



Elena "Ellie" Marie DiLapi  
Recipient of the 2025  
Women for Greater Philadelphia - CAROLYN ANCKER AWARD

Elena "Ellie" Marie DiLapi ACSW, CCDV, is a distinguished figure in the field of social work, education and community empowerment with a career spanning five decades.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania's School of Social Policy and Practice in 1977, DiLapi served as the Director of the University's Penn Women's Center from 1985-2006 where she garnered wide attention for her advocacy on issues facing women in higher education and beyond. Throughout her tenure, she emphasized the significance of campus women's centers in building community while addressing these challenges. Alongside her directorial responsibilities, DiLapi taught graduate courses on racism and social change at Penn's School of Social Policy and Practice for 20+ years.

As a member of Taller Puertorriqueño's Board of Directors since the early 2000s and most recently as Chair Ellie, she assisted in the transition from the organization's two row homes into an award-winning state of art facility in North Philly, El Corozo Cultural del Barrio.

Ellie remains committed to promoting social justice and community empowerment through DiLapi Consulting services. She is widely recognized as a national and international leader in various domains, including women's leadership development, community building, combating violence against women, educational equity and advocating for anti-racist feminism and issues of intersectionality in support of Democracy locally and globally.