Legacy Binder
Academic Year 2021-2022

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Overview

One of the main organizations that serves and represents the needs and interests of students at the Hostos Community College is the Student Government Association (SGA). SGA comprises of sixteen (16) members, seven (7) of which serve as Executive Officers and nine (9) as Senators. SGA members are part of many important college-wide committees including the Hostos Association, College-Wide Senate, Auxiliary Enterprise Committee, Technology Fee Committee, Space Requests Committee and others. SGA organizes cultural, educational and social activities for the student body throughout the school year. It also assists student organizations in the planning and development of their activities. The members of the SGA are elected each year to serve for one year.
SGA Members 2021-2022

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Note: These two members were elected during the Spring 2022 Student Government Elections. They remained as Senators until Fall 2021 when more members were appointed to office and internal elections took place which allowed the team to elect Executive Officers.

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SGA Members’ Reflections:
Brian Carter

Major
• Radiologic Technology

Positions held
• Summer 2021: Senator, President
• Fall 2021: President
• Spring 2022: President

Committees
• Member of Hostos Community College Association
• Member of Hostos College-Wide Senate
• Member of Senate Executive Committee
• Hostos Delegate to University Student Senate (USS)

Why did you join SGA? What was your motivation?
• I joined to add my leadership skills.

In your opinion, what were the most challenging things that this SGA administration faced?
• We faced a world pandemic in which we handled accordingly had to reinvent ourselves
  started using virtual workshops through Zoom which was a game changer I might add.

What are you most proud of as far as this SGA team is concerned?
• I am proud of each and every accomplishment that we faced through adversity and
  managed to get through quite well I would have to agree.

How would you rate this SGA team’s performance?
• On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the highest score), I would give this SGA team a 10
  for their efforts to serve students.

What recommendations would you give to the next SGA?
• I would recommend that we keep having virtual workshops and in person ones as well
  continue to work with the Counseling Center as well and follow accordingly with the
  likes of the amazing Jason Libfeld, Jerry Rosa and Rhonda Smith.
Major
- Business Management

Positions held
- Summer 2021: Senator, Vice President for Student Affairs and Community Relations
- Fall 2021: Vice President for Student Affairs and Community Relations
- Spring 2022: Vice President for Student Affairs and Community Relations

Committees
- Member of Hostos Community College Association
- Member of Hostos College-Wide Senate
- Hostos Delegate to University Student Senate (USS)
- Member of the Academic Standards Committee

Why did you join SGA? What was your motivation?
- My first semester at Hostos Community College, I was already a part of the Student Leadership Academy, and I knew I wanted to become active in the community and make a difference among my classmates. The Student Government Association was the ideal place for me to accomplish this.

In your opinion, what were the most challenging things that this SGA administration faced?
- The most difficult aspect for me was involving others in our activities. Getting the rest of the student body to participate is an important aspect of student government. The remote learning provided by COVID-19 has had a significant role.

What are you most proud of as far as this SGA team is concerned?
- I am thrilled that this SGA team was able to keep students interested even during these tough times due to COVID-19, and that the team was able to conduct several events both online and in person.

How would you rate this SGA team’s performance?
- On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the highest score), I would give this SGA team a 9 for their efforts to serve students.
What recommendations would you give to the next SGA?

- I would encourage the next SGA team to continue listening to the student body, to build and develop relationships among students, and to constantly speak for student concerns.
SGA Members’ Reflections:
Junior Carela

Major
• Game Design

Positions held
• Summer 2021: Vice President for Academic Affairs/Chair of Senate
• Fall 2021: Vice President for Academic Affairs/Chair of Senate
• Spring 2022: Vice President for Academic Affairs/Chair of Senate

Committees
• Member of Hostos Community College Association
• Member of Hostos College-Wide Senate
• Member College-Wide Senate Executive Committee
• Hostos Alternate to University Student Senate (USS)
• Member of The Committee on Committees
• Member of the Academic Standards Committee

Other items
• Volunteered at the SGA Counter once a week and help students whenever needed

Why did you join SGA? What was your motivation?
• I joined to help in whatever way I could. I also wanted to gain experience and understand the state of the school and what the students generally thought.

In your opinion, what were the most challenging things that this SGA administration faced?
• COVID-19's impact on the school and students. There wasn't as much enthusiasm for events. Lack of student's on campus for most of the semester also posed an issue for in person events.

What are you most proud of as far as this SGA team is concerned?
• I am proud that this SGA team never gave up and always believed in and tried to help the student as best as possible. I am also most proud of the several events we were able to put together and do.
How would you rate this SGA team’s performance?

- On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the highest score), I would give this SGA team a 9 for their efforts to serve students.

What recommendations would you give to the next SGA?

- I would encourage the next SGA team to do more collaborations with other programs within the university. This can also give the students within the SGA team to collaborate with their respective major departments that can be both beneficial for them and the student body. Make sure to keep a cordial relationship with the Administration; it will be beneficial and keep the peace.
SGA Members’ Reflections: 
Abdulrahman Abubakar

Major
  • Business Management

Positions held
  • Summer 2021: Budget and Finance Commissioner
  • Fall 2021: Budget and Finance Commissioner
  • Spring 2022: Budget and Finance Commissioner

Committees
  • Member of Hostos Community College Association
  • Member of Hostos College-Wide Senate

Why did you join SGA? What was your motivation?
  • This member did not write a reflection.

