



# HOSTOS: EDUCATING FOR JUSTICE

HOSTOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION  
2022–2023 ANNUAL REPORT





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Eugenio María de Hostos Community College celebrated its 55th anniversary in the Spring of 2023. While we are in many ways a young institution, we are built upon the 175-year history of The City University of New York and woven into the tapestry of people, histories, and cultures of this dynamic South Bronx neighborhood. Hostos was born of the struggle of the Puerto Rican community, supported by many who believed and still believe that education is the way to move communities forward. In 2022–2023, Hostos created a five-year strategic plan, Hostos Elevating Justice, 2023–2028, that is set on a student-centered vision:

Hostos values students for who they are, what they bring, and what they become educationally and professionally. At Hostos, we are invested in you, our students: your passion, your academic and career potential, your community, and your future.

This College represents the American dream to some, a bridge to opportunity for others, and a new beginning to all who are brave enough to question their limitations. Students do not come to Hostos to finish their degree; they come to begin their future.

As we move into the next five years, we do so with goals informed by data and student insight. The College continues its commitment to be a cultural resource and community ambassador, an advocate for our students, a cohesive system functioning to promote academic excellence and an accessible gateway to lifelong learning.

This past year was very successful. We began to see our students return to the College in person, as we experienced an increase in student retention and enrollment from Fall 2022 to Spring 2023. From Fall 2022 to Fall 2023, we saw enrollment growth of more than 12.7%. Plus, the creation of a late start semester has proven extremely supportive of our students.

The Commission on Higher Education Self-Study has come together with our “manos a la obra/all hands on deck” spirit in support of engaging students in their studies and in ensuring that all support has been made available.

The MacKenzie Scott Gift continues to support our students and faculty in important ways. Research and mentorship are exemplified in the new Hostos Research Center. This fall, one of our professors secured the sixth NSF grant to be managed simultaneously by colleagues and their departments. And the Office of Academic Affairs secured a \$2.86 million Title V grant to enhance student retention, faculty development, and academic programs.

Though the successes we celebrate in this report reflect the work of individuals or select units, every accomplishment is a credit to the academic standards of the College and benefits every Hostos graduate. We are proud to further the shared mission of devoted faculty, staff, and College leadership, and are grateful for the generous partners we have found in individuals, corporations, foundations, and local officials that value this institution’s contributions to justice, socioeconomic mobility, and equity. Though we are pleased to share news of our institutional achievements, it is the accomplishments of our students that best illustrate our progress toward realizing our institutional mission. Through faculty research, thoughtful program design, and the ceaseless support of our outstanding staff, generous donors, and community partners, the College is elevating justice for our talented and deserving students and communities.

With our very best wishes,

  
Daisy Cocco De Filippis, Ph.D.  
President, Hostos Community College

  
José A. Sánchez-Kinghorn  
Chair, Hostos Community College Foundation





# THE PRESIDENT'S ACHIEVEMENTS

## Student Enrollment and Retention Surge

Under the leadership of Hostos President Daisy Cocco De Filippis, the institution has achieved remarkable milestones, firmly establishing itself as a beacon of educational excellence in the South Bronx. Notably, the College celebrated an outstanding surge in student retention and enrollment from Fall 2022 to Spring 2023. Moreover, the achievement of a remarkable Fall-to-Spring retention rate for first-time, full-time freshmen (FTFTF) from the Fall 2022 cohort is a testament to the College's dedication to nurturing and retaining talent, paving the way for a brighter future for all.

**8.3%**

surge in student retention from Fall 2022 to Spring 2023, surpassing all prior records, including those from 2017, and a substantial

**7.3%**

growth in overall enrollments, and

**78.6%**

in Fall-to-Spring in FTFTF students.

**\$1 million**

earmark to support transfer opportunities for students secured by the Office of the President, working with faculty and staff.

## Fostering Community

President Cocco De Filippis' leadership, in collaboration with colleagues from Academic Affairs (OAA) and Student Development and Enrollment Management (SDEM), has not only achieved remarkable results in terms of the College's academic performance but has also fostered a real sense of unity and community. This is exemplified by the weekly publication of "Hostos Weekly / El Semanario Hostosiano," our College-wide bulletin, in its seventh edition, that meticulously documents our initiatives, achievements, and drive to educate for justice.

## Notable Accolades

President Cocco De Filippis' accomplishments have received notable recognitions, marking her impactful contributions to the field of education that Hostos has enjoyed in the past years. In 2022, she was honored by City & State New York on their Power of Diversity: Latino 100 list, a testament to her dedication to promoting inclusivity and empowerment within academia. She achieved a prominent position in the 2023 Higher Education Power 100 list as well, also curated by City & State. In May 2023, she was recognized as part of Power Women of the Bronx by Schneps Media, an accolade to celebrate the accomplishments of exceptional women leaders in the borough.

In every achievement, recognition, and story told within the pages of this Annual Report, "Hostos: Educating for Justice," the resounding theme is one of progress and unity spearheaded by the leadership of Cocco De Filippis with the dedicated support of Hostos' executive leadership, faculty, staff, students, donors, and all who join them in the pursuit of a more equitable tomorrow. Hostos Community College continues to rise, carrying forward a legacy of excellence and equity.

**"[Education] must have goals that are human, national and civic in scope; to shape men and women, so that they can serve and become patriots of humanity; and to prepare citizens so that they can exercise their rights, fulfill their duties, practice government, and promote the progress of civilization."**

**— Eugenio María de Hostos**



# HOSTOS RESEARCH CENTER





## INSTITUTIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Hostos has demonstrated its commitment to addressing the challenges faced by students during the post-pandemic transition. We pioneered fully asynchronous, online degree programs, secured a significant Department of Education grant, and were twice recognized as a Top Ten College by the Aspen Institute for Community College Excellence. Furthermore, Hostos has been acknowledged as a top-ranking institution on prominent education lists, including Niche's Best Community Colleges in New York and Intelligent.com's rankings. Additionally, Hostos' Division of Continuing Education and Workforce Development (CEWD) received a substantial grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, highlighting the College's effectiveness in enhancing opportunities in healthcare. That is complemented by initiatives made possible by Ms. MacKenzie Scott's Gift, including the "Hostos Mentoring and Supporting Students in 2+2+2 Opportunities Programs," which has significantly impacted students' academic and career journeys through a \$1 million earmark secured by Congressman Ritchie Torres. These milestones collectively underscore Hostos' dedication to student success, growth, and engagement.



# INSTITUTIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS



## Hostos Community College Achieves Post-Pandemic Record-Breaking Enrollment and Retention Growth for Spring 2023

The College reported remarkable results in student retention and enrollment for the Spring 2023 semester, with significant gains in overall enrollment and Full Time Equivalency (FTE) figures. More students enrolled, and they undertook more credits than in Spring 2021 and 2022. The announcement revealed a substantial 8.3% increase in student retention from Fall 2022 to Spring 2023, surpassing all previous years, including 2017. This accomplishment was further complemented by a 7.3% growth in overall enrollments.

Another noteworthy achievement is the Fall-to-Spring retention of first-time, full-time freshmen (FTFTF) from the Fall 2022 cohort, which reached an outstanding rate of 78.6%. This success was made possible through the coordinated efforts of Student Development and Enrollment Management and Office of Academic Affairs' coaches, advisors, staff, and faculty. Their tireless diligence led to retention rates surpassing those of the past two years, even exceeding pre-pandemic levels. These remarkable outcomes not only position Hostos as a beacon of educational excellence within the CUNY system but also highlight the institution's focus on setting new standards for student success and retention in higher education.

## Hostos Is a Two-Time Top Ten Aspen Finalist

It is a remarkable achievement for Hostos to have been nominated as a Top Ten Finalist for the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence twice in the last few years. The significance of this recognition cannot be overstated. It's a testament to our unwavering commitment to excellence and innovation in education. Being named a Top Ten Community College not just once but twice is a source of immense pride and honor, as it underscores our consistent dedication to providing a high-quality educational experience and serving our students and community with distinction.



## Hostos Offers Fully Online Asynchronous Degrees

Hostos responded to the challenges faced by students returning to campus after the pandemic lockdown. Recognizing that many students had to contend with work, family responsibilities, and financial hardships, Hostos proudly pioneered its first fully asynchronous online degree programs under the Hostos Online initiative. These programs include:

### Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences (AA-LAS)

Community Health

Teacher Education

Psychology

Latina/o American and Caribbean Studies

### Associate in Applied Sciences in Early Childhood Education (AAS-ECE)

Certificate Community Health Worker (CHW) (in development)



## Hostos Received \$2.86 Million Department of Education Grant to Improve Student Experience

The U.S. Department of Education awarded Hostos a \$2.86 million Title V Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions (DHSI) grant. This marked a significant milestone in the College's mission to empower and uplift our student community. The DHSI Program, a catalyst for positive change, generously granted this funding to support the College's efforts in expanding educational opportunities and improving student access, bolstering retention rates, and propelling graduation rates to new heights.



