HOSTOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION



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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Much has changed since 1968, the year a dedicated band of students, activists and community leaders founded Hostos Community College. This is to be expected; as the ancient Greek philosopher Heraclitus once observed, "The only thing that is constant is change." One thing that has not changed, however, is the College's mission: To provide the South Bronx and neighboring communities with affordable, high-quality education, and to inspire our students to excel and create a better world for themselves, their families, and the communities of which they are a part.

In the following pages you will meet a few of our many donors who believe in our mission and have given generously and meaningfully of their time, energy, and resources in support of our students. Their stories are as varied and diverse as could be imagined, but they all possess the desire to give back – to help – so that others may also succeed inside and outside of the classroom. We trust you will be moved and inspired by their lives and their dedication to being agents of change.

You will also find a panoply of facts about the College and its students, a financial overview, a list of individual and corporate donors, and a list of the 32 scholarships the college offers. We believe it paints a picture of a thriving institution.

As we begin our next 50 years, we take pride in our past and look forward with hope and optimism. Five decades of inspiring and transforming lives tells us we are doing something right, and we hope you will choose to contribute to the scholarships and student support services that play a vital role in student success. Together, we can achieve wonders.

With our very best wishes,

David Gómez, Ed.D.

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The Stavros Niarchos Foundation is named for its founder Stavros Niarchos. an astute businessman and true visionary. After studying law in Greece and serving in the Greek Navy in World War II, Niarchos started a shipping company in Greece that grew rapidly into a global business. After his death in 1996, his legacy and philosophy of meaningful giving continued through the work of the Foundation, to which he gave a broad mandate to support organizations in the fields of arts & culture, education, health & sports, and social welfare. In the 22 years since the Foundation's establishment, more than 4,000 grants have been made to institutions and organizations in 124 countries. Among the recipients of grant support is Hostos Community College, which has received gifts totaling over \$400,000 since 2014.

Vasili Tsamis serves as Group Chief Operating Officer of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation. He provides strategic direction to shape the Foundation's grant-making activity and ensures the smooth operation of the three offices in Athens, Monaco and New York City. "Education, as a commitment to the younger generation, is a very special part of the Foundation's giving. By building communities, you build for the future and the positive impacts of education multiply over the course of a life," he stated.

The principle of supporting positive change in underserved communities guides many aspects of the Foundation's grant-making. Tsamis recalls that the first grant awarded to Hostos Community College by the Foundation in 2014 was in support of returning veterans. "The Foundation believed it was important to support returning veterans as they transition back to civilian life and look forward to the future."

In making grants, the Foundation seeks organizations pursuing a purposeful and meaningful central mission and fully committed to the cause of the individuals they serve. "Hostos demonstrates a clear direction, a commitment and enthusiasm through its teachers and educators. The Foundation selected Hostos with the knowledge that Hostos would maximize the support given and that investing this support would yield generous returns in goodwill and good feeling."

Born and raised in Greece, Tsamis came to the U.S. in his high school years and stayed for college. After a successful three-decade career in the banking industry, he was offered an opportunity to work for the Foundation, an organization whose philosophy of giving he greatly admired. Tsamis steadfastly believes in the work of the Foundation and finds deep fulfillment in his role. He is able to put his skills and experience toward making positive change in people's lives. "How can we not provide a better life, the promise of a better future to those who are deserving?"

Tsamis believes in the symmetry of doing well and doing good and avidly identifies with one of the aphorisms of Eugenio María de Hostos in the 50 Aphorisms book found on his desk: "True human beings are those individuals that, while progressing in life, in thinking, in will, and feeling, preserve their infancy in old age, their candor despite experience, their purity amidst worldly knowledge, their faith even when confronting the most intense of desperations – a conscience in everything and in spite of everything."

A JOURNEY OF GRATITUDE

VAN C. TRAN

Dr. Van Tran's educational journey reads like a poem:

From Hostos. to Hunter, to Harvard.