In your opinion, what were the most challenging things that this SGA administration faced?
  • This member did not write a reflection.

What are you most proud of as far as this SGA team is concerned?
  • This member did not write a reflection.

How would you rate this SGA team’s performance?
  • This member did not write a reflection.

What recommendations would you give to the next SGA?
  • This member did not write a reflection.
SGA Members’ Reflections:
Raymond Flowers

Major
  • Liberal Arts

Positions held
  • Summer 2021: Executive Secretary
  • Fall 2021: Executive Secretary
  • Spring 2022: Not in office (graduated)

Committees
  • Member of Hostos Community College Association
  • Member of Hostos College-Wide Senate

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What are you most proud of as far as this SGA team is concerned?
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How would you rate this SGA team’s performance?
  • This member did not write a reflection.

What recommendations would you give to the next SGA?
  • This member did not write a reflection.
SGA Members’ Reflections:
Sonya-Jo Hamilton

Major
- Nursing

Positions held
- Fall 2021: Campus Affairs Commissioner
- Spring 2022: Campus Affairs Commissioner

Committees
- Member of the College-Wide Senate
- Member of the Hostos Community College Association
- Member of Curriculum Committee
- Managed the SGA Hostos email account (STUDENTGOVERNMENT@stu.hostos.cuny.edu)

Why did you join SGA? What was your motivation?
- Living through a pandemic that had most people scared actually made me missing a chance of helping people. SGA gave me that chance again… I was able to actively be a part of a team that had one end goal and that is to represent the students at Hostos impacting change.

In your opinion, what were the most challenging things that this SGA administration faced?
- The most challenging experience is definitely remote assistance but together we were able to maintain presence successfully for the students at Hostos.

What are you most proud of as far as this SGA team is concerned?
- I am proud of everything that SGA has done. The last two years as not been easy but as a team the SGA came together and worked hard every week virtually.

How would you rate this SGA team’s performance?
- On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the highest score), I would give this SGA team a 10 for their efforts to serve students.

What recommendations would you give to the next SGA?
- My recommendation to the next SGA is don’t be afraid. Remember that you aren’t alone and that this is a team. Be bold, be resilient and most importantly remember that you are
a student of Hostos and so you have all the experience combined with your fellow members to represent the students at Hostos.
SGA Members’ Reflections:
Brittany Lanzano

Major
- Digital Music Design

Positions held
- Fall 2021: Senator
- Fall 2021: Evening and Part-Time Student Affairs Commissioner

Committees
- Member of Hostos College-Wide Senate

Why did you join SGA? What was your motivation?
- I am a born leader and I feel I can be a good voice for the student who need some help.

In your opinion, what were the most challenging things that this SGA administration faced?
- Finding a way to solve EVERY issue in the time we had.

What are you most proud of as far as this SGA team is concerned?
- The resolutions we did present were accurate, intelligent, and on point.

How would you rate this SGA team’s performance?
- On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the highest score), I would give this SGA team a 10 for their efforts to serve students.

What recommendations would you give to the next SGA?
- Stick to the plan and always listen to everyone’s suggestions because you never know where the answer may come from.
SGA Members’ Reflections:
Amdiya Kyemtore

Major
- Liberal Arts and Science

Positions held
- Spring 2022: Executive Secretary

Committees
- Member of the College-Wide Senate
- Member of the Hostos Community College Association

Why did you join SGA? What was your motivation?
- To be able to assist students navigate resources on campus.

In your opinion, what were the most challenging things that this SGA administration faced?
- Organizing events in a COVID / Post COVID environment. Less enthusiasm and lack of participation.

What are you most proud of as far as this SGA team is concerned?
- The ability of the team to stay on course and organize events despite the challenges

How would you rate this SGA team’s performance?
- On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the highest score), I would give this SGA team an 8 for their efforts to serve students.

What recommendations would you give to the next SGA?
- They should not shy away from seeking the help and advice of the advisors because they are always willing to provide support.
SGA Members’ Reflections:
Kim Lloyd

Major
- Aging & Health Studies

Positions held
- Spring 2022: Senator

Committees
- Member of Hostos College-Wide Senate
- Participated in meetings with President Cocco de Filippis
- Participated in meeting with Provost Wang
- Represented Hostos in the CUNY Community College Marketing Campaign

Why did you join SGA? What was your motivation?
- I joined because I wanted to show the Hostos Community College Student body and faculty that anyone can attend college today. You are a person who wants to go to college get a new career, you can go to Hostos Community College start planning for your new career. You know what your dream career. You can get a degree in that career right now.

In your opinion, what were the most challenging things that this SGA administration faced?
- The most challenging things that we faced were getting students to come back to campus. Hostos Community College is open for students to attend class on campus. Students are too afraid to attend class because they have small children and grandparents at home. Students do not want to give the COVID-19 virus to a family member. Some of the students became head of household because someone in the family died from COVID-19. Some of the students just want to continue doing distance learning class. Hostos Community College will have to find a new way of helping students with their educational needs at this present time. My recommendations are:
  - Keep running the commercials on the radio. WBLS runs commercials about Hostos Community College early in the morning.
  - Keep sending out the student survey

What are you most proud of as far as this SGA team is concerned?
- I am extremely proud that I am in the Student Government Association (SGA). I have learned that the Student Government Association (SGA) attends meetings with the Hostos Senate once a month. We also attend meetings with the President of Hostos
Community College Dr. Daisy Cocco de Filippis. The meeting I attended was all about how Hostos Community College is a great place to get a good college education.

