

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

Hostos Community College 2020–2021 Annual Report



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In 1968 a determined group of educators, students, activists, and elected officials joined forces to establish an institution of higher learning in the South Bronx.

Hostos owes its creation to a group of visionaries moving forward together for the betterment of all. It thrives today and makes plans for the future because we are inspired by the example of our founders. It was true then, and it's true now: What we achieve, we achieve together.

Responding to challenges like the global pandemic was — and remains — a necessary task. Of even greater importance, perhaps, is decisive action to ensure that the guiding principles of diversity, accessibility, and affordability are not only maintained at Hostos but increased and strengthened.



Over the course of the next five years, we envision ever-increasing retention and graduation rates. Blending the virtual with the actual — distance learning and in-person instruction — presents us with a variety of opportunities for student growth and success. These are truly challenging and exciting times for educators and students alike, and we intend to be on the cutting edge of it all.

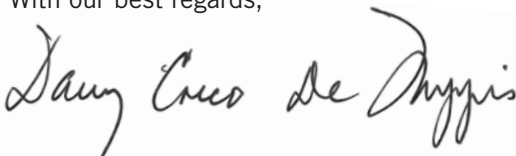
When Pablo Neruda was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature, he said, in part:

“All paths lead to the same goal: to convey to others what we are. ... but in this dance or in this song there are fulfilled the most ancient rites of our conscience in the awareness of being human and of believing in a common destiny.”

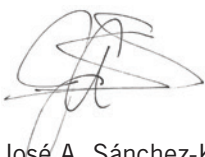
Our common destiny is affirmed when we realize and cherish the fact that hope and opportunity are the birthright of all. This is why Hostos was created — and why it continues to play a vital role in the lives of its students, the South Bronx, the greater NYC area, and the world itself.

There is much to celebrate here. In the following pages, you will read about recent institutional, faculty, and student accomplishments that run the gamut from the science lab to the art studio. The Hostos community continues to distinguish itself and spread the word far and wide about this vibrant institution we so proudly call home.

With our best regards,



Daisy Cocco De Filippis, Ph.D.
President, Hostos Community College



José A. Sánchez-Kinghorn
Chairperson, Hostos Community College Foundation



Hostos Community College



MOVING FORWARD...

The College, with its bridge across the Grand Concourse, has provided a path to a brighter future for over five decades and serves as a source of life-transforming education. This past year, even when the pandemic kept most physically apart, the College came together with *manos a la obra* / all hands on deck to move Hostos forward in new and innovative ways and to ensure that it lives up to the promises made in its mission.

Culture Talks Enhance Life Outside the Hostos Classroom

The need to support a cultural, educational, and inclusive life at Hostos outside the classroom led to the establishment of *Veladas Hostosianas* / Hostos Culture Talks. The monthly series covering present-day culture through arts, literature, and academic discourse spotlighted emerging, established, and renowned authors, poets, and educators as well as doctors, politicians, and government diplomats.



In fall 2020, Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. (left), Hostos Professor Sandy Figueroa, and Hostos student leader Isabel Neira Sánchez came together for an evening conversation as part of Puerto Rican Heritage Month.

Another *Velada* curated by Professor Inmaculada Lara-Bonilla during this month included Puerto

Rican poets Ángel Lozada, Carmen Bardeguez-Brown, Urayoán Noel, and Myrna Nieves. In June, Hostos celebrated Pride Month with a screening of “Chakalmex,” a short documentary film by Hostos Professor Joelle González-Laguer exploring the themes of sex, socioeconomic status, and race in Mexico City’s gay community. Peter Mertens, Interim Dean of Continuing Education & Workforce Development, moderated a discussion after the screening with the filmmaker and Professor Victor Torres-Vélez, who teaches

in the College’s Humanities department. The *Velada* also featured a reading from novelist and storyteller Gisela Kozak.

El Semanario Keeps Hostos and Community Connected

During the 2020–2021 academic year, the Office of the President established and produced 33 issues of *El Semanario Hostosiano* / The Hostos Weekly, an electronic newsletter designed to create opportunities for the Hostos family to hear from one another and to stay connected throughout the stay-at-home orders with news, updates on initiatives and events, and information on college policy.

New Council Strengthens Partnerships in Metro Area

President Cocco De Filippis reached outside the College to establish the Hostos Community Advisory Council (CAC) in fall 2020. Its purpose is to seek support and input from metro-area business, academic, and community leaders to enhance opportunities for student advancement along career paths and toward higher education degrees. Additionally, it communicates Hostos’ intentionality to be known as an open campus — a community hub for conversations, mutual support, and the enhancement of students’ learning experience and job placement opportunities. Invitations were sent to potential representatives, and the response was overwhelmingly positive. The council was formed with 70 community leaders who will serve three-year appointments.

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On Feb. 18, 2021, Hostos held the first CAC roundtable titled “Coming out of the Pandemic Healthy: Mental Health and Support Initiatives.” Facilitated by Fabian Wander, Hostos Director of Health and Wellness Services, along with Eileen Newman, Executive Director of the Center for Bronx Nonprofits (CBNP) at Hostos, the roundtable highlighted ways in which various community organizations managed the effects the pandemic had on the mental health of their staff and the community members they serve. Four additional CAC roundtables were held throughout the spring semester.

Online Events Attract Hundreds and Spark Dialogue

A series of internal town halls, forums, and other online events enabled faculty, students, staff, and alumni to engage in meaningful dialogue and forge connections. These included a **Black Lives Matter Forum** hosted in September 2020 by the Student Government Association in association with the Office of the President, Office of Student Activities, Office of Academic Affairs, and Student Development and Enrollment Management (SDEM). During the spring semester, **Black at Hostos**, a series of three town halls, examined Americanism, citizenship, and who gets to claim the American dream; the long history of anti-Black racism; and race, medicine, and healthcare in the United States.