His professional trajectory is equally storybook: Born in Vietnam, his family lived as refugees in Thailand. Now Tran is assistant professor of sociology at Columbia University. His area of expertise blends immigration, gentrification, ethnic relations, social inequality and public policy, and his unique perspective has fueled his desire to lift others.

Where did this immigration scholar and urban sociologist become fascinated with inner-city melting pots? Hostos Community College. "My time at Hostos was transformative," Tran noted. "The moment I stepped foot on campus, I saw flags from all over the world hanging from the C-Building ceiling. It was so reflective of Hostos' spirit." One core area of his research is the intergenerational integration of Hispanic and Latino immigrants. These first ideas originated from his exposure to classmates at Hostos as he wondered who they were, why they were here, and what their American experience was like. Through studying sociology, Tran found the answer to all of his questions.

When he came to the U.S. in 1998 with his family, Tran worked in a hardware store. Dreaming of pursuing a college degree, he carefully went through the Yellow Pages alphabetically, calling each institution and inquiring the cost of education. Upon encountering Hostos, he realized that following his dream would be financially feasible.



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The Hostos alum, who graduated in 2002, recalls the moment he was inspired to give back. "As I reflected upon my journey, I remembered how I arrived in NYC as a refugee. It was Hostos that gave me the opportunity to achieve my own version of the American dream." Although now a professor, Tran came from a low-income background and identifies with the students' need for financial support. "The support I received made all the difference in what I have achieved."

A longtime supporter of Hostos, Tran concluded years ago that "there is no time like now" to give and simply donates to the College and other institutions of higher learning that guided him toward his educational calling. He gives back as a way of demonstrating his gratitude to the institution that provided him with an education and launched him into the professional career he holds and the professor he is today. He also believes in the significance of giving to the next generation of students. "It is important to provide opportunities to the next generation of students who, like me, arrived from all over the world to Hostos. They should also have a fair shot of achieving their own American dream. I think this is the most meaningful aspect of giving."





COMMUNITY MATTERS

BILL AGUADO

Former director of the Bronx Council of the Arts Bill Aguado has long advocated for and invested heavily in the people and communities of the Bronx, and his longtime commitment to Hostos Community College is a natural extension of his dedication to the borough. "I liked what they were doing," he said of the College. "I liked the commitment of the professionals at Hostos, I like its history, in some respects I was part of its history." Indeed, he was and continues to be.

Aguado has been an ardent supporter of Hostos for decades, over which time he has collaborated with the Hostos Center for the Arts & Culture, served as a Hostos Community College Foundation board member for more than twenty years and generously donated to such efforts as the Carlos González and Edward González, Jr. Scholarship, the Circle of 100, and the Hostos Archives at the library. Approximately six years ago, Aguado established the Josephine Aguado Scholarship for Hostos students who are single mothers. The scholarship – named in honor of his late mother who raised him on her own after his father passed away - grants a handful of students a \$1,000 scholarship each year. "I want to honor the single mother who's going to school and raising a family," he said. "They have more challenges than students would ever know until they get into that situation of raising a family."

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Students must be enrolled at the College full-time and achieve at least a B average to qualify for the scholarship, and recipients may apply the funds towards anything they wish, even a much-needed vacation.

Aguado has had the privilege of meeting some of the scholarship recipients and says seeing their reactions and the reactions of their families has been especially rewarding.

"To me, it's not just the joy of giving, but it's the affirmation that the recipient feels at some point," he said.

For Aquado who also underwrites fellowships and grants for several other community organizations, that affirmation is what giving is all about. His professional and philanthropic work are largely fueled by a desire to not only provide financial support to those who need it, but to recognize those whose talent, hard work and sacrifice are often overlooked; giving in a loved one's name makes the gift all the more meaningful. Looking ahead, Aguado wants to do more and he hopes his story and philosophy of giving will encourage others to also give meaningful gifts.

