

OTTAWA HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME

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CHERYLE GARTLEY Class of 1965



Cheryle Gartley, after graduating from Ottawa Township High School, attended the University of Illinois and graduated from Northern Illinois University with a degree in education before receiving her MBA from the University of Chicago. She was born with Spina Bifida and has become a spokesperson and international expert on the topic of incontinency. She co-authored and edited the first book ever written for individuals with incontinence, which has since been translated into Japanese, Spanish, and British English. Cheryle Gartley was selected in 1978 for the "Outstanding Young Women in America" and is listed in the 1986 edition of "The World Who's Who of Women" and "Who's Who in the Midwest." She has appeared on television and radio shows throughout the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, England, Italy, France, and Germany. She was a keynote speaker along with Dr. Koop at the Time Museum in New York City to kick off a campaign to get patients to speak with their doctors regarding stigmatized health issues. Cheryle Gartley has been published in numerous periodicals, has hosted a number of educational conferences, and served as a panelist at medical conferences. She is the founder and President of The Simon Foundation for Continence and maintains a website, simonfoundation.org which provides information and ongoing insight into the work that she continues to perform on behalf of others.