elected, the team faced its second challenge: One of the elected officers did not meet the academic requirements to stay in office. Another challenge followed when two of the remaining five officers decided that they did not have enough time to dedicate to being a student officer and resigned from their posts. Thus, a team that began with six members was reduced to three members.

Despite this tremendous hurdle, the team continued to move forward. Applications for candidacy were given out and the team was able to recruit five additional members. This effort allowed the team to hold its first official meeting and establish an Executive Board. A few weeks later, the team recruited an additional three members and was thus able to establish its Senate.

Having eleven members on board allowed the administration to plan and hold events. The team held two Welcome Days events at the SGA Counter, giving out drawstring bags, notebooks and pens to students. This was followed by the Fall 2022 Survey, which asked students for feedback about what events they would like to see on campus and in what ways they believed that SGA would be able to assist them. The concerns raised by the students were then shared with President Cocco de Filippis and members of the administration during monthly meetings. The team also began to plan and hold events, most of them led by Executive Secretary Abigail Boateng and Budget and Finance Commissioner Brian Carter.

Another way in which the increased membership paid off was in the form of student representation on college committees. SGA members were appointed to serve on the Hostos Association, the University Student Senate (USS), the Hostos College-Wide Senate and several college

committees. The increased visibility of the team also allowed it to encourage other students to join SGA, with another two Senators taking office in September, one in October and one in November. Thus, a team that at one point consisted of only three members grew to fifteen members.

The Spring 2023 semester began with the usual challenge of having some members graduate or transfer to another college. However, this was coupled by an unusual development: The resignation of three officers. The first resignation came from the Vice President of Student Affairs. This was followed by the resignation of the President. Shortly after, the Executive Secretary submitted her resignation. Thus, the team that a couple of months before celebrated rising from three to fifteen members and organizing several events was once again in danger of lacking enough members to hold its meetings and moving forward their initiatives.

Fortunately, the remaining members took this challenge not as a sign that they should give up and accept that their efforts were fruitless, but rather as an opportunity to restructure the team and refocus their approach. A new Executive Board was created and this board immediately began to promote the idea that more events needed to be organized in order to better serve the student population. The Board understood that in order to be more active, more members needed to be on board, so it began to recruit more students to serve. Within a couple of weeks, the team rose to thirteen members and began to make its presence felt throughout campus. Events were organized, committee seats were filled and concerns were shared with the administration and acted upon. SGA thrived on all cylinders and they were able to close off the academic year as they had envisioned.

Many members of the SGA team were recognized for their efforts both inside and outside the classroom. Vice President Yassine Gaye was named the Valedictorian of the Class of 2023. President José González, Vice President Kathy Disla, Commissioner Brian Carter, Executive Secretary Kobe Jacobs, Commissioner Adama Mbengue, Senate Secretary Nasrin Akter, Senator Elizabeth Soto, Senator Kacey Witter and former Senator Malik Pellington were recognized at several events, including the Honors Convocation, the Passing the Torch Ceremony and the SGA Recognition Event. The awards received exemplified the perseverance that characterized this team and its ability to overcome many challenges during the academic year.

SGA Advisors' Reflections:
Jason Libfeld

Student Leadership Coordinator
Hostos Student Leadership Academy

SGA Secondary Advisor



Thoughts about the 2022-2023 SGA administration

A simple return to normal, from a breakdown is impossible without the commitment and effort of every member of the community and even then, it will take time for the body as a whole to return to its former glory completely. With the declarations that the COVID-19 pandemic was over in the summer of 2022 and a return to familiar practices and routines for most members of our communities did not fully end questions, concerns or quell all fears. In some homes, for many people the sense of dread, a feeling of a loss of security a real health concerns pervaded, while in other homes, other people fell back into the lives they were leading before the pandemic started, saying “never again.”

The ability of this year’s Student Government Association to persevere in changing times, still daunted by uncertainty, but pursuing hope is a testament to their ability to have a vision for themselves and the college. The 2022-2023 version of the SGA began its journey with leaders, who came from a variety of backgrounds and experiences but nevertheless took up the mantle of their predecessors and worked to live up to the mission of their constitution.

Beginning in spring of 2022, there was a firm movement by the college and the University to move all things back to in-person, with most commencement ceremonies and related activities no longer being conducted in a remote environment. That being said, the SGA began its term of office, by conducting meetings online and working to get the group together for those sessions. Soon after the fall semester began, there was notice given that the SGA, because of their Open Meetings Law requirement would have to start meeting in person. That change created a significant challenge for several members of the team and despite adding a few members to fill vacant seats, the group was usually compromised by an inability to meet quorum. The group never reached their full number of members. This not only impacted the SGA member meetings, but also their participation in the College-Wide Senate, at the University Student Senate and even in committee meetings. That being said, several members of the group worked diligently to serve as representatives in areas of greatest need and fill in for others, when there were difficulties.

Many members of this year's leadership group made contributions to the community through service and several made contributions to the community by speaking out on issues that they felt were of great importance. In many ways, the collective was able to effect change in significant ways throughout the year and has left a good standard that the 2023-2024 group will have to live up to. As a group, the representatives from 2022-2023 took their responsibilities seriously and made a concerted effort to improve the college and the lives of the student body. There were many opportunities for collaboration and the group worked on efforts to provide resources for the academic community and the students at the college. The SGA collaborated with the Counselling Center on a number of conversations to help address the challenges faced by students in rapidly re-imagined college environment, they worked with the Office of the President to ensure that the voices of the students were heard in every activity that took place on the campus. They also worked with the Scholarships Office to re-visit the SGA scholarships. They worked with ASAP and Chase Bank to provide local Financial Literacy workshops. They worked with One Stop, Phi Theta Kappa and the SLA to give out food to families affiliated with the college for the Thanksgiving holiday. They worked with the Children's Center to purchase books for the holidays to be given to the children. (Started out as a Christmas opportunity, but turned into a Valentine's Day activity.) They also worked in support of the Family Empowerment Program, the Nurse's Office and several departments on campus to support activities and initiatives that were proposed and ultimately led to events. The SGA's participation included co-sponsoring, which included funding and participating, by volunteering. Senator Kacey Witter-Duncan provided an opportunity to SGA/SLA and OSA to come together to celebrate The Borinqueneers by collaborating with the Office of Veterans Affairs. Budget and Finance Commissioner Brian Carter was responsible for the ongoing collaborations with the Counseling Unit, ASAP Director Siddique Mohammed and Chase Bank for the Financial Literacy Workshops. Executive Secretary Abigail Boateng was responsible for the first party, a Rep Your Flag Party, since before the pandemic began and also sponsored a Tie-dye event that was well attended in the Fall. Senator Elizabeth Soto made it her mission to work on getting information out to students about scholarships and also worked with President Leighton Ozoria to fund and select the books to be distributed at the Children's Center. In his time as Vice President and Chair of the Senate, Jose Gonzalez worked on dismantling issues of concern, brought to the attention of the SGA, by meeting regularly with the Provost and all of the SGA members spurred on by former SGA President Brian Carter pressured to have a cafeteria in place and at the beginning of January there was one up and operating. Several members of the SGA visited with several vendors and made recommendations. Special recognition to President's Ozoria and Gonzalez for their weekly contributions to the El Semanario Hostosiano/The Hostos Weekly Newsletter and their comments presented before the College-Wide Senate.

