



2020 Walks of Life Honoree Mary T. Quinn Griffin

Mary Quinn Griffin is recognized as an international leader in nursing science and education. Throughout her career, she has educated nursing students both in the United States and in Ireland. In 2013, she was recognized as one of the 20 top nursing professors in Ohio. She was named to the 2016 Irish Education 100, an honor bestowed by the *Irish Voice* that recognized Mary as one of the top 100 educators of Irish heritage committed to excellence in education in the United States.

Mary was born in Dublin to Celine (nee Mulloy) and James Quinn. After obtaining her early nursing education in Salford, England, she returned to Dublin as a midwifery teacher. During her time there she educated hundreds of midwives and received a Master's in Education from Trinity College as well as a diploma in advanced statistics. She came to Cleveland in 1992 to pursue advanced degrees in nursing from Case Western Reserve University.

After obtaining her PhD degree from Case Western Reserve University (CWRU), she was offered a teaching position at the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing where she is now Associate Dean for Global Affairs and serves as the university's Assistant Provost of Outcome Assessment and Accreditation.

In 2011, she co-authored the book "A Nuts-and-Bolts Approach to Teaching Nursing," which was designated by the *American Journal of Nursing* as a top-ranked "Book of the Year" for nursing education. The book, from Springer Publishing, is now in its fourth edition. She also has authored or co-authored more than 60 articles in peer-reviewed journals, plus more than 30 book chapters.

In November 2019, she received the Excellence in Education award from the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing in recognition for her achievements in the field of education.

Mary has an extensive link through her mother's family in Cleveland that goes back four generations of the Mulloy, White, Goggin, McNamara and Patton families. She has participated in many endeavors in Cleveland's Irish community, especially with the West Side Irish American Club where she volunteers at the annual Reverse Raffle held in honor of her uncle Steve Mulloy.

She has created and implemented successful study abroad programs for nursing students at CWRU and universities in Ireland. Through this program, students gain insight into the differences in roles and professional work in the two countries, ultimately empowering leadership and a robust exchange of ideas and best practices. She is on the Advisory Board of RelateCare, an Irish healthcare communications consultancy and outsourcing organization with its U.S. headquarters based in Cleveland.

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