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TO: John Jay College Community
FROM: Oswald E. Fraser, AVP for Administration
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SUBJECT: Passing of Dr. Marilu Maria D. Galvan

It is with profound sorrow that we announce the passing of Dr. Marilu Maria D. Galvan, former adjunct of the Department of Latin American and Latinx Studies, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, the City University of New York. She was also an esteemed and irreplaceable founding member of the Dominican Bar Association (DBA) community. Dr. Galvan's unwavering dedication, boundless passion, and profound impact have left a lasting legacy that will be cherished for generations to come.

Dr. Galvan lived a life of incredible achievements and meaningful impact as a leader, educator, and advocate. Born in the Dominican Republic, she immigrated to the United States with her parents in 1959. A graduate of Brooklyn Law School, Dr. Galvan devoted almost her entire career to education and empowering the Dominican community in New York City. She taught at various levels within the city's education system and in addition to John Jay College, served as an adjunct professor at Brooklyn Law School. Additionally, she held administrative roles, including assistant principal at several public schools. Most recently, Dr. Galvan served as the Director of the Centro Civico Cultural Dominicano, enriching and empowering young adults to play active roles in their community.

Dr. Galvan's commitment extended beyond education; she was actively involved in numerous civic, cultural, and charitable organizations, including the Dominican Women's Coalition, the National Organization for Women, the New York State Governor's Dominican Advisory Committee, and the Highbridge Lioness Club.

As we mourn the loss of Dr. Galvan, let us find ways to come together to help carry forward her mission. May her soul rest in peace."

Our thoughts and prayers are with Dr. Galvan's friends and family during this difficult time.

For those wishing to pay their respects, a memorial service will be held as indicated below:

Date and Time: Sunday, June 30 at 5:00 PM
Location: The Hispanic Museum & Library
Address: Broadway & 155th St.