



Alumni



EILEEN D' ANGELO MATTIOLI BA, *ELEMENTARY EDUCATION '68*

A gifted musician and life-long educator, Eileen Mattioli has been teaching private music lessons in piano and accordion for over 58 years in various studios and in her home. In 2004, Eileen opened her dream studio, the Mattioli School of Music and Arts in St. Pete Beach. It was a symphony, with over 20 teachers instructing in a wide spectrum of instruments. Sadly, the building was recently sold, but happily, the music did not stop. Eileen currently teaches piano and accordion at the St. Pete Beach Community Center. And, thanks to modern technology, she Skypes lessons all over the U.S.

Eileen's musical prowess emerged early. As a youngster, she appeared locally on television stations throughout the Tampa Bay area. Eileen was crowned "Queen of St. Petersburg City Talent" in 1957 and subsequently toured the East Coast with an entertainment troupe. Her business acumen was recognized when she was designated as "Woman of the Year" by the American Business Women's Association in 1979. Another unique honor in 1979 was a visit to her home by the legendary entertainer Liberace. He and his entourage enjoyed a catered dinner and the warm hospitality of Eileen and her husband Bob.

Eileen is also a former president of both the Florida Music Teachers Guild and the American Business Women's Association. In 2002, she received a Proclamation of Achievement from a grateful City of St. Pete Beach. Eileen was the St. Pete Beach Parade Grand Marshal in 2007.

Among her most treasured awards is one from her Alma Mater: the USF Pinellas County Alumni Chapter's Distinguished Alumnus Award, presented to her in 2008.

“I decided to go to the USF Bay Campus and join the newly formed teachers’ program. In 1968 I was among the first graduates of the Elementary Ed program. This program was wonderful in being mostly hands-on and providing internships in various classes. I learned so much and it enhanced my private music teaching – especially since I had 50 to 70 students a week. Besides my private music teaching, I taught for 10 years in Pinellas County as a substitute teacher (grades K-12) in music and most subjects, including Special Education.”

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