

I am honored and proud to be nominated for the Triton College Wall of Fame. Triton College has given me the knowledge and inspiration to become the businesswoman I am today.

I began as one of seven children in a Catholic, Italian, and Irish family. My father, self-employed in the metal fabrication business, and my mother, who worked as a seamstress and homemaker, taught me many of the business skills I use today from a young age.

I attended Catholic grade school and Oak Park and River Forest High School. After graduating, I enrolled at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. However, I wasn't quite ready for the college experience, so I returned home after one year and attended Triton College. It was at Triton that I discovered my passion for accounting and marketing. I earned an associate degree before transferring to Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, where I completed my Bachelor of Science in Business.

After graduation, I began working for Kinney Show Corp at their Susie Casual Stores. I successfully managed three locations, earning top awards, and was slated for a promotion to New York City. However, after meeting my future husband in college, I decided against the move to NYC and chose to leave Susie Casuals. Instead, I returned to Triton College to obtain my real estate certification.

I worked as a real estate agent for several years before partnering with an attorney to open Village Real Estate Corp in River Forest, Illinois. Our office grew rapidly, and we expanded by opening a branch in Westchester.