

JAN RYAN**PAUL MITCHELL ADVANCED ACADEMY
MAKEUP TEAM MEMBER****Where are you originally from?**

Plum City, Wisconsin (population: 625).

Where did you receive your initial training?

I went to beauty school in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

What additional training have you had?

I have attended the Toni and Guy Academy, Vidal Sassoon Academy, several makeup academies, and I have always attended several classes a year on my own. I was also a student of Michael Cole.

What sort of salon experience have you had?

I have owned and operated a successful salon for 14 years. During that time, I was named Boss of the Year. I have been doing hair since 1968.

What sort of platform experience have you had?

I began working onstage shortly after graduating from school. The owner of my school was a platform artist for Pivot Point, and I was onstage with her for four years. I also worked onstage for Scruples when I lived in Wisconsin.

What sort of print work experience have you had?

One of my prints is in the book Connecting to My Future. At my current salon, we do many photo shoots each month.

What are your specialties?

I love makeup and I love doing long hair. I am working with executive speech coach Patricia Fripp on my speaking skills.

Have you endorsed or represented a product line? If so, which ones?

In the 1970s I worked for Scruples. Since then, the only product line has been Paul Mitchell.

What awards and recognition have you received?

I was Boss of the Year, nominated by my staff (a citywide honor). I also appeared on national TV, in a program about women going back to school later in life; I received my degree in one year and was nominated by the college to appear on national TV and be interviewed by Gary Collins. I met Donna Karan that day, too. I have also had the opportunity to present at the Paul Mitchell Schools' Summit several times (their biannual meeting for school owners and directors). That was a great honor.

Explain your distinctive style or philosophy.

I believe that education is critical to staying passionate in our lives. I love to have fun, but I get the job done. I was raised with a strong work ethic, and teaching is one way I give back. I have had many mentors in life, and they gave me the desire to share that knowledge with others. I still play in the salon; I practice what I teach. I love the Future Professionals. When I see a light bulb go on, it makes me so happy. My life has a story, and when I can share it and change someone's life, it doesn't get better than that.