

MARY LOU COBB BIOGRAPHY

Mary Lou Cobb is the founder and principal of Cobb Education Consulting, LLC. She guides educators, caregivers, and professionals of any industry to improve their programs and *build communities that work*.

Before establishing her own consulting firm, Mary Lou was the founder and head of The Cobb School, Montessori in Simsbury, CT for 45 years. She received her Montessori Primary Diploma in 1964 and taught for over 30 years before stepping out of the classroom to focus on administration and growing The Cobb School into a thriving, internationally recognized school.

Mary Lou was trained by Margaret Stephenson and mentored by Mother Isabel Eugenie and Margot Waltuch, all of whom were trained by Dr. Maria Montessori.

Mary Lou is a founding board member of Montessori Administrators Association (MAA), Montessori Training Center of New England (MTCNE), Montessori Schools of Connecticut (MSC), and continues to serve on these boards.

Mary Lou also served on Sphere, a coalition of CT independent schools dedicated to diversity and inclusion and on the Commission for Membership and Accreditation (CMA) for the CT Association of Independent Schools (CAIS).

Today Mary Lou serves as Vice President of the Whole School Leadership Board and is a graduate of the Second Module of the WSL Certification Program. She is also an active member of Ethel Walker School's Board of Trustees and currently sits on the Commission for Membership and Accreditation (CMA) for CAIS.

Mary Lou is a trained instructor for NCCAP's Montessori Home Engagement Course, completed a certificate in the *Association Montessori Internationale*'s Montessori for the Aging program, completed a Montessori and Dementia course at Brush Development, and sits on the advisory board for the National Intergenerational Montessori Center at Crossway Communities.