



Al and Barbara Marulli.



Space Dedications to the Marulli Family

Celebrating Decades of Generosity

By Lisa Murray, Editor

Peterson Manor is now the home of two important spaces that have been dedicated to the Marulli family, in recognition of their extraordinary generosity to Franklin Pierce over many decades. A naming and dedication ceremony took place during Alumni Reunion Weekend 2014 to a packed house of alumni, Board of Trustee members, and Franklin Pierce University staff and faculty.

The Presidential Suite is now officially named “The Maria and Alfred N. Marulli Sr. Presidential Suite” in memory of Maria and Alfred N. Marulli Sr. They gave to Franklin Pierce with very generous hearts and spirits back when Franklin Pierce was still a college. The room in Peterson Manor that has been informally referred to as the Alumni Lounge has been named “The Barbara and Alfred N. Marulli Jr. ‘69 Welcome Center” in recognition of Barbara and Al Marulli Jr.’s ongoing support, which has spanned many decades.

“The Marulli family has been a loyal and generous friend to Franklin Pierce,” said President James Birge. “I was so pleased to be part of honoring them in a significant way, after their many years of philanthropy and service.”

In addition to Al and Barbara’s financial support, Al has also given of himself by serving on the Franklin Pierce Board of Trustees. He served on the Board from 1992-2002, and then came back on to serve again in 2013. A Pioneer alumnus from the Class of 1969, Al founded David Associates, an East Coast commercial real estate development company in Florida. Barbara is the owner of Worth Realty, Inc., a thriving real estate company in Palm Beach County. The couple has been married for 40 years, and they have raised five children together.

The naming and dedication ceremony was attended by many alumni from the Pioneer Classes, as well as alumni from more recent classes. Remarks were offered by President Birge, Lloyd Astmann ‘69, and Board Chair Mike Fallon. After the ribbon cutting and unveiling of the new signage, champagne, cake, and good conversation was enjoyed by all.

The generosity of the Marulli family serves as an inspiration. Naming these two spaces in Peterson Manor is a fitting way to honor them and continue to inspire generations of future alumni.

