



## A message from **THE PRESIDENT**

### **2025 DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH**

July 1 marks the beginning of Disability Pride Month.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law in July 1990 – the same year the first Disability Pride Parade took place in Boston. Since then, parades and a host of other events and activities have been held annually in America and Europe, and growing numbers have participated in Disability Pride Month.

As the American Bar Association describes it,

(DPM) celebrates disabled persons embracing their disabilities as integral parts of who they are, reclaiming visibility in public and interacting fully with their disabilities out in the open, and rejecting shame and internalized ableism. It is a time for the disability community to come together, uplift, and amplify one another's voices and be heard.

Hostos is proud to take part in celebrating the accomplishments of the people with disabilities within the College family, and reaffirms our commitment to inclusivity and accessibility for all. Disability rights are civil rights. The simple truth of the matter is this: we are all to be loved and cherished exactly as we are, and we all have something unique and irreplaceable to share with the world. All voices matter, so all voices must be heard. We are happy to raise ours in honor of 2025's Disability Pride Month.

Sincerely,

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