



A MESSAGE FROM INTERIM PRESIDENT

Daisy Cocco De Filippis, Ph.D.

Hostos mourns the loss of Graciano Matos Santiago, beloved father of Graciano E. Matos, the College's Senior Success Coach in the Student Success Coaching Unit. Mr. Matos Santiago fought a valiant 14-year battle with cancer, which came to a peaceful end on June 13, 2021.

Graciano Matos Santiago was committed to education and the public good. He served as Laboratory Hygiene Officer at the City College of New York, from 2001 to the day of his passing. Motivated by the desire to create safe, equitable and just workplaces, he gave unstintingly to various CUNY committees and to PSC-CUNY union work.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Carmen Vásquez, sons Graciano Emil and Camilo, granddaughter Nedine Graciela, as well as many siblings, nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews.

Funeral viewing:

Saturday, June 19, 2021, 12:30 to 4:30 pm

George H. Weldon Funeral Home

353 East 116th Street, New York, NY (between 2nd and 1st Avenues)

Donations in memory of Mr. Graciano Matos may be made to either of the following:

Doctors Without Borders, <https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org>

Or

Union of Concerned Scientists, <https://www.ucsusa.org>

A few lines from Jorge Manrique, one of the greatest poets of the Spanish Middle Ages, seem appropriate on this sad occasion.

Este mundo bueno fue
si bien usásemos dél,
como debemos,
porque, según nuestra fe,
es para ganar aquel
que atendemos...

(This world is counted good
If we have used it well,
Just as we ought;
According to our faith,
We will obtain the world
That we have sought...)

Hostos extends its deepest sympathies to the family members,
friends, and colleagues he leaves behind.

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