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**Tuesday, March 25, 2025—11 a.m.**

**‘ORANGE IS THE NEW BLACK’ STAR SELENIS LEYVA AND HER SISTER MARIZOL LEYVA HEADLINE LEHMAN LECTURE**

*Sisters Share Their Heartfelt Story of Family, Growth, and Resilience at the 55th*

*Herbert H. Lehman Memorial Lecture*

**WHO:** Selenis Leyva and Marizol Leyva

**WHAT:** The 2025 Herbert H. Lehman Memorial Lecture

**WHERE:** Lehman College Lovinger Theatre
 250 Bedford Park Blvd West

**WHEN:** Tuesday, March 25, at 11 a.m.

**LIVESTREAM:** https://www.youtube.com/live/BsZJBfJ4jqs?feature=shared

**The Bronx, NY—**The 55th Herbert H. Lehman Memorial Lecture brings together “Orange Is the New Black*”* star Selenis Leyva and her sister Marizol Leyva, to share their inspiring journey in a conversation about individual transformation and the bond between siblings. Co-authors of *My Sister: How One Sibling’s Transition Changes Us Both,* the Leyva sisters will offer an intimate look at how their personal experiences have shaped each other’s lives.

“Much like Herbert H. Lehman, Selenis Leyva and Marizol Leyva have dedicated themselves to uplifting voices from diverse communities,” said Lehman College President Fernando Delgado. “We are honored to have them headline this year’s Lehman Lecture, share their story, and continue to inspire others—reflecting the values that define our namesake and that of our institution.”

Returning to their hometown of The Bronx to highlight the strength and power of family, the Leyva sisters bring their own journey of resilience and growth full circle.

“We are excited to return to the Bronx, the place where our story was born,” said, Selenis Leyva and Marizol Leyva. “We look forward to sharing this special moment with the Lehman College community".

**About Lehman College**
A perennial national leader in promoting social mobility, Lehman College of The City University of New York serves as an intellectual, economic, and cultural center for the Bronx, New York City, and beyond. The college - which sits on a tree-lined 37-acre campus – supports more than 13,000 undergraduate and graduate students, another 14,000 students in continuing and professional programs, and over 90,000 alumni. As a federally designated Hispanic-Serving Institution in the Bronx, Lehman College educates a diverse population of students. The college offers bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees as well as certificate programs in the liberal arts, sciences, and professions.

**About Herbert H. Lehman Memorial Lecture**

The annual Herbert H. Lehman Memorial Lecture celebrates the birth of the College’s namesake, Herbert H. Lehman, a former New York State governor and senator, who dedicated his life and career to public service and social justice. The lecture is delivered by individuals who embody these same qualities. Since 1970, the Herbert H. Lehman Memorial Lecture has presented speakers from across the public and private sectors including U.S. Senator and presidential candidate George McGovern; Jill Abramson, the first female executive editor of The New York Times; Ban Ki-Moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations; Margarita Cedeño de Lizardo, former Vice President and former First Lady of the Dominican Republic; U.S Senator Albert Gore Sr.; U.S. Congresswoman Geraldine A. Ferraro; and New York Attorney General Letitia James.