

Kathy Eshelman

President, Grade A Notes

Kathy Eshelman is the President and Co-Founder of Grade A Notes, a lecture note service that hires seniors and graduate students to take notes, then publishes the customized notes for students in the classes. Eshelman moved from Texas to Ohio at the age of 25 to follow her dreams of entrepreneurship. She built this million-dollar company through her determination and with a \$30,000 investment from friends and family. She developed the company into a full-service digital print facility that provides custom publishing services for over 100 academic institutions including course materials, out-of print book reproduction, and full-service copyright approval for faculty.

Eshelman is also the Owner and a Founder of PatrioticJewelry.com, an on-line catalog of patriotic and political jewelry and memorabilia. Jewelry available on her website includes the exclusive 'W04' crystal pin she designed and worn by former First Lady Barbara Bush at the Republican National Convention in 2004. She has donated thousands of pieces of jewelry to fundraisers supporting United States Military families and other charities.

Eshelman is a Charter Member of the Women Presidents' Organization's (WPO) Columbus chapter and serves on its Women Empowering Women annual charity fundraiser. She is serving a three-year appointment to the National Women's Business Council, representing the WPO. She is a graduate of the Jo Ann Davidson Ohio Leadership Institute and was elected by her class as the alumni representative on its Board of Trustees for 2004-2005. She served as President of the University Community Business Association for 13 years and now serves as its treasurer and is a member of Central Ohio Texas Exes and The National Association of Women Business Owners. She was a 2006 finalist for Enterprising Women Magazine's, Woman of the Year. She was a panelist during The Women's Entrepreneurship in the 21st Century Summit hosted by the U.S. Department of Labor. She also serves on the Board of The Capital Area Republican Women. She was featured in WELD's 2007 calendar, "12 Women You Should now". She is the President-Elect of the PTO for her daughter's elementary school.

She encourages her employees to think like entrepreneurs by giving them freedom of decisions and awards key employees with company stock. Her employees enjoy flextime and home office opportunities so they can spend more time with their families and on personal interests.

Eshelman resides in Dublin with her husband, Jack. They are extremely proud of and enjoy spending time with their eight-year old daughter, Elizabeth who met First Lady Laura Bush on a 2004 campaign stop in Columbus.



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