

Media bio

Glenda Durano loves to share life lessons through speaking, writing, teaching, and mentoring. She is an award-winning speaker, author, actress, and television director, a lifelong educator, and the owner of multiple businesses. Glenda considers her most significant accomplishments, however, to be the roles she attempts to fulfill each day: being a godly wife, mother, and friend.

Glenda has always loved to communicate. Who would have thought the pithy poetry she wrote for her grandparents in elementary school (“My grandma is so very nice; I like her better than sugar and spice”) would eventually morph into award-winning writing just fifty years later?

Glenda has written and produced dozens of children’s musicals in her nearly four decades as a children’s choir director. She has four books in print—one devotional, *Desperate for God*, and three books on college planning. She is currently working on her fifth book, *Horribly Beautiful: Finding Hope in Heartache*, a nonfiction narrative about her younger daughter’s catastrophic illness and the disability that followed. In 2021, an excerpt from the book won first place in the nonfiction category at the Carolina Christian Writer’s Conference.

As a speaker for church and women’s events, Glenda shares about the love and the lessons she learned in that season, emphasizing that hard is not the same as bad. We may not be able to control our circumstances, but we can control our reactions to it. Glenda was twice selected as one of the seven Top Speakers in the World by Toastmaster’s International and has won multiple awards for her speaking and acting abilities.

After homeschooling for twenty years, in 2009, Glenda combined her diverse professional background in marketing, management, and communication with her love of education and created College Advising and Planning Services, a full-service educational consulting firm that helps students navigate the college planning process. As one of fewer than four hundred Certified Education Planners in the United States, Glenda speaks frequently to traditional, private, and home school groups. She is a sought-after speaker for college nights, church youth groups, and homeschool conventions. Her books on college planning provide level-headed, step-by-step guidance about college admissions and bring calm to a topic that often produces panic.

Like many of us, Glenda fulfills multiple roles. When she’s not sharing insights (or even sometimes when she is), Glenda loves to travel. She and her husband of thirty-five years, D.C. Durano, have traveled to all seven continents and nearly eighty countries. They have two incredible daughters, Christina and Amberle, who are both married to equally amazing young men.