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H O S T O S C O M M U N I T Y C O L L E G E T O C L O S E
ON BIRTHDAY OF NAMESAKE

Hostos Community College will be closed on Monday, January 11, 1971, in honor of the birthday of its namesake, Eugenio Maria de Hostos.

Hostos Community College of the City University of New York, previously known as Community College Number Eight, was named by the Board of Higher Education on September 29, 1969. The name was proposed by Board member Luis Quiero Chiesa and approved by unanimous vote of the College's Advisory Board, composed of 28 community leaders in the South Bronx where the College is located.

The College is the first institution of higher learning in the continental United States to be named for a Puerto Rican. The naming was acclaimed by many distinguished persons, including Mayor John V. Lindsay, former Bronx Borough President Herman Badillo, and Congressman James Scheuer.

Born on January 11, 1839, in the Puerto Rican village of Rio Canas, Eugenio Maria de Hostos became a renowned revolutionary and educator whose influence was felt throughout Latin America. His activities in Peru, Chile, and the Dominican Republic, as well as in Puerto Rico, Cuba, and the United States, attest to his great desire and exceptional talent for making education relevant to needed social and political change. Hostos died in 1903 in the Dominican Republic.

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