I want to recognize the willingness of members of the SGA to represent and to also step-up in times of need. Leighton Ozoria, Jose Gonzalez and Ashanti Malcolm helped welcome new students to the campus at the New Student Orientation in the Fall. When members stepped down from positions, Jose Gonzalez stepped up to be President, Yassine Gaye stepped up to serve as

Vice President of Student Affairs, Kathy Disla took on the role of Vice President of Academic Affairs and Chair of the Senate, Kobe Jacobs accepted the role of Executive Secretary and Nasrin Akter took on the role of Senate Secretary.

For their part Abbi Raper, Yassir Djossou, Nasrin Akter and Adama Mbengue put in the most time during the food giveaway at Thanksgiving. The entire SGA participated though and even those who had not been appointed to the SGA yet helped out. All members of the Fall team participated in the first campus party and either decorated, cleaned up, served food or participated in some other way in the event.

Adama Mbenge, Kacey Witter Duncan and Leighton Ozoria went to Washington, D.C. to represent the college at an event on Capitol Hill and Adama, Kacey and Orlando Soto Jr. went to meet the First Lady of the United States at LaGuardia Airport in the Spring.

Teyanna Buckle worked to help address issues facing the sexual health and wellness of the students on campus, while also addressing issues and concerns in the bathrooms. Orlando Soto, Jr. brought up concerns of students around the campus who felt that there was no club for them to take part in.

Elizabeth Soto worked with Nurse Vasquez to support several activities, including Breast Cancer Awareness and World AIDS Day.

Kobe Bryant was responsible for SGA Trivia Day and SGA Sip and Paint Activity in the spring, which were both well-attended.

A number of our SGA members held jobs or served in the military reserves, had children or religious or familial commitments throughout their time in office and often had to attend to their responsibilities judiciously, and thus the pressures of being a student, a representative of the student body and all the other roles they played in their personal lives often meant they were extraordinarily tired. For the most part, all of the members of the SGA met or exceeded their responsibilities even while facing the demands of their own lives and responsibilities to themselves. I truly believe that the efforts of the members of the SGA for 2022-2023 made an incredible difference and had a huge impact, for the better, on the college and all the members of the community. Their accomplishments, achievements and efforts should be documented as what it is, which is transformational leadership. Finally, I would say congratulations to all the members of the SGA who graduated and congratulations to those who have been re-elected and will serve in 2023-2024. You are all greatly appreciated and your hard work on behalf of the college, the University and the students and the community are truly valued.

Also, congratulations to the graduates of Hostos, who were recipients of numerous awards and recognition at Honors Convocation and Graduation.

Yassine Gaye who was also the Valedictorian

Jose Gonzalez

Kacey Witter-Duncan

Nasrin Akter

Malik Pellington

SGA Advisors' Reflections:
Rhonda Smith

Administrative Assistant
Office of Student Activities

SGA Team Advisor



Thoughts about the 2022-2023 SGA administration

I must say that Student Government did a good job as far as representing their student body this year.

They were able to serve students and administrators by representing the needs of students on campus. I think they developed a lot of communication with the students by doing on campus activities. They were able to meet the needs of some of our students. Some of the members gain a great deal of leadership skills, always willing to listen to the ideas of others

My only problem with this group of SGA members is that they did not communicate well with one another. Most of them put their personal needs a head of the student needs.

I give credit to Brian Carter, Kobe Jacobs, Jose Gonzalez and Abigail Boateng who were able to do events for our student bodies. One thing that I want to talk about is the Scholarships that SGA was supposed to be granting to students in need. I have not heard anything about it. Most of our students looks forward to Scholarships to help them with their tuition or personal needs.

Final thought:

Congratulations for a great job. Hopefully this new group of SGA members can communicate much better with each other and have more events.

SGA Spending Plans: Stipends Summer 2022

Description of proposal

This is a summer budget break down for the stipends of the members of the Student Government Association (SGA). The line balance of \$2,886.17 would be divided evenly among the 10 active members of the administration for a summer stipend. That will be a total of \$288.61 for each member.

Budget Info

Item	Quantity	Price	Total
Stipend Check	10	\$288.61	\$2,886.10

Total Budget Request	\$2,886.10
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SGA Spending Plans: Programming Summer 2022

Description of proposal

This is a breakdown of the summer budget for the SGA.
The total of \$3,463.41 will be used to organize the following events

Budget Info

Item	Quantity	Price	Total
SGA survey raffle gift cards	25	\$25.00	\$625.00
Welcome Week events	4	\$500.00	\$2,000.00
SGA Inauguration	1	\$838.41	\$838.41

Total Budget Request	\$3,463.41
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SGA Spending Plans: Stipends Fall 2022

Position	September	October	November	December	Total
President	\$480.00	\$480.00	\$480.00	\$480.00	\$1,920.00
VP Student Affairs	\$470.00	\$470.00	\$470.00	\$470.00	\$1,880.00
VP Academic Affairs	\$470.00	\$470.00	\$470.00	\$470.00	\$1,880.00
Treasurer	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$1,800.00
Executive Secretary	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$1,800.00
Campus Affairs Commissioner	\$390.00	\$390.00	\$390.00	\$390.00	\$1,560.00
Evening and P/T Student Affairs Commissioner	\$390.00	\$390.00	\$390.00	\$390.00	\$1,560.00
Senator 1	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$1,440.00
Senator 2	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$1,440.00
Senator 3	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$1,440.00
Senator 4	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$1,440.00
Senator 5	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$1,440.00
Senator 6	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$1,440.00
Senator 7	vacant				\$0.00
Senator 8	vacant				\$0.00
Senator 9	vacant				\$0.00

Total	\$21,040.00
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SGA Spending Plans: Programming Fall 2022

Item	Purpose	Quantity	Amount	Subtotal
SGA Merit Scholarships	To recognize high achievers	8	\$400.00	\$3,200.00
SGA Hardship Scholarship	To help students in need	8	\$400.00	\$3,200.00
SGA Need-Based Scholarship	To help students in need	8	\$400.00	\$3,200.00
Collaborations with Counseling	To help students relax	5	\$229.00	\$1,145.00
PTK/SLA/SGA Thanksgiving	To help students in need	1	\$900.00	\$900.00
Collaborations with departments	To encourage participation	5	\$500.00	\$2,500.00
SGA Senator events	Events proposed by Senators	10	\$485.00	\$4,850.00
Metrocards	To help students in need	100	\$5.50	\$550.00
SGA Assembly	Report our progress to students	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
Executive Meetings	Snacks & refreshments	10	\$28.00	\$280.00
Senator Meetings	Snacks & refreshments	10	\$64.00	\$640.00
Christmas Event	Gifts for Children's Center	1	\$400.00	\$400.00
GPA Watch	help students learn study skills	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
Halloween event	Candy bags for students	1	\$150.00	\$150.00

Total	\$22,015.00
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SGA Spending Plans: Stipends Spring 2023

Position	February	March	April	May	Total
President	\$500.00	\$480.00	\$480.00	\$480.00	\$1,940.00
VP Student Affairs	\$490.00	\$470.00	\$470.00	\$470.00	\$1,900.00
VP Academic Affairs	\$490.00	\$470.00	\$470.00	\$470.00	\$1,900.00
Treasurer	\$484.36	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$1,834.36
Executive Secretary	\$470.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$1,820.00
Campus Affairs Commissioner	\$400.00	\$390.00	\$390.00	\$390.00	\$1,570.00
Evening and P/T Student Affairs Commissioner	\$400.00	\$390.00	\$390.00	\$390.00	\$1,570.00
Senate Secretary (Senator 1)	\$365.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$1,445.00
Senator 2	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$1,440.00
Senator 3	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$1,440.00
Senator 4	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$1,440.00
Senator 5	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$1,440.00
Senator 6	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$1,440.00
Senator 7	vacant				\$0.00
Senator 8	vacant				\$0.00
Senator 9	vacant				\$0.00