He urges others to donate to community organizations, churches and institutions of higher education, such as Hostos. "What I hope can come out of this is that people like me who don't have a family will donate to a community organization, a church or to Hostos," he said, adding that if he had children, he would likely still give. "Right now I think it is important for the message to get out there. And if your children are well off, leave five percent of your estate to a college, CUNY, or Bronx Lebanon or BronxWorks, anyone that has an impact. We have to take care of our own."

LEVELING THE PLAYING FIELD

MICHAEL POTACK

Michael Potack owns and operates his family's business of over 90 years. Unitex, a textile rental company established by Potack's grandfather, originally provided linens for rental within the hospitality industry. The company, now under Potack's management and ownership, was passed to him by his father. Throughout the years, the company expanded its services from hospitality to the medical industry, specializing in medical and healthcare uniform and linen rental for use in New York City hospitals, nursing homes and ambulatory medical practices. After graduating from Baruch College, CUNY in the mid-1960s, Potack went straight to work at his family's business and has been there ever since.

Potack's family business was located near Yankee Stadium from 1947 until 2003 and his connection to the Bronx and the Latino population has always held a deeper meaning to him. He recognizes the support his family's business received from the people of the Bronx and how Latinos have been instrumental in helping to expand his company. "We are proud and thankful for all the contributions that our Latino team members have made over the years to grow and improve our Company." His words could not ring more true as his support of Hostos Community College is not only reflected by way of his own donation, but through employment of Hostos graduates.

Potack's support of the College dates back to 2005 where he provided general support to the Nancy Reveron Domestic Violence Center at Hostos and scholarships towards the Nursing Department. He later established the Judith Z. Potack and Dorothy Hausberg scholarship, which supports graduating nursing students in financial need and covers the fees for post graduate nursing qualifying exams and nursing licensure. The intention of his donation was to offer a benefit to first generation, economically disadvantaged, higher education students who would "help identify opportunities that matched their skill set." Their success motivates him to continue giving. "People should be able to maximize their skills and abilities, and if giving helps people and society, that's a good thing."

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In retrospect, Potack credits his service as the Highbridge Community Life Center Chairman of the Board in the Bronx (which no longer exists), his work with members of that organization, and his brother (a Rabbi) as the impetus for his charitable giving. Their perception of charity aligned with his and he has since chosen to pursue opportunities to give meaningfully believing that one should give back to the institutions that have been instrumental in helping one succeed in life. "I think it is necessary to look back and appreciate where we've passed through."

Recognizing the spirit of Hostos and what the history of the College represents to many students aspiring to accomplish a dream, Potack views Hostos as a "community organization that needs support," and encourages others to give. "It is important to level the playing field by helping people who otherwise would not be able to do so on their own."







For Elías Alcántara, it's all about building relationships. The Bronx native and self-proclaimed "CUNY guy" never attended Hostos, but his closeness to the College and longtime friendship with a former Lehman classmate and current Hostos Development Manager, Idelsa Méndez, enlightened him to the institution's important mission.

Alcántara's passion for people, public policy and civic engagement were honed at CUNY, where he graduated from Lehman College (he also attended Medgar Evers College and John Jay College of Criminal Justice) and later at the Universidad de Chile, where he completed coursework for a master's degree in International Studies with a focus on U.S. and Latin American Affairs. But it was his personal and professional connections that led him to serve at the White House under President Barack Obama. This was when he learned the power of a "meaningful gift" and why he selected Hostos students in his neighborhood as those he would support through his Bronx Element Leadership and Social Justice Scholarship.

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The journey to working in the Obama administration began with an unpaid internship in 2012. It blossomed with the help of the Lehman College Foundation, which assisted in supporting him financially, allowing him to pursue this incredible opportunity. He then served as Senior Associate Director in the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs as a liaison for local officials across the country, landing him on the "2014 Huffington Post's 40 Under 40 Latinos in American Politics." Armed with plenty of connections, clout and expertise, he made the decision to launch his own company.

