

In Memoriam

# Patricia DiMaggio

Our Friend and Colleague



Patricia DiMaggio, IES, LC, LEED AP, (1964–2014) was a remarkable person. Her deep understanding of light and lighting was an invaluable resource for so many of us.

After graduating from Brooklyn College with a degree in architecture, she worked in historic preservation and then in electrical engineering. For close to twenty years, she worked at Osram Sylvania as a Lamp and Technical Specialist and in 2010 she was appointed Lighting Project Design Manager, a position created specifically for her and one that enabled her to work on special projects.

Patricia worked on cityscape—changing projects including the redevelopment of Battery Park, the revitalization of Times Square, and on the exterior lighting on the U.S. Custom House, which garnered awards, including a Lumen Awards in 2008.

Patricia volunteered her time and graciously lent her expertise to the IES, and to the New York City Section where she served as secretary, vice president and president. During her tenure as President, Patricia created the New York City Student Lighting Competition which challenges students studying lighting and showcases their designs. Fourteen years later, the competition has become one of the IESNYC's signature programs and it was a fitting tribute to dedicate this year's competition to her.

Patricia taught lighting design and inspired students at the New York School of Interior Design for more than six years. She was an extraordinary and accessible role model for her students. In her, they saw someone with intelligence, passion, and perseverance. In them, she saw a classroom full of future Lumen Award winners.



There are a number of ways to remember and honor Patricia's life and legacy.

## Nuckoll's Fund for Lighting Education

This year, the IESNYC made a \$5,000 contribution to the Nuckoll's Fund for Lighting Education in her name.

## 529 College Fund

Patricia's family has established a fund for the college education of her sons Jonathan and Matthew Minnick. If you would like to contribute, kindly make out a check to College America, noting account number 88040145 on the memo line and send to North Shore Financial Group, 2929 Expressway Drive North, Suite 200 Hauppauge, NY 11749, Attn: Stefan Kaplan.

## The Patricia DiMaggio Memorial Fund (PDiMFund)

The Patricia DiMaggio Memorial Fund (PDiMFund), is being formed to honor her contributions to our industry and perpetuate causes she championed. The fund is education-centric and designed to help individuals of all backgrounds and education levels, no matter what area of lighting they are studying or working in.

It will support and expand upon the Student Lighting Competition which she founded during her IESNYC presidency. The fund will also help to enable lighting manufacturing representatives to further their professional studies. It will also help create opportunities for mentoring students so they too can create positive changes in the lighting industry in New York City and beyond. The fund will also support researchers and practitioners who are exploring the connection between health and the lit environment.

Though still in the planning stages, the fund is being administered by Randy Sabedra, Ann Schi ers, and Shoshanna Segal. The fund is in the process of obtaining its 501c3 non-profit status.

To make a secure pledge or contact us to volunteer your time, please visit [www.PDiMFund.org](http://www.PDiMFund.org)