Total	\$21,179.36
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SGA Spending Plans: Programming Spring 2023

Item	Purpose	Amount
SGA SOAR Retreat	SGA Mediated Event	\$7,000.00
SGA Counseling Center Event	SGA Mental Health Event	\$500.00
Dominican Heritage Event	SGA collaboration	\$1,000.00
Chase Financial Literacy Event	Financial Literacy Workshop	\$500.00
Financial Literacy Event	Financial Literacy Workshop	\$500.00
Office Supplies for Members	Office Supplies for Members	\$1,000.00
Giveaways	All Semester	\$1,500.00
SGA Sponsorships	To create and partner within Hostos	\$3,000.00
Food and Beverages for meetings	Food and Beverages for meetings	\$2,500.00
SGA MTA	To help students in need of MTA	\$400.00
Caps and Gowns	Graduating Hardship funds	\$2,500.00
SGA Awards Ceremony	SGA Appreciation Day	\$490.00
SGA Cultural Day	Celebrate the Culture in our School	\$1,500.00

Total	\$22,390.00
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SGA Events Summer and Fall 2022

Summer 2022

Date	Name of Event
07/01/22	First day of office
07/13/22	First General Meeting
07/18/22	Training Session for SGA President
07/19/22	Training Session for Chair of Senate
07/19/22	Training Session for SGA Executive Secretary
07/20/22	First Executive Meeting
07/27/22	First Senate Meeting
08/03/22	Executive Meeting
08/05/22	Senate Meeting
08/12/22	Executive Meeting
08/12/22	Senate Meeting
08/19/22	Senate Meeting

Fall 2022

Date	Name of Event
08/13/22	SGA Gathering in the Park
08/26/22	SGA Welcome Days
08/29/22	SGA Welcome Days
09/02/22	Executive Meeting
09/08/22	Ready Set Go Welcome Back Caimans (tabled during college-wide event)
09/16/22	Executive Meeting
09/19/22	Senate Meeting
09/26/22	Meeting with President Daisy Cocco de Filippis
09/29/22	Executive Meeting
10/03/22	Senate Meeting
10/13/22	Executive Meeting
10/17/22	Senate Meeting
10/24/22	Meeting with President Daisy Cocco de Filippis
10/26/22	SGA Tie Dye Event
10/31/22	Halloween Event
11/01/22	Senate Meeting
11/02/22	Executive Meeting
11/07/22	SGA Inauguration and Assembly

11/14/22	Senate Meeting
11/15/22	Executive Meeting
11/21/22	Meeting with President Daisy Cocco de Filippis
11/28/22	Senate Meeting
11/29/22	Let's Talk About it
12/05/22	Executive Meeting
12/05/22	Financial Literacy Workshop (with Chase Bank)
12/07/22	Rep Your Flag Party
12/12/22	Meeting with President Daisy Cocco de Filippis
12/12/22	Senate Meeting
12/19/22	Executive Meeting
12/20/22	Senate Meeting
01/05/23	Executive Meeting
01/09/23	Executive Meeting
01/23/23	Executive Meeting
01/24/23	Senate Meeting

SGA Events Spring 2023

Spring 2023

Date	Name of Event
01/30/23	Meeting with President Daisy Cocco de Filippis
02/16/23	Emergency Executive Meeting
02/22/23	Meeting with President Daisy Cocco de Filippis
03/06/23	Executive Meeting
03/20/23	Executive Meeting
03/21/23	Let's Talk About It (with Counseling Center)
03/22/23	Meeting with President Daisy Cocco de Filippis
03/28/23	SGA Assembly Spring 2023
04/03/23	Executive Meeting
04/17/23	Executive Meeting
04/18/23	Senate Meeting
04/18/23	Let's Talk About It Part 2 (with Counseling Center)
04/24/23	Meeting with President Daisy Cocco de Filippis
04/25/23	SGA Trivia Day
05/01/23	Executive Meeting
05/02/23	Paint and Sip
05/10/23	Financial Literacy Event
05/15/23	Executive Meeting
05/16/23	Senate Meeting
05/30/23	Executive Meeting
05/30/23	Senate Meeting
05/30/23	SGA Recognition Event
05/30/23	SGA Transition Meeting
06/12/23	Executive Meeting

Event Summaries: SGA Welcome Days

Name of Event: SGA Welcome Days

Date of Event: 08/26 and 08/29/22

Time of Event: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location of event: SGA Booth

Purpose of the event: To welcome students to the college

Was there a flyer for the event? No

Was there an announcement for the event? No

Expected attendance: 400

Person in charge of the event: All members

Position: SGA members

How far in advance did you start planning for the event? About 2 weeks in advance

I consider that the event was: Very successful

Who helped the person in charge? Jason Libfeld and Jerry Rosa

Total budget for event: not available

What vendor(s) were used for the event (if any)? Various vendors including Quill

What remarks do you have about the event? We came up with the idea over the summer and organized some bags with items in the SGA storage room. We also took advantage and placed our SGA Survey in it to receive feedback from students of what they want to see.

Would you recommend that the next SGA hold this event again? Yes

Event Summaries: Books for Children's Center

Name of Event: Books for Children's Center

Date of Event: December 2022

Time of Event: Decided by Children's Center

Location of event: Children's Center

Purpose of the event: To give books to the children at the Center in celebration of the Holidays.

Was there a flyer for the event? No

Was there an announcement for the event? No

Expected attendance: 25

Person in charge of the event: Leaghton Ozoria

Position: SGA President

How far in advance did you start planning for the event? About 2 months in advance

I consider that the event was: Successful

Who helped the person in charge? Jason Libfeld

Total budget for event: \$354.50

What vendor(s) were used for the event (if any)? Lakeshore Learning Materials

What remarks do you have about the event? As each young child became the heart of a maturing mind the SGA was there to nurture them as the President of SGA it was my pleasure to agree with that program.

Would you recommend that the next SGA hold this event again? Yes

Event Summaries: SGA Scholarships

Name of Event: SGA Scholarships

Date of Event: Spring 2023

Time of Event: School hours

Location of event: Scholarships website (www.hostos.cuny.edu/scholarships)

Purpose of the event: To help students in need by providing them merit and need-based scholarships.

Was there a flyer for the event? Not sure

Was there an announcement for the event? Yes

Expected attendance: 20 (10 merit, 10 need-based scholarships)

Person in charge of the event: José González, Elizabeth Soto and Yassine Gaye

Position: SGA President, SGA Senator and SGA VP for Student Affairs

How far in advance did you start planning for the event? About 3 months in advance

I consider that the event was: Successful

Who helped the person in charge? Jason Libfeld, Scholarship Office (Marina Esquilin)

Total budget for event: \$10,000 (\$5,000 merit, \$5,000 need-based scholarships)

What vendor(s) were used for the event (if any)? No vendors

What remarks do you have about the event? The scholarships idea came up as an initiative to help our fellow students manage the cost of attending college (Hardship) and to recognize high achievers (merit-based scholarship). It is a good way to give back to the student body and show them that WE as SGA are here to support them.

