



A message from **THE PRESIDENT**

To the Hostos Family:

We have lost a titan.

On August 12 Justice Frank Torres passed away. He was 93 years old.

His was a long, varied, and productive life. A former New York State Supreme Court Justice, he worked tirelessly to promote a greater Hispanic presence in the legal profession. He spent a decade-and-a half working for the New York office of the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development and was the founder of the Ponce de Leon Federal Savings Bank, one of the first financial institutions created for New York's Hispanic population. In 1963 he served a term as a NY State assemblyman for the Bronx.

Those are only a few of Justice Torres' accomplishments. We knew him best as a cherished board member of the Hostos Community College Foundation. He served on the Foundation's Board as a champion of Hostos, and brought to his efforts there what he brought to everything he did: integrity, a passionate commitment to justice and inclusion, and the firm determination to make good things happen.

We were lucky to have known and worked with such a man, and we send Justice Torres' family our deepest sympathies during this time of sorrow. His collection at the Center for Puerto Rican Studies in Hunter College can be viewed [here](#).

In sorrow,

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