How would you rate this SGA team’s performance?
• On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the highest score), I would give this SGA team an 8 for their efforts to serve students.

What recommendations would you give to the next SGA?
• I would encourage them to be more friendly. Start to have meetings in person. Explain how important it is to attend meetings every Thursday. We are one team; we have to help each other as a team.
SGA Members’ Reflections:  
Malik Pellington

Major
• Liberal Arts and Science

Positions held
• Spring 2022: Senator

Committees
• Member of Hostos College-Wide Senate

Why did you join SGA? What was your motivation?
• To assist students in discovering on campus resources

In your opinion, what were the most challenging things that this SGA administration faced?
• The most challenging thing we faced was carrying out most of the student life events we planned to host later in the semester.

What are you most proud of as far as this SGA team is concerned?
• I am proud that we go to execute a numerous workshops to aid students.

How would you rate this SGA team’s performance?
• On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the highest score), I would give this SGA team a 10 for their efforts to serve students.

What recommendations would you give to the next SGA?
• I encourage the next cohort to be cohesive and steadfast in their goals to improve student life and the overall college experience.
SGA Members’ Reflections:
Aniya Young

Major
• Criminal Justice

Positions held
• Fall 2021: Senator
• Spring 2022: Senator

Committees
• Member of Hostos College-Wide Senate
• Member of The Committee on Committees

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What recommendations would you give to the next SGA?
• I would encourage the next SGA team to get out there more and spread the word about SGA so that more students are interested in joining in the upcoming semesters.
Thoughts about the 2021-2022 SGA administration

Working with the Student Government Association (SGA) during the spring 2022 semester was an honor. I started on January 18, 2022, and one of my first phone calls was with President Brian Carter. He warmly welcomed me in my new role as the Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Management and immediately started to outline his thoughts about how SDEM can better serve the Hostos Community College students. The phone call inspired me to hit the ground running and make myself and the SDEM division a partner with the Student Government Association. The SGA Executive Board met with the President, Provost, SVP, and myself monthly to advocate for their fellow students and bring new ideas/initiatives to the Administration that could help students persist throughout the semester. The highlight of my first graduation ceremony was for me to call the name and hand the Valedictorian (SGA member) Bouampoundi Thiombiano her diploma. I congratulate the 2021-2022 SGA Administration, and I know each of you will succeed in your future endeavors. Thank you.
Administrators’ Reflections:
Johanna Gómez

Assistant Dean of Student Life
Division of Student Development
and Enrollment Management (SDEM)

Thoughts about the 2021-2022 SGA administration

Dear 2021-2022 Student Government Association,

What a tremendous honor it has been for me to be a part of your leadership and to bear witness to the successes of your administration! I call your administration “the little engine that could,” as your leadership never faltered, despite of facing numerous trials and tribulations during your administration.

Your team was put in a unique position to drive the college’s enrollment by encouraging your peers to return to campus to take classes in-person, despite of the heart-felt lingering impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on mental health – notwithstanding the strict adherence to protocols the college/university put in place in order to allow access. Your administration flawlessly led through natural disasters, public health crisis, war, recession, soaring food and fuel prices, gun violence, fight for women’s reproductive rights, and a changing landscape with huge skyscrapers in the college’s surrounding neighborhood. Although you worked with ½ a student government association and hustled your way through to increase it to ¾ of a full board, your presence was felt throughout your tenure. You were actively present and let your voices be heard during your meetings with campus executives, at the college wide senate meetings, during the middle states commission on higher education team visits, programmed activities, service events, and special committees.

You advocated tirelessly for yourselves and your peers and continuously informed campus administration of the little things that needed to be addressed on campus to facilitate students’ safe return, to garner empathy for your peers who were struggling upon their return, to ensure that there was a level playing field in our learning community, and to permit your members to have more of a presence by requesting access to your information kiosk and office spaces. All in all, I say that you did a heck of a great job and you should all be very proud for all that you are and everything that you’ve accomplished and will continue to do in life. Your grit was enviable, but your humanity
is your legacy. And for that and so much more, I congratulate all of you on your successes. Continue to lead with purpose, plan when you are able to, and share your vision with others.

As the great Martin Luther King Jr. once said “If you can’t fly then run. If you can’t run then walk. If you can’t walk then crawl. But whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward.”
SGA Advisors’ Reflections:
Jerry Rosa

Director of Student Activities
Office of Student Activities

SGA Main Advisor

Thoughts about the 2021-2022 SGA administration

“Any structure must have a strong foundation. The cornerstones anchor the foundation.”
— John Wooden

It is difficult to build a solid structure when you do not have all the parts that you need at your disposal. This was the story of the 2021-2022 SGA administration. From the very beginning, they had the desire to effectively serve students, but they never had an entire team to manage all of the tasks of being an effective student government throughout the academic year.

The challenges of the 2021-2022 SGA team date back to April of 2021. To begin, the team started its term of office with only two members. Only Brian Carter and Bouampoundi Thiombiano participated in the Spring 2022 Student Government Elections. More specifically, only Brian and Bouampoundi returned their election applications and got certified. All of the other candidates picked up the forms but never made it to the certification stage.