Would you recommend that the next SGA hold this event again? Yes

Event Summaries: SGA Writing Contest

Name of Event: SGA Writing Contest

Date of Event: March 2023

Time of Event: School hours

Location of event: Hostos email

Purpose of the event: Students wrote essays or poems based on the question “How did COVID impact you or your community?”

Was there a flyer for the event? Yes

Was there an announcement for the event? Yes

Expected attendance: 20

Person in charge of the event: José González

Position: SGA President

How far in advance did you start planning for the event? About 2 weeks in advance

I consider that the event was: Not as good as expected

Who helped the person in charge? Jason Libfeld and Jerry Rosa

Total budget for event: \$300 (for 3 prizes)

What vendor(s) were used for the event (if any)? ePaul Dynamics

What remarks do you have about the event? I came up with the idea because of the SGA Legacy Binder. I wanted to give students a platform to express their creativity and address a serious matter. During the event students wrote about COVID in any way possible. Regarding their feelings about coming back.

Would you recommend that the next SGA hold this event again? Yes

Event Summaries: Dental Hygiene Event

Name of Event: Dental Hygiene Event

Date of Event: Did not take place

Time of Event: Did not take place

Location of event: Did not take place

Purpose of the event: Emphasize the importance of good oral health among students

Was there a flyer for the event? No

Was there an announcement for the event? No

Expected attendance: 40

Person in charge of the event: Maria Benny

Position: Senator

How far in advance did you start planning for the event? About 5 weeks in advance

I consider that the event was: A good idea that did not take place

Who helped the person in charge? Jerry Rosa

Total budget for event: \$300 to \$400

What vendor(s) were used for the event (if any)? I could not order supplies (the purchasing deadline passed)

What remarks do you have about the event? The event did not take place because I could not order supplies (the purchasing deadline passed).

Event Summaries: Paint and Sip

Name of Event: Paint and Sip

Date of Event: Tuesday 05/02/23

Time of Event: 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Location of event: SGA Conference Room (C-534)

Purpose of the event: To help students decompress before finals

Was there a flyer for the event? Yes

Was there an announcement for the event? Yes

Expected attendance: 12

Person in charge of the event: Kobe Jacobs

Position: Executive Secretary

How far in advance did you start planning for the event? About 3 weeks in advance

I consider that the event was: Very successful

Who helped the person in charge? José González

Total budget for event: \$50 to \$100

What vendor(s) were used for the event (if any)? ePaul, Target

What remarks do you have about the event? I was inspired to host this event after attending a Sip and Paint event by the ASAP department. During the event, we served refreshments while students got to enjoy 1 hour and a half of painting and music. It was a nice to get students who would never meet to connect.

Event Summaries: Sexual Awareness Event

Name of Event: Sexual Awareness Event

Date of Event: Did not take place

Time of Event: Did not take place

Location of event: Did not take place

Purpose of the event: To talk to students about safe sex practices

Was there a flyer for the event? No

Was there an announcement for the event? No

Expected attendance: 40

Person in charge of the event: Teyanna Buckle

Position: Campus Affairs Commissioner

How far in advance did you start planning for the event? About 3 weeks in advance

I consider that the event was: A good idea that did not take place

Who helped the person in charge? None

Total budget for event: Over \$500

What vendor(s) were used for the event (if any)? None. We did not place the order in time.

What remarks do you have about the event? I came up with the idea about a trivia for sexual health and education because, in interacting with a good population of the student body I had realized that there are many students who know little to nothing about sex ed due to it lack of emphasis on it in most high schools. But are still participating in sexual behavior putting our generation at risk for things that could be more avoidable.

Event Summaries: Trivia Contest

Name of Event: Trivia Contest

Date of Event: Tuesday 04/25/23

Time of Event: 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Location of event: C-391

Purpose of the event: To encourage students to relax and compete while working in teams

Was there a flyer for the event? Yes

Was there an announcement for the event? Yes

Expected attendance: 30

Person in charge of the event: José González

Position: President

How far in advance did you start planning for the event? About 4 weeks in advance

I consider that the event was: Very successful

Who helped the person in charge? Kobe Jacobs

Total budget for event: Over \$500

What vendor(s) were used for the event (if any)? The trivia cards were ordered from ePaul. The food was ordered from the cafeteria (A La Carte).

What remarks do you have about the event? The event was centered around the end of the spring semester on a stretch of weekly events that we planned. Overall, it was a very successful event. Had great attendance and we were able to maintain the crowd engage for the entirety of the hour.

Event Summaries: SGA Assembly Spring 2023

Name of Event: SGA Assembly Spring 2023

Date of Event: Tuesday 03/28/23

Time of Event: 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Location of event: C-391

Purpose of the event: To give a report to the students about we worked on, what we are working on and what we plan to work on for the rest of the semester.

Was there a flyer for the event? No

Was there an announcement for the event? Yes

Expected attendance: 30

Person in charge of the event: José González

Position: President

How far in advance did you start planning for the event? About 3 weeks in advance

I consider that the event was: Not as good as expected

Who helped the person in charge? Jerry Rosa, Jason Libfeld

Total budget for event: More than \$500

What vendor(s) were used for the event (if any)? The food was ordered from the cafeteria (A La Carte).

What remarks do you have about the event? This was the spring version of the Assembly. It is a requirement that is needed to fulfill as part of the SGA. During the event we were meant to announce what we had done, what we were doing, and what we planned on doing. It was not well attended but it is an integral part of SGA at Hostos.

Event Summaries: Game Day

Name of Event: Game Day

Date of Event: Did not take place

Time of Event: Did not take place

Location of event: Did not take place

Purpose of the event: To help students to relax and interact with one another

Was there a flyer for the event? No

Was there an announcement for the event? No

Expected attendance: 30

Person in charge of the event: José González

Position: President

How far in advance did you start planning for the event? About 3 weeks in advance

I consider that the event was: A good idea that did not take place

Who helped the person in charge? Did not take place

Total budget for event: \$300

What vendor(s) were used for the event (if any)? We were supposed to order the game sets from Amazon (ePaul). However, I could not order supplies because the purchasing deadline passed. The proposed games were chess, Monopoly, Connect 4, Sorry, Battleship and Hungry Hippos.

What remarks do you have about the event? The event was meant to serve as a stress-reliever before the finals. I had planned to order some games and have food and drinks for students to go and engage before finals.

Event Summaries: SGA Recognition Event

Name of Event: SGA Recognition Event

Date of Event: Tuesday 05/30/23

Time of Event: 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Location of event: Faculty Dining Room (C-312)

Purpose of the event: To show appreciation to the students, faculty and staff who helped SGA to promote its initiatives and serve students during the academic year.

Was there a flyer for the event? Yes

Was there an announcement for the event? Yes

Expected attendance: 40

Person in charge of the event: Jerry Rosa

Position: SGA Main Advisor

How far in advance did you start planning for the event? About 3 weeks in advance

I consider that the event was: Very successful

Who helped the person in charge? Rhonda Smith

Total budget for event: \$1,412.66 (\$986.16 awards, \$426.50 catering)

What vendor(s) were used for the event (if any)? The awards were purchased from www.crownawards.com. The food was ordered from the cafeteria (A La Carte).

