



## A message from **THE PRESIDENT**

Good afternoon, *muy buenas tardes*, dear colleagues, students and friends,

I reach out this afternoon to say *gracias, mil gracias*, thank you, for your support as I begin my tenure as President of Eugenio María de Hostos Community College.

I embrace this phase of my journey with hope in the future and in the continued forward movement of the Hostos community, changing lives, each day, for the better. Take time this summer to enjoy some rest, to engage in planning your course of studies, teaching, learning, mentoring and coaching a new generation of contributors to our society. Vaccines are readily available, and for the love of self and of others, if you have not done so, please take this important step.

Please look for a number of communications on planning and next steps in the next several weeks as we welcome our class of Fall 2021 and our continuing students, and work together on the preparation for a Middle States site visit and the creation of Hostos Strategic Plan 2023-2028.

*Mil gracias y bendiciones*, Daisy

Daisy Cocco De Filippis, Ph.D.  
President

A POEM TO CELEBRATE THE QUALITY OF OUR WORK:

*Where the Mind Is Without Fear*  
By Rabindranath Tagore

Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high;  
Where knowledge is free;  
Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls;  
Where words come out from the depth of truth;  
Where a tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection;  
Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary desert sand of dead habit;  
Where the mind is led forward by the into over-winding widening thought and action –  
Into that heaven freedom my father let my country awake.

### **About the Author**

Rabindranath Tagore was a Bengali polymath – poet, writer, playwright, composer, philosopher, social reformer and painter. He reshaped Bengali literature and music as well as Indian art with Contextual Modernism in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Author of the "profoundly sensitive, fresh and beautiful verse" of *Gitanjali*, he became in 1913 the first non-European to win the Nobel Prize in Literature. [Read more here.](#)

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