

## **Paul and Lydia Kalmanovitz**

*Perseverance - Philanthropy - Generosity*

The naming of the Paul and Lydia Kalmanovitz School of Education recognizes a generous gift of \$10 million from the Kalmanovitz Charitable Foundation.

Paul and Lydia Kalmanovitz met in New York City after separate immigrations to the United States in the early 1920s. They moved to California in 1935, where they acquired the first of many real estate interests with the purchase of a Los Angeles service station (where Lydia pumped gas!).

Paul worked on the personal staffs of Franklin D. Roosevelt, William Randolph Hearst and Louis B. Mayer before going to work in the brewing industry. Paul and Lydia continued to acquire more real estate as well as brewing companies, including the famous Pabst Brewing Company in Milwaukee, Falstaff Brewing Corporation, among others. Paul and Lydia moved to Tiburon, California, in 1972. Mr. Kalmanovitz became involved in helping the benevolent organization Guide Dogs for the Blind in San Rafael as well as several other charitable organizations.

Paul and Lydia gave generously to colleges, universities and hospitals throughout their lives. After Paul's death in 1987 and Lydia's passing in 1994, most of the Kalmanovitz Estate was left to a charitable foundation for hospitals and universities – the Kalmanovitz Charitable Foundation. The foundation continues the tradition of giving that was begun by Paul and Lydia Kalmanovitz during their lifetimes. Their legacy lives on with the expansion of the Kalmanovitz School of Education at Saint Mary's College of California.