



The Bernadette A. Eichler Youth Ambassador Program

Education was not only a career for Bernadette Eichler, it was a passion. She served the Utica City School District for 56 years as a teacher, administrator director, assistant superintendent and deputy superintendent.

Throughout her life she never slowed down. Bernadette was involved in many different facets of the community including the Broadway Theatre League, Utica Zonta Club, the Utica Chapter of the American Cancer Society and Family Services of Greater Utica. Bernadette was honored as a 2011 Oneida County Historical Society Living Legend.

Awards she received included the SUNY Oswego's Alpha Delta Kappa Award, an induction in the East Utica Optimist Hall of Fame, the Educator's Hall of Distinction, the Salvation Army's People First Award, the Utica Teacher's Educator of the Year Award and Woman in Business Award.

All her life was spent in education. She didn't retire until she was 88 and even after that she was still involved in what was going on and how things were working out. She was a very warm and helpful individual who was always interested in mentoring young people.

Bernadette was admired by the educational community and respected by all who knew her. She was a tremendous woman and she will be sorely missed.