Professor Sarah Hoiland held a series of virtual **Presidential Debate Watch Parties** with the support of the Office of the President and SDEM. The watch parties

offered attendees an opportunity to find strength and healing in the communal experience and encouraged civic engagement. Approximately 217 unique attendees tuned in; of these, 43 participated in two or more of the watch parties.



The two-day **Dominican Studies Association Virtual Conference** at Hostos in December attracted over 600 attendees representing 13 countries, 92 universities, and 28 cultural centers and professional institutions. Across 17 sessions and 41 panels, participants enjoyed timely and profound discussions on the state of education, literature, and issues impacting the Dominican diaspora in the United States and beyond. Co-chairs of the conference were Dr. Silvio Torres-Saillant of Syracuse University and Hostos Dean Ana García Reyes.

In May, Hostos presented **Speaking Up for AAPI at Hostos** to address the spike in crimes and racism against Asian American and Pacific Islander communities across the city and country. The virtual program contextualized the situation within the broader sphere of violence against communities of color, and panelists discussed opportunities for interracial solidarity and allyship. Distinguished guests included





AT Hostos Town Hall Series

Congresswoman Grace Meng and Senator John Liu. The event was part of the College's 12th Annual Center for Teaching and Learning Professional Development Day and was dedicated to the late and beloved Hostos Professor Isabel Li.



An integral part of Hostos Community College since 1982, the **Hostos Center for the**

Arts & Culture (HCAC) took its offerings online, attracting large and international audiences throughout the year — proof positive of the strength of its programming and the power of art to soothe and enlighten in difficult times. As always, HCAC presented a vibrant mix of dance, theater, music, and conversation. The 11th biennial BomPlenazo festival in 2020, for example, featured four concerts, two panel discussions, two film screenings, and two workshops over the course of five days, all free on Facebook Live, Zoom, and YouTube. In conjunction with the Bronx Council on the Arts, HCAC even created a 3D virtual space that replicated The Longwood Art Gallery at Hostos for an exhibit of 12 artists of Cuban origin.

EdTech Helps Students, Faculty in Distance Learning

The Office of Educational Technology (EdTech) designed and offered a number of workshops on technology tools and strategies to improve every area of teaching and learning. For faculty members, EdTech supported online teaching with programs that covered ways to cultivate a safe and engaging online environment, boost student participation, and facilitate group discussion and teamwork. Student-centered sessions focused on how to use specific online platforms such as Zoom, Blackboard, Google Drive, and Microsoft Office. Beyond the technological and practical constraints of remote learning, students reported high levels of anxiety, confusion, and cognitive overload. To address these difficulties, a dedicated help desk call center was formed with the assistance of the Hostos IT department, and students who had concerns and questions were able to receive support. Web access to tutoring, academic advising, and coaching

also helped keep students on track toward completion of their course responsibilities and graduation goals.

Student Government Contributes Generous Support

Despite facing their own challenges and demands, members of the 2020–2021 Student Government Association (SGA) made significant contributions to the community and to improving the College and the lives of its students. To help fellow students financially, the group offered three new scholarships this year — the SGA Need-Based Scholarship, the SGA Hardship Scholarship Fund, and the SGA Merit Scholarship Award. The monies distributed to students by the SGA surpassed all previous years.



Counseling Center Offers Care for You Workshops

In addition to offering remote one-on-one counseling services, the Carlos L. González Counseling Center at Hostos organized events to encourage relaxation, exploration, healing and holistic self-care. These included weekly yoga, guided meditation, and sound bath meditation sessions on Zoom as well as a virtual space for caregivers to process the demands of being a student and caregiver with others in the same situation.

New Committee Boosts Sponsored Research and Grants

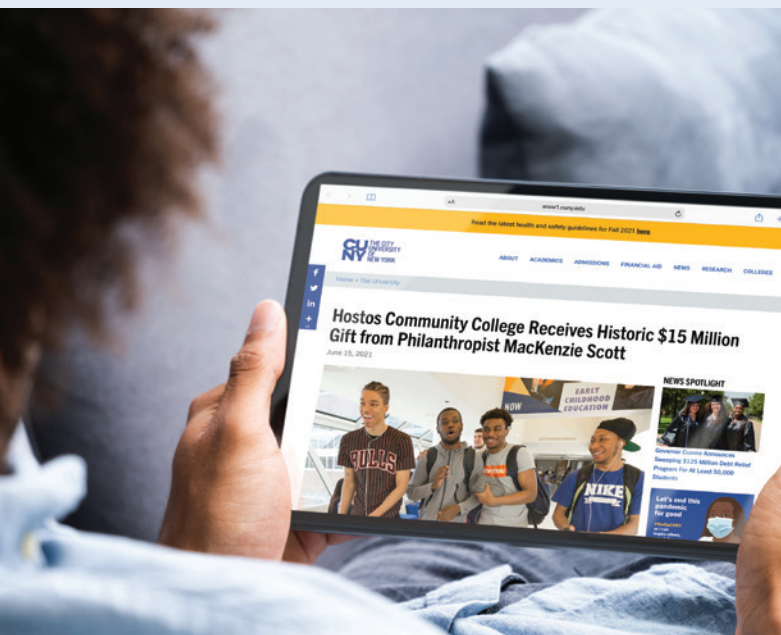
The Committee on Sponsored Programs and Grants was established in fall 2020 to catalyze the collaborative development of creative ideas and submission of research and other grant proposals in support of academic programs, student success, and institutional innovation. The membership, composed of 12 individuals from across the College, was appointed for a two-year renewable term. The committee meets once a month during the academic year or more frequently, as needed.

BUILDING A STRONGER HOSTOS

Hostos continues to excel institutionally. Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, we've worked together over the past year to build a stronger Hostos and drive progress on several fronts. From fundraising to workforce development to Hostos' well-deserved ranking as one of the top community colleges in New York, there is much to celebrate.