## DONOR SPOTLIGHT



“Hostos is for those with a will, to borrow a phrase with as much resonance today as when English poet Alfred Tennyson wrote it in the mid-19th century, ‘to strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.’ A quality education should be accessible to all, sparking lifelong growth and helping people build toward a better future, a better tomorrow. For nearly a decade, the Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF) has been a proud supporter of Hostos and of the strivers, seekers, and finders of that transformative education on campus.”

— **Vasili Tsamis**, Chief Administrative Officer  
Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF)

## Hostos Community College: A Top-Ranked Institution in New York's Best Community Colleges

Last year, Hostos secured the #4 position on Niche's 2022 Best Community Colleges in New York list. Niche drew upon extensive data from the U.S. Department of Education and insightful reviews from both current students and alumni to compile its rankings. Hostos also had the distinct honor of being #6 on the Top 22 Best Community Colleges in New York list in the year 2022. The recognition came from Intelligent, a dedicated student-focused website that strives to empower pre-college teens to make informed decisions regarding their educational journey. The website's comprehensive data analysis shone a spotlight on Hostos' outstanding achievements, particularly in the realm of workforce education.

These recognitions from both Niche and Intelligent show the College's dedication to providing top-tier education and resources to its students. Hostos' faculty and staff have worked tirelessly to create an enriching educational environment, one that not only fosters academic growth but also prepares students for real-world challenges. This consistent performance in national and state rankings is a clear indication of Hostos' standing as a leader in community college education.



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## The Children's Center Continued Growing

In October of 2022, the Children's Center was granted a generous allocation of \$1,067,000 to be disbursed over the span of four years from the US Department of Education's CCAMPIS grant. This funding has been instrumental in the implementation of the Parents and Children Together (PACT) program at Hostos, which places a strong emphasis on nurturing mental health and providing comprehensive well-being support for both parents and children alike. This initiative underlines our commitment to fostering holistic growth.

In February 2023, we celebrated a significant milestone by introducing our Infant/Toddler Program, expanding our child care excellence. This initiative establishes us as a trusted partner in early childhood development. This extension not only broadens the age range of children we serve but also ensures a seamless enrollment process. Children can now join our nurturing environment from as young as six weeks old, allowing families the flexibility to complete their degrees at their own pace and conveniently enroll children of various ages under one roof.

During our enriching reading sessions for children, we've had the privilege of hosting some remarkable guests, including Hostos President Daisy Cocco De Filippis, Council Member Eric Dinowitz, and the Vice President of Student Development and Enrollment Management (SDEM), La Toro Yates.

## Ms. MacKenzie Scott's Gift Sparks Success at Hostos

Our College achieved an array of milestones under Ms. MacKenzie Scott's Gift: President's Initiatives for Student Success, College Growth, and Stakeholders' Engagement. Among these, the "Hostos Mentoring and Supporting Students in 2+2+2 Opportunities Programs" initiative emerged as a standout testament to the College's unwavering dedication to student advancement. A notable highlight of this initiative was the NextGen Public Health Scholars 2+2+2 Program, a pioneering collaboration between Hostos Community College, Columbia University School of General Studies, and Columbia Mailman School of Public Health. This program was tailored to prepare Hostos students for successful careers in public health and epidemiology.

Furthermore, Hostos received a transformative \$1 million congressional earmark grant, opening new transfer pathways through strategic partnerships with City College, Queens College, and Columbia University. These partnerships created unique opportunities for students to pursue degrees in Engineering, Arts Administration, and Public Health. The President's Initiatives encompassed a broad spectrum of efforts, from fostering family engagement and mentorship programs on campus to advancing research, supporting external internships, providing tuition assistance, and promoting diversity and inclusion. Hostos' overarching commitment to cultivating a supportive, inclusive, and responsive campus environment was further underscored by a \$24,000 grant for the Campus Climate Initiative, resulting in a series of workshops, symposiums, and training programs that enriched the educational experience.





## CEWD Receives \$3 Million from the US Department of Health and Human Services



Hostos' Division of Continuing Education and Workforce Development (CEWD) received a prestigious three-year \$3 million Health Careers Opportunity Program grant in September 2022. This grant was a resounding endorsement of our relentless pursuit of excellence in developing the community's workforce. Through this award, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW) recognized the outstanding work being done by CEWD in support of its Community Health Worker Training Program.

The funding will enable the expansion and enhancement of this program, allowing for a broader reach and more comprehensive training for aspiring community health workers. With this grant, Hostos aims to address the critical shortage of healthcare professionals in underserved communities, fostering a workforce that is not only skilled but also culturally competent.

## Hostos Continues to Propel Workforce Development in the Bronx

CEWD enrolled a total of 4,198 students. This marked a significant increase of 64% from the previous year when enrollment was at 2,567 in FY 2022. The majority of CEWD students, specifically 58%, identify as female, and 75% are NYC residents who live in the Bronx. Among the 4,807 CEWD students who provided information about their race and ethnicity, the majority, at 58%, identified as Latina/o/x/e, while 29% identified as Black. Notably, 75% of our students successfully completed their training programs. The primary fields of enrollment were Construction (34%), Medical and Health (19%), and Adult Basic Education (20%), which includes GED and English for Speakers of Other Languages courses. Notably, of the students who completed a tuition-supported CEWD occupational training program in FY 2022–2023, a significant 87% reported being employed.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our communities, CEWD significantly increased its efforts to offer scholarships and tuition-free programs. The division secured \$2,995,027 in funding to support no-cost occupational training programs, with 535 students enrolling and 79% of them (424) successfully completing their training. These initiatives included the programs Career Network: Healthcare; Certified Home Health Aide and English as a Second Language; the federally-funded Community Health Worker Training Program; the CUNY NYC Accelerated Workforce Recovery HUB, Department of Youth and Community Development Patient Care Technician program; the Montefiore Health System/Hostos Community Health Workforce Initiative; and participation in the CUNY Strengthening Community College Consortium. These programs aimed to provide education and training opportunities to individuals in need, including those impacted by the pandemic, and support their transition into relevant employment sectors.











## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Hostos Community College stands as a beacon of academic achievement, with our students' accomplishments serving as a testament to our unwavering commitment to excellence in teaching and learning. As our graduates excel in diverse fields, from academia to industry, their achievements reflect the enduring quality of education provided at the College, reinforcing our position as a leader in shaping the leaders of tomorrow.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

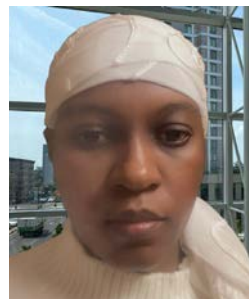


### NextGen 2+2+2 Scholars

The inaugural cohort of the NextGen Public Health Scholars 2+2+2 program graduated in the Spring of 2023, and we couldn't be prouder. Hawa Antonet Abraham and sisters María and Andrea Vasquez Guillen were the first three students selected for the competitive program, which provides full tuition coverage, a living stipend, and more for Hostos students pursuing a Master's in Public Health at Columbia University. Originally from Sierra Leone, Hawa long wanted to pursue a career in which she could help others in need. She came to Hostos by way of the College's Allied Health Career Pipeline Program and hit the ground running. In the summer of 20CE22, she completed a MacKenzie Scott Initiative-supported internship at Argus Community, and in her final year, she earned a spot in the new NextGen Public Health Scholars 2+2+2 program. Sisters Andrea and María were both attending medical school in their home country of Venezuela when the pandemic hit, and they had to make the heart-wrenching decision to uproot their lives and move to the United States. They both enrolled at Hostos in 2021, after which they participated in the Families United in Education initiative and American Heart Association 2022 Hispanic Serving Institution Scholars program, in addition to being selected for the NextGen Public Health Scholars 2+2+2 program. The three of them are all now enrolled at Columbia University, and their futures are bright.

### ACE Scholars

After becoming a Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) by way CEWD, Fatoumata Doucoure transitioned into a degree program at Hostos in Spring 2023 thanks to the Ms. MacKenzie Scott Adult and Continuing Education (ACE) Scholarship Fund. The scholarship helps students transition from continuing education and matriculate to the College, and can be used for any expenses associated with the transition, such as college application fees, books, transportation, and childcare, to name a few. The establishment of a Hostos ACE Scholarship for continuing education students to transition to College aligns with the need for systemic changes to alleviate structural barriers faced by all nontraditional students (including continuing education students) from the South Bronx and nearby neighborhoods.



Fatoumata is one of 14 ACE scholars, including Regina Galley, Alexandra Martínez, Darihana Amezcuita, Tina Boodie, Heidy Díaz, Jennifer Feldmeth, Chevelle Gayle, Jeannette Pimentel, Oumou Djikine, Maryury Lainez, María Pera, Stephanie Oliveira de Araujo, and Kacey

Witter. Doucoure, along with Galley and Martínez, were recognized for their accomplishments in a special event hosted by President Cocco De Filippis in June.





## Kaplan Leadership Program

Hostos had a strong representation in the 2023 Kaplan Leadership Program (KLP). Then-students José González, Yassine Gaye, Fatima Bah, and Andre Watson earned four out of 11 spots in the program, making Hostos the institution with the most participants in KLP's 2023 cohort. Bah, Gaye, González, and Watson are continuing their studies at Cornell University, Princeton University, Rice University, and Yale University, respectively.



