



A MESSAGE FROM INTERIM PRESIDENT

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WE MOURN TODAY

The world has lost a pioneering and indomitable educator and administrator: Dr. Carolyn G. Williams, University Professor and President Emeritus of Bronx Community College, passed away on April 14.



I had the privilege of working with Dr. Williams when I was SVP and Provost of Hostos a number of years ago, and know firsthand of her passion for and commitment to the transformative power of education and the importance of the community college system.

Dr. Williams was educated at Wayne State University in Detroit, where she studied Sociology and Urban Planning. From 1991 to 1996 she served as President of Los Angeles Southwest College. In 1996 she became the sixth President of Bronx Community College – the first woman to hold that post. She worked wonders there. Among other achievements during her years at BCC, she oversaw the development and construction of the College’s New Hall, Library, and Children’s Center. Her expertise in designing programs to help community college students continue their post-secondary education was drawn upon by such institutions as The Ford Foundation and The National Center for Educational Alliances.

She will be greatly missed by her friends, loved ones, former students, and colleagues.

In sorrow and remembrance,

Mil gracias y bendiciones,

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