\$15 Million Gift Is the Largest in History of the College

On June 15, philanthropist, author, and activist Ms. MacKenzie Scott affirmed Hostos' success as an engine for social mobility, academic excellence, affordability, and social justice with a gift of \$15 million, the largest single gift in the College's history and one of the largest in the history of The City University of New York. Announcing the gift,



Scott described an evaluation process launched by her team to identify “high-impact” groups and institutions in “categories and communities that have been historically underfunded and overlooked.”

Hostos President Daisy Cocco De Filippis acknowledged that the award will allow Hostos “to emerge from the devastating impact the pandemic had on the communities we serve in a much stronger position. It will enhance our ability to embrace and support the developmental work needed to continue to thrive as a bridge of opportunity.”

Hostos Ranks Among New York's Best Community Colleges

Niche, a website that helps individuals research schools, workplaces, and neighborhoods, ranked Hostos No. 3 on its 2021 list of Best Community Colleges in New York.

The rankings are based on a thorough analysis of academic, financial, and student-life data from the U.S. Department of Education and self-reported surveys from students and alumni. Niche also gives each school a report card that includes an overall grade and marks for professors, diversity, value, and more.



Fundraising Efforts Exceed Goal by 15 Percent

Despite the challenging economy and the need to shift philanthropic events to remote platforms, the Division of Institutional Advancement exceeded its fundraising goals for 2020–2021 by 15 percent. Three special virtual events alone — the Scholarship Fund Golf Classic in September, Giving Tuesday in November, and the Annual Scholarship Benefit in April — raised more than \$240,000 in support of student success and the College's educational mission.

Hostos received \$150,000 from the Robin Hood Foundation and \$100,000 from the Stavros Niarchos Foundation to provide assistance to students who experienced financial hardship as a result of the pandemic, \$57,000 for student scholarships in the allied health and science fields from the Nasry Michelen Foundation, and a \$75,000 gift establishing The John Anthony Chardavoyne Scholarship Endowment.

Virtual Commencement Celebrates 1,225 Graduates

Hostos' 2021 commencement, held virtually, celebrated the 1,225 students who successfully completed their degrees and triumphed over obstacles few other graduating classes have ever faced. Julissa Reynoso Pantaleón, former member of the Obama administration and current chief of staff to First Lady Jill Biden, delivered the keynote address. Former Congressman José E. Serrano (above) was recognized for his many years of extraordinary service to Hostos and the South Bronx with an honorary degree.



BUILDING A STRONGER HOSTOS

Allied Health and Natural Sciences Building Complex >

The construction of a new 170,000 GSF Allied Health and Natural Sciences Building Complex with state-of-the-art science labs and classrooms is being sought by the College. The new building will support the College's Allied Health programs in dental hygiene, radiologic technology, and nursing, including a free dental clinic open to the public and staffed by Hostos dental hygiene students. The complex will also house the College's growing natural science and engineering programs as well as all other STEM programs. An inventory of spacious, state-of-the-art classrooms will guarantee that the new building serves the entire college community.



On the drawing board: A rendering of the Allied Health and Natural Sciences Building Complex that Hostos is seeking to build at Walton Avenue and East 146th Street.

CEWD Boasts Impressive Enrollment Numbers and Funding

The Division of Continuing Education & Workforce Development (CEWD) posted impressive enrollment and completion rates this past year and was awarded substantial funds, underscoring the ongoing need for its affordable, quality career training and education programs.

New York City's Department of Youth and Community Development granted CEWD \$193,000 to continue its Train and Earn Career Pathways Program, a no-cost health care-focused program for ages 18 to 24 that provides comprehensive occupational training and employment services along with support services to find a job and access postsecondary education. New York State awarded CEWD and the Division of Academic Affairs \$430,000 in Next Generation Job Linkage funds. This will enable the

two divisions, working collaboratively, to create more robust partnerships among employers, the public school system, and the public university system to ensure that the education offered meets workplace demands.

\$430,000

AMOUNT AWARDED TO HOSTOS BY
NEW YORK STATE IN NEXT GENERATION
JOB LINKAGE FUNDS



“This year’s journey could be characterized, in Pablo Neruda’s words, by ‘a burning patience.’ We stayed the course during a cruel pandemic, riding close to our mission and values; innovating means for educating students; and keeping hope, purpose, and meaning alive for us all.”

— DAISY COCCO DE FILIPPIS, PH.D.

CUNY Trustees and Middle States Commission Applaud Progress on Self-Study

Over the past two years, Hostos has undertaken a rigorous self-appraisal exercise to understand institutional accomplishments and areas of strength as well as opportunities for improvement and innovation. The ongoing self-study is a resource for both institutional



reaccreditation by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) and internal planning processes addressing priorities and finding ways to impact the student experience most positively. Despite shifts caused by the stay-at-home orders, more than 100 staff, administrators, students, and faculty members have generously and willingly contributed to the effort, and the progress thus far demonstrates the climate of collegiality at Hostos. The CUNY Board of Trustees reaffirmed its support for the process and praised the self-study group for its strong fidelity to the Hostos mission. In addition, the MSCHÉ liaison commended Hostos for staying on track despite the disruption caused by the pandemic and was impressed by the College’s collective efforts in adapting academic offerings to distance-learning platforms.

Dental Hygiene and Radiologic Technology Programs Receive Top Scores

Supported by dedicated faculty, students in Hostos’ Dental Hygiene program achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the clinical license exam. A total of 37 men and women took the exam in fall 2020. What’s more, 26 Hostos students in the Radiologic Technology program passed their certifying examination on the first attempt.

