

DEMONSTRATE

& Go to Court December 5 to ***Defend Miguel Malo!***

Hostos Student Leader on Trial ... For Holding Up a Sign!

Miguel Malo's trial finally began December 1. After more than two years and 27 court appearances, the CUNY authorities and Bronx DA's office are outrageously going ahead with a trumped-up trial against the Hostos Community College student leader. Because he was holding up a sign protesting cuts in bilingual, Spanish and ESL programs, in August 2001 Miguel was thrown to the ground and arrested by several CUNY campus cops. He was hit with phony charges of assault, resisting arrest, harassment and disorderly conduct. He faces up to a year in jail if convicted, and the judge said on Monday that his "standard operating procedure" is to give the maximum sentence.



The persecution of Miguel Malo shows the lengths to which CUNY will go to crack down on student protest. At a demonstration in defense of Miguel on November 24, protesters chanted, "War on Iraq, CUNY under attack!" As the U.S. bombed Kabul and Baghdad, the CUNY administration went after "undocumented" immigrant students, and then rammed through a vicious tuition hike that is excluding thousands of working-class, black, Latino and immigrant students. Meanwhile it refuses the most basic demands from adjuncts and other faculty and workers. We are all under attack! Students, faculty and campus workers from all CUNY campuses should come out to defend Miguel.

An injury to one is an injury to all! Students, faculty and workers from many CUNY campuses, joined by a contingent of food workers and other unionists, came to a spirited protest on September 25 to say the defense of Miguel Malo is the defense of us all. In the courthouse that day, police arrested two CUNY students in a clear attempt to intimidate Miguel's supporters. Those charges have since been dropped, but the threat to democratic rights continues. At the opening day of the trial, this Monday, December 1, the judge stated that "this trial is not about whether students have a right to voice their opinions," and later that "this trial has nothing to do with the First Amendment." But this trial has everything to do with defense of the student, immigrant, minority and working-class rights in the face of police-state repression.

Students, faculty, workers and defenders of basic rights are urged to attend the trial proceedings every day this week, and to come out in large numbers on Friday, December 5 to demand: ***Drop All Charges Against Hostos Student Leader Miguel Malo!***

**Friday, December 5, Rally 9 a.m. sharp, across from Bronx County Criminal Court,
215 East 161st Street** (one block east of Grand Concourse, take 4 or D train to 161st St.)

Trial starts 9:30 a.m. (Jury Room 7)

CUNY Action to Defend Miguel Malo

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