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I earned my undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan, majoring in English and a master's in journalism from Northwestern University. After earning my degrees, I headed to California! I spent three years living in San Francisco and working in wine country for The Press Democrat, a daily newspaper in Santa Rosa. I worked on the sports desk and loved the excitement of deadlines and breaking news, especially since I was there during a time when the Niners were a dynasty and the Giants and A's were in the World Series together.

ABOUT MYSELF _____ LHS CLASS OF 1983

I started my life in Lakewood at 3 years old when my parents moved to a home on Wyandotte Avenue. I attended Taft Elementary for kindergarten after my parents had moved to a new home on Nicholson Avenue. My time at Taft was short as we moved once again within Lakewood to Lake Avenue, where my parents would live until 1996. I spent the rest of my elementary years at McKinley School, then on to Horace Mann for middle school and finally Lakewood High.

Loved my years growing up in Lakewood! I spent summers playing softball with my friends, wearing our George J. Usher t-shirts, going to the beach, riding bikes around town, and doing lots of swimming. I was on the Rec swim team for many years and made lifelong friends through the many hours spent together at Foster Pool, the LHS pool, and meets. Once at high school, I added a number of other extracurriculars such as cheerleading and Student Council.

While in California, I met my husband, who was in the Army. After marrying, he was reassigned to Columbus, Georgia, where we lived for a year before he left the army and we moved back to my hometown, buying a house on Narragansett, where we raised our two now-grown children. I took a job as design editor at Crain's Cleveland Business upon coming back to Lakewood and spent 11 years there. After leaving Crain's, I freelanced for a few years before landing my current job as Communications & PR Coordinator for Lakewood City Schools.

I am proud to be a Lakewood graduate and proud to have had my children graduate from the same high school. I love being part of the Lakewood community and have enjoyed volunteering for many civic organizations such as LakewoodAlive, Gigi's Place, Lakewood Rec Swim Team, Lakewood Soccer Association, and now the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation. I find it very rewarding to work toward improving the experience of students in the school system that gave both me and my kids such a great foundation!