After his time in the White House, he founded Bronx Element Strategies (BEst), a social impact strategy firm that helps organizations find their philanthropic footing. Alcántara recently joined the government affairs team as Vice President of Macquarie Infrastructure and Real Assets, the world's largest infrastructure asset manager, and is ready to give in a meaningful way and nurture the next generation of policy makers and political agents of change. "If it wasn't for the support from my alma mater's Foundation, I wouldn't have ended up at the White House," Alcántara said. "I am ready to build something at Hostos that will grow and support and inspire the next generation of change agents and policy makers."

For Alcántara, it is what you know, who you know ... and what you believe in.

PRESERVING THE LEGACY

GERALD MEYER

Professor Emeritus of history Gerald Meyer arrived at Hostos Community College in 1972 and immediately became invested in the College. "When I arrived there, I said to myself, I'm going to spend the rest of my professional life here," he explained, adding he felt his political beliefs and values aligned with those of the College community's, and looked forward to being "part of an uplift on a larger scale."

A dedicated political and social activist, Dr. Meyer served as the founding chairperson of the Professional Staff Congress Chapter at Hostos for five years. During that time, he helped lead the campaign to acquire the 500 Building and mobilize the movement to "Save Hostos" amidst a fiscal crisis that threatened to result in a merger of the College with Bronx Community College. During his tenure, Dr. Meyer served on the executive committee of the College Senate. He also co-chaired the Hostos AIDS Task Force and The Hostos Solidarity Coalition, and served as an advisor for student organizations including the Student Government Association and the Lesbian and Gay United Front. Meyer expressed gratitude for the support the College gave to his work.

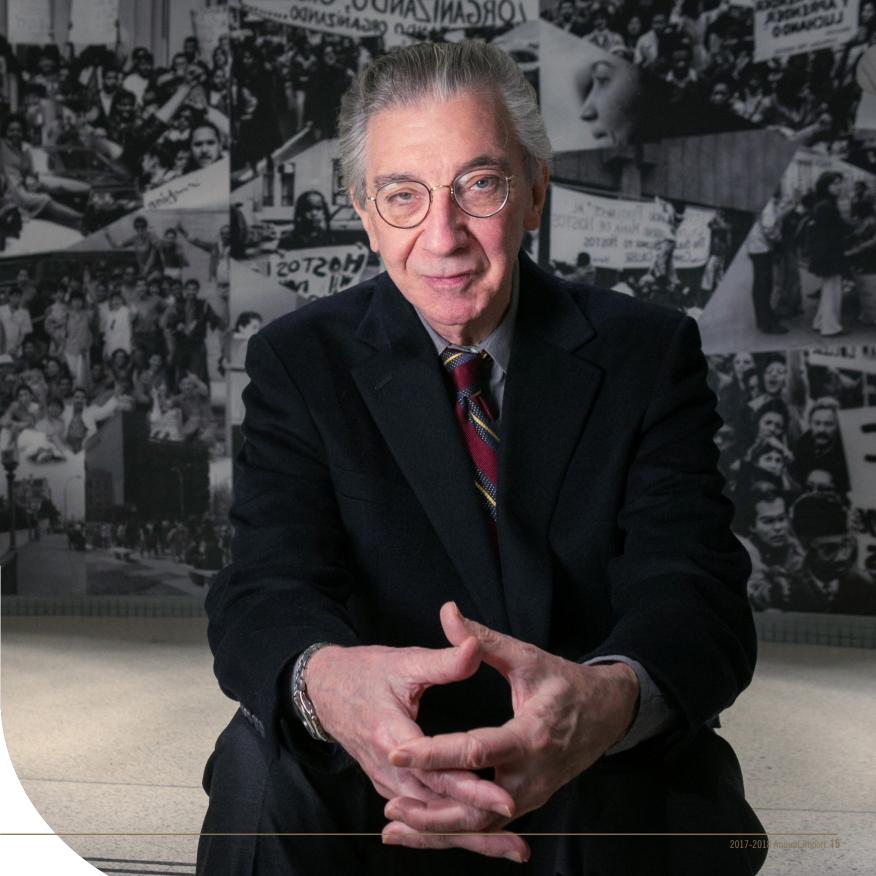
Though Dr. Meyer retired as a full-time faculty member in 2002, he has remained committed to supporting the Hostos community. A steadfast philanthropist, Dr. Meyer co-founded the Circle of 100 Scholarship and Emergency Fund with Nydia Edgecombe, Peter Mertens, and the late Dean Virginia Paris. The fund, which continues to provide emergency grants to students, was inspired by the founders' desire to create a philanthropic community within the College. It has also served as a means for Dr. Meyer to effectively integrate his life with the College, once again. "[With] the Circle of 100, I could return to the school and really be part of things, and I liked that very much," he noted.

