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**MONROE COLLEGE OPENS ITS DOORS TO HELP VICTIMS
OF YESTERDAY'S TRAGIC FIRE IN THE BRONX**

BRONX, NY, January 10, 2022 – [Monroe College](#), a national leader in educating first-generation and international students, today joined the country in mourning the victims of the deadly fire in the Bronx yesterday morning that claimed 17 lives and injured 60 people.

Responding to the crisis, the College opened its doors on the Bronx campus to house a temporary emergency response center for impacted families that is operated by New York City's Office of Emergency Management (OEM). With classes virtual this week, the College was able to quickly repurpose one of its building for this essential relief effort.

Those impacted by the fire were advised to come to Ustin Hall at 2375 Jerome Avenue (corner of 184th Street) today for assistance from City agencies, the Red Cross, and various social services and community organizations. Information, help, and resources will be available from noon until 8:00 pm today.

In a note to the College community, President Marc Jerome asked students, faculty, and staff to keep those impacted by yesterday's fire in their thoughts:

Yesterday was a very sad day for our local community. The horrific fire in the Bronx that took 17 lives and injured 60 others occurred not far from campus.

We are saddened beyond words about this tragedy and send our hearts and prayers to all those involved, with deepest sympathies extended to the families and friends who lost loved ones.

Please keep the victims and survivors of this terrible tragedy in your thoughts and prayers.

Those wishing to assist residents of the building where the fire occurred are asked to please consider a donation to the fund established by the Mayor's Office:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/fund/donate/donate.page>

ABOUT MONROE COLLEGE

Founded in 1933, Monroe College is a recognized leader in educating first-generation and international students. The College is proud of its innovative programs to increase

college access, affordability, and completion outcomes, and the recognition it has received nationally for its impact on students' social mobility.

Monroe educates more than 8,000 students each year, offering Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's, and Master's degree programs from New York campuses in the Bronx and New Rochelle, as well as in the Caribbean nation of St. Lucia. Students may also pursue degree programs through Monroe Online.

Programs are offered through Schools of Allied Health Professions, Business and Accounting, Criminal and Social Justice, Education, Hospitality Management, Information Technology, and Nursing, as well as through its King Graduate School. Liberal arts and continuing education programs are also available. For more information and admissions criteria, please visit <http://www.monroecollege.edu>.

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