



## A message from **THE PRESIDENT**

To the Hostos community:

Yesterday (Sunday, January 9, 2022) tragedy struck the Bronx: A devastating fire in Fordham Heights claimed the lives of 19 people, nine of whom were children. An additional 44 people were injured. The New York Times has described it as “the deadliest fire New York City had seen in more than three decades.”

I know I speak for all at Hostos when I mourn the loss of these precious lives, and join thousands of other all over the city who are saddened and shocked by this horrendous event.

A catastrophe like this has long-term emotional, mental, physical, and economic effects on those who survived. Many have lost everything they have and find themselves in dire need of food, clothing, and shelter. We are presently in the process of identifying and reaching out to any members of the Hostos family who resides at that address. I urge us all to do what we can to assist and to pray in whatever form we do for healing and peace. Let us all do what we can; our shared humanity requires nothing less.

In sorrow,

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