

Gahanna Jefferson Education Foundation  
**2014 ALUMNI HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE**

Amy Dudas Huddleston

Graduated...1992

Resides...Blacklick, Ohio

A 1992 graduate of Gahanna Lincoln High School, Amy Dudas Huddleston was an active student. She served on student council, sang in choir, was co-editor of the yearbook and logged four years as a member of the varsity girls' tennis team. After high school, she attended Pennsylvania State University and graduated in 1996 with a Bachelor's of Arts in advertising and public relations.

Post-college, Amy moved into the field of online advertising and media planning. She held positions with WebConnect and Bronner Slosberg Humphrey, helping different companies sell their products online. Her husband's position took the family to Florida, Massachusetts, England and finally Seattle, where she began working for Amazon.com.

At Amazon, Amy managed the group that did all of the media planning and procured online advertisement buys for the company. She was later promoted to senior product manager and oversaw the company's very first business relationships with Borders, Circuit City and Office Depot.

"This was an exciting time to be at Amazon.com, because the company had just started the process of trying to sell other companies' products on the site," she said. "I greatly enjoyed the opportunity of being able to witness Amazon.com change the online shopping experience."

Amy left Amazon.com in early 2003 when her son was born. As much as she adored being a mother, she looked for ways to continue her career. She was interested in owning her own business where she could be involved in helping people. A recommendation from her husband led her to consider a franchise of Home Instead Senior Care, which she purchased in 2004.

The Huddleston franchise of Home Instead opened in Nov., 2004, serving Licking and Muskingum counties, with an office in Granville, Ohio. Ten years later, Amy has ten administrative employees and 175 CAREgivers on her staff, with an additional office in Zanesville.

"I get to help people every day by keeping seniors independent and 'home instead,'" Amy said. "I also get to create a welcoming and respectful environment for my CAREgivers to work."

Her franchise has received several sales-level awards from the Home Instead home office, and has earned the highest CAREgiver job satisfaction in the nation from J.D. Power & Associates.

In addition to her business, Amy is a member of the Rotary Club of Granville where she serves as the community service chair. Her work keeps the club active both locally and internationally, including raising enough funds to have eight water wells dug in Haiti in 2012. She is also President of the Granville Fellowship Senior Center board, and teaches elementary Sunday school at Stonybrook United Methodist Church in Gahanna.

Amy resides in Blacklick with her husband Klay (a 1989 GLHS graduate) and their two sons, Jake and Owen.