

Leah Wyar Romito
May 2014 Alumni of the Month

Leah Romito, formerly known as Leah Wyar, graduated in 1996 from Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High School. After graduating she majored in psychology and business at Susquehanna University, which she loved for its small intimate atmosphere. In her junior year, she took the chance to study abroad in London. It was at this very point when Leah knew what she was meant to do. Miss Wyar was instantly taken with the idea of going to work in a city after graduating with a bigger, more exciting atmosphere.

“Everything was amazing!” She exclaimed.

When she arrived home she immediately revised her future plans. She then found her first job in New York City. Leah was hesitant at first but promised herself she would spend one year there and then decide. She finally knew what the future would hold for her. Leah’s very first job in New York City came from Health Magazine, where she was assistant beauty and fashion editor. She found herself in this position for four and a half years. Self Magazine then contacted her to be in-charge of beauty at its institute. After a few promotions later, Leah picked up her make-up and moved again. Fitness Magazine was her first beauty director position. A year went by and suddenly a job at Cosmopolitan Magazine opened. Leah thought long and hard about her decision before applying.

“Fitness was amazing, but Cosmo is the best. I had to go there!”

Today, this is where she is and has been for four years.

Leah resides in New York City, New York with her husband and pug, Eloise. Her favorite teacher was Mr. Andolina, also known as “MA.” He gave her the experience of an adult.

“He gave us freedom, the ability to grow-up, and the opportunity to find ourselves.” Mr. Andolina was not afraid to call anyone out for his mistakes.” Leah states. “I screwed up a layout for the newspaper one time but was too afraid to own up to it. Mr. Andolina let me have it.”

She thanks him for letting her experience the magazine world as it is today.

“Magazines are a cut-throat, never sugar-coated world.” she stated. He treated us with respect, but not only did he teach us about journalism, but about life.

Mr. Andolina was also the drama/play director. As Leah entered the musicals she became more comfortable with audiences. Today, her life deals with being on television and radio talk shows. Musicals directed by Mr. Andolina really taught her to be in the public spotlight and keep her self-composure. Miss Wyar did not have to go through media training like most others. With the help and support from MA during high school, it provided her with the experience she needed in today’s world. Her very first New York trip without her parents was with MA. Little did she know that was the journey that laid out her future.

Leah’s favorite high school memory was dancing the role of Eliza in “The King and I.”

One of Miss Wyar’s favorite things to do at work is cover “Fashion Week.” Leah gets to see all the hair, make-up, and nails before the models walk the runway. Also, she loves when she gets to go on the Today Show.

“It is really fun!” She states.

When she came to New York with Mr. Andolina, they toured the NBC building.

“Every time I step into the magnificent building I remember the first time MA and I were there.”

Leah says another one of her favorite things she gets to do at work is seeing all of the new beauty products. Leah gets to see and test the products four months before they are released into the stores. She also gotten to meet many fun celebrities such as Kim Kardashian, Ciara, and Kelly Osbourne. Along with these exciting events, she enjoys doing Cosmo Radio once a week on Sirius XM radio.

When asked what her favorite store was in New York, she excitedly exclaimed, “Barneys!”