## DONOR SPOTLIGHT



“[With this scholarship] we honor the memory of our beloved family member, Professor Isabel Li. As a faculty member, unit coordinator, and director of the Academic Learning Center, she was generous of herself and her time, and encouraged countless students to continue their education beyond their graduation from Hostos.”

— The Family of Professor Isabel Li

## Hostos Caimans Win CUNYAC Women's Basketball Championship Six Years in a Row, One Tournament Away from Breaking Record

In February, Hostos' Caimans defeated the Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC) Panthers to secure the CUNY Athletic Conference (CUNYAC)/Healthfirst Community College Women's Basketball Championship for the sixth consecutive year. A nationally-ranked team, the Caimans shut down their opponent, 71-44. The win tied them with BMCC (1998–2003) for the most consecutive titles in league history. Then-sophomore Savannah Williams, shooting guard, received the Most Valuable Player recognition for the championship.

“Having another CUNYAC Championship under our belt and currently being #8 in the country is nothing short of amazing! We are extremely proud of our student-athletes. This goes to show that our Women's Basketball Program has continued to excel over the years, especially now with Dwight Shaw as their coach,” said Marquee Poole, Assistant Athletic Director at Hostos Athletics.



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## 10 Hostos Students Got Ready for Scotland's Festival Fringe

The Hostos Repertory Company was invited to return to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe for the third time in a decade! As the Spring 2023 semester wound down, 10 Hostos students prepared to jet off to Edinburgh, Scotland, to participate in Fringe as part of the International Collegiate Theater Festival (ICTF) taking place in August 2023, where they would perform "What You Will," a modern take on Shakespeare's romantic comedy, "Twelfth Night," written by James Zager and directed by Ángel Morales. The play premiered at Hostos in April, and the troupe put on free performances for the community in the College's Black Box Theater. Additionally, they performed a scene from the one-act comedy at the Hostos Community College Foundation's 55th Anniversary Spring Gala, which raised funds to cover students' costs to participate in the festival. Mellanie Benito, Oriana Sophia, Fernando Castillo, Bill Sorice, Susana Angamarca, Daniel Honeycutt, Kobe Jacobs, Dainma Martínez, Wilbert Morales, Angel Moret, and Hualbin Ramírez showcased their immense talent on the international stage just a few months later.

## CONFERENCES

Our talented and tenacious students also showcased their work at conferences across the country.

### 23rd Annual STEP Statewide Student Conference on March 24-26, 2023

Second-place trophy of the Physical Sciences Oral Competition: "Design of a Mini Domestic Refrigerator with Ply-Wood Cabinet Walls," presented by Erika Olvera (10th grade) and Lismary Pichardo (10th). Mentored by Professor Moise Koffi, Mathematics Department.

### 29th Annual CSTEP Statewide Student Conference Results:

Students from Natural Sciences made a significant impact with their research presentations. Jose Keppis, under the mentorship of Professor Yoel Rodríguez, secured the first-place trophy in the Chemistry & Biochemistry category. His presentation, titled "Assisted in the Labs: Computational Search for an Effective SARS-CoV-2 Spike Glycoprotein Inhibitor," showcased a notable contribution to the ongoing research in viral inhibition.

In another outstanding achievement, Julian Cepero, guided by Professor Nelson Nuñez Rodríguez from the Physical Sciences Unit, clinched the first-place trophy in the Human Services & Social Services category. His presentation focused on "The Development of Online Digital Tools for Science Courses through the Learner Perspective."

Adding to these accolades, Jose A. Keppis, alongside Edward Allen and mentor Yoel Rodríguez, won the Best Poster Presentation in Computational Biophysics at ABRCMS 2022, held from November 9-12 in Anaheim, California. Their poster, "Ligand- and Structure-Guided Discovery of Entry Blockers for SARS-CoV-2 Spike Glycoprotein," was highly commended, reflecting the high level of research and expertise within the department.







## STUDENT SUPPORT

### Hostos One Stop Continues to Ensure Sustenance for Our Students

Hostos One Stop's commitment to supporting the needs of Hostos students remains steady, offering invaluable free referrals to a plethora of essential services.

The Food Pantry provided essential support to 5,095 students, offering vital groceries to meet their immediate needs. As Thanksgiving approached, this support extended to 158 students, who received chicken and groceries to participate in the holiday festivities. Recognizing the pressing needs of 83 Hostos students, the New York City Council/CUNY Food Insecurity Program awarded each of them \$400 to ensure their grocery requirements were fulfilled. In the spring of 2023, a fruitful partnership formed between One Stop, CUNY, and B&Y Catering. This collaboration led to the distribution of 150 bags of fresh produce weekly, benefiting a total of 1,050 students with nutritious food between May and June. Furthermore, in times of crisis, One Stop proved to be a reliable resource, with 102 students accessing Petrie Emergency Grants. These grants provided crucial assistance for groceries or bill payments.

## CONTINUING STUDENT ENROLLMENT INITIATIVES SUCCEED AT HOSTOS



### CUNY Reconnect

With the steadfast support of NYC Council Speaker Adrienne Adams, the SDEM team is working tirelessly to facilitate the return of former students to Hostos. Underlining our commitment to their success, the College secured a sum of \$35,000 in funds. This financial boost serves as a lifeline for Hostos Reconnect students, alleviating the burdens of previous semester balances that might have otherwise hindered their re-enrollment for Fall 2023.

### Scholarships and Grants Allow Students to Thrive

Hostos leads the way among CUNY community colleges, with a marked increase in the number of awards granted through the Dream.US program. This year, we extended scholarships to 14 students, doubling the count from the previous year.

Spring 2023 graduate, Fatima Bah, earned the prestigious Jack Cooke Kent Scholarship, which provides comprehensive financial support, covering up to \$55,000 per year for her education at Cornell University.

In FY 2022-2023, we approved 50 Hispanic Federation scholarship fund scholarship applications, marking a substantial increase from the 26 approvals the previous year. These scholarships, each worth \$500, provide crucial financial assistance to students without immigration status, either for tuition or food support.

Our SDEM team has been at the forefront of providing emergency financial assistance to students facing academic instability. We processed 196 BTSA (Bridge Tuition Support Assistance) emergency funding requests, with amounts ranging from \$500 to \$1,000, during the Academic Year 2022-2023. This was extended to students facing financial instability.







## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Hostos Community College's faculty cultivates a culture of justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion, evident in their impactful work both in and out of the classroom. Our globally recognized faculty engaged in conferences, leadership roles, and prestigious publications, which continue to enhance the College's reputation.

## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS



### Four Hostos Professors Awarded Black, Race, and Ethnic Studies Fellowships

Hostos faculty's dedication to building a culture of justice, diversity, equality and inclusion is second to none and is reflected in the work they do in and outside of the classroom. In the spring of 2023, Hostos professors Eugena Griffin, Emmanuel A. Velayos Larrabure, Linda Ridley, and Victor M. Torres-Vélez were awarded Black, Race and Ethnic Studies Initiative (BRESI) Research Faculty Fellowships on behalf of the BRESI Collaboration Hub at the CUNY Graduate Center. Dr. Griffin, Associate Professor in the Behavioral Sciences Unit, received support for her project, "Race, Representation, and Cultural Studies"; Dr. Ridley, Lecturer, Business, received support for her project, "A Symptomatic Study of the Relationship of Chattel Slavery to the Teaching of Business and Management;" and Dr. Velayos Larrabure, Assistant Professor, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, and Dr. Torres-Vélez, Assistant Professor, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, received support for their project "Toxic Assemblages: Necroecologies of Race in the Anthropocene."

A historic initiative at CUNY, BRESI is driven by the overarching goal of reimagining and transforming programs in Black, Race, and Ethnic studies university-wide. More than 500 proposals were

submitted from across CUNY and were evaluated by members of the BRESI Council and nine RFP committees. A total of 126 proposals were selected for funding, including those that demonstrated qualities such as innovation, focus and impact on the development of ethnic studies, and sustainability; emphasis was also placed on representing a broad cross-section of CUNY, including community and senior colleges and graduate and professional schools.

Throughout the year, Hostos' renowned faculty showcased their expertise at conferences across the globe, ascended to leadership positions in their respective fields, published their work in respected publications, and much more.



## DONOR SPOTLIGHT



**"Libra Philanthropies is committed to nurturing emerging leaders at Hostos. By providing hands-on support and unique opportunities for students, we help them create cascading impact in their communities and develop leadership and collaboration skills that shape their future."**

— **Rosanna Mortoglou**, Chief Executive Officer  
Libra Philanthropies





## Hostos Holds Cybersecurity Summit to Discuss New Associate Degree Program

Cybersecurity is a growing industry that connects and relates to all fields and disciplines and is increasingly a part of our everyday lives. In response to the growing need for skilled professionals, Hostos has developed a Cybersecurity program that will be available in Academic Year 2023-2024. The program, developed within the Math Department, will work in tandem with the Continuing Education and Workforce Development division, providing certifications and credentials, as well as articulating with the New York City College of Technology (City Tech).