What remarks do you have about the event? The event very well. Since the event took place in person, we were able to take pictures of all of the recipients in attendance.

Fall 2022 Survey

STUDENT SURVEY FOR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Hello to all students of Hostos Community College. The Student Government Association is excited to welcome you all to the Fall 2022 semester. Our association has dedicated our time and effort to making this semester as enjoyable and resourceful as it can be for all students, regardless of age. Below is a 10-question post-event survey, which we would highly appreciate if you filled out; this way our team can understand what the students would like to do this semester.

Email

- Your email

What is your name?

- Your answer

What is your name?

- Your answer

Would interior an E-map guide of each building be helpful to you?

- Yes
- No

Would you prefer an E-pamphlet with the numbers and emails to each department?

- Yes
- No

Would you like to attend the SGA's first scavenger hunt and potentially win a 25 to a 100-dollar gift card?

- Yes
- No

What can Hostos do to support you as a student?

- Your answer

What are some activities you would like to attend at Hostos?

- Your answer

Would you like to attend Hostos Night Owl Appreciation Day?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

Should SGA throw a Thanksgiving dinner party?

- Yes
- No

Should SGA Throw a Christmas dinner party?

- Yes
- No

Would you like to support a toy drive for the children at Lincoln Hospital?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe
- Other:

Would you attend the SGA first annual Gala dinner?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

When will you graduate from Hostos?

- Date mm/dd/yyyy

Would interior an E-map guide of each building be helpful to you?

- Your answer

Spring 2023 Survey

Hostos Student Government Association Spring 2023 Survey

For the Academic Year 2022-2023, what events and or activities have you participated in?

- Your answer

Given a chance, what types of activities would like to see this spring?

- Your answer

Have you heard about the SGA Scholarship program?

- Yes
- No

Would you like to know more about the SGA Scholarship program?

- Yes
- No

What email would you like us to use to send the information to you?

- Your answer

What challenges are you facing currently while attending school?

- Your answer

How do you think the SGA can help you overcome any challenges that you are facing?

- Your answer

What areas of the college do you see as needing improvement?

- Library
- Cafeteria
- Student Lounge
- Gym facilities
- Classrooms
- Bathrooms
- Offices
- Entrances and exits
- Club spaces

Are you participating in any club activities?

- Yes

- No

Are you aware that there are over 40 clubs on campus?

- Yes
- No

What type of club are you most interested in?

- Academic club
- Extracurricular club
- Sports club
- Music club
- Religious club
- Popular culture club
- Volunteering club
- Other:

Do you feel like the college support's you in all aspects of your educational journey?

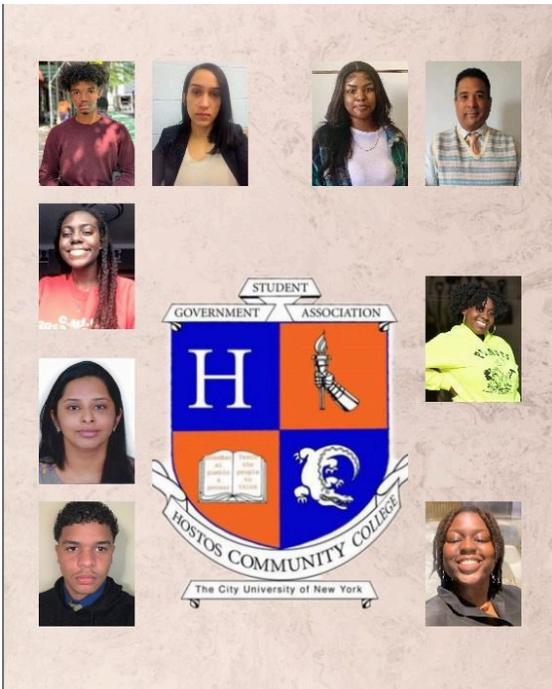
- Yes
- No
- Maybe

In what areas do you feel the college can support you better?

- Financially
- Emotionally
- Academically
- Childcare
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Internship Opportunities
- Work
- Vibrant Campus Life
- Other:

SGA Flyers Gallery

SGA Team flyer Summer 2022



SGA Vacancy Flyer Summer 2022

*Help others students. Share your ideas.
Have an impact. Be an agent for change.*

Apply to be an **SGA Senator**

The Student Government Association (SGA) has several Senator positions available.

Interested students are encouraged to visit Student Activities (room C-371) to pick up an application.

Applicants must have completed at least 12 credits, be registered for at least 6 credits during the Fall 2022 semester, and have a minimum 2.5 overall GPA.



Note: You may also request an application through email. To do so, email Mr. Jerry Rosa, Director of Student Activities at jrosa@hostos.cuny.edu with the subject **SGA Application**.

SGA Recruitment Flyer 09/2022



Ready Set Go Welcome Back Caimans



Welcome Back Caimans!

Join us on Thursday, September 8,
12 to 3 p.m., at Evelina Antonetty Park



Tie Dye Event



SGA PRESENTS:
TIE-DYE EVENT
SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED

HOSTED BY
EXEC.
SECRETARY
ABIGAIL B.

WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 26,
2022.

1PM-2:30PM
C-391



Halloween Event



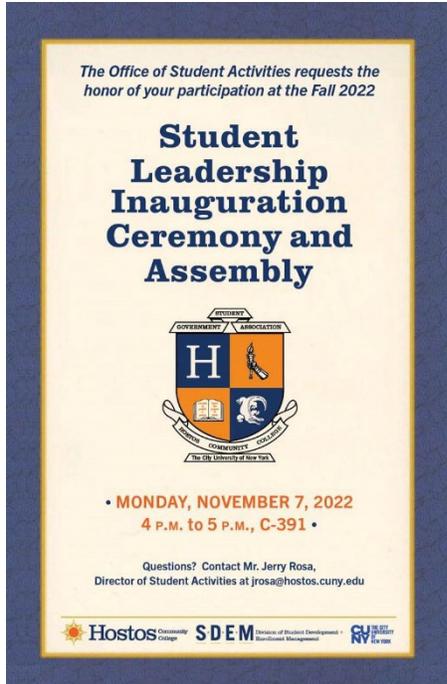
YOU'RE INVITED TO SGA'S
**HALLOWEEN
EVENT**

FROM 11AM TO 5PM
BRING YOUR BEST COSTUME,
3 OF THE BEST COSTUMES
WILL BE SELECTED FOR A
GIFT CARD

OCT 31ST
@SGA BOOTH



Inauguration Ceremony and Assembly



The Office of Student Activities requests the honor of your participation at the Fall 2022

Student Leadership Inauguration Ceremony and Assembly



• MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2022
4 P.M. to 5 P.M., C-391 •

Questions? Contact Mr. Jerry Rosa,
Director of Student Activities at jrosa@hostos.cuny.edu



Rep Your Flag Party



THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRESENTS
WAISTLINE WEDNESDAY:

HOSTED BY: ABIGAIL BOATENG

REP YOUR FLAG

Party

DECEMBER 7 2022
6 - 10 PM

FREE FOOD & DRINKS
LOUD MUSIC
FREE ENTRY



SGA Vacancy Flyer January 2023

SGA OPEN POSITIONS APPLICATIONS

The Student Government Association (SGA) is looking for students interested in applying for the position of Senator.

Interested students should email Mr. Jerry Rosa (jrosa@hostos.cuny.edu) with the subject **SGA Application** to request a form.

Applications will be available until all open positions are filled. Applicants will be interviewed.



