



A message from **THE PRESIDENT**

Welcome to Hostos Community College!

As we embark on the Fall 2021 semester, I can't help but reflect on where we were, individually and collectively, a year ago at this time.

Life, it seemed, had been reduced to its fundamentals. The pandemic was taking a drastic toll on our nation and on the world. Our horizons had diminished to our immediate surroundings. We worked and studied from home and rarely saw our friends and loved ones in person. Some of us suffered from COVID-19. Some of us lost family and friends. No one escaped unscathed in one way or another.

But we endured.

By helping each other, supporting each other, we weathered the storm.

As mass vaccinations occurred across the United States, our spirits rose and we carefully made our plans for a slow return to something resembling the pre-pandemic world. Much has changed, but one element of our lives remains constant: the belief we share in the power of education.

That belief motivates everything we do at Hostos. Whether they're teaching in-person or at a distance, our faculty members are committed to helping you achieve your academic and personal goals.

Their commitment is only matched by yours.

The pandemic has not stopped your determination to bring new meaning and opportunity to your life. Education is the means to move forward, to engage in your own growth and that of your community. Your education will have a positive impact on the people, organizations, and institutions that support you. Degree or certificate in hand, you in turn will contribute in many important ways to their continued progress.

Hostos Community College takes pride in its history and in its namesake: Don Eugenio María de Hostos, the Puerto Rican philosopher, educator, man of letters and fighter for the independence of Puerto Rico. The College arose from the vision and activism of many Puerto Rican, Latino, and other supporters who believed the South Bronx deserved its own community college.

We take pride in the quality of teaching and learning at the College, and in our work with community agencies to promote educational, labor, economic and community development initiatives. To that end, we offer programs designed to promote engagement both on campus and in our communities.

The [Hostos catalog](#) presents a rich offering of career and academic programs, including allied health, arts, digital design and animation, education, engineering, liberal arts and sciences, theater arts, and many other disciplines. We are here to help you dream big – and to realize those dreams.

I am happy to share the link to my communication to students and faculty to welcome a new academic semester: [El Semanario Hostosiano/The Hostos Weekly](#).

It is a joy for me to offer these words of welcome and encouragement, and I wish you all the best as you begin – or continue – your time at Hostos.

Mil gracias y bendiciones,

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