

OTTAWA HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME

2016



MARY FENNESSEY MORGAN Teacher and Counselor 1966-1999

Mary Fennessey Morgan was a teacher and counselor at Ottawa Township High School. She began her professional career there in 1966 and served through her retirement in 1999. She graduated from Marquette High School in Ottawa in 1962, and then earned a bachelor's degree in education from Northern Illinois University in 1966, and a master's degree in educational psychology from the University of Illinois in 1970. At OTHS she taught speech, drama, and English. She also served as coach of the speech team and assisted in directing student plays. She later moved to the counseling department, tirelessly serving students in that capacity. In 1993 the Ottawa Business and Professional Women's Organization named her Career Woman of the Year. She has co-hosted the WCMY Morning Talk Show, a radio talk program. She is a talented actress and has performed in numerous area productions. She has volunteered her time and talents for local charities, fundraisers, and as mistress of ceremonies or announcer for many charitable events, including the Easter Seals Telethon, the OTHS Hall of Fame Banquet, and the United Way "Power of the Purse" fundraiser. She has also served on committees and boards for many organizations, including terms on the Board of Directors of the Ottawa Youth Service Bureau and Ottawa Regional Hospital, where she also co-founded a breast cancer support and education group, "Petto Pals." Mary Fennessey Morgan also co-sponsored a conference on Women in Non-Traditional Occupations, and has taught an individual development course in public speaking for the Ottawa Business and Professional Women's Organization.