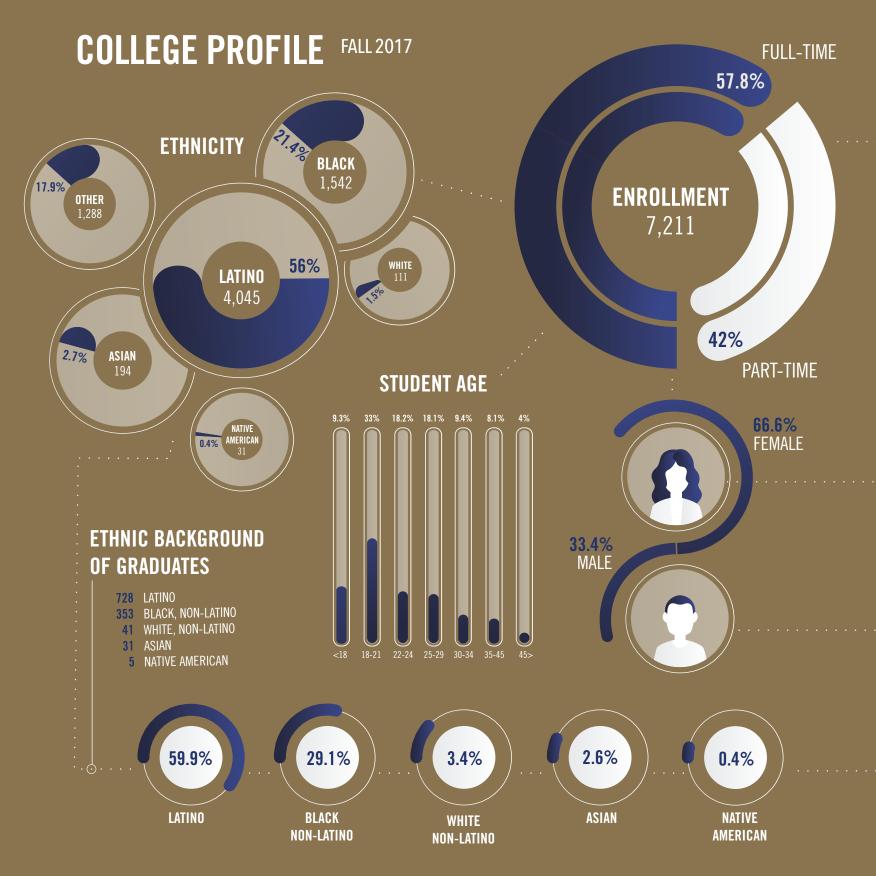
Dr. Meyer has also made generous gifts to the College including one of \$25,000, for which the College offered to name a room after him. He declined the offer and instead requested a room to be named in honor of Vito Marcantonio, a seven-term congressman from East Harlem who fought for the interests of his Puerto Rican, African-American, and Italian-American constituents. Dr. Meyer authored a biography of Marcantonio that he dedicated to the College.

The middle of three brothers, Dr. Meyer grew up in a poor, working-class household in Hudson County, New Jersey. He believes his upbringing, in many ways, shaped who he is as an activist, scholar, educator and donor. He feels fortunate to be in a position where he can give to the College. "It makes me smile," he shared. "I'm happy to do it."

