



A message from **THE PRESIDENT**

2025 NATIONAL SCIENCE APPRECIATION DAY!

If studying the Humanities promotes empathy for our fellow human beings, studying the Sciences grounds us in the world of the factual and the verifiable. Both disciplines are necessary to a proper understanding of who we are, where we are, and how and why we should behave to ensure our continued existence on this beautiful, fragile planet we call home.

Today, March 26, a number of states across the country celebrate National Science Appreciation Day. Though it has yet to be officially proclaimed in New York, Hostos is happy to join in celebrating the scientists, past and present, who have made our lives healthier and safer; one recalls that March 26 was chosen as NSAD because on that date in 1953 Dr. Jonas Salk informed the public that he'd developed a vaccine for Polio.

Hostos is also pleased to stand up for the Scientific Method, which relies on evidence and not emotion or ideology. Science and its conclusions – such as the environment is in dire trouble due to global warming, and vaccines actually work – are under attack. Those in power are suppressing scientific information by deleting it from various government websites, cutting funding for research, and purposely spreading lies and disinformation about sex, gender, and race...and then attempting to enshrine these falsehoods in law.

There's no better time than the present to stand up for Science. I salute our STEM students who, I am sure, will follow in the footsteps of their instructors and in time distinguish themselves as teachers, practitioners, and researchers.

Happy Science Appreciation Day!

Sincerely,

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