On Thursday, June 8, Hostos, in collaboration with the Community Advisory Council (CAC), held a Cybersecurity Summit to explore the question of how to better prepare students for careers in this growing and vitally important new industry. Hosted by Hostos President Daisy Cocco De Filippis and CAC Chair Elías Alcántara, the Cybersecurity Summit provided Hostos faculty and students an opportunity to discuss the skills, education, and future outlook in the field of cybersecurity.

The Summit's Keynote Speaker was the industry leader Elizabeth Sampson, Head of Enterprise Technology and Cybersecurity at Macquarie Asset Management, who likened cyberattacks to a new cold war and stressed that any institution and person is vulnerable. It is also fundamental to so many aspects of modern life, she observed, given how we are so dependent on technology

in almost everything we do. Sampson also pointed out that since 2016, the unemployment rate within the Cybersecurity field has been holding steady at 0% and that starting salaries range between \$60k and \$100k, well above the national average.

Then Hostos Provost Shiang-Kwei Wang, along with Andrea Fabrizio, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, and various faculty members, presented the curriculum for the upcoming Cybersecurity program, and VP of Continuing Education and Workforce Development Evelyn Fernandez-Ketchum talked about CEWD's Certificate programs in Cybersecurity and how they dovetailed with the matriculated programs at Hostos.

Five members of the FBI's Covert Operations Division emphasized the significance of cybersecurity, highlighting its role in national security. They stressed the need for cybersecurity professionals with not just technical skills but also critical thinking, creativity, and empathy to anticipate and prevent cyberattacks effectively. The FBI's Supervisory Special Agent Vindeet Gill emphasized the importance of collaboration and community protection. Following this, Hostos Director of Career Services, Lisanette Rosario, interviewed Jouly Lajara from PricewaterhouseCooper, who emphasized the importance of understanding cloud systems, data skills, communication, and critical thinking in the private sector's cybersecurity careers. The summit attendees engaged in roundtable discussions to improve the program's curriculum, align it with industry needs, and establish partnerships with potential employers for the benefit of Hostos graduates and their career prospects.

## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS



### Hostos Breaks Ground with Six Concurrent National Science Foundation Grants, A First in the College's History

For the first time in Hostos Community College's history, the National Science Foundation (NSF) has six active projects running simultaneously that advance Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education in the South Bronx.

In an era defined by the growing demand for STEM professionals, the importance of this funding at Hostos cannot be overstated. Situated in a landscape where underserved communities often face barriers to finishing STEM degrees, these initiatives are a testament to the College's commitment to equity and creating upward socio-economic mobility via mentorship, support networks, and professional development opportunities, all of which are fundamental components of the institution's recently-launched "Hostos: Elevating Justice, Our Strategic Plan 2023–2028."

Twelve Hostos educators are involved in the success of each initiative as Principal or Co-principal Investigators (PI, Co-PI): Sarah Hoiland (Behavioral and Social Sciences), Yoel Rodríguez (Natural Sciences), Nieves Angulo (Mathematics), Antonio Varela (Behavioral and Social Sciences), Moise Koffi (Mathematics), Amy Ramson (Public Policy and Law), Anna Ivanova (Physical Sciences), JungHang Lee (Mathematics), Clara Nieto-Wire (Mathematics), Biao Jiang (Natural Sciences), Norberto Hernández Valdés-Portela (Behavioral and Social Sciences), and Diandra Jugmohan (Co-Director of Proyecto Access and the NSF-funded MACCS program).

- Hostos is part of the \$1.5 million grant from the NSF, "Collaborative Research: HSI-Hubs: Intersectionality as Inquiry & Praxis: Race, Class, Gender & Ethnicity for Student Success in STEM," aimed at improving recruitment, retention, and graduation rates of Latina/o/x/e students in STEM programs.
- A \$650,000 NSF grant for the Hostos Technical Education in Cybersecurity (H-TEC) Project will bolster the creation of a Cybersecurity degree program.
- The Hostos Oasis for Parents' Education (HOPE) is a program funded by a \$2.3 million five-year grant (2022–2026). Now in its second year on campus, 17 student parents and their children benefited from the program. HOPE is a Two-Generation (2Gen) STEM summer initiative for college-ready parents and their kids, offering STEM and social science courses for parents and a STEM on-campus academy for their children.
- A \$1.5 million S-STEM grant dedicated to bolstering access and success for students in these fields at Hispanic Serving Institutions. Leading the charge of the Mathematics and Computer Science Scholars (MACCS) program is Professor Koffi, who serves as PI, joined by Nieves Angulo and Diandra Jugmohan as CO-PIs.
- The S-STEM HEAT (Hostos Engineering Academic Talent) is a \$1.1 million five-year project that will contribute to the national need for well-educated STEM professionals by supporting the success of thirty Scholars who are pursuing associate's and bachelor's degrees in engineering.
- NSF IUUSE SPARC (Strengthening Physics Achievement via Research and Collaboration) is a grant of \$225,000 to improve undergraduate student outcomes in a calculus-based General Physics I (PHY 210) course, and thus better prepare them for subsequent science and engineering curricula.





# DEPARTMENTAL SPOTLIGHTS

## Allied Health Sciences



**Sanjay Arya**, Assistant Professor of Radiologic Technology, presented “Teaching Radiologic Science without Borders” at the 56th Annual

Conference of the Association of Educators in Radiologic Technology of the State of New York (AERTSNY) on April 27, 2023.



**Manny Livingston**, Assistant Professor of Radiologic Technology, Unit Coordinator, was elected President of the Association of Educators

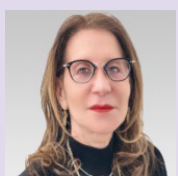
in Radiologic Technology of the State of New York (AERTSNY).



**Diana Macri**, Dental Hygiene Unit, published “Addressing the Oral Health Needs of Hispanics in the U.S.: An Exploration of Oral Health Status, Dental Needs,

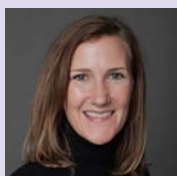
Utilization of Dental Services, and Workforce” in Hispanic Dental Association and CareQuest Institute for Oral Health in April 2023.

## Behavioral and Social Sciences



**Amy Ramson**, Professor of Public Policy and Law, presented “Cybersecurity: Preparing the Untapped Hispanic Community for the Profession” at the HETS

Webinar in April 2023 and “Active Learning in a Virtual Cybersecurity Apprenticeship” at the 2023 Hispanic Educational Technology Services Best Practices Showcase Conference in Puerto Rico.



**Sarah L. Hoiland**, Associate Professor, Social Sciences Unit, was appointed Chair of the CUNY Academy Grants Committee and presented about the HOPE

Program with JungHang Lee at the Innovations in Community College Conference in March 2023.



**Kristopher Burrell**, Associate Professor, Social Sciences Unit, Unit Coordinator, was interviewed on CUNY TV's DiverCITY about Claudette Colvin's significance to the

Civil Rights Movement.

## Education



**Asrat Amnie**, Assistant Professor, Health Education, published “Current Evidence and Diverse Perspectives on Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity

Disorder: A Systematic Review,” in the Journal of Psychological Research (Volume 4, Issue 2, pg. 1-10). Dr. Amnie assumed the role of faculty liaison for the Community Health Worker Online Certificate Program.

## Humanities



**Catherine Lewis**, Associate Professor, Media Design Unit, Art was featured in the exhibit “Around the Table: Stories of the Foods We Love” at the New York

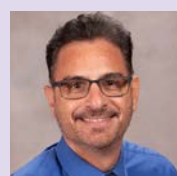
Botanical Garden in 2022.



**Ángel Morales**, Lecturer, Visual and Performing Arts Unit, produced and directed “What You Will,” which was performed both at Hostos and internationally in

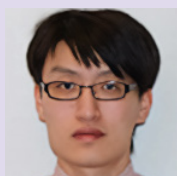
Scotland at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

## Natural Sciences



**Yoel Rodríguez**, Professor, Physical Sciences Unit, presented at the ASEE Annual Conference on the Hostos Engineering Academic Talent (HEAT)

Scholarship Program.



**Biao Jiang**, Associate Professor of Physical Science, along with Jinglun Feng, Liang Yang, Ejup Hoxha, and Jizhong Xiao published

“Robotic Inspection of Underground Utilities for Construction Survey Using a Ground Penetrating Radar” in the Journal of Computing in Civil Engineering in January 2023.



**Vyacheslav Dushenkov**, Professor of Physical Sciences Along with Anna Dushenkov (2022) published “Botanicals as prospective agents against

SARS-CoV-2 virus.” Avicenna Bulletin (Vestnik Avitsenny) 24(1): 113-122.



**Vladimir Ovtcherenko**, Professor of Biology, co-published “A revision of the ground spider genus Zelanda Özdikmen, 2009 (Araneae: Gnaphosidae),

with a description of a new genus from Australasia” with Boris Zakharov. Official date of publication: June 2022. Article published in: “Arachnology” (Journal of British Arachnological Society), (2022), 19 (Special Issue), pp. 265-301.

