

	<p>NAME: Mary Mélon</p> <p>TITLE: Publisher</p> <p>BUSINESS: The Journal Record</p> <p>STUDENT: Gloria Uwizera</p>
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Mary Mélon was named publisher of The Journal Record Publishing Co. in September, 2001, and president and publisher in 2006. Prior to that, she served as associate publisher and advertising director. Her role includes oversight and leadership of a 60+member Oklahoma team, as well as corporate responsibilities as a member of the senior management corporate cabinet and group publisher of daily operations that include five additional markets.

Mélon is a graduate of Leadership Oklahoma City Class XIX and Leadership Oklahoma Class XVI. She is a past Chair of the Board of Leadership Oklahoma and received the 2010 Distinguished Leadership Award. She currently serves as co-chair of the Central Oklahoma Turning Point Council and is a member of the Board of Directors for Central Oklahoma United Way, Tulsa Area United Way, the Oklahoma Health Center Foundation, the Oklahoma City National Memorial, the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, and the Oklahoma Business Roundtable. She serves on the Advisory Board for The Oklahoma Academy for State Goals. She is a graduate of CommStar and the FBI Citizen's Academy. She is also a member of the Downtown Rotary Club and was named Rotarian of the Year in 2003-2004.

Mélon received the 2004 Association for Women in Communications "Byliner" award for communications and the 2006 Quality Oklahoman award from the Oklahoma Quality Foundation. She was awarded the 2008 "Embrace Award" by the YWCA, for embracing YWCA's mission of empowering women and eliminating racism.

She was appointed by Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett to serve as the first woman on the Oklahoma City Urban Renewal Authority and Oklahoma City Urban Redevelopment Authority. In 2010 she was appointed by State Health Commissioner Terry Cline to serve on the advisory committee for Healthy Communities and Healthy Schools, authorized by House Bill 2774.

Mélon grew up as an "Air Force Brat" and moved to Oklahoma when her father retired in 1975. She graduated in 1983 with a B.A. in Journalism from the University of Oklahoma. Her husband Eric is a sales and management consultant and they have a daughter, Madison, 21, who is a senior at the University of Oklahoma.