Running with a team of only two members immediately put this SGA team at a disadvantage. They did not have have quorum for Executive or Senate Meetings. They could not appoint Executive Officers because they could not hold meetings to accept nominations or cast votes. They could not submit spending plans because they could not vote to approve them.

Fortunately, at the end of the Summer, Brian and Bouampoundi were able to recruit three additional members: Junior Carela, Abdulrahman Abubakar and Raymond Flowers. Having Junior, Abdul (as he likes to be called) and Raymond on board allowed the team to hold their first meeting (an Executive Meeting) and to hold an election to determine who would be the main Executive Officers. During the election, Brian was elected as President, Bouampoundi as Vice President for Student Affairs, Junior as Vice President for Academic Affairs/Chair of Senate, Abdul as Budget and Finance Commissioner (Treasurer) and Raymond as Executive Secretary. Having these officers on board allowed the team to approve their Summer spending plans and get access to the funding that they needed. In the upcoming weeks, the team was able to recruit Sonya-
Jo Hamilton and Brittany Lanzano. These new members took on the roles of Campus Affairs and Evening and Part-Time Student Affairs Commissioners.

The presence of seven team members allowed SGA to conduct the steps necessary to become fully active. They created and approved their Fall 2021 spending plans. They appointed representatives to the Hostos Community College Association. They appointed representatives to the Hostos College-Wide Senate and its subcommittees. They scheduled and held meetings with the President. They organized a few events. Although not a lot of activities took place, the team did the best that they could and should be given credit considering that they only had seven out of a possible sixteen members in office.

The Spring 2022 semester saw the team face a similar situation to that of the beginning of the Fall semester. One member graduated and one member was removed for academic reasons, so the team was down to five members again. Fortunately, some of the vacancy applications that went out were returned and the team was able to appoint an additional four Senators. Three of these Senators became active members of the team throughout the semester. One of them did not participate in any meetings or activities and was therefore removed from office.

The presence of additional members allowed the team to be a bit more active during the Spring semester that they had been during the Fall semester. They organized events and collaborated with various units to hold events. They held their scheduled student assembly. They held their recognition ceremony at the end of the academic year. They became more visible at the SGA Counter. They became more united.

Unfortunately, once final exams came around, the team stopped meeting and its momentum disappeared. This meant that the team made no kind of effort to hold a transition meeting with the next set of SGA officers. In year’s past, this gathering resulted in the exchange of valuable words of advice that the next team would use to guide its course. This year, they are left without that foundation. Hopefully, that will not affect their ability to be ready to take on the challenge of holding office when the day comes. Hopefully, they will be able to establish a more solid initial structure that will carry them towards a successful term of office.
SGA Advisors’ Reflections:
Jason Libfeld

Student Leadership Coordinator
Hostos Student Leadership Academy

SGA Secondary Advisor

Thoughts about the 2021-2022 SGA administration

When a crisis comes to an end, it is then that true leaders take the first steps in making a change and thus provide a path for others to follow and resume their lives with some familiarity again. The ability of this year’s Student Government Association to persevere in times of uncertainty is a testament to their perseverance. In spite of the complications imposed upon everyday life by the COVID-19 pandemic, our SGA leaders took up the mantle of their predecessors and lived up to the mission of their constitution.

The transition for the 2021-2022 SGA was burdened by a lack of candidates running in the formal elections, but two individuals, Bouampoundi Thiombioano and Brian Carter quickly took to their leadership positions and began a dutiful recruitment of members to join their ranks. Within a few weeks, a portion of the full body was assembled and it made it possible for the team to appoint positions in their Executive Branch, so that they could attend to business, including meeting with President Daisy Cocco De Filippis every month to provide updates on challenges and opportunities for students slowly returning to the campus. This transition, along with the change in the members of the SGA made for a new set of challenges, movements and conversations that needed to take place to unite the student leaders with the student body, that in many ways did not know that the campus had opportunities for them to engage with.

Beginning in the summer of 2021, the SGA began meeting monthly with the new President and provided her with insights and advice about what was going on with the student body through the remote learning experiences and the challenges many were facing returning to campus. The most significant conversation with the new President concentrated on the Vaccination Policy and a level of confusion that existed with regard to how to access the campus and then who needed booster shots and when and how to report it. The SGA also began conversations about mental health and other such issues with students and the Counseling Center at a sequence of co-sponsored events that ran through the pandemic, virtually. The success of the sessions allowed for engagement with students on other pertinent issues, such as relationships and money matters.
Each member of the SGA took on special roles throughout the course of their terms of office and also made contributions to the college by serving on campus-wide committees, including the College-Wide Senate. President Brian Carter gave inspirational and informative speeches on a monthly basis to update the faculty and the staff about the work that the SGA members were doing and the needs of the students, who were facing demands, challenges and sometimes crises throughout the transition out of the pandemic. SGA President Carter also penned weekly reports for the President’s newsletter, El Semanario Hostosiano. Vice President Thiombiano served as a representative of the student body along with President Carter at the University Student Senate, which resumed business and addressed the needs of students CUNY-wide.