Writing Contest

SGA PRESENTS

WRITING Contest

PRIZES FOR THE TOP 3 SUBMISSIONS

Topic

HOW DID THE COVID PANDEMIC IMPACT YOU OR YOUR COMMUNITY?

SEND IT BEFORE **MARCH 30TH**
JGNZ8046@STU.HOSTOS.CUNY.EDU

WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT SGA BOOTH
04.04.2023

Let's Talk About It

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

Reconnecting After Isolation

A safe space for students to share about their experiences and learn from each other while building community and encouraging mental wellness.

Sponsored By SGA & Counseling Department

At C-391 On 3/21/2023
From 3:00PM to 4:00pm
Brian Carter
Bcart3477@stu.hostos.cuny.edu

Let's Talk About It, Part 2

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT PT 2

Reconnecting After Isolation

A safe space for students to share about their experiences and learn from each other while building community and encouraging mental wellness.

Sponsored By SGA & Counseling Department

At FDR On 04/18/2023
From 3:00PM to 4:00pm
Brian Carter
Bcart3477@stu.hostos.cuny.edu

Trivia Day



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TRIVIA DAY

APRIL 25TH

REFRESHMENTS FOR ALL

FROM 3:00PM TO 4:00PM IN C-391

CONTACT: JOSE GONZALEZ
LOCATION: ROOM C-533

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Paint and Sip



Hostos Community College CUNY

SGA PRESENTS
PAINT AND SIP!!!

May 2, 2023 | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Location: C-534

Hey Students! Let's decompress before finals.
All supplies will be available to paint with, and refreshments will be provided.

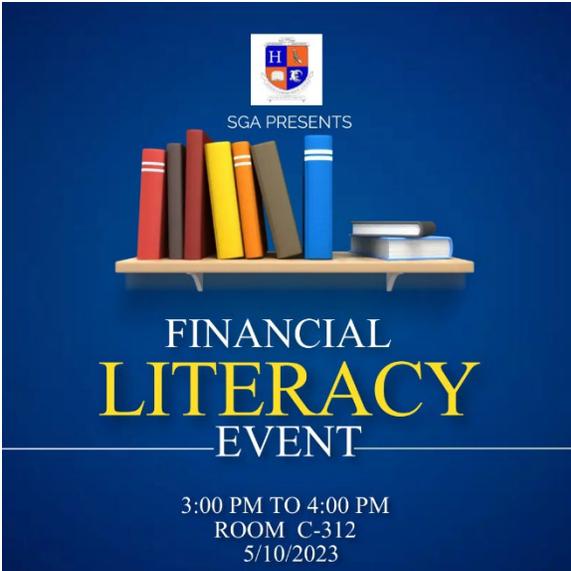
Please RSVP! (Limited Space)

Contact: Kobe Jacobs
kjacobs@hostos.cuny.edu

SCAN ME

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Financial Literacy Event

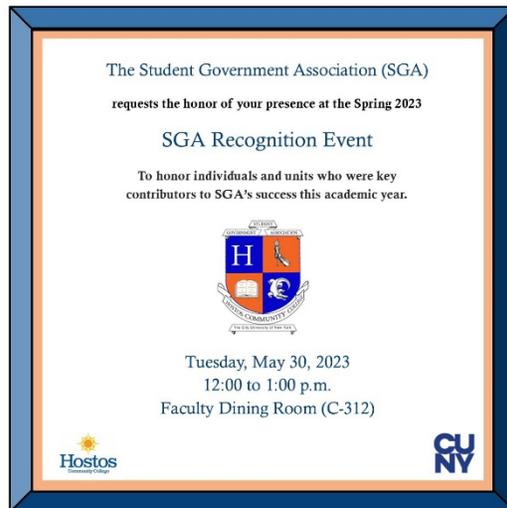


SGA PRESENTS

FINANCIAL LITERACY EVENT

3:00 PM TO 4:00 PM
ROOM C-312
5/10/2023

SGA Recognition Event



The Student Government Association (SGA)
requests the honor of your presence at the Spring 2023

SGA Recognition Event

To honor individuals and units who were key contributors to SGA's success this academic year.

Tuesday, May 30, 2023
12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
Faculty Dining Room (C-312)

Hostos CUNY

Special Recognitions

Several SGA members received special recognitions. The recognitions received were as follows:

Hostos Student Leadership Academy Awards

- Excellence in Leadership Award
 - José González

- Student Ambassador Leadership and Service Award
 - Kobe Jacobs
 - Yassine Gaye
 - Elizabeth Soto
 - Kacey Witter

- Non-Traditional Leader Award
 - Kathy Disla
 - Adama Mbengue

- 30th Annual National Leadership Symposium at the United States Air Force Academy Participant Award
 - Yassine Gaye
 - José González

Student Government Association Awards

- Above and Beyond Award
 - José González
 - Yassine Gaye
 - Brian Carter
 - Elizabeth Soto
 - Kacey Witter

- Commitment to Help Students R.I.S.E. Award
 - Leighton Ozoria
 - Abigail Boateng
 - Malik Pellington
 - Kathy Disla
 - Kobe Jacobs
 - Teyanna Buckle

- Adama Mbengue
- Nasrin Akter
- Maria Benny
- Orlando Soto
- Yassir Djossou

Honors Convocation Awards

Presidential Medal

- José González
- Yassine Gaye
- Nasrin Akter
- Kacey Witter

Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the Graduating Class of 2023

- Yassine Gaye, Valedictorian



The Cocco De Filippis Family Scholarship

- Yassine Gaye
- Kacey Witter

The Joe Alicea Veterans Scholarship

- Kacey Witter

Education Department: Health Education Awards

- Silver Award: Kacey Witter

Visual and Performing Arts Awards: Excellence in a Theatrical Production

- Kobe Jacobs

Mathematics and Natural Sciences Departments: Engineering Awards

- Gold Award: Yassine Gaye

Accelerated Study for Associates Program (ASAP): ASAP Excellence Awards

- Yassine Gaye

Black Male Initiative (BMI): BMI Together wE Achieve More Awards (TEAM)

- Gold Award: Yassine Gaye

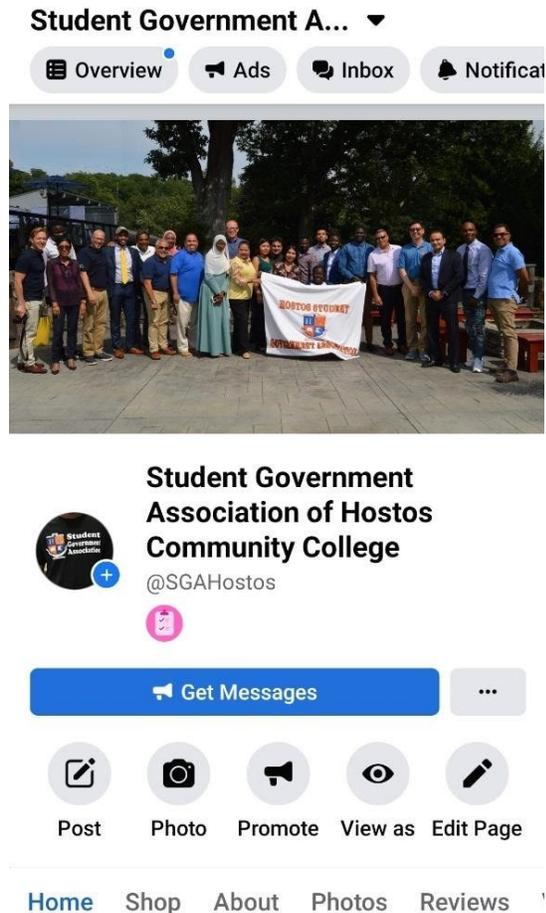
Scholastic Achievement Award

- José González
- Yassine Gaye
- Malik Pellington
- Kacey Witter

Social Media Accounts

SGA managed two social media accounts, one on Facebook and one on Instagram. As of June 14, 2023, the Facebook account had a total of 838 followers and the Instagram account had a total of 407 followers. Both accounts operated under the name **sgahostos**. The most-commonly used hashtag was **#hostossga**.

