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HOSTOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO PARTICIPATE
IN PUERTO RICAN DAY PARADE

Hostos Community College of the City University of New York, the first institution
of higher education in the continental United States to be named for a Puerto Rican,
will participate in the Puerto Rican Day Parade on Sunday, June 13. The parade will
begin at 1:00 p.m. at the foot of 43rd Street and Fifth Avenue and continue to 83rd
Street and Second Avenue.

A sign bearing the name of the college and measuring 12 feet by 3 feet leads the
Hostos exhibit. On it are inscribed the words of the world-renowned Puerto Rican
educator, Eugenio Maria de Hostos: "Dame la verdad y os doy el mundo" ("give me the
truth and I will give you the world"). Following is the Hostos float on which the
Queen of Hostos--Queen Dalia--will ride. Behind her will hang the flag of Puerto Rico
and a huge photograph of Eugenio Maria de Hostos. Seven pillars representing the
seven program areas at Hostos will stand on the perimeter of the float.

Behind the Hostos float will march 77 young Puerto Rican women representing the
77 home towns in Puerto Rico.

This group will be followed by the students, faculty, and staff of Hostos Com-
community College. Monserrate Flores, director of community-college relations, who has
sent out announcements of the parade to the entire Hostos student body, says that
hundreds from the Hostos college community are expected to attend.

Approximately 100,000 persons are expected to march in the Puerto Rican Day
Parade, which has been an annual event since 1958, with an expected half a million
spectators in review.