



A MESSAGE FROM INTERIM PRESIDENT

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## **Eugenio María de Hostos' 182<sup>nd</sup> Birthday (January 11, 1839)**

January 11 is the birth anniversary of Eugenio María de Hostos, the trailblazing Puerto Rican educator, writer, and advocate for human rights whose name our institution so proudly bears.

Hostos was not only one of the most influential Latin American scholars of his day; he also founded educational institutions in Chile and the Dominican Republic, and worked for the independence of Cuba and Puerto Rico.

Eugenio María de Hostos continues to inspire generations of educators and reminds us all of the key role education plays in any agenda for change. Hostos' thoughts and writings were revolutionary for his time, and they have still the power to uplift and motivate students and academics throughout the world.

We at the College cherish his inclusive and democratic goals and do our utmost to embody them.

*Feliz cumpleaños, Don Eugenio! Your ideas and your example live on.*

*Mil gracias y bendiciones,*

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