

Ms. Virginia “Ginny” Rorby graduated from Winter Park High School in 1962. She is an incredible individual who gives so much to young people and to community agencies. Ms. Rorby is a talented novelist writing books for school aged audiences. Many students have been fortunate to hear Ms. Rorby present book talks as she frequently is invited to schools around the nation. With a passion for animals and a great level of care about our environment, she has urged people to cherish and care for wildlife and the environment. Her community mindedness is evident through her involvement in many organizations and agencies.

“I write books that connect children to the natural world.” This quote has been the goal of Ms. Rorby’s writing for 30 years. Her latest book is *How to Speak Dolphin*. Other highly acclaimed titles are *Lost in the River of Grass*, *The Outside of a Horse*, *Hurt Go Happy*, and *Dolphin Sky*.

For many years, Ms. Rorby was a flight attendant for National Airlines, which later became part of Pan American Airways. She began her post-secondary studies at 33 years of age when she began attending the University of Miami. She graduated from Miami with a biology degree. She then went to Florida International University where she earned a master’s of fine arts degree in creative writing.

Ms. Rorby lives in northern California where she has been involved with many community and environmental agencies. The following list is certainly not all encompassing as Ms. Rorby has been civic minded for many years.

- * Co-Director of the Mendocino Coast Writers Conference
- * Board of Directors member of the Point Cabrillo Lightkeepers Association
- * Member of the Board of Directors for the Botanical Gardens
- * Rescue Team member for the Marine Mammal Center
- * President of the Mendocinio Coast Audubon Society

An accomplished and decorated writer who has a big heart for people, animals, and our environment, Ms. Rorby has significantly enhanced the Tradition of Excellence associated with Winter Park High School. Ms. Virginia “Ginny” Rorby was officially voted into the Circle of Distinction in 2014.