



## **SPOTLIGHT STORY**

### **Katherine Miracle**



***"I fell in love with the Arts and found a way to build a career around entertainment and education"***

At FAA, Katherine worked with the backstage crew, set design, and participated in several shows. Her favorite teacher was Mr. Mackey. However, Katherine's life did not immediately blossom in theatre. Her mom searched for a solution early on because as a child, Katherine had an anxiety disorder, "selective mutism". Children with selective mutism are shy around other people and speak when they feel comfortable. Her mom took small steps to get her involved in activities to use her voice.

Over time, FAA became the perfect fit for her. FAA was a foundation for her all the way through high school. Even in college, she would come back in the summer season to help with productions. It is where she found her voice and then decided to receive her degree in theater arts at The University of Akron in addition to another degree in Business Communications. Later, she even obtained her MBA at The University of Phoenix.

**Katherine says:**

**"The arts have helped me to understand people, to tell their stories and to listen to their needs and motivations. Owning a training company and being a professional speaker; the arts have not only helped me entertain people but to educate them and to meet them where they need help. Having to memorize lines and think quickly on my feet has help me in every aspect of my career, and I learned that from the Arts."**

**Katherine encourages new students at FAA to understand that there are many ways to get involved with the arts. She says it is important to take the time to explore and develop your talents because it will help you find your voice, your purpose, and your passion in both your personal and professional life. "I am so thankful for Fine Arts Association. It helped me to find my purpose and passion."**

**Katherine Miracle, MBA, is now an award-winning speaker/trainer, marketer, brand and team builder who helps people get to the core of problems in their organization and unlock potential. Katherine is the Founder & Owner of Miracle Resources, a full-service marketing and training firm.**