100%

PASS RATE ON CLINICAL LICENSE EXAM
FOR STUDENTS IN HOSTOS’ DENTAL
HYGIENE PROGRAM

Engineering and HEAT Programs Gain National Recognition

The Joint Dual Engineering Degree Program with The Grove School of Engineering at City College of New York provides students with an outstanding educational experience and contributes to the diversity of the STEM workforce. Since the program began in 2004, 272 Hostos students have graduated with associate degrees. Recently, 12 Hostos students graduated from The Grove School with honors in bachelor’s degrees in chemical, civil, electrical, and mechanical engineering; five alumni have completed or are pursuing a master’s in engineering; and one began a doctorate in chemical engineering at the University of Pennsylvania.

This year, the Engineering and Hostos Engineering Academic Talent (HEAT) programs received national recognition. Hostos professors Yoel Rodríguez, Antonios Varelas, Nieves Angulo, and Clara Nieto-Wire were selected to present outcomes of the program at the 35th annual conference of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities. Additionally, the joint engineering program was named one of Insight Into Diversity magazine’s Inspiring Programs in STEM.



Hostos’ joint engineering program with City College received the 2021 Inspiring Programs in STEM Award from Insight Into Diversity magazine, the largest and oldest diversity and inclusion publication in higher education.

PURSUIING GOALS AND DREAMS

Hostos students, many from underserved communities, consistently rise to become leaders who inspire their peers and serve as role models for the next generation. This year, in the face of unprecedented challenges, our students continued to show their extraordinary commitment and determination to let nothing stand in the way of pursuing their goals and chasing their dreams.

2021 Valedictorian Extols Community She Found at Hostos

In her commencement address, Ishrat Zahan, the Class of 2021 valedictorian, spoke of arriving at Hostos in search of a community, a welcoming environment that would support and encourage her academic success. The Bronx resident found all that and more — and actively contributed to that community during her time at the College. While at Hostos, she served as the Accelerated Study in Associate Programs (ASAP)



ambassador and the president of International Narratives, which seeks to foster a more socially conscious and politically active student body. She also is an organizer for CUNY for Abolition and Safety.

Ms. Zahan is currently a junior at Hunter College majoring in sociology and triple minoring in women and gender studies, Asian American studies, and public policy.

Dental Hygiene Student's Research Is Published

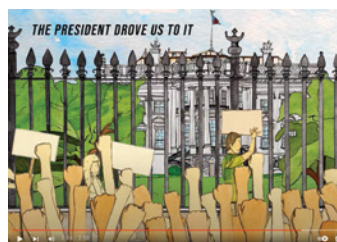
The November 2020 edition of *Dimensions of Dental Hygiene*, a peer-reviewed journal, included the first-ever submission from a current Hostos dental hygiene student. “Effects of a Plant-Based Diet on Oral Health” was initially developed by student Raymond Dimartino as part of the coursework for Assistant Professor Diana Macri’s oral microbiology class in the Spring 2020 semester. He further refined his manuscript for publication with Assistant Professor Macri.

Engineering Students Recognized at Research Conference for Minority Students

Four Hostos engineering students attended the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students, held Nov. 9–13, 2020. Two of three posters created by Hostos students were recognized for outstanding presentation. Alpha Bah and Francisco Javier Gómez Pérez, mentored by Hostos Professor Yoel Rodríguez, were recognized for “Structure-Based Characterization of TRPM8 Modulators Using Computer-Aided Molecular Design.” Hostos student Scarlet Martínez Cardoze and three students from John Jay College were recognized for “Green Tea Catechins Can Potentially Regulate miR-125b-5p in Breast Cancer Cells.” That team was mentored by Dr. Rodríguez and Dr. Lisette Delgado-Cruzata of John Jay.

Digital Design Professor and Students Animate Music Video


Humanities Adjunct Professor Victor Pinnock and a group of 11 Hostos digital design and animation students were the creative talent behind the music video for musician Matt Dobkin’s song “Organize.” The track samples the presidential announcement speech made by Shirley Chisholm, the first

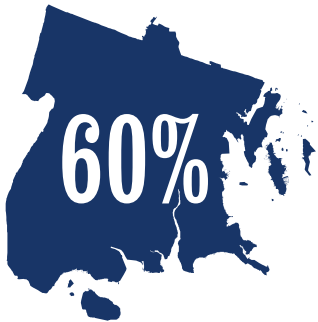


Black woman elected to Congress and the first major-party Black candidate to seek the nomination for president. The striking visuals, created and polished by the students in a nearly

yearlong process, combine ink and watercolor, paper cutouts, stop motion animation, and motion graphics.

PURSuing GOALS AND DREAMS

 **58%**
HOSTOS
STUDENTS
**1ST GENERATION
COLLEGE STUDENT**

 **60%**
**HOSTOS STUDENTS
LIVE IN THE
BRONX**

91% 
**HOSTOS STUDENTS
RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID**



Hostos' 2021 Kaplan Leadership Scholars (left to right): Rosina Asiamah, Boinzemwende Jarmila Roxane Ouango, and Oumou Traore.

Three Hostos Students Selected as Kaplan Leadership Scholars

The Kaplan Educational Foundation selected three Hostos students — Rosina Asiamah, Boinzemwende Jarmila Roxane Ouango, and Oumou Traore — for the 2021 Kaplan Leadership Program. The multiyear program provides tutoring, academic advisement, leadership and career training, financial support, and other resources to help students complete their associate degree and go on to earn a bachelor's degree at the nation's most highly selective schools.

Oumou Traore Is Semifinalist for Highly Selective Scholarship

Oumou Traore, one of Hostos' Kaplan Scholars, was also a semifinalist for the highly competitive Cooke

Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. The Jack Cooke Kent Foundation supports exceptional community college students seeking to complete their bachelor's degrees. The 406 semifinalists were chosen from more than 1,500 applicants attending 398 community colleges in 44 states and the District of Columbia.

Media Design Students Engage in Service Learning Project

Students enrolled in Professor Simona Prives' Introduction to Usable Design class in Fall 2020 put their burgeoning skills to use in a pilot service learning project. They were charged with researching and designing new brand imaging for two nonprofit organizations, Queens Power and the Atlantic Center for Capital Representation. The students' work, well received by their clients, will be used to promote the organizations.

