We are saddened to announce the passing of Dr. Rubie Smith Malone.

Dr. Malone began her career in CUNY in 1973 at Brooklyn College as a Counselor (full-time faculty) in the Search for Education, Elevation and Knowledge (SEEK) Program.

In 1978 she was hired as a SEEK Counselor at John Jay. Her devotion to her students and the John Jay Community was evidenced by her involvement as a faculty advisor, mentor and her establishment of the Fashion and Student-Parents Clubs. In 1982, Dr. Malone was promoted to Assistant Professor and Counseling Coordinator of the SEEK Department. She was later promoted to Associate Professor.

In 1994, Dr. Malone was appointed as interim Dean and Chair of the SEEK Department. In 1996, she was named to the permanent position. In 2001 President Gerald Lynch appointed Dr. Malone to the position of Dean of Academic Planning. In this capacity she led the College successfully through its accreditation process with the Middle States Association and supervised the development of the College’s first Strategic Plan. In 2005, President Jeremy Travis changed Dr. Malone’s title to the Dean for Strategic Planning and Outcomes Assessment, and later Assistant Vice President for Strategic Planning and Outcomes Assessment. Dr. Malone later attained the title of Full Professor. In 2009, after 36 years in CUNY, Dr. Malone retired and was granted the rank of Professor Emerita.

Dr. Rubie Malone was married to Dr. James Malone who formally held the position of SEEK Director, Dean of Students and Vice President of Administration. He retired after 41 years of CUNY service and was granted the rank of Professor Emeritus. In recognition of a $100,000.00 scholarship the Malones awarded to John Jay College, President Travis presented a petition to the Board of Directors to name the John Jay College Student Government Conference Room in their honor.

As a testament to their belief in the John Jay College mission “Educating for Justice,” and their desire to leave a lasting legacy, the James and Rubie Malone Scholarship was established. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for contributions to be made to the James and Rubie Malone Scholarship.

Dr. Malone was very aware of what it means to have someone believe in you. Her undergraduate College had the
motto “Culture for Service”, she has tried to shape her legacy with this motto in her mind and heart offering support and encouragement to all she came in contact with.

We send our deepest condolences to the Malone Family. We will publish details of the funeral arrangements when they are available.