Many members of this year’s leadership group made contributions to the community through service and several made contributions to the community by speaking out on issues that they felt were of great importance. In many ways, the collective was able to effect change in significant ways throughout the year and has left a good standard that the 2022-2023 group will have to live up to. As a group, the representatives from 2021-2022 SGA took their responsibilities seriously and made a concerted effort to improve the college and the lives of the student body.

There were many opportunities for collaboration and the group worked effectively to provide resources for the academic community during the return to campus period following the COVID-19 shutdown. The SGA collaborated with the Counseling Center on weekly conversations to help smooth over the challenges faced by students in a remote learning environment. They worked with the Office of the President to ensure that the voices of the students were heard in every activity that took place on the campus. They worked with the Hostos Student Leadership Academy on volunteer activities and promotions and they collaborated with the Student Success Coaching Unit on a successful Money Matters series of workshops.

Special recognition to President Carter for their weekly contributions to the El Semanario Hostosiano/The Hostos Weekly Newsletter, to VP Boumapoundi Thiombiano, VP and Chair of the Senate Junior Carela, Commissioner Sonya-Jo Hamilton for their work on the special events co-sponsored by the SGA and the Counseling Unit and to all the members for their volunteer work at several in-person volunteer activities that took place throughout the course of the year and at multiple SGA sponsored and co-sponsored activities aimed at helping the student re-adjust to the campus and in the community.

The SGA also collaborated with the SLA and the Wellness Program to hand out food to families in need a few days before Thanksgiving. This act, which has been an annual activity sponsored by SGA/PTK and SLA, this year was sponsored by the Wellness Program and required that students commit themselves to appearing in person to share some joy with people in need, when our city was struggling with some of the darkest days of the pandemic. Kudos to all of the SGA and SLA
members who participated and made a huge impact upon the world of the community that they live in, work in and go to school in.

I also want to commend VP Junior Carela for his efforts to address all student classroom concerns directly with the Provost on an ongoing basis. On more than a few occasions, the efforts of Junior, working with members of the administration helped everyone understand the very specific challenges that were being faced by many in the Hostos Community through the year.

This SGA, much like its predecessors, the team had a strong commitment to address the needs and challenges faced by undocumented and international students, who either pay more tuition to attend the college or may not be eligible to access some funding because of their status. Special recognition in these areas go to Abdul Abubakar, Amdiya Kyemtore and Vice President Bouampoundi Thiombiano.

There was also a strong commitment to serving families and parents and addressing their needs throughout the pandemic and transition back to the campus with respect to the demands faced by single or working parents, some with children who were not of age to be vaccinated. Special recognition to Sonya-Jo Hamilton, Brittany Lanzano and others for addressing these concerns.

Senator Kim Lloyd joined the team a little after some of the others and took on the responsibility of speaking for older students, who were facing challenges with technology, navigating the college landscape and communicating with their new classmates. Kim’s passion for addressing these needs was heard by the administration and she was able to make numerous recommendations on behalf of the SGA.

The SGA also had representatives that served in the Middle States process for Hostos CC to receive reaccreditation. A number of members of SGA either served on committees, or met with members of the Middle States Committee when they visited the college in March and April.

I also want to acknowledge here that in a very unique way, this group of SGA members faced extraordinary challenges because of the crisis that continued to resurface, and the circumstances that were created by a very fluid environment. A number of our SGA members held jobs throughout the year, while studying and serving and often had to work during meetings or extended hours leading up to meetings, which meant they were extraordinarily tired and/or in transit while attending meeting and addressing situations that would affect their constituents. For the most part, all of the members of the SGA met or exceeded their responsibilities even while facing the demands of their own lives and responsibilities to themselves.

I truly believe that the efforts of the members of the SGA for 2021-2022 made an incredible difference and had a huge impact, for the better, on the college and all the members of the
community. Their accomplishments, achievements and efforts should be documented as what it is, which is transformational leadership, leading the way back to some semblance of normalcy after great challenges.

Finally, I would say congratulations to all the members of the SGA who graduated, particularly Bouampoundi Thiombiano the valedictorian, and congratulations to those who have been elected and will serve in 2022-2023. You are all greatly appreciated and your hard work on behalf of the college, the University and the students and the community are truly valued.
SGA Advisors’ Reflections:
Rhonda Smith

Administrative Assistant
Office of Student Activities

SGA Team Advisor

Thoughts about the 2021-2022 SGA administration

Student Government did a good job as far as representing their student body during this year. They were able to serve students and administrators by representing the needs of students on campus and off-campus.

However, I think that they need to develop more leadership skills as far as representing the students that are on campus. I hardly saw any members of the SGA Student Body except for about 3 of them. The majority of the student body did not even know that SGA exists on campus.

This year has been an experience for the majority of our students attending classes in person instead of remotely. SGA did limited events remotely through Zoom in which they rewarded students with gift cards and scholarships. However, they were not always available to answer any questions that the students had.

Final thought: I hope next semester they are willing to participate in events with students and spend time at the SGA Counter. Hopefully all SGA members can get together and do a meet and greet so our students know that they exist and will be available for any help they may need.
SGA Spending Plans: Stipends Summer 2021

Description of proposal

This is a summer budget break down for the stipends of the senators in the Administration.

The sum of $3,393.07 would be split evenly in 16 places for all members of the administration for a summer stipend.

That will be a total of $212.06 for each member of the organization.