“When day comes, we step out of the shade, aflame and unafraid.
The new dawn blooms as we free it,
For there is always light,
If only we’re brave enough to see it,
If only we’re brave enough to be it.”

— AMANDA GORMAN, EXCERPT FROM “THE HILL WE CLIMB AND OTHER POEMS”

David Rivera Recognized for Work as Theater Critic

David Rivera’s work as a student theater critic for the Kennedy Center American



College Theater Festival earned him an honorable mention from the Institute for Theater Journalism and Advocacy. Rivera, an English major

at Hostos, first became involved with the theater festival in 2020, when Professor Natasha Lorca Yannacañedo nominated him to attend the weeklong event and participate in workshops where students write daily critiques of plays, which are then discussed in detail with mentors and peers in roundtable sessions.

Student Selected for Prestigious Summer STEM Internship

Hostos student Boinzemwende Jarmila Roxane Ouango was selected to serve as a summer intern at Brookhaven National Laboratory in Upton, New York, through a program run by the United States Department of Energy (DOE). The sought-after internship encourages undergraduate students to pursue careers in STEM by providing an opportunity to work under the guidance of scientific and engineering staff on projects that are relevant to the DOE mission.

Students Present at CUNY Research Scholars Program Symposium

Hostos Community College was well represented at the CUNY Research Scholars Program Symposium this past summer. Thirty-two Hostos students delivered 19 research presentations, and eight students were recognized for outstanding work.

32 Students + 19 Presentations = 8 Recognitions

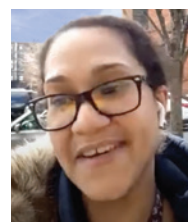
FOR OUTSTANDING WORK AS CUNY RESEARCH SCHOLARS

On the first day of the symposium, Olawale Oladapo and Serigne Mbaye, under the mentorship of Assistant Professor Biao Jiang, were recognized for “Big Data Analytics on Social Media Regarding the COVID-19 Vaccine.” Boinzemwende Jarmila Roxane Ouango and Mariam Koanda’s presentation of “Analysis of Heat Dissipation by Natural Convection from a Flat Heated Plate Using Thermal Imaging” was also commended. They were mentored by Professor Moise Koffi. Onyinyechi Winner Obineche and Scarlet Martínez Cardoze, mentored by Professor Yoel Rodríguez, were recognized on the symposium’s second day for their effort, “In Silico Discovery of Neutralizing Agents Targeting SARS-CoV-2 Spike Glycoprotein.” On the final day of the

symposium, students Jackeline Figueroa and Carlos Silverio, mentored by Professor Norberto Michel Hernández Valdés-Portela, were commended on “A Preliminary Qualitative Analysis of the Factors Impacting Students’ Completion at Hostos Community College.”

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Awards Scholarships to Two Students

Celina García and Rodolphe Sossou Tchatcha were recipients of the 2020 New York City Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Award at its annual banquet and award ceremony in December. In a break from the past, the Chamber awarded two merit scholarships — one for \$2,000 and a second for \$1,000 — assisting students of Hispanic heritage to obtain college degrees. Applicants for the award must have a 3.0 GPA or higher and submit a recommendation from a professor and a 500-word essay concerning their educational and career goals.



EXHIBITING COMMITMENT AND CREATIVITY

The vibrant intellectual environment enlivened by Hostos faculty creates rich opportunities to draw students into new areas of intellectual experience, expands their cultural and global awareness, and prepares them to make well-reasoned judgments outside — as well as within — their academic field.

Vásquez-Isca Is Accepted to Harvard Graduate School of Education Program

Elys Vásquez-Isca, associate professor of Community Health, was accepted and received a scholarship to participate in the Harvard Institute Graduate School of Education's new professional development program, *Bravely Confronting Racism in Higher Education*, in fall 2021. The program aims to build a more equitable environment for the



community of students, faculty, and staff within a higher education institution by developing a sustainable practice to confront racism through anti-racism, diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives.

Vásquez-Isca hopes the experience will enable her to contribute to the Hostos Center for Teaching and Learning by developing a workshop on racism in higher education.

Subert Completes Postgraduate Studies at U.N. Institute

An assistant professor in the Visual and Performing Arts unit of Hostos' Humanities department, Maria Subert recently completed her postgraduate studies at the United Nations Institute for Training and Research. Focusing on conflict resolution and crisis management, Subert dealt specifically with ethnic conflict and questions of nationality and identity. The Romani people have been the subject of a great deal of her scholarship, and issues relating to the historical abuse and oppression of the Romani population figured into her fellowship year. In an age when systemic racism is receiving unprecedented scrutiny, research like Subert's takes on additional significance.



Marcella Bencivenni Excels On and Off Campus

Marcella Bencivenni, professor of history in the Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences, was a Tiro a Segno Fellow in Italian American Studies at New York University in Fall 2020. As part of her fellowship, she taught courses examining Italian immigration and presented two public lectures under the auspices of the Tiro A Segno Foundation. Prior to that, Bencivenni contributed "The Italian Immigrant Working Class Experience in the United States" to the online Oxford Research Encyclopedia of American History. Later this year, the University of Toronto Press will publish a study of Cold War counterintelligence featuring Bencivenni's chapter titled "American Communism, Anti-Communism, and the Cold War: The Case of Carl Marzani, 1947–1951."



EXHIBITING COMMITMENT & CREATIVITY

Hostos President Serves as Guest Speaker at Several Important Events

President Cocco De Filippis appeared as a guest speaker at a number of events, forums, and panel discussions over the past year. These included the American Council on Education's forum on mental health and its impact on student success at community colleges, the NYU Langone panel "Ethical and Policy Challenges Regarding Schooling During the COVID-19 Pandemic," the CUNY Career Compass for Women Leaders Conference, and the Brookfield (Connecticut) Library event on the early writings of Julia Alvarez.