**Norberto Michel Hernández Valdés-Portela**, Sarah Hoiland, Biao Jiang, JungHang Lee, and Elys Vasquez-Iscan presented “Holistic Oasis for Parents' Education (HOPE) Supporting South Bronx's Student parents and the Next Generation in STEM Education” at the HSI CUNY Conference in May 2023.









## HOSTOS IN THE COMMUNITY

We actively contribute to the enrichment of the community by celebrating cultural diversity through the performing arts and participating in events dedicated to different social causes. The commitment to inclusivity aligns with our mission to serve as a source of inspiration, education, and transformation within the South Bronx and neighboring communities.

# HOSTOS IN THE COMMUNITY



## Hostos Community College Takes a Stand for Social Justice and Empowerment in the Community

Hostos Community College plays a pivotal role in our community by actively engaging with initiatives that promote social justice and empower individuals. Our commitment to fostering a supportive and inclusive environment was exemplified at the recent Reentry Fair. At this event, we embraced the opportunity to connect individuals with resources and opportunities that enable them to thrive after being impacted by the justice system. In conjunction with the Bronx District Attorney's Office, Hostos provided a space to learn more about educational programs, job readiness training, and counseling services available to them in order to empower them to rebuild their lives and contribute positively to their communities.

In our continuous pursuit of social change and advocating for a safer South Bronx, we proudly participated in the Domestic Violence Memorial Walk, also known as the Brides March, in September 2022. This was a powerful event to raise our collective voice against domestic violence. As an institution deeply rooted in the Bronx, we recognize the urgent need to address this grave issue. Our involvement in the Brides March is a testament to our commitment to fostering a safe and supportive environment for all. By participating in this annual event, we joined forces with survivors, activists, and community members to spread awareness, offer support, and emphasize the importance of ending domestic violence. Hostos proudly walked along the Grand Concourse and 149th St. to propel positive change in our community, ensuring that no one suffers in silence and that every voice is heard in the fight against domestic violence.

## THE HOSTOS CENTER FOR THE ARTS & CULTURE

At Hostos Community College, we take pride in creating a haven of arts and culture, where creativity flourishes and diverse expressions are celebrated. Our campus is a place where students not only gain knowledge but also find inspiration, where they can engage in a rich tapestry of artistic experiences, nurturing their passions and broadening their horizons through the Hostos Center for the Arts & Culture (HCAC).

Furthermore, we are deeply committed to serving not only our students but also the South Bronx community as a whole. The HCAC delivers a rich cultural offering to the South Bronx, enriching the lives of local residents and contributing to the cultural tapestry of the region. By opening our doors to the community, we aim to be a landmark of artistic and educational excellence, promoting a sense of unity and shared experiences in this dynamic, urban environment. Together, we create an atmosphere where community cultural enrichment and educational empowerment go hand in hand, reinforcing our mission to serve as a pillar of inspiration, education, and transformation for all.





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## Hostos Center for Arts & Culture Received \$50,000 Grant from Howard Gilman Foundation

The HCAC was awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Howard Gilman Foundation in support of their operational costs for 2023. The organization provides funding to performing arts organizations that are reflective of New York City's vibrant communities.

HCAC also received a grant from the Mosaic Network & Fund at the New York Community Trust in support of general operating costs. The funds were used to expand artistic programming.



## Another Year of High-Quality Programming in the Performing Arts

The HCAC thrived from Fall 2022 to Spring 2023, hosting 30 diverse events in music, dance, theater, film, and cultural heritage celebrations. These events aimed to serve the Latinx and African American residents of the South Bronx, neighboring communities, and NYC, fostering community, exploring timely issues, and celebrating cultural diversity. The seasons were curated by HCAC's Director Félix Arocho in collaboration with the Cultural Affairs Committee (Elba Cabrera, Robert Sancho, Rafael Rivera-Viruet, and Dolores Batista) and associate directors in Dance and Theater (Charles Rice-González and Ángel Morales, respectively), as well as community partners like the Bronx Council on the Arts, Papatian, El Maestro, Nos Quedamos, and the Bronx Hispanic Festival. HCAC offered fully in-person performances in its theaters, showcasing a wide array of visual and performing arts disciplines, engaging a host of talents from artists to stagehands, ushers, and more, all contributing to a vibrant and inclusive cultural experience.

**HCAC engaged and compensated close to 450 artists and cultural workers for their work.**

**Eighty percent (80%) of the artists and workers were Latinx, 11% African American, and 8% included Asian and White artists.**

**Except for those visiting from Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic — both of which have deep diasporic ties to this community — all the artists and workers were NYC-based, largely from the Bronx.**

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## DONOR SPOTLIGHT



**“I am passionate about helping Hostos as it is a welcoming learning environment that embraces students from all backgrounds, promoting diversity and growth in the South Bronx. I’ve had great experiences with interns, helping them find jobs that benefit their families. I am committed to continuing this work and supporting community-integrated education.”**

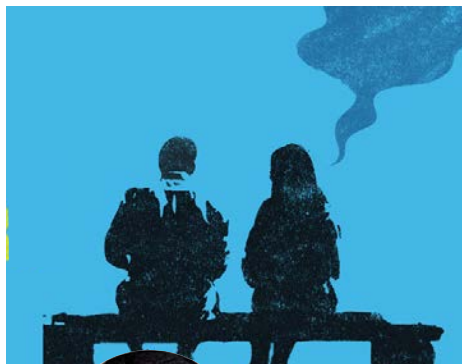
**— Janet Jiménez, General Manager  
Bronx Terminal Market**

In the fall, all spaces operated at 75% capacity due to Hostos Community College and CUNY's COVID-19 Safety Protocols. On February 1, the COVID-19 restrictions were lifted, and we returned to 100% capacity for the first time since March 2020. The Center received nearly 40,000 audience members throughout the year, resulting in the highest ticket sales revenue since the pandemic. We saw many returning audiences and new ones. Our programming and outreach efforts brought in new audiences from the Mexican, Asian, Dominican, and LGBTQIA+ communities.

## A YEAR OF MULTICULTURAL EVENTS TO ENRICH OUR COMMUNITY



In October 2022, President Cocco De Filippis honored the works of Puerto Rican poet Julia de Burgos with an afternoon of art and literature hosted in the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos. Held as part of the College's Hispanic Heritage Month celebration, the multifaceted event featured presentations by Cocco De Filippis and esteemed guests Chiqui Vicioso, poet, playwright, and essayist; Urayoán Noel, Ph.D., poet; and Alí Francis García, MAG, artist.



In November, Hostos Repertory Company performed "A Tale of Two Spectators" in the Black Box Theater. The one-act play by Peter Manos explores the connection between a man and a woman as they witness their spouses engaging in an affair with one another.



The three-day retrospective "El Inolvidable (The Unforgettable): The Influence of Tito Rodríguez" also took place in November. with never-before-heard listening sessions, a daytime family concert on the importance of the singer, film screenings, and a panel discussion with Tito Rodríguez's only son and contemporaries who knew him. Two major concerts took place with salsa singer Gilberto Santa Rosa performing 22 songs from Tito Rodríguez's songbook.

On April 1, the Center presented Xiomara Fortuna, the queen of Afro-Caribbean fusion, visiting us directly from the Dominican Republic and performing to a sold-out audience. She also gave a Master Class on her career and musical approach.



Caridad De La Luz (aka La Bruja) premiered an extended version of her theatrical work "From Poor to Rico" on April 29, in which she envisioned a better future for Puerto Rico. Her multi-disciplinary performance featured video, live singing, music, spoken word, and more.



On May 13, the Center presented the Spanish Harlem Orchestra with Bronx-born pianist and leader Oscar Hernández performing new material in the first half of the concert. The second half featured invited guest saxophonist Miguel Zenon and the Bronx-based salsa singer Ray De La Paz.







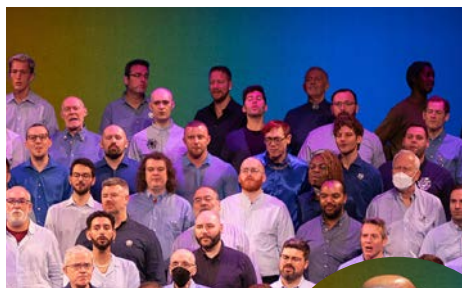
The “Annual Kwanzaa Celebration,” a Hostos tradition of over 30 years, was held live and in person for the first time since 2019 on December 8, featuring a dance performance by Asase Yaa African American Dance Theater.

HCAC presented “Mujeres Merengueras” (Women of Merengue) on June 2, a concert with three U.S.-based Dominican female singers: Indira Rubiera, Ninoshka and Lydia de la Rosa. Their performances were so infectious that several audience members were invited to dance on stage and in the aisles.



HCAC inaugurated its first annual “Lunar New Year Celebration” in partnership with Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company’s dancers, acrobats, and musicians. A full performance took place on January 28, and a lecture-demonstration on February 1 for schools, seniors and daytime audiences.

