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Nasry Michelen, President of Hostos Community College, issued the following statement today regarding the use of drugs on campus:

"Hostos Community College is located in one of the highest drug abuse areas of the City of New York. I recognize that students at Hostos are constantly being subjected to conditions that can lead to the use of damaging drugs--and its devastating consequences.

"Because of my long experience in the health field in the South Bronx, I am especially conscious of drug abuse and the serious health problems it creates for the people of a community. As president of Hostos Community College and as a health professional, I am determined to see that drug abuse be treated as the grave health problem that it is.

"I recognize that it is the obligation of the College to assist those members of the College community who are experiencing problems deriving from drug abuse. Consequently, the College is promoting programs that will enable the College community to deal with drug abuse. The College is totally committed both to the prevention and treatment of drug abuse and will do everything in its power to realize this commitment.

"Let the following be clear, however: The administration of this College will not tolerate or condone the actions of persons inside or outside the College community who seek to influence--by any means--College persons in the use of damaging drugs. The College will use all legal means available to deal with problems as they presently exist.

"I am firmly committed to creating an environment at Hostos that will support a drug-free College community. I am requesting the full cooperation and support of each member of the College community regarding this matter."

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