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SGA Spending Plans: Programming Summer 2021

Description of proposal

This is a breakdown of the summer budget for the SGA. The total of $4,071.67 will be spent on electronic gift cards for survey winners and on custom SGA merchandise.

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### SGA Spending Plans: Stipends Fall 2021

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Event Summaries: SGA Recognition Event

Name of Event: SGA Recognition Event

Date of Event: Tuesday 05/24/22

Time of Event: 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Location of event: Zoom

Purpose of the event: To show appreciation to the students, faculty and staff who helped SGA to promote its initiatives and serve students during the academic year.

Was there a flyer for the event? Yes

Was there an announcement for the event? Yes

Expected attendance: 50

Actual attendance: 30-35

Person in charge of the event: Jerry Rosa

Position: SGA Main Advisor

How far in advance did you start planning for the event? About 3 weeks in advance

I consider that the event was: Very successful

Who helped the person in charge? Dean Johanna Gómez

Total budget for event: $1,048.36

What vendor(s) were used for the event (if any)? The awards were purchased from www.crownawards.com.

What remarks do you have about the event? The event very well. Several of the recipients spoke, which made the event more interesting.
SGA Surveys

SGA Return to Campus Survey

How are you going to take classes during the Fall 2021 semester?
93 responses

- 63.4% On campus
- 30.1% Online
- Hybrid (some on campus, some online)
- I'm still working on that

Are you excited about coming back to campus?
93 responses

- 33.3% Yes, very much so
- 19.4% Yes, but with some reservations
- 8.6% Not exactly
- 38.7% Not at all

What do you miss the most about being on campus?
93 responses

- 26.9% Taking classes in person
- 26% Interacting with other people
- 18.3% Having a quiet place to study
- 11.8% Spending time out of my house/reside...
- 11.8% All of the above
- 11.8% Not much, I prefer online classes
- 11.8% first time on campus
- 11.8% This is my first college experience, so...

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SGA Flyers Gallery

Vacancy Flyer May 2021

*Do you like to help others?*
*Do you think you have good ideas to share?*
*Do you want a chance to be an agent for change?*

Apply to be an **SGA Senator**

The Student Government Association (SGA) has several Senator positions available.

Interested students are encouraged to visit tinyurl.com/applytosega to request an application.

Applicants must have completed at least 12 credits, be registered for at least 6 credits during the Fall 2021 semester, and have a minimum 2.5 GPA.

For additional information, please email Mr. Jerry Rosa, Director of Student Activities at jrosa@hostos.cuny.edu.

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Vacancy Flyer Summer 2021

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The Student Government Association (SGA) has several Senator positions available.

Interested students are encouraged to contact Mr. Jerry Rosa, Director of Student Activities at jrosa@hostos.cuny.edu for an application.

Applicants must have completed at least 12 credits, be registered for at least 6 credits during the Fall 2021 semester, and have a minimum 2.5 GPA.

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SGA Return to Campus Survey

**SGA Return to Campus Survey**

**Date:** Wednesday 09/01/21

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Place:** Online

Help your Student Government Association (SGA) members get a sense of how you feel about coming back for the Fall 2021 semester.

Fill out the survey located at https://tinyurl.com/sga2122survey01.

Students who complete the survey will be entered into a raffle to win one of five electronic gift cards.

Sponsored by Hostos SGA (@sgahostos)

Part of #hostoswelcomeweek

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SGA Vacancy Flyer September 2021

**Wanted:** Students to serve as Student Government Association (SGA) Senators

**What do Senators do?**
- Attend SGA Senate Meetings (every 2 weeks)
- Help SGA plan and promote events and initiatives
- Attend College-Wide Senate Meetings (once a month)
- Attend other college committee meetings (schedule varies)

**What do Senators get in return?**
- Training and experience
- A monthly stipend

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SGA Vacancy Flyer October 2021

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- Attend other college committees meetings (schedule varies)

What do Senators get in return?
- An opportunity to be the voice of students at Hostos
- Training and experience
- A monthly stipend

Interested? Contact Mr. Jerry Rosa, Director of Student Activities for an application. Email: jrosa@hostos.cuny.edu (Subject = Apply to SGA)

Halloween Event

Hostos Community College

Halloween Event

Thursday
Oct 28

Virtual SGA Hosted Event

Costume Contest Win one of 10 $50 Amazon or Target Gift Cards

ZOOM Meetings

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Come With Your Best Costume to WIN
SGA OPEN POSITIONS APPLICATIONS

The Student Government Association (SGA) is looking for students interested in applying for the position of Senator.

Interested students should email Mr. Jerry Rosa (jrosa@hostos.cuny.edu) with the subject SGA Application to request a form.

Applications will be available until all open positions are filled. Applicants will be interviewed.

Follow SGA on Facebook Day

Are you a new or returning Hostos student? Did you know that the Student Government Association (SGA) has a Facebook account?

Follow sga_hostos so that we can keep you informed of upcoming events and opportunities!

New followers will be entered into a raffle to win one of ten $15 Dunkin Donuts gift cards!