The President was also recognized by City & State New York as one of the Bronx Power 50 and New York's Higher Education Power 100 and as one of the Power Women of the Bronx by Shneps Media.



Hostos Professor Azizi Seixas was named one of 1,000 Inspiring Black Scientists in America in December 2020 by Cell Press.

Seixas Is Named Among 1,000 Inspiring Black Scientists in America

Azizi Seixas, an adjunct professor in the Behavioral and Social Sciences department, was named one of 1,000 Inspiring Black Scientists in America. The list was compiled by Cell Press, an online resource for researchers that showcases contributions Black scientists make to the scientific community. Dr. Seixas has over 100 publications, book chapters, and conference presentations to his credit.

Méndez Receives New York Yankees Community Achievement Award

In fall 2020, Idelsa Méndez, Hostos Development Officer, received the New York Yankees Community Achievement Award honoring individuals and organizations making a difference in their community. Méndez was singled



out for her work uniting the Mott Haven Bar & Grill and World Central Kitchen to provide free meals to the Hostos

community and later to all Bronx CUNY students who were experiencing food insecurity as a result of the pandemic.

Yannacañedo Stars in All-Female Stage Adaptation of "Othello"

Assistant Professor Natasha Lorca Yannacañedo played Emilia in an exciting 90-minute all-female stage adaptation of "Othello: The Moor of Venice," by the Harlem Shakespeare Festival in partnership with the National Arts Club. The play was hosted via Zoom and performed by a cast of eight classically trained actresses.

“It is not enough to impart knowledge, you must teach how to acquire it; it is not enough to teach constructed science, you must teach how to construct it. ...In a word, it is not enough to teach knowledge, you must teach how to reason.”

— EUGENIO MARÍA DE HOSTOS

Linda Hirsch and EdCast Receive Two More Telly Awards

“EdCast,” the CUNY TV program produced, written, and hosted by Hostos Professor Linda Hirsch, was the recipient of two 2021 Bronze Telly Awards, honoring excellence in television and video across all screens. “EdCast” has now received a total of eight Tellys. This year, the award-winning episodes in the Television General-Education category were “Returning to Campus During COVID-19” and “Powerful Voices: New Approaches to Stuttering.” The latter featured Noel Mullings, a student at HERO (Health, Education, and Research Occupations) High School/Hostos Early College Partnership.



8-Time Winner

FOR EXCELLENCE
IN CABLE BROADCASTING



Nancy Genova Is Selected to Serve as Facilitator for Global Solutions



Nancy Genova, lecturer in the Behavioral and Social Sciences department's Public Policy & Law unit, has been accepted

to serve as a facilitator for the Global Solutions Sustainability Challenge, a virtual exchange program for U.S. community college students and university students in Jordan and Iraq. Binational teams of students engage through six weeks of dialogue to address real needs in their local communities and, inspired by the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals, ideate a solution. Participants develop important workforce skills. The initiative also improves global citizenship, strengthens problem-solving skills, and develops enduring connections while enhancing students' job skills through online collaboration. Global Solutions Conversations is supported by the Stevens Initiative, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. government and administered by the Aspen Institute.

Hostos Alum and Current Professor Pursues Ph.D.

An adjunct in the Health Education unit and a 2015 graduate of Hostos, Professor Herve Fossou has been accepted to a Ph.D. program in

epidemiology at the Washington State University School of Public Health. After graduating from Hostos, Fossou earned a master's in public health focusing on epidemiology and biostatistics from CUNY Graduate School of Public Health & Health Policy.

Chang and Valdés-Portela Are Inaugural Mellon Faculty Fellows

Professors Helen Chang and Norberto Michel Hernández Valdés-Portela, faculty members in the Behavioral and Social Sciences department, were named Andrew W. Mellon Transformative Learning in the Humanities Faculty Fellows. The inaugural group of 51 fellows will spend the year sharing ideas and rethinking the role of the humanities classroom in preparing students for future careers and to contribute to a more just and equitable democratic future. Dr. Chang, a political scientist, was selected for the Fall 2021 cohort. Professor Valdés-Portela, an economics instructor, is in the Spring 2022 cohort.



SELECTED EVENTS

While stay-at-home mandates prohibited large, in-person gatherings, Hostos Community College found new ways to hold community-building and fundraising events and to celebrate special occasions, accomplishments, and milestones.



September 2020: The **14th Annual Scholarship Fund Golf Outing Classic** pivoted to a competition on the links between CUNY Chancellor and former Hostos President Félix V. Matos Rodríguez and Hostos Foundation Chairperson José A. Sánchez-Kinghorn. The fun half-hour program carried on the tradition of the beloved event and premiered on YouTube on Sept. 17, raising more than \$82,000.



October 2020: The new **Evelina Antonetty Playground**, named for the noted civil rights activist, union organizer, and founder of United Bronx Parents, is located on the Grand Concourse immediately south of Hostos. The grand opening is marked with a special ribbon-cutting event on Oct. 8. Hostos President Cocco De Filippis was joined at the ceremony by New York City Parks Commissioner Mitchell Silver; Assemblywoman Carmen Arroyo; Councilman Rafael Salamanca, Jr.; Antonetty's daughter Anita; and Hostos Foundation Board Member Elba Cabrera, sister of Evelina Antonetty.



February 2021: In celebration of **Dominican Heritage Month**, Hostos President Cocco De Filippis (far left) and Dean Ana García Reyes (far right) recognized two distinguished Latino leaders: Hon. Lourdes Ventura (second from left), Supreme Court Justice of the state of New York, and Hon. Amin Cruz (second from right), Minister Counsel of the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations and Hostos alumnus.