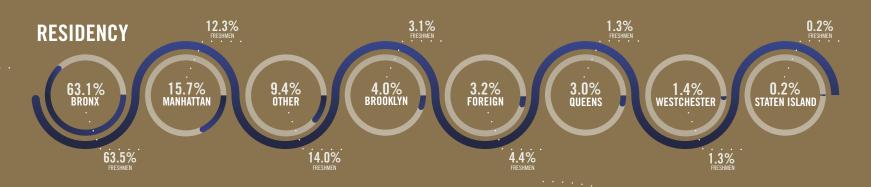
Dr. Meyer, who has a daughter and a son, attributes his success to the support he has received from his life partner of thirty-eight years, Luis Romero, his maintaining a similar standard of living as his income increased, and his desire to help others individually, but also as a member of a movement for social justice. "Being generous with your time, with your resources—that's how you succeed."

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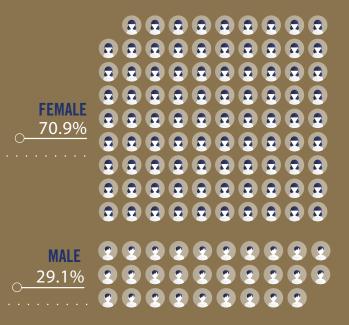


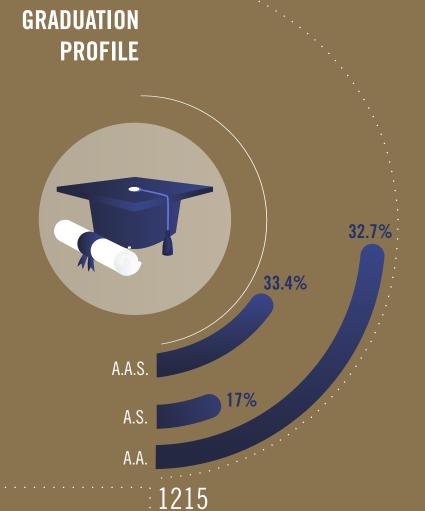


ACADEMIC YEAR 2016-2017 GRADUATION PROFILE



GENDER OF GRADUATES





GRADUATES

50TH ANNIVERSARY BENEFIT

The Hostos Community College Foundation 50th Anniversary Scholarship Benefit was held on April 19, 2018, and through this event, more than **\$408,000** was raised for student scholarships and the educational mission of the College.

