



PIONEER WOMAN OF REGIS

Margurette Dickerson Eiberger, RC '57

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When Margurette Dickerson Eiberger, RC '57, graduated from Regis, she was one of only three women in the entire university.

She noted that even though she was surrounded by 100 men, she never let her attention slip from her studies. Eiberger kept her focus by working during the day and attending class primarily at night. One of her fondest memories includes attending Father Harold L. Stansell's daytime history course. As one of the first women allowed in a daytime course, she became a pioneer for young women in education. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English, with a minor in social studies and an emphasis in education.

Eiberger went on to teach second grade in the Denver Public School District and later received her real estate license. In addition to working and raising her four children, she also found a way to incorporate her passion for music into her daily life by teaching piano lessons after school and on Saturdays. Over the years, Eiberger watched Regis evolve as more women came to campus, new buildings were built and a new chapel was constructed. However, she was most excited to see Regis College expand to include music classes – something she wished was available to her when she was a student.

Eiberger is immensely grateful for her Jesuit education and believes her time at Regis still influences her life. She gives credit to a number of individuals who helped inspire and shape her into the person she is today. Dr. Fred Van Valkenburg and Fathers Harold L. Stansell, Francis J. Malecek and Louis G. Mattione are just some of the many influential people Eiberger encountered along her journey.

Putting what she learned into practice, Eiberger exemplifies the Jesuit mission. She believes in using opportunities to help one another and gave back to her community as an organist for her church choir for 35 years.

The education Eiberger received at Regis means everything to her. In many ways, she paved the way for young women in education. Her legacy will continue to motivate and encourage many generations of women to come.