

By: Kiera Lorenzo

# Lynn Allinger

## President of Craft Company No. 6

1. Location: **785 University Avenue**  
**Rochester, NY 14607**

### Products/Services:

Specializes in fine handmade jewelry, woodcraft, blown glass, pottery, fiber, metal arts and Sticks™ furniture and object art. A favorite source for artistic jewelry, unique handmade-gifts and home furnishings.

2. Lynn Allinger always had an ambition and love for artsy projects; she went to college for teaching but changed into what she really loved. Her dream was to have a craft store in Manhattan, but something was pulling her to Rochester. She went to craft classes at RIT and there she met her future husband. She joined the National Association of Women Business Owners, and was a trustee of the American Craft Council. One day her and her husband were on a walk and saw a warehouse that was for sale and decided to go for it and turn it into her store she had always dreamed of. It was 1979 and they paid \$110,000 for an old building in a rough neighborhood, but they were convinced they would make it work. They did. Today it is a very artistic shop with jewelry, furniture, handmade gifts, potter and blown glass and more. She worked hard to follow her dream and create her own future.
3. One quote that really stood out from Lynn Allinger was "If I wanted it, I had to do it myself." This describes to me the type of person she is. She realizes what it takes to accomplish your goals. Nothing is handed to you especially your dreams, so you have to make it happen for yourself. No one is going to do it for you.
4. "We were always stretched for money and it was very difficult." This describes her money lesson in a sentence, even though money was tight sometimes she found a way to make it happen and continue to move forward.

# Dan Tessori

## Accounting Professor at the E. Phillip Saunders College of Business at RIT

1. Dan Tessori is a Professor at RIT where he teaches an accounting course. He went to St. John Fisher and started his own accounting company but realized he wanted to focus on teaching. He knew no sign language but learned quickly and was able to teach a room of deaf students accounting. He went to Syracuse University 10 years after college to get his Ph.D.
2. From reading his story he grew up in a somewhat poor household and had to pay his way through private catholic high school. He didn't get into George Town but his father told him to move on, so he did. He attended St. John Fisher and met his wife there. He got a degree in accounting which before college he knew nothing of. He then started his own accounting business. One friend asked if he was interested teaching accounting at RIT, a school mainly for the deaf. He accepted, knowing no sign language. He quickly picked it up and was able to teach a room of all except one deaf kids accounting. 10 years after graduating college he went back for his Ph.D. at Syracuse University and now is a professor at RIT and doing what he loves.
3. The defining moment according to Dan would be in High School when one month he couldn't afford to pay his own tuition but he knew he couldn't depend on others to come up with it. He negotiated with the school and they gave him some extra time to come up with the money. He said from then on he never missed another payment and it made him realize that he had to take care of himself.
4. A quote that describes his story would be, "I never, ever want to depend on anyone to take care of me again." This is how he lived the rest of his life, realizing that he had to work hard himself, to benefit himself.
5. He talks about how he grew up with no money but he knew that without school he wouldn't go anywhere. He also talks about how the desire for success teaches you about money. It takes effort that it all, "If you've got the skills, if you've got the ability, it's a shame to waste it."