

Gifts at Work

By Carol Olechowski

Helping Others to Realize Their Dreams

Marjorie Ferrugio Delmar, B.A.'58, M.A.'63, definitely chose the right profession. "I love young people," says the Huntington, N.Y., resident, who spent 35 years in the classroom, teaching social studies and psychology to her charges at Oceanside High School in Long Island. "I enjoy that whole atmosphere of learning."

Although she retired 15 years ago, Delmar is still promoting education. She remains active with Oceanside activities and events. And through the bequest intentions she has made at the University at Albany, she maintains a strong connection with the institution she attended when it was known as the New York State College for Teachers.

At State, Delmar majored in social studies – and earned a reputation as a painfully shy young woman. Professor of Education Wallace Taylor noticed the shyness and suggested that the aspiring teacher audition for a part in the 1956 State College Revue, "It's a Social Thing." To her surprise, she won the

role of Hilda, and it changed her life: "I wasn't shy anymore."

Now, her generosity is helping others to realize their dreams. Delmar, who had

already set up one bequest to benefit the University's Center for Jewish Studies and another to endow two graduate fellowships to support students intending to teach secondary school, has increased each to \$500,000. She recently added a third bequest, also in the amount of \$500,000, to support UAlbany's Cancer Research Center and memorialize her husband, M. Michael Delmar, M.D., who died of cancer in 1998.

In addition, Delmar has donated an extraordinary collection of her husband's books – many of which "are out of print but have educational and historic value" – and videos to the Center for Jewish Studies. *The Marjorie Ferrugio Delmar '58 and M. Michael Delmar, M.D., Collection of Jewish Thought and History* was recently dedicated at the center.

Delmar enjoys continuing her involvement with both her former employer and her *alma mater*. "I feel like I'm still a part of what's going on," she observes. "It's a wonderful thing. I never really left."

Yoel Hirschfeld (standing at right), assistant director of the University's Center for Jewish Studies, and students (clockwise from lower left) Justin Hirsch, Alexandra Newman, Zakhar Berkovich, Rachael Worren and Kimberly Wolk are pictured with the Delmar Collection.



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Center for Jewish Studies

Marjorie Ferrugio Delmar, '58
and M. Michael Delmar, M.D.

Collection of Jewish Thought and History

Contributed by Mrs. Delmar, in memory of her husband, to enhance the study of the intellectual and historical understanding of the Jewish experience.

Opening Books – and a Whole New World – for Adults

As a literacy volunteer for adults in Toledo, Ohio, Elizabeth H. Christen, B.A.'38, understood that reading could open a whole new world to people of all ages. The retired New York State Department of Labor statistician passed away in November 2005, but she made certain that her efforts would continue through her planned gift to the University at Albany's School of Education.

Through her \$350,000 bequest, which benefits the school and its literacy program, Christen is still helping adults eager to learn to read.

Educator's Bequest Benefits Students

When Guy A. Enfanto, B.A.'35, M.A.'41, was a student at the New York State College for Teachers, he and his classmates earned money to cover their living costs, but there was no tuition. In his will, however, he decided to make a \$10,000 bequest through The University at Albany Foundation to establish a scholarship endowment. The *Guy A. Enfanto Award for Excellence* supports worthy students studying French language – his undergraduate major – or French culture.

The award, Enfanto noted, was made “in loving memory” of his parents, Angelo and Angelina J. Enfanto; his brother, Rev. Adam A. Saluppo, S.D.B.; and his wife, Allena Joan Enfanto. It commemorates “the high scholastic standards of my alma mater ... and the excellent preparation I received there for my professional career in education,” he added.

Enfanto, who also earned a master's degree in educational administration, taught high school French, history and Latin for many years, then began a career in secondary school administration. Retired in 1976 as principal of Troy High School, he passed away in May 2004.

An Assist for Aspiring Physics Teachers

During the years he attended the New York State College for Teachers, Clinton Ray Carpenter, B.S.'57, M.S.'58, Ph.D.'73, witnessed an institution in transition. The peaceful post-World War II years, the opening of the uptown campus, the turbulent 1960s, and State's evolution from college to university center each left a mark on the institution that is now the University at Albany.

More recently, Carpenter has observed a general trend in the field of education: a need for more community college teachers in the physical and natural sciences. To address that need, the retired Mohawk Valley Community College faculty member is adding \$100,000 to the *Clinton Ray Carpenter Community College Physics Teachers Scholarship Fund*, which he established a few years ago to provide fellowships to UAlbany graduate students who plan to follow in his footsteps.

Carpenter, who still resides in the Utica, N.Y., area, also supports a Department of Physics lecture fund.

At age 20, he was the Class of 1957's youngest male graduate. The son of farmers, Carpenter had enrolled at the New York State College for Teachers at 16 – and paid his first year's tuition with money he had earned raising chickens.



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