

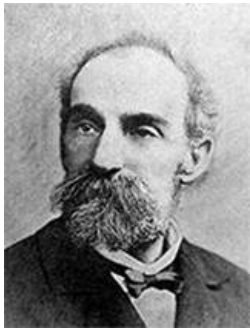


A MESSAGE FROM INTERIM PRESIDENT

**Daisy Cocco De Filippis, Ph.D.**

My Dear Colleagues and Students,

We remember today and we celebrate with gratitude the contributions of our namesake, Eugenio María de Hostos, as a giant, a thinker, an educator, and a man of the Americas. Let us honor who honor deserves. Honor a quien honor merece!



Los momentos pasan; pasan con ellos los hombres; pero siempre llega el día de la victoria para la justicia. Que no lo vea el que por ella ha sucumbido, eso ¿qué importa? El fin no es gozar de ese día radiante; el fin es contribuir a que llegue el día.

*Time passes, and with it, human beings, but in the end, justice always prevails. What does it matter that those who may die for justice's sake will not see it? The goal is not to enjoy that radiant day, but to contribute to its coming.*

-Eugenio María de Hostos

In solidarity,

Daisy Cocco De Filippis, Ph.D.  
Interim President

### **About Hostos**

Eugenio María de Hostos was a Puerto Rican educator, writer and patriot, born on January 11, 1839 in Río Cañas, Mayagüez, Puerto Rico. Hostos was a man who dedicated his life to progress, education and justice. He vigorously championed reforms in politics, law, social mores and education. He fought against colonialism and slavery, endeavored gain for the independence of Cuba and Puerto Rico, and became a vigorous advocate for an Antillean Confederation. Hostos was also Latin America's first scientific sociologist and an early champion of inclusiveness.

He died in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic on August 11, 1903. He is buried in the Panteón Nacional de la Patria in the colonial district of Santo Domingo. Per his wishes, his remains shall stay in the Dominican Republic until his Puerto Rico is an independent Republic.

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