March 2021: President Daisy Cocco De Filippis (right) accepted a \$57,000 gift from **Nasry Michelen Foundation** Board Chair Cira Ángeles for scholarships for academically deserving students majoring in the allied health and science fields. The Foundation designated \$50,000 for creating an endowment and \$7,000 for two scholarships presented in May 2021 at the College's Honors Convocation Ceremony. The Nasry Michelen Foundation is named after one of the founders of Hostos Community College and its first president.



April 2021: Stuart Feiner (above) and his wife, Randi P. Feiner, were honored with the Philanthropic Impact Award at the virtual edition of Hostos' **Annual Scholarship Benefit**, which premiered on YouTube on April 29. The event to support students along their road to degree completion raised \$107,000 from 25 generous donors.



May 2021: Among the leaders who sent messages of congratulations to Hostos graduates at the **51st Commencement Ceremony** were (clockwise from upper left): U.S. Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand and Congressmen Ritchie Torres and Adriano Espaillat.

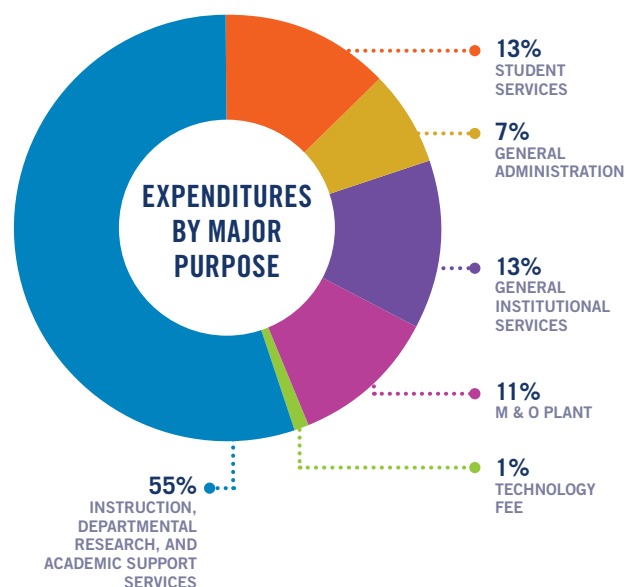


May 2021: In recognition of extraordinary service, Daisy Cocco De Filippis bestowed five Presidential Medals at the **51st Commencement Ceremony** to (clockwise from upper left): student Maya Joy Abdoussala '21, Chief Administrative Superintendent of Campus Operations Frank Virone, community leader Dr. Rafael Lantigua, and faculty members Kate Wolfe and Nelson Nuñez Rodríguez.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

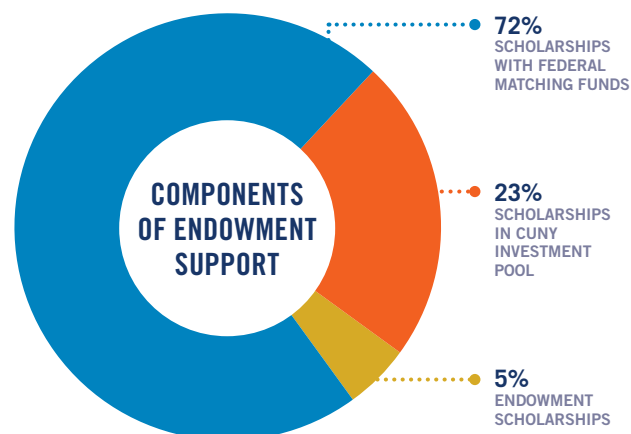
EXPENDITURES BY MAJOR PURPOSE, FY 2021

Instruction, Departmental Research, and Academic Support Services	\$54,130,706	55%
Student Services	13,280,340	13%
General Administration	7,379,534	7%
General Institutional Services	12,471,270	13%
M & O Plant	10,938,411	11%
Subtotal	\$98,200,261	99%
Technology Fee	971,281	1%
Total Allocation	\$99,171,542	100%



COMPONENTS OF ENDOWMENT SUPPORT, FY 2021

Scholarships in CUNY Investment Pool	\$327,216	23%
Scholarships with Federal Matching Funds	1,044,253	72%
Endowment Scholarships	79,420	5%
Total Endowment	\$1,450,889	100%



COLLEGE PROFILE

FALL 2019 ENROLLMENT: 7,120

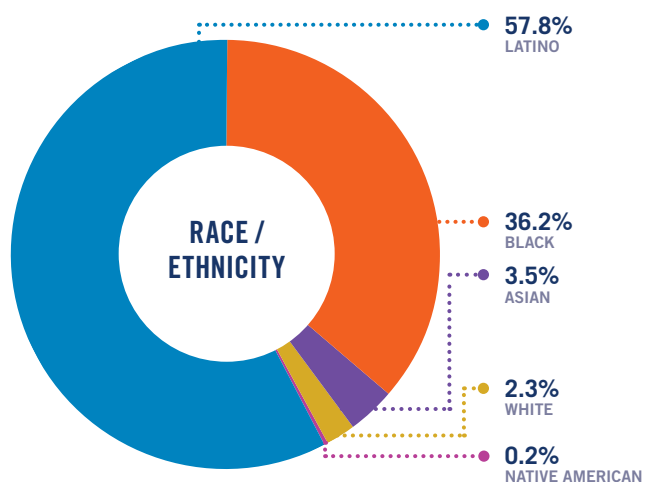
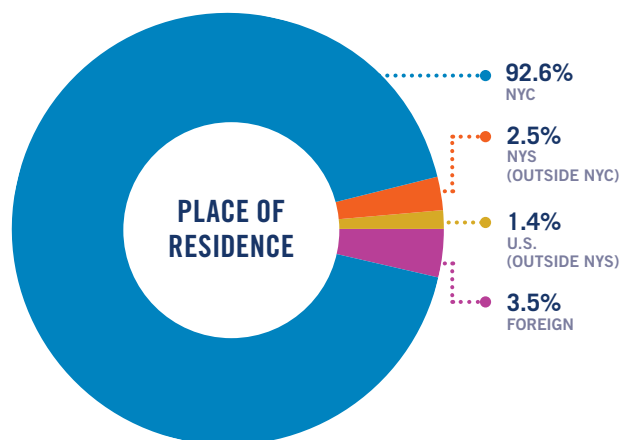
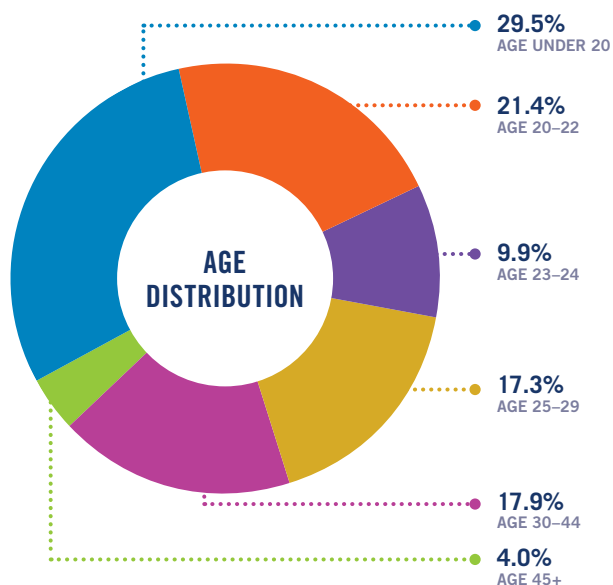
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47.3% PART TIME