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Sponsored by the Student Government Association (SGA)
Valentine’s Day Event

ENJOY SOME CANDY AND CHOCOLATES
FEBRUARY 14, 2022

Making Money Matter

Please join the Hostos Student Government Association for
Making Money Matter: A Financial Literacy Workshop

with Brian Rashid
on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 3 p.m.
Register in advance for this meeting:
https://tinyurl.com/3G6A8cikRashid

Money Moves! Budgeting

MONEY MOVES!
BUDGETING
MAKE YOUR MONEY MOVE THE RIGHT WAY!

• Create a budget and stick to it
• Find the balance between buying the things you like and saving for your future

Wednesday
April 6th, 2022
3:30pm to 4:30pm
Zoom ID:
819 0538 8732
If you have any questions, please contact
email: bryam@hostos.cuny.edu

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SGA Recognition Event

The Student Government Association (SGA) requests the honor of your presence at the Spring 2022 SGA Recognition Event.

To honor individuals and units who were key contributors to SGA’s success this academic year,

Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom

To register, visit
https://tinyurl.com/SGA2022RE

Pre-Graduation Celebration

Are you graduating?

Hats off to YOU!

Let’s celebrate your hard work with family and friends. Let’s celebrate with music, food, games and laughter. Let’s celebrate our future graduate…YOU!

Where: Thursday, May 26, 2022, from 12 to 3 p.m.
Where: Evelina Antonio Park (Grand Concourse between E. 147 and E. 149 Streets)

For further information, contact Student Services: (718) 518-4485
Special Recognitions

Both the SGA team and several of its members received special recognitions throughout the academic year. The recognitions received were as follows:

**CUNY Coalition for Students with Disabilities**
- Coalition of Excellence Award

![Coalition of Excellence Award Certificate](image_url)
Hostos Student Leadership Academy Awards

- Brian Carter, Excellence in Leadership Award
- Bouampoundi Thiombiano, Excellence in Leadership Award
- Junior Carela, Excellence in Leadership Award
- Sonya-Jo Hamilton, Leadership and Service Award
- Abdulrahman Abubakar, Emerging Leader Leadership and Service Award
- Kim Lloyd, Emerging Leader Leadership and Service Award

Student Government Association Awards

- Brian Carter, Above and Beyond Award
- Bouampoundi Thiombiano, Above and Beyond Award
- Junior Carela, Commitment to Help Students R.I.S.E. Award
- Abdul Abubakar, Commitment to Help Students R.I.S.E. Award
- Raymond Flowers, Commitment to Help Students R.I.S.E. Award
- Sonya-Jo Hamilton, Commitment to Help Students R.I.S.E. Award
- Brittany Lanzano, Commitment to Help Students R.I.S.E. Award
- Amdiya Kyemtoro, Commitment to Help Students R.I.S.E. Award
- Kim Lloyd, Commitment to Help Students R.I.S.E. Award
- Malik Pellington, Commitment to Help Students R.I.S.E. Award
- Aniya Young, Commitment to Help Students R.I.S.E. Award
Honors Convocation Awards

- Bouampoundi Thiombiano, Valedictorian for the Class of 2022

Presidential Medal

- Bouampoundi Thiombiano, Valedictorian for the Class of 2022
City Council Citation

- Bouampoundi Thiombiano (from Rafael Salamanca, Jr.)
Social Media Accounts

SGA managed two social media accounts, one on Facebook and one on Instagram. As of June 22, 2022, the Facebook account had a total of 834 followers and the Instagram account had a total of 368 followers. Both accounts operated under the name sghostos. The most-commonly used hashtag was #hostossga.
Certified Student Organizations Fall 2021

During the Fall 2021 semester, SGA certified a total of thirty-five student organizations. The certified student organizations were as follows:

1. Accounting Club
2. ALMA Club
3. Biology Club
4. Career Club
5. CCSD @ Hostos
6. Common Ground
7. Community Health Club
8. Creative Speakers Club
9. Dental Hygiene Club
10. Engineering Club
11. English Club
12. Environmental Justice Committee
13. Family Empowerment Club
14. French & Italian Club
15. Geoscience Club
16. HEAT Club
17. Math Club
18. Nursing Club
19. Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)
20. Physical Education Club
21. Physics Club
22. Politics Club
23. Pre-Allied Health Club
24. Puerto Rican Student Organization (PRSO)
25. Radiology Club
26. Rainbow Club
27. Reimagining Justice
28. Robotics Club
29. Science Club
30. Seeds of Activism
31. Spanish Club
32. STEM Club
33. Theater Club
34. Veterans Club
35. Women in Science
Certified Student Organizations Spring 2022

During the Spring 2022 semester, SGA certified a total of thirty-eight student organizations. The certified student organizations were as follows:

1. Accounting Club
2. Aging and Health Club
3. ALMA Club
4. Biology Club
5. Black Student Union (BSU)
6. Career Club
7. CCSD at Hostos
8. Common Ground
9. Community Health Club
10. Dental Hygiene Club
11. Engineering Club
12. English Club
13. Family Empowerment Club
14. Food Studies Club
15. Geoscience Club
16. HEAT Club
17. Hostos Honors Club
18. “House of Gamers” Game Design Club
19. Latina/o, Latin American, and Caribbean Studies Club
20. Math Club
21. Nursing Club
22. Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)
23. Physics Club
24. Pre-Allied Health Club
25. Puerto Rican Student Organization (PRSO)
26. Radiology Club
27. Rainbow Hostos
28. Reimagining Justice
29. Robotics Club
30. Scholarship Club
31. Science Club
32. Seeds of Activism
33. Spanish Club @ Hostos
34. STEM Club
35. Tabletop Game Club
36. Theater Club
37. Veterans Club
38. Women in Science
SGA Photo Gallery

