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Robertson Co. Roots Celebrating our Alumni

Leanne Morgan

STAND-UP COMEDIAN, ACTRESS,
BEST SELLING AUTHOR

JO BYRNS HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1983



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Leanne Morgan

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Leanne

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This month, we are proud to feature Leanne Morgan, a 1983 graduate of Jo Byrns High School, whose humor, heart, and Southern charm have made her a beloved Stand Up Comedian, Actress, and Bestselling author.

Leanne's career spans more than 25 years, and she rose to prominence with her debut Netflix special, *I'm Every Woman*, showcasing her relatable humor and authentic storytelling. Since then, she has sold over 100,000 tickets in the first six months of her *Just Getting Started* tour, performing at iconic venues such as the Chicago Theatre and Nashville's Ryman Auditorium.

Hailing from rural Tennessee, Leanne's comedy resonates with audiences of all backgrounds, as she finds humor in everyday life and shares anecdotes about family, small-town living, and the quirks of daily life.

She recently fulfilled a lifelong dream by starring in her own Netflix sitcom and continues to expand her career with appearances alongside stars like Will Ferrell and Reese Witherspoon in the Amazon Prime film *You're Cordially Invited*, which debuted at No. 1 on the platform. Her book, *What in the World?*, published in 2024, quickly became a New York Times and Amazon bestseller.





Reflecting on her time as a student in Robertson County Schools, Leanne shared with us, 'My speech and drama class in high school is one of my favorite memories. I loved doing improv. It felt like, 'Oh, this is what I'm supposed to be doing!'

So many teachers, coaches and staff had an impact on me, but particularly Mr. Bunch, the band and choir director. He always believed in me and gave me an opportunity to shine, even though I couldn't sing well. Mr. Mantooth, my history teacher, taught us about the Bell Witch and the history of Adams, TN. I was SO proud, I thought we were so special and unique. It gave me a pride that I've always carried with me, and has kept me grounded and authentic to where I'm from with the farming community and history of Adams.

I would tell current students to always be proud of this historical rural county, and stay true to who you are. Being from small town America is such a blessing because you truly understand community and what it means to take care of each other. Whoever you encounter in your life, they will be drawn to you because people love authenticity and compassion that comes with a small, tight-knit community.

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