GENDER

66.4% FEMALE

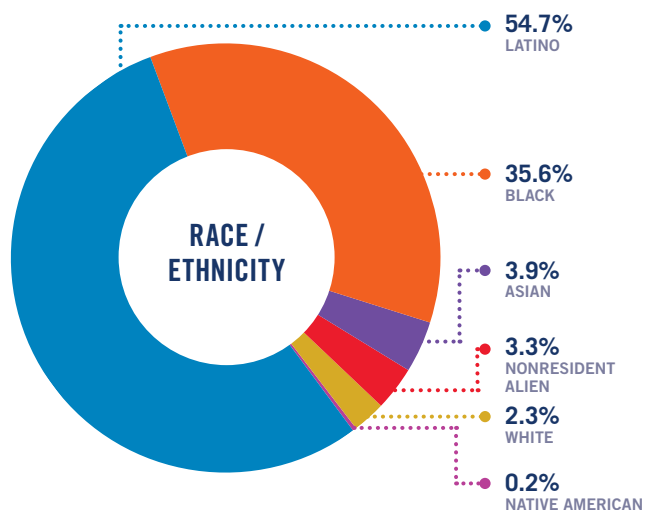
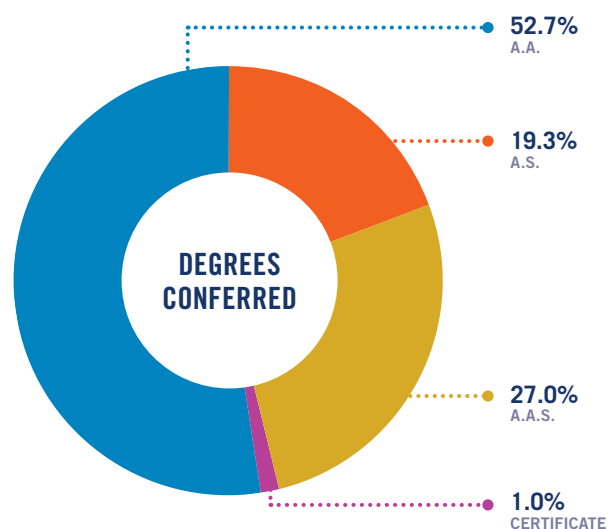
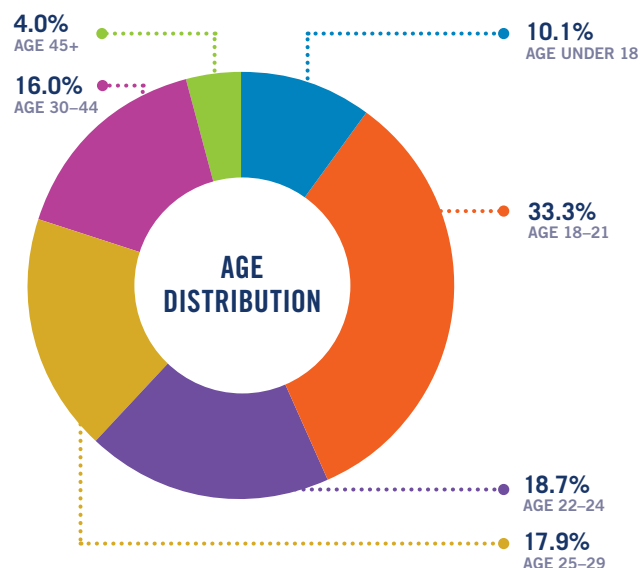
33.6% MALE



GRADUATE PROFILE

1,257: NUMBER OF GRADUATES IN 2018–2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

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This year will undoubtedly linger in our collective consciousness for many reasons, but it is a year when we truly learned the importance of our Hostos community. Though physically separated, we chose to face our shared struggle together. We see it in the stories of students and alumni using their talents to uplift those around them. It is evident in the work of faculty members who — even in the virtual environment — encouraged excellence from students. And the message is clear from the generous outpouring of support from dear friends of the College that Hostos is one united family, determined to provide path-broadening higher education to all who seek it.

From this pivotal moment in our history, Hostos is prepared to move forward. As the College continues to cultivate innovative opportunities that avail to Hostos students all the possibilities of this great city, we also must remember to help students manage the exigent needs that can disrupt their academic trajectory. Please make your gift today in support of emergency scholarships that empower students to persist. Your gift will benefit the Bridge Tuition Support Assistance (BTSA) Fund and the Circle of 100 Emergency Fund. These funds provide:

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