The season closed on June 16 with a special school performance by the NYC Gay Men’s Chorus of “Chasing Rainbows” in observance of inclusion and social equality during Pride Month.



For Women’s History Month, the Center presented Annette A. Aguilar and her 10-piece band on March 25 with five invited female musicians: Camille Thurman (Jazz), Ariadne Trujillo (Cuban), Catarina dos Santos (Portuguese), Deborah Resto (Salsa), and Karen Joseph (Latin Jazz).











## SCHOLARSHIP & FOUNDATION NEWS

The Hostos Community College Foundation actively works to bridge gaps in educational equity by providing scholarships, program support, and resources necessary for student success. This commitment ensures that financial barriers do not hinder the academic and career aspirations of our diverse student body. We are deeply grateful to all of our donors, supporters, and partners for their generous contributions and unwavering commitment to our mission.

## SCHOLARSHIP & FOUNDATION NEWS



### Hostos Golf Outing Classic Raises More Than \$122,000 for Scholarships

Hostos Community College Foundation's 16th Annual Scholarship Fund Golf Outing Classic took place on a sunny October day at the lovely Pelham Bay & Split Rock Golf Courses in the Bronx. The event raised over \$122,000 in support of scholarships and success initiatives at Hostos.



### CUNY Tuesday at Hostos

November 29, 2022 was CUNY Tuesday, and the Hostos family, once again, showed its love for our students by giving generously. Hostos raised nearly \$60,000 to support scholarships, and we extend our special thanks to Michael Potack and Stuart and Randi Feiner for their inspiring \$15,000 matching gifts. Throughout the day, the Division of Institutional Advancement was in the A-building atrium catching up with the Hostos community and giving students an opportunity to write thank-you notes to faculty and staff who have made a positive impact on them.

A generous donation from the New York Yankees provided \$6,250 in grocery vouchers that gave students extra support during the holidays.

Funds raised through this event supported our existing scholarship funds and the new Alumni Fund for Student Transfer Scholarships.





## \$100,000 From Lucius N. Littauer Foundation To Support Transfer Success

On September 30, 2022, the Lucius N. Littauer Foundation approved a \$100,000 award over two years to establish the Hostos Transfer Peer Mentor Program (TPMP). Developed in collaboration with acting Transfer Services Manager Marsha-Milan Bethel and executed by Director of Transfer Services Rocio Rayo, TPMP mentors spread the word to their fellow students about transfer assistance available at Hostos through 19 tabling events, more than 500 phone calls, 10 application workshops, campus visits, and a Decision Day celebration. The program will continue in the 2023–2024 academic year, providing support to both graduated students at four-year colleges and graduating students considering a transfer. These efforts boosted the transfer application rate from 26% to more than 40% of all graduating students.



## Gerstner Philanthropies Establishes Gerstner Helping Hands Program at Hostos

Gerstner Philanthropies' Helping Hands Program works with partner programs to administer one-time grants of up to \$3,000 to help individuals facing temporary financial emergencies. Hostos was selected as a new partner for this program and received \$83,333 to distribute to eligible students. This program complements the existing Emergency Student Grant Program funded by the Carroll and Milton Petrie Foundation. These funds have helped students find the stability they needed to persist through setbacks that might have otherwise prevented them from staying enrolled.

## 10 Years of Partnership with the Carroll and Milton Petrie Foundation

With the mission to expand higher education opportunities and career connections for young New Yorkers, the Carroll and Milton Petrie Foundation (Petrie) has been a leader in grantmaking to educational programs for more than 25 years. Over the past 10 years, Petrie has been a steadfast partner of Hostos, giving more than \$1.5 million to support innovative programs, emergency grants, and the Hostos Food Pantry. The Hostos Food Pantry serves more than a thousand students and their families each year, and more than 800 students have received urgently needed cash assistance through the Petrie Student Emergency Grants program. Petrie was an early supporter of the Peer Leaders in Supplemental Instruction program at Hostos, which has boosted completion rates in gateway math courses and served as a model for the peer leader program of Hostos' enhanced First Year Experience. Generous support from Petrie empowers Hostos students' bodies, minds, and spirits, and the College is grateful for this uplifting partnership.

## Foundation Board Member and Niece Visit and Share Story with Children's Center



On Wednesday, September 14, Hostos Community College Foundation Board member Elba Cabrera visited the Hostos Child Care Center to share the story of her sister, Dr. Evelina Antonetty, as a part of the Evelina 100 series of events. Cabrera, joined by Dr. Antonetty's daughter Anita, spoke about her sister's legacy in the Bronx and how the activist movements she started helped efforts in both the founding of Hostos and the establishment of the Hostos Children's Center, which has been a crucial part of the College since 1983. As Cabrera put it, spending time talking with the children of Hostos students is the best way to honor Dr. Antonetty, whose first priority was always the children of the South Bronx.



### Hostos Community College 55th Anniversary Gala Celebrates New and Lasting Partnerships

As a product of the larger Civil Rights Movement, few things have defined Hostos more than its ceaseless struggle for opportunity, mobility, and justice for our beloved community. The 55th Anniversary Gala — held on April 26, 2023, marking almost 55 years to the day of Hostos' charter — gathered more than 300 friends of the College and helped raise more than \$425,000 to bolster scholarships and enhance academic services. The joyful occasion granted a moment to celebrate the impact of the College over more than half a century and to honor students, faculty, alumni, and community leaders who continue to carry the torch lit by so many passionate activists who came before.

The evening's honorees were: Distinguished Professor Award: Cynthia Jones, Lecturer, Hostos Community College; Empowerment Award: Catherine Lapadula, Managing Director/Market Executive, International Division, WM UBS; Global Impact Award: George M. Logothetis, Executive Chairman, Libra Group; Philanthropic Impact Award: Michael R. Potack, Chairman, Unitex Healthcare Laundry Services; Healthcare Impact Award: Ramon Tallaj, M.D., Chairman, Somos Community Care.

Perhaps as remarkable as the individuals featured in our program were the 27 sponsors, from local businesses to global enterprises, whose support underscores the current relevance and urgent mandate set by Hostos' 55-year-old mission. Partners who have invested in Hostos for more than a decade were joined by new collaborators who want to join our united movement. These pages detail how our generous donors enhance the work of the College for students and the community, and events like this one enable us to honor their generosity and recognize the immense power of our work.





## Libra Philanthropies Awards Continue to Support Hostos Students

After visiting Hostos, George Logothetis, Executive Chairman of the Libra Group, recognized a strong alignment between the mission of Hostos and Libra Philanthropies. As a result, Libra Philanthropies provided \$100,000 in funding over two years to strengthen the Hostos Family Empowerment Program, specifically enhancing support for student parents. Libra Philanthropies also contributed \$20,000 for experiential learning and served as a Presenting Sponsor for our 55th Anniversary Gala.



## Stavros Niarchos Foundation Supports Students Through Gala Sponsorship

The Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF) has been a top sponsor for Hostos Community College Foundation's annual Gala since 2017. Their generosity through these gifts and through additional grants, including a \$100,000 grant for emergency scholarships at the height of the COVID-19 shutdowns and \$150,000 in 2014 to hire a Veterans Affairs Coordinator, has helped to support more than 400 scholarships for Hostos students and helped the College better support student veterans. SNF is also supporting current College efforts to boost enrollment and retention. The Foundation is grateful for their partnership, which has consistently aligned with the College's most urgent needs.



## Acacia Network Renews Scholarship Fund at Hostos

The Acacia Network pledged \$25,000 to renew the Hector L. Diaz scholarship at Hostos. This scholarship awards \$2,500 to up to 10 students per year in recognition of exemplary community service and academic attainment.



## Nasry Michelen Foundation and Hostos Community College Foundation Honor Donors and Celebrate \$75,000 Gift and \$150,000 Gift Agreement



On December 19, 2022, Nasry Michelen Foundation (NMF) Board Chairperson Cira Angeles presented a gift of \$75,000 to the Hostos Community College Foundation. Chairperson Angeles, as well as NMF Board members Dr. Rafael Lantigua and Dr. Manuel Acevedo, met with President Daisy Cocco de Filippis, Senior Vice President of Administration and Finance Esther Rodríguez Chardavoyne, Dean of Community Relations Ana García Reyes, and Vice President of Institutional Advancement Colette Atkins to celebrate the signing of a \$150,000 Gift Agreement and fulfillment of \$125,000 of the NMF's \$150,000 pledge to establish the Dr. Nasry Michelen Memorial Endowment. The endowment will fund annual scholarships for Hostos students who demonstrate academic excellence in pursuing allied health and public health careers.

The \$75,000 gift was made possible by participants and sponsors of the First Nasry Michelen Foundation Golf Tournament 2022, held in Punta Cana in May. In recognition, a reception was held in the Longwood Art Gallery by the Hostos Community College Foundation and NMF on Oct. 13, 2022. The event also celebrated the legacy of Hostos' founding president and trailblazing healthcare leader, Dr. Nasry Michelen (1924–2018).



