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## Lubin School of Business



It is with great sadness that we share news of the passing of **Barbara Farrell**, EdD, CPA, a long-standing and deeply respected member of the Lubin School of Business and the Pace University community.

Dr. Farrell was a CPA with extensive experience in both Big 8 public accounting and private industry, where she served as a Chief Audit Executive. She began teaching at Pace University in 1980 as an adjunct professor and joined the faculty full time in 1984. Over more than four decades, she taught and mentored generations of students in auditing, accounting information systems, forensic accounting, and internal auditing, both in face-to-face and online formats. She was especially proud of her work with both traditional and non-traditional students and was an early leader in online education, teaching online for more than 20 years.

Beyond the classroom, Professor Farrell made extraordinary contributions to the University. She chaired the decennial Middle States Review, served on the Audit Committee of the Pace University Board of Trustees, chaired the Westchester Faculty Council Curriculum Committee, and was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Academic Federal Credit Union. She hosted accounting scholarship dinners each semester, developed the Deloitte classrooms, and led a campaign with the Big 4 resulting in more than \$700,000 in scholarships for accounting students, an enduring legacy of opportunity and access.

In 2024, she received a [Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award](#), one of Pace's highest honors, in recognition of her unwavering commitment to teaching, service, scholarship, and her significant contributions to the Pace community.

Professor Farrell earned her EdD from Columbia University and both her MBA and BBA in Accounting from Pace University, reflecting her deep and lifelong commitment to this institution. She will be remembered for her professionalism, leadership, generosity, and unwavering dedication to her students and colleagues. On behalf of the Lubin School of Business, we extend our deepest condolences to her family, friends, and all who had the privilege of working with and learning from her. She will be missed.

Donations can be made to one of your favorite charities. Her favorites were ASPCA in Briarcliff or Pets Alive <https://petsalive.org/>

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Professor Farrell's passing reminds us of the importance of community. If you are in need of support, please reach out. Faculty and staff can contact [Employee Relations](#), and Aetna's [Employee Assistance Program](#) is always available. Students may contact the [Counseling Center](#) or the [Dean for Students Office](#) which are open Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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