

# Janet Liou-Mark

## (1966-2020)



Janet Liou-Mark, 54, of East Brunswick, NJ, passed away on Sunday, September 6, 2020. Dr. Liou-Mark was Professor of Mathematics at New York City College of Technology of the City University of New York from 1999 to 2020. She was a founding member of the Peer-Led Team Learning International Society in 2011 and her efforts were invaluable in the establishment and development of the organization. Janet played a vital role in ensuring that the first PLTLIS conference was hosted at New York City College of Technology, CUNY ("City Tech") in 2012. She was a valued member of the Board until the San Jose Conference in 2016.

Janet was an advocate and early practitioner of Peer-Led Team Learning, receiving Workshop Project Associate funding to start the PLTL program in mathematics at "City Tech" and with Mitsue Nakamura (University of Houston-Downtown), Peggy Beck (Prince George's Community College) and June Gaston (Borough of Manhattan Community College, CUNY) wrote modules for college algebra and pre-college algebra. She was recognized by the City University of New York with the 2011 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Mathematics Instruction for her work with PLTL (<http://www.cuny.edu/academics/initiatives/cuny-math-initiative/chancellorsaward/2011.html>)

Janet wrote extensively about PLTL in many publications and served as a co-author often with former Peer Leaders. Some of her contributions can be found in the 2012 Conference Proceedings (<https://pltlis.org/2012-proceedings/>); 2013 Conference Proceedings

(<https://pltlis.org/2013-pltlis-conference-proceedings-2js/>); 2014 Proceedings (<https://pltlis.org/2500-2/>); and co-presented on the panel presentation at the 2015 Conference on “Champions: The Cornerstone of PLTL Programs” (<https://pltlis.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/2015-Dreyfuss.pdf>).

She was interviewed in 2012 and shared some of her background and philosophy (<https://cunymathblog.commons.gc.cuny.edu/2012/11/09/outliers-stereotypes-and-others-expectations-with-professor-janet-liou-mark/>)

Janet Liou-Mark was a true champion for the use of Peer-Led Team Learning. A last wish was to start a fund for the PLTL program at City Tech:  
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/janet-scholarship>



With Mitsue Nakamura (left) and Marcelo Sztainberg (right) at the 2016 PLTLIS Conference in San Jose City College