SGA Facebook



The screenshot shows the Facebook profile for the Student Government Association of Hostos Community College. The profile name is "Student Government A..." with a dropdown arrow. Below the name are navigation tabs for Overview, Ads, Inbox, and Notifications. A large photo shows a group of people holding a banner that reads "HOSTOS GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION". The profile picture is a circular logo with the text "Student Government Association". The bio includes the name "Student Government Association of Hostos Community College", the handle "@SGAHostos", and a link to "hostos.cuny.edu/sga". A blue button labeled "Get Messages" is visible. At the bottom, there are icons for Post, Photo, Promote, View as, and Edit Page. The navigation bar at the very bottom includes Home, Shop, About, Photos, and Reviews.

SGA Instagram



The screenshot shows the Instagram profile for "sgahostos". The profile name is "sgahostos" with a dropdown arrow. Below the name are icons for adding content and a menu. A "Professional Dashboard" notification states "New tools are now available." The profile statistics are: 314 Posts, 368 Followers, and 215 Following. The bio includes the name "Hostos SGA", the description "The official Instagram account of the Hostos Student Government Association", the website "hostos.cuny.edu/sga", and the address "500 Grand Concourse Av, Bronx, New York 10451". There is an "Edit profile" button and three tabs for Promotions, Insights, and Contact. Below these are four circular icons for "Senator-pres", "Events", "Events 2019", and "New". The main feed shows a grid of posts, including one with the Hostos Community College logo and another titled "Spring 2022 Student Government Elections". The bottom navigation bar includes icons for Home, Search, Post, Activity, and Profile.

Certified Student Organizations Fall 2022

During the Fall 2022 semester, SGA certified a total of forty-three student organizations. The certified student organizations were as follows:

1. Accounting Club
2. Aging & Health Club
3. A.L.M.A. Club
4. Biology Club
5. Black Student Union (BSU)
6. Career Club
7. CCSD @ Hostos
8. Common Ground
9. Community Health Club
10. Dental Hygiene Club
11. Engineering Club
12. English Club
13. Family Empowerment Club
14. Geoscience Club
15. HEAT Club
16. Honors Club
17. Hostos Dream Team
18. House of Gamers / Game Design Club
19. Latina/o, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Club
20. Math Club
21. Modern Languages Club
22. Muslim Club
23. Nursing Club
24. Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)
25. Physics Club
26. Politics Club
27. Pre-Allied Health Club
28. Print Club
29. Public Administration Club
30. Puerto Rican Student Organization (PRSO)
31. Radiology Club
32. Rainbow Club
33. Reimagining Justice
34. Robotics Club
35. Scholarship Club

36. Science Club
37. Seeds of Activism
38. Spanish Club
39. STEM Club
40. Tabletop Gaming Club
41. Teachers of the Future
42. Veterans & Reservist Club
43. Women in Science

Certified Student Organizations Spring 2023

During the Spring 2023 semester, SGA certified a total of forty-seven student organizations. The certified student organizations were as follows:

1. Accounting Club
2. Aging & Health Club
3. Animation Club
4. Black Student Union (BSU)
5. Break the Silence Club
6. Career Club
7. CCSD @ Hostos
8. Common Ground
9. Community Health Club
10. Dental Hygiene Club
11. Engineering Club
12. English Club
13. Family Empowerment Club
14. Film Club
15. FIRE Club
16. Geoscience Club
17. HEAT Club
18. Honors Club
19. Hostos Dream Team
20. House of Gamers / Game Design Club
21. Latina/o, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Club
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34. Radiology Club
35. Rainbow Club

36. Reimagining Justice Club
37. Robotics Club
38. Scholarship Club
39. Science Club
40. South American Club
41. Spanish Club
42. STEM Club
43. Tabletop Gaming Club
44. Teachers of the Future
45. Theater Club
46. Veterans & Reservist Club
47. Women in Science

SGA Photo Gallery

SGA Welcome Days 08/26 and 08/29/22



Senator Malik Pellington gives a welcome bag to a student. The bag included notebooks and pens.



Senator Kacey Witter



President Leighton Ozoria



Elizabeth Soto, José González, Brian Carter, Abigail Boateng and Yassine Gaye giving out welcome bags to students.

Ready Set Go Welcome Back Caimans 09/08/22



Leighton Ozoria encouraging students to fill out the SGA survey



Kacey Witter and José González ready to welcome students to the college

SGA Tie Dye Event 10/26/22



Students working on their T-shirts



A student shows his finished T-shirt

Halloween Event 10/31/23



Members of the Hostos Student Leadership Academy and members of SGA giving out candy bags to students.

SGA Inauguration and Assembly Fall 2022 11/07/22



Maria Benny, Abbi Raper, Malik Pellington, Kacey Witter and Adama Mbengue waiting for the event to begin.



Jerry Rosa, Director of Student Activities, gives an SGA pin to José González.



Executive Members Brian Carter, Yassine Gaye, José González and Abigail Boateng take the oath for office.



Senators Maria Benny, Abbi Raper, Malik Pellington, Kacey Witter and Adama Mbengue take the oath for office.



Kacey Witter gives a summary about past SGA events.



José González gives a summary about recent SGA events.



Abbi Raper gives a summary about upcoming SGA events.



The members in attendance present their Certificate of Election.

Let's Talk About It 11/29/22



Brian Carter giving welcoming remarks



A student raises his hand to share his comments about the question that was raised.



Tovah Thompson from the Counseling Center along Brian Carter and Leighton Ozoria from SGA



José González shares his thoughts about the question raised by Brian Carter.



SGA members José González, Malik Pellington and Abbi Raper



A student comments on the discussion question. Senator Yassir Djossou can be seen at the table (green hoodie).