Hostos Welcome Festival / Festival de Bienvenida de Hostos 08/19/22

Vice President Junior Carela being interviewed by Bronxnet

Vice Presidents Junior Carela and Bouampoundi Thiombiano presenting SGA Recognition Event awards along with members of the previous administration (Charles Dour, Monsita Colón and Isabel Neira)
Vice President Junior Carela and members of the previous administration accompanied by Jason Libfeld, Student Leadership Coordinator

Vice President Bouampoundi Thiombiano and former Vice President Charles Dour presenting awards to Michael Martínez and Tovah Thompson from the Counseling Center

Director of Student Activities Jerry Rosa and Dean of Students Johanna Gómez accompanied by Vice President Bouampoundi Thiombiano
Vice Presidents Bouampoundi Thiombiano and Junior Carela accompanied by Jason Libfeld, Student Leadership Coordinator and some members of the Hostos Student Leadership Academy
Health and Wellness Office Thanksgiving Event with Montefiore Hospital 11/19/21

Members of the Hostos Student Leadership Academy and Vice President Bouampoundi Thiombiano

Former SGA Senator Isabel Neira, former Bronx Borough President Ruben Díaz, Jr. and Vice President Bouampoundi Thiombiano
Vice President Junior Carela

Health Services College
Assistant Sakyina Switzer and
Vice President Bouampoundi
Thiombiano

Vice President Junior Carela
being interviewed by members
of the local media
Valentine’s Day Event 02/14/22

Senators Kim Lloyd and Aniya Young along with Vice President Bouampoundi Thiombiano ready to give out candy to students

Vice President Bouampoundi Thiombiano inviting students to participate in the event
Waiting for more students to stop by the booth

Giving out candy to a student
New York State Association of Black Puerto Rican Hispanic and Asian Legislatives Conference 04/08 to 04/10/22

Hostos Alum Tiana Cordero and Vice President Bouampoundi Thiombiano
President Brian Carter with his award

President Brian Carter presenting an award to Nelson Ortiz from the Conference Center
Budget and Finance Commissioner Abdul Abubakar with his award

Former Executive Secretary Raymond Flowers with his award
Senator Aniya Young with her award

Jeff Barnes accepting the award on behalf of Information Technology
Lissette Jourdain accepting the award on behalf of the Hostos Academic Learning Center (H.A.L.C.)

Santa Arocho accepting the award on behalf of the Student Success Coaching Unit (S.S.C.U.)
Representatives from the Hostos Writing Center accepting their SGA R.I.S.E. award

Madeline Cruz with her individual award and the award presented to Hostos Single Stop
President Brian Carter holding the flyer to encourage students to sign up for the SGA raffle

President Brian Carter and Director of Athletics Erik Smiles
President Brian Carter and Emily Tenzer Santoro from SDEM

President Brian Carter and Ursula Sanders from Health and Wellness

President Brian Carter and representatives from the Hostos Academic Resource Center (A.R.C.)
President Brian Carter and representatives from Career Services

President Brian Carter and Julio Centeno from the Facilities Office
Dean Johanna Gómez and Vice President Junior Carela

President Brian Carter, Vice President Junior Carela, Hostos President Dr. Daisy Cocco de Filippis, Commissioner Abdul Abubakar and former SGA Vice President Charles Dour
President Brian Carter and Chief Arnaldo Bernabe from Public Safety

President Carter and Vice President Bouampoundi Thiombiano
Abdul Abubakar, Bouampoundi Thiombiano, Brian Carter, Junior Carela and Charles Dour
Commencement Ceremonies 05/31/22 and 06/02/22

Vice President Junior Carela and former Executive Secretary Raymond Flowers

Vice Presidents Bouampoundi Thiombiano and Junior Carela
Vice President Bouampoundi Thiombiano delivering her Valedictorian speech

Vice President Junior Carela, Commissioner Abdul Abubakar, Vice President Bouampoundi Thiombiano and Dean Johanna Gómez
Commissioner Abdul Abubakar, Vice Presidents Junior Carela and Bouampoundi Thiombiano, Keynote Speaker Elías Alcántara and Director of Student Activities Jerry Rosa
Special Thanks

We would like to thank the following offices and individuals:

**Offices**
- Office of the President
- Division of Academic Affairs
- Division of Student Development and Enrollment Management (SDEM)
- Athletics Department
- Career Services
- Counseling Center
- CUNY EDGE
- CUNY Start
- Duplicating Center
- Facilities Office
- Health and Wellness
- Hostos Academic Learning Center (H.A.L.C.)
- Hostos Academic Resource Center (A.R.C.)
- Hostos College-Wide Senate
- Hostos One Stop
- Hostos Student Leadership Academy
- Hostos Writing Center
- Information Technology
- Office of Student Activities
- Public Safety Department
- Student Success Coaching Unit (S.S.C.U.)

**Individuals**
- President Daisy Cocco de Filippis
- Provost Shiang-Kwei Wang
- Senior VP Esther Rodriguez-Chardavoyne
- Vice President La Toro Yates
- Lillian Morales
- Dean Johanna Gómez
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