Dr. Suzanne Rudnick has served the Manhattan College community since her appointment to the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry in 1982. Suzy Rudnick was a true cornerstone of our Biochemistry major, but while an undergraduate at Brandeis, her major was mathematics. That Suzy changed her mind and her course of study is a decision for which we are deeply grateful!

Suzy’s course development and offerings go beyond the School of Science. To accommodate the needs of our students, Suzy developed new courses that would introduce non-science students to the current discoveries and concepts of science. Suzy has been a pillar of the Biochemistry major and her teaching skills are legendary. She modernized the major by introducing a broadening emphasis on protein structure and function. Her research was awarded an NSF grant which resulted in student stipends and infrastructure improvements. A member of numerous College wide committees, she also served Manhattan College as the faculty liaison with the Pew Science Foundation, and organized a symposium held at the College that featured Carl Sagan as the keynote speaker.

Always ready to talk, have coffee, and to share new wine discoveries, Suzy’s “open door” congenial collegial friendly nature is also sadly to be missed. It is a fitting tribute to the many and diverse contributions that Dr. Suzanne Rudnick has made to Manhattan College to award her the title of Professor Emeritus of Chemistry and Biochemistry.