



A message from **THE PRESIDENT**

2025 BLACK HISTORY MONTH BEGINS TODAY!

Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.

– Harriet Tubman (1822-1913),

American Abolitionist and Social Activist

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February is Black History Month, a time to honor the contributions made by Black Americans over the course of our nation's history. Every discipline imaginable – the arts, the sciences, philosophy and religion, the world of industry as well as the world of government – has benefited enormously from their genius. Black History Month also provides us with the opportunity to examine the systemic racism which has marred (and continues to mar) so many lives and destroyed so much potential.

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Racism separates, but it never liberates. Hatred generates fear, and fear once given a foothold binds, consumes, and imprisons. Nothing is gained from prejudice. No one benefits from racism.

– Thurgood Marshall (1908-1993),

American Civil Rights Leader and the first Black Supreme Court Justice of the United States

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As we celebrate Black History Month at Hostos, let us reaffirm our commitment to making “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness” possible for everyone and not just words on an ancient piece of parchment. In a particularly polarized age, where rights and privileges we’ve assumed were sacrosanct are under attack, may we all join in the struggle to create a United States that respects and represents all of its citizens – a dream truly worthy of every ounce of passion we can summon.

Sincerely,

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