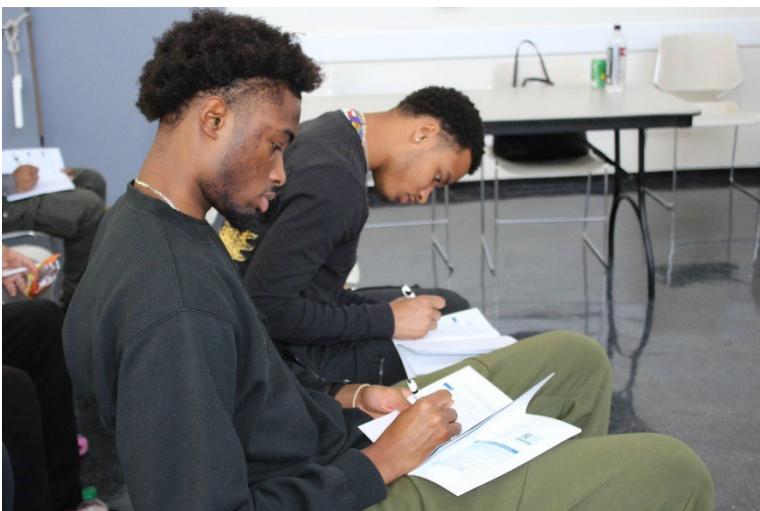
Financial Literacy Workshop with Chase 12/05/22



Brian Carter gives opening remarks and introduces the guest speaker, Iliana Menesick



Iliana Menesick, Community Manager for JPMorgan Chase Bank begins her presentation



Students work on the first exercise in the information booklet



Leighton Ozoria attentively listens to the presentation



Members of the audience ask questions to Mrs. Menesick



Members Kacey Witter and Abbi Raper share their satisfaction about the presentation given

Rep Your Flag Party 12/07/22



Malik Pellington and Abigail Boateng setting up the cafeteria for the party.



Teyanna Buckle and Malik Pellington at the DJ table.



Kacey Witter and Abbi Raper serving food to students.



Adama Mbengue, Abbi Raper, Nasrin Akter, Kacey Witter and a fellow student.



Nicole Rosas, José González and Yaxeny Hernández-Ravelo



Abbi Raper, Malik Pellington and Kacey Witter



Abigail Boateng, who organized the party, addressing the audience



Yassir Djossou



Students in attendance pose for a picture

Let's Talk About It 03/21/23



Michael Martínez and Tovah Thompson from the Counseling Center discuss the event details with Brian Carter from SGA.



Brian Carter giving welcoming remarks.



Brian asks students who identify with the statement being mad to raise their hand.

SGA Assembly Spring 2023 03/28/23



José González gives opening remarks



Orlando Soto presents the slides for past events



Kacey Witter presents other slides for past events



Brian Carter presents the slides for recent events



Kathy Disla presents other slides for recent events



Members of SGA and their advisors at the end of the event

Let's Talk About It Part 2 04/18/23



Tovah Thompson from the Counseling Center raises a question to the members of the audience.



A student raises her hand to answer the question being raised.



Ms. Thompson provides feedback about the comments made by a student.



A student shares his perspective on the question being raised.



Michael Martínez from the Counseling Center gives feedback to the student.



Another student provides feedback on the question that was raised.

SGA Trivia Day 04/25/23



Kobe Jacobs shares the event instructions with the students in attendance



Students raise their hands to answer one of the questions



Students raise their hands to answer one of the questions



Students enjoy snacks and refreshments while waiting for the next question



Kobe Jacobs shares the next question



A student raises her hand to answer the question

Paint and Sip 05/02/23



Students discuss their ideas about what they plan to paint



Kobe Jacobs gives feedback to the students



A student adds a few touches to her artwork



A finished project



Another finished project



Another finished project

Financial Literacy Event 05/10/23



Siddique Mohamed, Director of A.S.A.P. and facilitator leading the event



Explaining credit card interest rates



Answering a question raised by a student

Honors Convocation 05/24/23



Valedictorian Yassine Gaye, President Cocco de Filippis and Senator Kacey Witter



Kacey Witter receiving The Joe Alicea Veterans Scholarship from Ricardo García, Veterans Coordinator

SGA Recognition Event 05/30/23



Counselors Tovah Thompson and Michael Martínez accepting a plaque on behalf of the Counseling Center.



Adama Mbengue presenting a plaque to Fabián Wander from Health and Wellness



Kobe Jacobs presenting a plaque to Jason Libfeld of the Hostos Student Leadership Academy



Maria Benny presenting a plaque to Dean Johanna Gómez



Kathy Disla presenting a plaque to Dr. Sofia Oviedo



Brian Carter presenting a plaque to Coach Marquee Poole



Leighton Ozoria presenting a plaque to Albert Lai



Teyanna Buckle presenting a plaque to Rhonda Smith



José González presenting a plaque to Leighton Ozoria



Nasrin Akter with her recognition plaque



Yassir Djossou with his recognition plaque



Orlando Soto with his recognition plaque



President Cocco de Filippis presenting an award to José González



Chief of Staff Diana Kreymer presenting an award to Yassine Gaye



Jerry Rosa from Student Activities presenting an award to Kacey Witter



Members of SGA, the administration and staff at the conclusion of the event

Commencement Ceremonies 05/31/23 and 06/01/23



José González and Nasrin Akter



José González and Yassine Gaye



Nasrin Akter, José González and Kacey Witter



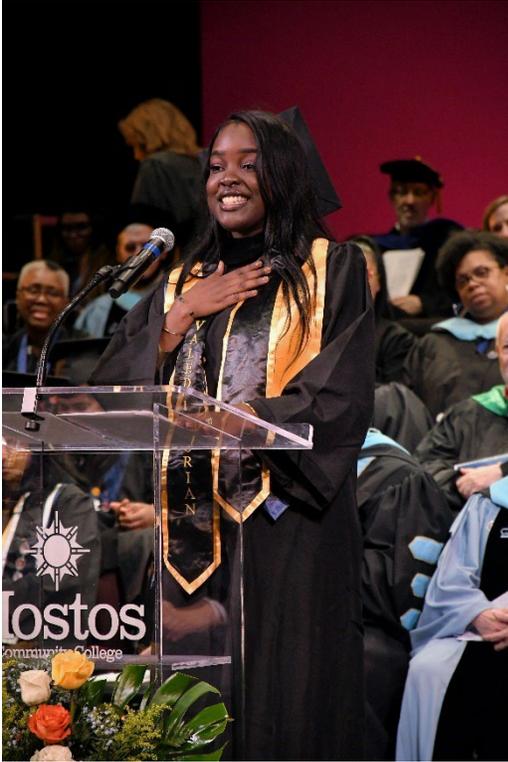
José González, Kacey Witter, Yassine Gaye and Nasrin Akter



SGA members being acknowledged by President Cocco de Filippis during her opening remarks



Yassine Gaye speaking about receiving the President's Medal of Honor



Yassine Gaye giving her Valedictorian speech



Teyanna Buckle posing for her graduation picture

Special Thanks

We would like to thank the following offices and individuals:

Offices

- Office of the President
- Division of Academic Affairs
- Division of Student Development and Enrollment Management (SDEM)
- Athletics Department
- Career Services
- Counseling Center
- CUNY EDGE
- Duplicating Center
- Facilities Office
- Health and Wellness
- Hostos Academic Learning Center (H.A.L.C.)
- Hostos Academic Resource Center (A.R.C.)
- Hostos Office of Veterans Affairs (H.O.V.A.)
- Hostos College-Wide Senate
- Hostos One Stop
- Hostos Student Leadership Academy
- Information Technology (I.T.)
- Office of Student Activities
- Public Safety Department
- Scholarship Office
- Student Success Coaching Unit (S.S.C.U.)

Individuals

- President Daisy Cocco de Filippis
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- Dean Ana García-Reyes
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- Dr. Eric Radezky
- Elbagina Bonilla
- Madeline Cruz
- Marina Esquilín
- Christeen Francis
- Ricardo García
- Albert Lai
- Jason Libfeld
- Michael Martínez
- Siddique Mohamed
- Jerry Rosa
- Rhonda Smith
- Emily Tenzer Santoro
- Tovah Thompson
- Nurse María Vásquez
- Marquee Poole

and everyone else who supported our efforts.