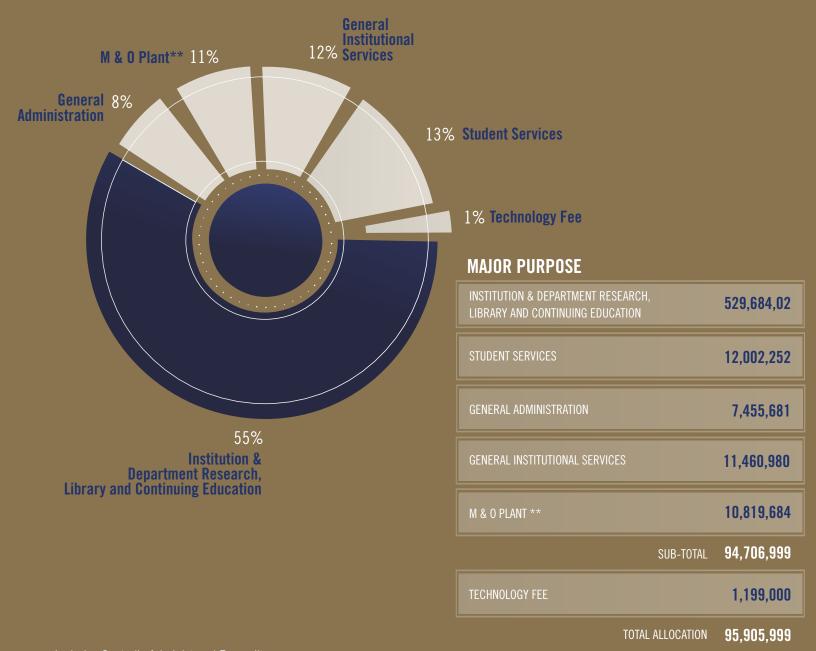


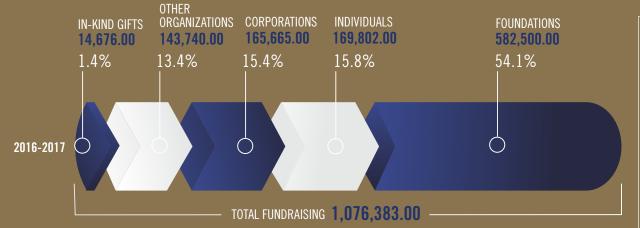




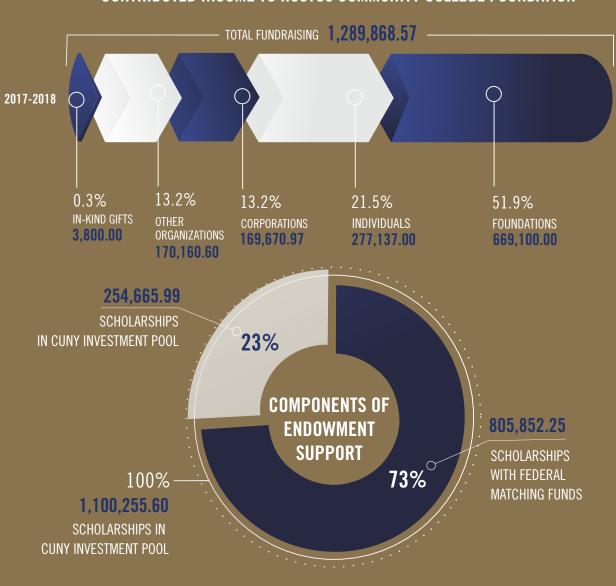
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GAYANE SARKISYANTS

Student and CITGO Scholarship Recipient

Gayane studies Digital Design & Animation and eagerly awaits her graduation in spring 2019. Although her parents originate from Armenia, Gayane was born in Uzbekistan and has lived in Russia since the age of seven.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in Russia, Gayane wanted to further her studies in the United States. She believed it was important for her to attend a university that offered the most affordable tuition for an international student and turned her attention to community colleges. Thoroughly researching the community colleges with media design programs, Gayane knew Hostos was the right choice for her. "I compared different student portfolios and got to the conclusion that Hostos had a powerful animation program." Leaving her family behind in Russia, she arrived in the U.S. in 2015 and began taking English language courses during her first year in the states. By the spring of 2017, she was enrolled as a full-time student at Hostos.

Prior to her fall 2018 semester, Gayane received a phone call regarding her eligibility among other candidates for a merit scholarship from CITGO. At first, she thought it was a prank call. "I asked them ten times if they knew I was an international student." When she received the final call informing her of the scholarship, which covers the full cost of tuition, books and transit, she was completely overcome with emotion and began to cry. Her mother, who has been her sole source of financial support, was taking out loans in Russia to support the costs of her international higher education. "I was so depressed because it's hard to study here without my family and that [the news of the scholarship] woke me up and gave me so much motivation."

The 26-year old aspires to transfer to a four-year university after graduation, pursue her bachelor's degree, and secure a job related to her field of study. "I hope I become a famous person," she says. "Out of that, I would be able to make donations to schools, colleges; to students who need help. This is my big dream."

She recognizes what receiving a scholarship has meant in terms of her academic advancement and greatly appreciates her donor's generosity. To those considering to give, her message is simply: "Even a small help, like a MetroCard, saves a lot of money and helps you buy food instead. The smallest donation can save a student from depression." Her advice to students seeking financial assistance, especially international students, is to ask anyone and everyone at the college about the types of resources and programs available to them. "New York is not a place to be shy."

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