

# **JODY COHAN PRYSOCK**

Jody Cohan Prysock, Class of 1975, has been providing valuable services to those with hearing and other disabilities in Westchester and New York City for more than 20 years.

At White Plains High School, Mrs. Prysock was a member of the Dance Club and participated in ballet and modern dance activities and companies in the community.

She became a Sign Language Interpreter and life-long advocate for the deaf and hearing impaired. She provided interpretation services at medical clinics, corporate meetings, community events, musical concerts and theater performances, academic commencements, and even political events, including platform interpreting for both President Bill Clinton and Senator Hillary Rodham-Clinton.

Mrs. Prysock earned her Bachelor of Science, *summa cum laude*, from Mercy College in 1991, 16 years after graduating from WPHS. She went on to receive a Master's of Science in Applied Counseling from Long Island University in 1996.

From 1995 to 2002 she was Clinical Deafness Liaison in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program at the Westchester Division of New York Hospital, providing sign language interpreting services for all clinical activities at every level of care.

Mrs. Prysock was named the founding Manager of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program at NYU Langone Medical Center in 2001. She became Director of Language, Cultural and Disability Services in 2008 and her responsibilities expanded to provide services to people with limited English proficiency, other disabilities and low literacy levels. Mrs. Prysock has trained thousands of staff and physicians in cross-cultural, cross-lingual service provision. She also teaches Disabilities from a Cultural Perspective as an Adjunct Professor at CUNY Graduate Center.

Last year she received an Honorary Recognition Award from Nursing Leadership of NYU Langone. She is a longtime volunteer with the Clearwater Festival and has also provided translation at the New York Special Olympics and the Northeast Folk Alliance.

Mrs. Prysock's father, two brothers and two daughters all attended White Plains schools. She lives in White Plains and was recently married to Wallace Prysock.