

2018 Alumni Hall of Fame Inductee

MARY YOST

GRADUATED: 1970

RESIDES: GAHANNA, OHIO

Gahanna Lincoln High School 1970 alumna Mary Yost has been called smart, hard-working, compassionate, committed, and kind – as well as an outstanding leader.

Yost has fond memories of Gahanna Lincoln High School. “I had my first experience with journalism through the school newspaper, The Lion’s Roar. I also met my future husband while in high school.”

After graduating from GLHS Yost received a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from The Ohio State University. While she was working on her undergraduate degree she was recommended by the OSU journalism faculty members for a paid internship at the *Columbus Dispatch*. Following her successful internship and graduation, she was hired to a full-time position at the newspaper.



Michael Curtin, retired Editor and Associate Publisher for the *Columbus Dispatch* commented, “I witnessed Mary’s daily commitment to the highest standards of journalism. Her dedication to fairness, accuracy, and

thorough research won her wide respect from newsroom colleagues, those she covered and the paper’s most demanding and knowledgeable readers.”

In 1992, Yost was recruited by the Ohio Hospital Association (OHA) as Senior Director of Public

Affairs. She was the first woman named to a vice president’s role at OHA. “Mary Yost directed significant outreach programs aimed at improving the health of Ohioans throughout her 20 years at the Ohio Hospital Association from 1992-2012”, said Mike Abrams, President and CEO

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of OHA. Yost also served on and eventually led the board of Franklin County Children’s Services and she also held leadership roles in many other community service organizations.

Yost left the Ohio Hospital Association in 2012 and became Editor to Columbus CEO, a *Dispatch* Media Group publication. In 2018 she was hired as the Editorial Page Editor at the *Columbus Dispatch*. “Mary Yost is a role model for Gahanna Lincoln High students, especially young women who should know that a graduate of their school went on to fulfill her dream of becoming the Editorial Page Editor of the *Columbus Dispatch*. She achieved that goal because of her talent, hard work and dedication to serving the people of central Ohio”, wrote Alan Miller, Editor, the *Columbus Dispatch*.

Mary Yost has 2 children, Mandy and Ben, along with 2 grandsons, Dodge and Logan. She currently resides in Gahanna, Ohio.