

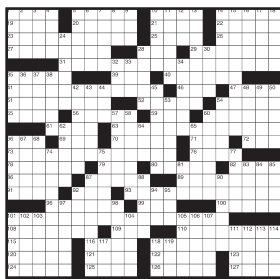
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Never Too Old For College

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Levittown resident Edwin Dannen is attending college at age 91. He is among the many seniors in Hofstra University's Personal Enrichment in Retirement Program (PEIR) who is proving college doesn't have an age limit. Hofstra University's PEIR program was created 37 years ago to provide opportunities for intellectual stimulation, cultural enrichment, and personal growth for retirees or semiretired individuals over age 55.

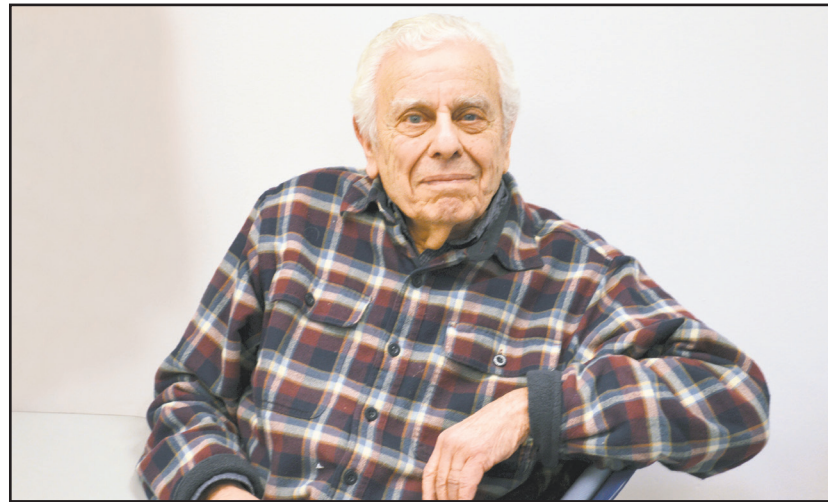
Dannen, a retired teacher and director of the Bureau of Attendance, joined the PEIR program in 1988 because he wanted to challenge himself. As a member he lectures others in the program, he attends lectures those members present and he meets new people daily.

While being a member for the past 26 years, Dannen discovered his favorite aspect of PEIR is giving lectures.

"I absolutely love to make presentations and lectures. I've made at least 150 over the years, and I'm currently working on three." He said, "I love to do research. It encourages me to go on the computer and read books. It keeps my mind busy and in shape."

Since his wife passed away, PEIR has provided the structure and friendships that he wants.

"This program gives me the incentive to sit down and work on something that I'm really enjoying. I love the work," he said, "also, being with



the people here and learning together is extremely important to me."

Dannen takes pride in being a senior student, and being in a college environment.

"I love enjoying the student life again. I love going to the cafeteria

and rubbing shoulders with younger people. I can be a student too."

The PEIR program is for retirees ages 55 and older. To schedule a visit, call Bradley Kaye at 516-463-4824. The website is www.hofstra.edu/academics/ce/lifelonglearning/peir.

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