### Alumni Mixers Help Hostos Grads Connect and Reconnect

On Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022, the Office of Alumni Relations, Office of Academic Affairs, and ASAP collaborated to host an Alumni Holiday Mixer. The well-attended event brought faculty, staff, and alumni together for a festive evening filled with opportunities to network and reconnect.

Alumni participated in several additional events organized exclusively by the Office of Alumni Relations as well as in partnership with other divisions.

### Hostos Alumna Competed on Top Chef VIP

Hostos alumna Genesis Suero '20 was selected to compete on Telemundo's Top Chef VIP. The season ran from April 26-July 6, 2023. Ms. Suero's star has been rising since she was named the first Dominican Miss New York USA, and on the show, the self-described foodie got a chance to prove her culinary chops.



### Hostos Alumni Lift as They Climb

The Akan of Ghana have a saying, "Sankofa" – "it is not taboo to return for what you left behind." This principle, emphasizing the importance of lifting others as one succeeds, is exemplified at Hostos through alumni who contribute their resources to support current students and the community. The Office of Alumni Relations celebrates these achievements and fosters connections between alumni and the Hostos family that helped shape their paths. All of our alumni are truly incredible, each making their unique mark on the world, like Ana Almanzar, the third individual from left to right, who now serves as New York City's Deputy Mayor for Strategic Initiatives.



### Hostos Alumna Appointed Bronx County Clerk

Hostos Community College alumna Ischia Bravo '09 was appointed as the County Clerk for Bronx County at the Supreme Court of the State of New York Appellate Division, First Judicial Department. The College has proudly watched Ms. Bravo's ascending career since being recognized in our Third Annual Alma Maters Awards in 2020 and featured in an Alumni Spotlight in 2021.





## The Alumni Spotlight Series Continues

Our Alumni Spotlight Series continued, showcasing the remarkable achievements of graduates who have harnessed the transformative power of a Hostos degree. Through their inspiring stories and accomplishments, we aimed to underscore how a Hostos education can truly empower individuals to turn their dreams into reality. Among them were Class of 2012 alumna Priscilla De Leon, now a project administrator at the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS), and Class of 2007 alum Dorián Molina, Foreign Service Officer for the U.S. Department of State.



“My experience here allowed me not to be afraid of ideas and drove me to engage with new learning opportunities. Not many places are as nurturing as Hostos, and I’m sure there’s no other place like this anywhere. I will always tell that to anyone wanting to come here because it can change their life, just as it did for me.”

— Priscilla De Leon '12

“Hostos provides community and a level of support you seek in a family. It’s an environment where you’re able to navigate challenges with others. The opportunities are there, not only academically but also personally. In short, I simply cannot measure what Hostos gave me.”

— Dorián Molina '07



## The Aging and Health Studies Unit Celebrates 20 Years of Impact and Bids a Fond Farewell to Professor Eunice Flemister

On Thursday, September 22, 2022, Hostos’ Aging and Health Studies Unit, alongside the Office of Alumni Relations and community partners, convened to celebrate a significant milestone. The event marked 20 years of successful gerontology alumni at Hostos. It was also an occasion to honor the retirement of the esteemed Professor Eunice Flemister, a beloved figure in the College community.

During the event, attendees, including former students and community partners, shared their experiences and memories. They spoke fondly of Professor Flemister’s profound impact on their lives and careers. The gathering underscored the vital role of the Aging and Health Studies program at Hostos, highlighting its influence on both students and the broader community.

In addition to celebrating past achievements, the event was also forward-looking. Professor Flemister collaborated with the Office of Alumni Relations and the Division of Institutional Advancement to lay the groundwork for a scholarship. This scholarship is intended to benefit future students of the Aging and Health Studies Unit, ensuring that her legacy of education and care in the field of gerontology continues for generations to come.

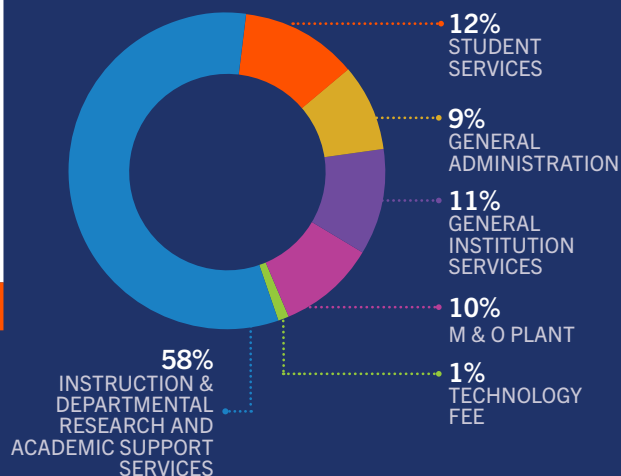


# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW, FISCAL YEAR 2022–2023

## EXPENDITURES BY MAJOR PURPOSE

Instruction & Departmental Research and Academic Support Services	56,980,516	58%
Student Services	12,452,953	12%
General Administration	9,227,014	9%
General Institution Services	10,614,788	11%
M & O Plant	9,673,905	10%
Technology Fee	692,760	1%
<b>Total Allocation</b>	<b>\$101,087,760</b>	<b>100%</b>

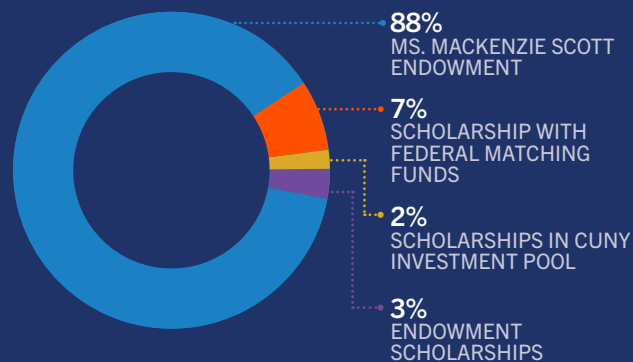
## EXPENDITURES BY MAJOR PURPOSE



## COMPONENTS OF ENDOWMENT SUPPORT

Ms. MacKenzie Scott Endowment	12,633,258	88%
Scholarship with Federal Matching Funds	1,024,657	7%
Scholarships in CUNY Investment Pool	330,116	2%
Endowment Scholarships	427,210	3%
<b>Total Endowment</b>	<b>\$14,415,242</b>	<b>100%</b>

## COMPONENTS OF ENDOWMENT SUPPORT





## GRANTS FY2022–2023

Hostos faculty and staff demonstrate dedication and expertise, consistently achieving significant milestones in securing grants from an array of sources, including government agencies, foundations, and corporations. Their exceptional efforts have not only sustained but further elevated the institution’s commitment to cutting-edge research and innovation. As we delve into the 2022–2023 fiscal year, the remarkable achievements continue to unfold, with a spectrum of active and new grants being skillfully administered through the CUNY Research Foundation and other organizations. This steadfast pursuit of funding not only underscores the faculty and staff’s relentless pursuit of knowledge but also fortifies Hostos as a hub of intellectual exploration and academic excellence. These grants show the institution’s capacity to drive impactful research initiatives, fostering an environment where groundbreaking ideas flourish and contribute to the advancement of knowledge across various disciplines.

Project Title	Funding Agency	Award Amount
Hostos Engineering Academic Talent Scholarship (HEAT)	NSF/Education & Human Resources	\$404,480.00
Hostos Oasis for Parent's Education (HOPE)	NSF/Education & Human Resources	\$400,368.00
Increasing the Access and Success of Scholars in Mathematics and Computer Science at a Hispanic Serving Institution	NSF/Education & Human Resources	\$250,316.00
Strengthening Physics Achievements	NSF/Education & Human Resources	\$74,667.00
Community Health Worker Training Program	DHHS/Health Resources and Services Administration	\$1,000,000.00
Fast Tract to College and Careers	USED/Office of Vocational and Adult Education	\$50,263.20
Parents and Children Together at Hostos (PACT at Hostos)	U.S. Department of Education	\$267,061.00
Building Transfer Pathways and Pipeline: A Partnership between Hostos CC, Columbia University, City College and Queens College	US Dept of Education	\$376,632.00
HCC: Strengthening Community College Training	DOL/Employment and Training Administration	\$175,000.00
Work Incentive Planning and Assistance (WIPA)	Social Security Admin	\$272,900.00
<b>Subtotal Federal Grants</b>		<b>\$3,271,687.20</b>

These figures represent funds made available during FY 2022–2023 only. Please note that some grants extend over several years, and the total amounts awarded are not reflected here.

