



## A message from **THE PRESIDENT**

**MARCH 8:**

### **2025 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**

As part of Women's History Month, we shift our gaze from America to the larger world as we joyously take note of International Women's Day.

The theme of this year's International Women's Day is "Accelerate Action for Gender Equality." The IWD website elaborates on the theme:

At the current rate of progress, it will take until 2158, which is roughly five generations from now, to reach full gender parity, according to data from the World Economic Forum.

Focusing on the need to **Accelerate Action** emphasizes the importance of taking swift and decisive steps to achieve gender equality. It calls for increased momentum and urgency in addressing the systemic barriers and biases that women face, both in personal and professional spheres.

It is obvious that much work needs to be done to achieve this goal. International Women's Day reminds us of just how far we have to travel. It also reminds us of what the innovative, dedicated, and courageous women of the world have achieved – and of what they will achieve in the future.

That future will be bright, based on what we witness regularly at Hostos. Women from every part of the globe have come to the South Bronx to realize their dreams through the power of education. It is a privilege to play a part in their lives by providing the knowledge and the skills they require to transform their worlds...and ours.

Happy International Women's Day!

In solidarity and celebration,

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