

Lifetime Achievement Awardee
Marie M. Dugan – 2001

Marie M. Dugan's career in education spans the past 36 years. She is well known for being the founder and director of the Wilmington Montessori School, DE, previously being a teacher at the school for over 20 years. Marie continues to be involved with the American Montessori Society, as a former elected president, the first Heads Section chair and board treasurer, an interim executive director and School Accreditation Committee member. Currently, she is the chair for the Centennial Fund, raising almost half a million dollars for AMS, the chair for the Archives Committee and a AMS representative to the United Nations. She is also a school consultant and school management co-coordinator at the Center for Montessori School Management at CMTE/NY.

Ms. Dugan has also been committed to Delaware state education. She was appointed to the Delaware's Daycare Regulations Task Force, served on the Board of Directors of Delaware's Future and is a member of the Early Age Education Advisory Committee for the Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools. She has also served on the Board of the Delaware Association for the Education of Young Children, the Delaware Association of Independent Schools, and Connecting Generations.

Marie M. Dugan values the personal and professional connections she makes with AMS members to help communities commit to educations of peace and social justice. She continues to draw attention on the importance of financial support for teacher education and speak the rights of children as an AMS representative at the United Nations. Because of her efforts with the Montessori community and Delaware education, Connecting Generations honored her with its third Lifetime Achievement Award.