



A message from **THE PRESIDENT**

FALL 2025 WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2025 Fall Semester at Hostos Community College!

I am overjoyed that you have decided to begin – or continue – your educational journey with us. Hostos was founded in 1968 to provide students of the South Bronx with the knowledge and skills they need to create better futures for themselves and their communities.

This is entirely in keeping with the educational, social and political ideas of the man whose name the College bears: Don Eugenio María de Hostos (1839-1903), the Puerto Rican philosopher, educator, man of letters and fighter for the independence of Puerto Rico. His vision of a world in which freedom and equality were enjoyed by all hinged on his passionate belief in the power of education to transform and enlighten.

We share that belief; it is one of our bedrock principles. We will always fight, with love and dedication, to make sure that our students have access to high-quality and affordable secondary education.

Hostos is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion and will always offer a home to all students, regardless of race, creed, color, country of origin, gender, or political opinion. All are welcome at Hostos, all are respected and valued. Tolerance, compassion, and civility are highly prized qualities here. Individually and collectively, we strive to embody them in our every word and deed. You'll find we place a high priority on creating the kind of nurturing, supportive community that will help you derive the most from your time here.

I have always found the autumn to be a source of hope. Fresh starts are made, new endeavors are launched. We take control of our lives with renewed vigor. We can dream – and start turning those dreams into reality. As classes begin, I wish you a wonderful semester. Along with the excitement of learning, of working with your instructors and fellow students, I hope you'll also feel joy – the deeply satisfying joy of discovering the ways to realize your vision of who and how you want to be in the world.

And so: Welcome to Hostos! You are now part of a long and distinguished group of students, one that stretches back almost sixty years.

I can't wait to hear about your discoveries.

Sincerely,

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