

Jill Van Lokeren

Wyoming High School Class of 1986

Education & Background

Wyoming High School Activities:

French Club 9, 10, 11; Drama 10, 11; Softball 9, 10, 11, 12;
Varsity Soccer 11, 12; Freshman Chorus; Teen Counseling 11, 12

University of New Hampshire:

Bachelor of Arts in Communications, 1990

Life Achievements

After graduating from The University of New Hampshire, Jill interned and worked her way up as a Production Assistant at Sally Jesse Raphael. She later went on to work at the Maury Povich Show as a Producer.

Jill started at The Oprah Winfrey Show 19 years ago as a Senior Associate Producer and was a Senior Supervising Producer for the last 6 years of The Oprah Winfrey Show. Jill produced some of the most noteworthy Oprah Winfrey Shows in television history, including Oprah's Australian Adventure, Oprah's Surprise Finale Shows at The United Center in Chicago, and Exclusive Interview with Elizabeth Edwards at her home in North Carolina.

Currently, Jill serves as an Executive Vice President and Executive Producer of Harpo Studios. She develops and delivers new programming that will carry on Oprah Winfrey's legacy and expand Harpo and OWN's (Oprah Winfrey Network) first-rate content on multiple media outlets. Jill's creative mind and hands-on approach enables her to produce innovative shows, series and specials for OWN.

Raised in Wyoming, Ohio, Jill Van Lokeren (Kuenstler) now lives in Chicago with her husband John and her two children, Daisy and Luke. She shares,

“growing up in Wyoming greatly contributed to who I am today. My parents, friends, teachers, and coaches - all gave me a solid foundation that helped me create a very blessed life.”