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Malone-Mayes, a pioneering African-American woman in mathematics, became the fifth African-American woman to receive a Ph.D. in mathematics when she earned her degree from the University of Texas in 1966. She was also the second African-American and first African-American woman to earn this degree from the University of Texas. Also in 1966 Malone-Mayes became the first African-American faculty member at Baylor University. Malone-Mayes was active in mathematical, community, and religious organizations. Her mathematical interests were in summability theory and mathematics education.