

Posthumous Recognition: Charlotte FitzHenry Robling, class of 1934



Charlotte FitzHenry Robling '34 is being honored with the Pioneer Posthumous Recognition Award due to her breakthrough work in journalism. While securing her bachelor's degree at Illinois Wesleyan University, Robling was awarded the prestigious Nieman Fellowship in Journalism from Harvard University. She was the first woman to receive the fellowship, which allowed her to attend Harvard for a year with the stated goal "to promote and elevate the

standards of journalism."

When she began working at The Pantagraph as a reporter and photographer, Robling wrote numerous stories about U-High. She was later promoted to assistant city editor. From there, Robling became a reporter and then night editor for the Associated Press in Chicago. She later served as director of information services at New Trier Township High School (Winnetka) and taught journalism classes at Drake University.

Robling highly valued her early education. She has stated:

"The older I get (and I am pretty old!) the higher my regard for the education we received at Thomas Metcalf School and University High School. It was very special, far ahead of most schools, and excellent."

Congratulations to the family of Charlotte FitzHenry Robling on her 2009 University High School Pioneer Posthumous Recognition Award!