Professor Jacinto Malespin actively collaborates with the Department. Owe to his knowledge and creativity, our Interpersonal Relations and Health of the Young Child classes have extensive readings in Spanish. His expertise in both the health and the mental health fields is reflected in the quality of the materials he compiled for these courses. It should be noted that he unselfishly donates his time and lends his talents to these endeavors.

An exemplary colleague in every way, Prof. Malespin continuously volunteers to substitute for faculty who are either away at conferences or ill. Whenever we organize Department meetings, Prof. Malespin is present and willing to volunteer for additional academic or scholarly activities. He also is a caring person who is eager to listen to colleagues, who may need emotional support. Prof. Malespin is a mentor who inspires students to succeed. He is an admired adjunct in the Department and students constantly seek his guidance and advice. Beyond the classroom, he spends many hours mentoring student clubs, including the Student Government Organization.

As a true pedagogue, Prof. Malespin inspires students to excel academically. His classroom observations are very positive and feedback from students’ appraisals is extremely favorable. Prof. Malespin has the ability to create a positive learning atmosphere in the classroom. Students feel very comfortable with him, and they clearly respect and appreciate his teaching style. Indeed, Prof. Malespin regularly prolongs his office hours to help students who are struggling with school and personal demands.

Prof. Malespin also supports scholarly activities within the Department. Most recently, he established close ties with researchers from Spain, namely with colleagues at the University of Almeria. They are looking at culture and values within the context of Latinos, particularly Dominicans in New York City. He even submitted a COBI project to collaborate with another department to create a Bilingual Online Tutorial for ESL and General Psychology. Prof. Malespin even attended a three day COBI Advance in Bear Mountain and was the only adjunct present at this event.

In sum, without expecting any compensation or recognition in return, Prof. Malespin is constantly working for the betterment of the institution. Indeed, he is always willing to sacrifice personal needs for the benefit of the many. In tribute of his service, our department believes that Prof. Jacinto Malespin should be recognized as Distinguished Professor of the Year.