



Amy Jacobson
Class of 1987
Journalist

Amy Jacobson attended John Hersey from 1983 – 1987. While at Hersey, she was very involved in activities, including Volleyball, Basketball, Choir and OnStage, Drama, SADD, Student Council, and Yearbook. She was chosen as the Homecoming Queen in 1986.

After graduating Hersey, Amy attended the University of Iowa, and graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a bachelor's degree in broadcasting and film in 1991. Her journalism career began with an internship at KGAN-TV in Cedar Rapids, IA. From there, Amy moved to her first official assignment as the morning news host and general reporter for KSAX-TV in Minnesota. She then moved to Tuscon, AZ, where she became the first female reporter to cover sporting events for the University of Arizona and was a reporter for KOLD-TV. She left to become the lead reporter for KVIA-TV in El Paso, TX. After a year in Texas, it was on to Detroit, where Amy spent two years with WJBK-TV as lead reporter. While in Detroit, she broke stories on irregularities in recruiting at the University of Michigan, went undercover as a Detroit Police Cadet, and covered national stories, including the Oklahoma City bombing.

Amy returned to Chicago in 1996 to become the lead reporter for WMAQ-TV. During her eleven years with the station, she covered the 2002 Winter Olympics, the 2005 World Series, the 2007 Super Bowl, and NTSB hearings in Washington, DC. She also appeared on the TODAY show on four different occasions. Her accurate and professional reporting earned Amy four Chicago Emmy Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Reporting and six nominations for Special Segments and Breaking News.

After leaving NBC 5, Amy moved to WLS 890 radio, where she reported news, weather, and traffic. Her major stories included the Drew Peterson murder trial and the Governor Blagojevich impeachment. After two years, Amy became co-host of the morning show at AM560 WIND. She has covered major stories during her time at one of the top-rated morning shows in Chicago.