



A MESSAGE FROM INTERIM PRESIDENT

Daisy Cocco De Filippis, Ph.D.



The Hostos Family has suffered another grievous loss: I note with sorrow the passing of Maya Sharma, former Assistant Professor in the Hostos English Department. Her dedication to Hostos and her students was heartfelt and long-lasting – as was her love of poetry. She created the College’s Student Poetry Reading Competition and supervised it until her retirement. There are few greater gifts than a love of and appreciation for poetry, and Maya shared that gift with countless students over the years.

She is survived by her husband Frank Purcell and her daughter Srsti. We grieve for them both, and send them our very best thoughts and wishes during this difficult time.

In remembrance,

Daisy Cocco De Filippis, Ph.D.
Interim President

A Prayer for a Better World

For as long as space exists
And sentient beings endure,
May I too remain,
To dispel the misery of the world.

Shantideva, *The Tibetan Book of Living and Dying*, by Sogyal Rinpoche, Rider, 2007.

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