## GRANTS FY2022–2023

Project Title	Funding Agency	Award Amount
Liberty Partnerships Program	NYS Department of Education	\$450,000.00
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Title II & Welfare Education Program Funding	NYS Department of Education	\$398,040.00
Vocational Educational Program (PERKINS)	NYS Department of Education	\$1,218,812.00
STEP/Proyecto Access	NYS Department of Education	\$495,482.00
CSTEP	NYS Department of Education	\$274,500.00
Workforce Investment Act	NYS Department of Education	\$176,204.00
NYC/HRA/CUNY/EDGE Program/Hostos	NYC Human Resources Administration	\$699,666.44
Patient Care Technician Training Program	DYCD/NYC Dept. of Youth and Community	\$236,194.00
First Course NYC Apprenticeship Program	NYC Department of Small Business Services	\$194,561.00
Hostos Train & Earn Services	DYCD/NYC Dept. of Youth and Community	\$91,317.00
Construction Vocational Training	NYCHA/NYC Housing Authority	\$135,501.50
CUNY Fatherhood Academy	NYC Center for Economic Opportunity	\$369,439.00
<b>Subtotal NY State/City Projects</b>		<b>\$4,739,716.94</b>
"Purgatorio": Second volume of a new critical edition in Spanish of Dante's Commedia	PSC-CUNY 53	\$3,500.00
The Literature of Accumulated Depreciation: The Role of Bankers in Contemporary Irish Fiction	PSC-CUNY 53	\$3,499.45
Defiance and Triumph: A Bronx Queer History	PSC-CUNY 53	\$3,500.00
Geological Tales and Manuscripts in Euclides da Cunha	PSC-CUNY 53	\$5,999.99
Plotting Women and London Mobility in Eighteenth-Century Narratives	PSC-CUNY 53	\$5,494.50
Tracing Black: Color and Concept, An Art Historical Phenomenology	PSC-CUNY 53	\$5,985.00
Election Administration and the Limits of Electoral Reform in New York City	PSC-CUNY 53	\$5,901.00
Toxic Assemblages: Necroecologies of Race and Accumulation in Louisiana	PSC-CUNY 53	\$6,000.00
Assessing Burnout among CUNY Faculty and their coping strategies	PSC-CUNY 53	\$6,000.00
<b>Internal (CUNY Projects)</b>		<b>\$45,879.94</b>



## GRANTS FY2022–2023

Project Title	Funding Agency	Award Amount
Bronx Einstein Training	Albert Einstein	\$32,956.00
Core Books: Multi Campus CUNY Humanities	Teagle Foundation	\$52,419.00
Center for Botanicals & Chronic Diseases	Rutgers University	\$22,047.00
Hostos Community Healthcare Worker Program	Mother Cabrini Health Foundation	\$75,000.00
Community Health Worker Training Program	Montefiore Medical Center	\$155,750.00
CFA NYC Accelerated Workforce Recovery HUB	College Fund (CUNY Miscellaneous)	\$152,100.00
Virtual Exchange Initiative Program	NPORG/The Aspen Institute	\$17,049.07
NYC Accelerated Workforce Recovery HUB	NPORG/New York Community Trust AKA Community Funds, Inc.	\$86,183.00
Google Career Certificates	NPORG/Jobs for Future, Inc	\$15,492.00
Campaign For A Food Secure CUNY	CUNY Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy Foundation	\$15,550.63
NYC Future of Work Initiative	NPORGG/BNY Mellon Foundation	\$21,600.00
Start Adult Learner Project	The College Completion Innovation Fund (CCIF)	\$34,999.00
AGILE CUNY Career Engagement	J.P. Morgan Chase	\$22,000.00
Improving Transfer THR TRSR Explorer	Robin Hood Foundation	\$27,755.83
CUNY ASAP: Equity in Education	Morgan Stanley Foundation	\$6,046.00
Computational Thinking for Educators	PUBFND/Robin Hood Foundation	\$26,136.72
STEM Education	PCORP/General Motors	\$16,429.00
AWI: Writing Race, Ethnicity, and Gender across Borders. Diaspora/ Public Engagements at Hostos Community College	Andrew Mellon Foundation	\$39,797.00
LLAC From Hostos to CCNY: Establishing a Mentored, Articulated Transfer Program in Latina/o/x, Latin American, and Caribbean Studies	Andrew Mellon Foundation	\$20,181.00
Translating Scales: Racial Mixing and Geological Dynamics in Euclides da Cunha	Andrew Mellon Foundation	\$2,000.00
Expanding Articulation of Credit Transfer	NPORG/ITHAKA	\$20,000.00
<b>Subtotal Private Grants</b>		<b>\$871,491.25</b>
<b>Total FY2022–2023 Grants</b>		<b>\$8,928,775.33</b>

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## Hostos Community College Celebrates a Year of Empowering Change

In 2023, we proudly acknowledged the transformative power of education, particularly celebrating our historic role in fostering social mobility for our graduates. They are now equipped with knowledge and skills to enter the workforce as agents of positive change, significantly contributing to their communities and opening doors to new opportunities as college-educated individuals.

Hostos held two commencement ceremonies on May 31 and June 1. Graduates of the Class of 2023 hailed from 6 U.S. states and 35 countries across Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Americas. The youngest graduates were 17 years old, while the oldest was 68.

Thirty students from Hostos Lincoln Academy earned their associate degrees in Liberal Arts after

finishing their high school diplomas in June 2022. Ten of those enrolled in 4-year colleges as Juniors at 17 years of age.

The HERO Early College High School program celebrated its second Registered Nurse A.A.S. graduate, Justin Rosa.

The largest field of study in which degrees were awarded was Liberal Arts, with 274 students. Of significance is the graduation of the first 12 Computer Science majors since the program was launched. In all, almost 900 degrees were conferred.

On May 31, the College bestowed degrees upon graduates from HERO High and Hostos Lincoln Academy, as well as those who finished their 2-year course of study in Liberal Arts (AA), Liberal Arts and Sciences (AS), Criminal Justice (AA), Chemical Engineering Science

(AS), Civil Engineering Science (AS), Computer Science (AS), Electrical Engineering Science (AS), Forensic Science (AS), Food Studies (AS), Paralegal Studies (AAS), Public Policy and Administration (AAS), Mathematics (AS), and Mechanical Engineering Science (AS).

On June 1, the College celebrated those graduating with degrees in Accounting (AS), Accounting (AAS), Aging and Health Studies (AAS), Business Management (AS), Community Health (AS), Dental Hygiene (AAS), Digital Design & Animation (AAS), Digital Music (AAS), Early Childhood Education (AAS), Game Design (AAS), Nursing (AAS), Accounting for Forensic Accounting (AS), Office Technology (AAS), Radiologic Technology (AAS), Police Science (AS), and LPN (certificate).

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### THE FOLLOWING SCHOLARSHIPS AND FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO OUR HOSTOS STUDENTS, THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS.

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The Richard Propper Memorial Scholarship

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## SUPPORT STUDENT PERSISTENCE AT HOSTOS

The Hostos Community College Foundation invites its family and friends to join us in empowering even more of our talented and dedicated students to earn their degrees. The Foundation houses 35 internal scholarship funds, with more being added each year. Additionally, it raises funds for four emergency scholarship funds which can process awards within one week to help students facing an urgent financial burden. In 2023, the Scholarship Office received nearly 750 applications for our 157 available scholarship awards, and more than \$500,000 was requested in eligible, non-tuition, emergency scholarships, with less than \$200,000 available to meet that need.

The Foundation also solicits funds for various programs within the College, including support for student parents, nutrition assistance, tutoring and mentoring, and experiential learning, to name a few. If you are interested in programmatic needs at the College, we would love to help you find an initiative that aligns with your giving priorities. Contact Vice President of Institutional Advancement Colette Atkins at 718-518-4407 to find out more.

Your generosity will help students overcome financial challenges that impede their otherwise relentless pursuit of higher education and inspire them to achieve their personal and professional dreams.

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING

#### MAKE A ONE-TIME OR RECURRING GIFT:

You may set up a pledge or recurring gift to provide consistent support—month after month or year after year—on our website. Visit [www.GivetoHostos.com](http://www.GivetoHostos.com) or scan the QR code below.

#### MAKE A SCHOLARSHIP GIFT:

Although nearly all Hostos students receive some form of financial aid, the maximum awards they may receive from state and federal sources is less than \$10,000—the real cost of attending college far exceeds this amount.

2022–2023 Total Cost of Attending College for Students Living Away from Home

Without childcare:	\$30,453
With childcare:	\$36,573

2022–2023 Total Cost of Attending College for Students Living With Parent(s)

Without childcare:	\$17,902
With childcare:	\$24,022

For students in our allied health programs the cost can be up to \$6,000 higher.

Your gift of any size can support an existing scholarship.

A gift of \$5,000 or more can be used to create a named scholarship with unique criteria to be used within 1-3 years or continued through additional donations.

A gift of \$50,000 or more can be used to create an endowed scholarship that will provide support year after year — for posterity.

Ask about the possibility of a matching gift from CUNY. For more information, contact Idelsa Mendez at 718-518-4341.

### WHAT TO GIVE

In addition to cash and checks, the Hostos Community College Foundation is able to accept marketable securities and gifts from IRAs and Donor Advised Funds.

We can even help you establish a charitable gift annuity that pays you fixed payment for life (or a period of years) and ultimately benefits Hostos students.

### THE EUGENIO MARÍA DE HOSTOS SOCIETY

To honor donors who intend to make a planned gift to Hostos, we have established the Eugenio María de Hostos Society. This includes individuals who have named Hostos as a full, partial, or contingent beneficiary in their will, trust, retirement fund, brokerage account, or life insurance policy.



### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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