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Mercy High School

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LETTER FROM MERCY'S PRESIDENT

Dear Friend of Mercy,

As we approach the end of another year, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for your unwavering support of Mercy High School. Your generosity directly supports our mission to provide a transformative education in the Catholic tradition for young women who make a difference. We take pride in the accomplishments of our students, and your confidence in the benefit of a Mercy Education has been instrumental in their success.

Thank you for helping us maintain the high standards of academic excellence, spiritual growth, and community involvement for which Mercy is known. I am deeply moved by those who have established endowments to honor loved ones, ensuring scholarships will be provided well into the future. The consistent growth of planned gifts and donations highlights your commitment to Mercy's enduring impact. Your immediate generosity has also played a pivotal role in recent building enhancements including new landscaping, a modernized locker room and updated security features which enrich the overall experience for our students and staff.

To our cherished parents, friends, and alumnae; your engagement as speakers, mentors, and role models for our students has been invaluable. Your willingness to share your experiences has contributed significantly to the development and growth of the next generation of Mercy leaders. Our graduates have been influencing the world for 79 years through principled leadership and deep-rooted faith - because of you.

I encourage you to immerse yourself in the Mercy spirit and stories as you explore this memorable 2023 issue of Mosaic magazine. As integral members of the Mercy family, I hope you joyfully experience the Circle of Mercy in your daily lives. I invite you to visit our beloved Mercy High School and attend our events, cheer on our Marlins and witness the effects of your contributions firsthand. May you continue to recognize the potential in each of our students and contribute to transforming their dreams into reality by generously sharing your treasure, time, and talent.

Once again, your generosity is at the heart of all we do, and your commitment to our mission and tradition profoundly shapes the lives of our students. Your support ensures that Mercy High School remains a place where our young women are *Compelled by Mercy*; exhibit *Educational Courage*, are *Inspired by Faith*; embody *Principled Leadership* and serve as a *Voice for Dignity and Respect*.

May God bless you and your loved ones with health and happiness in the coming year.

In Mercy,



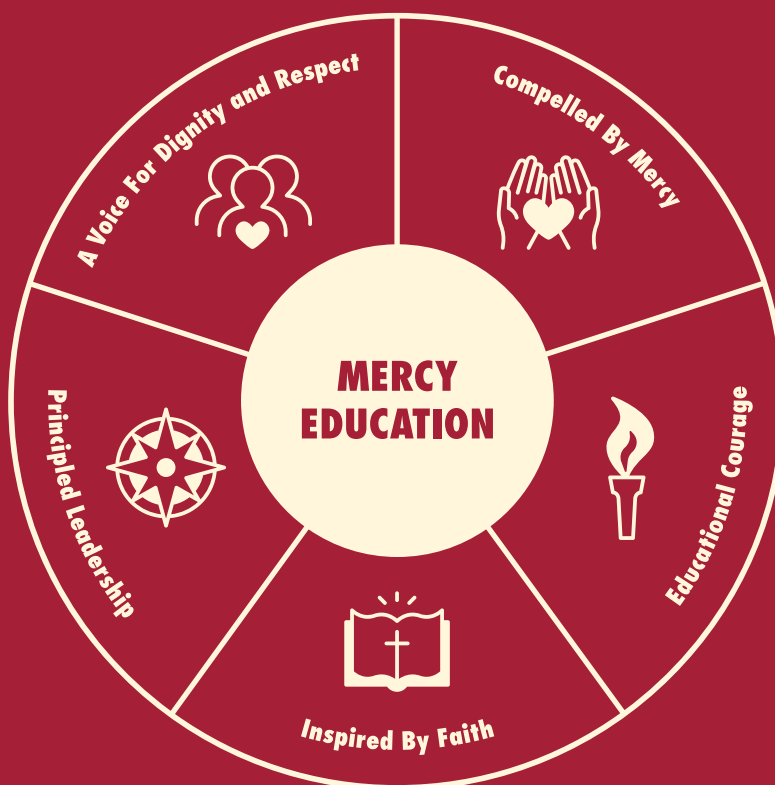
Dr. Cheryl Delaney Kreger '66





OUR MISSION

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and the *spirit* of the Sisters of Mercy,
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college preparatory school that *educates* and
nurtures young women of *diverse* backgrounds
to *excel* academically, *serve*
compassionately, and *lead*
courageously.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Mary Harkness '70



Beloved Mercy Receptionist Mary Harkness '70 passed away peacefully on October 5, 2023. Throughout her 53 years at Mercy she brightened the day of countless students, staff and visitors with her joyful smile and warm greetings. She readily supported projects, routine tasks, and whatever daily activity most needed her attention. The impact of Mary's contributions and the warmth of her personality will be a lasting memory.



- Miss Mary embodied the idea, the mission and hope of Mercy HS. Such a treasure and so very humble, her strength of character and love of people is a benchmark all Mercy ladies should strive for.

- We worked together over many many decades and she was one of the most steadfast employees at Mercy. Her loyalty, calm and smiling demeanor endeared her to thousands of Mercy girls.

- She was one of a kind. Such a special person, clever sense of humor, remembering everyone's birthdays, names, always made you feel special.

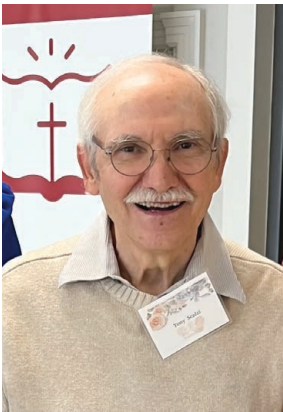
- The definition of the Heart of Mercy.

- I miss her sweet daily compliments and heart of gold. She is a Mercy legend.

- Mary led by example not only for me, but for the entire student body - she showed us how to shine our light no matter what challenge would come our way.

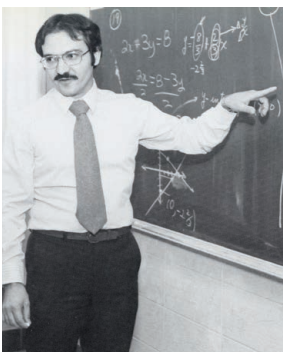


Tony Scalzi



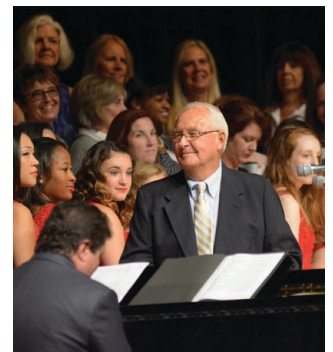
Mr. Tony Scalzi passed away on Monday, July 24, 2023. He was a devoted husband to Patricia Mullan Scalzi '69; father to Emily Scalzi Sziede '98 and current Mercy Assistant Athletic Director Kate Scalzi; and brother-in-law to Mary Jo Mullan '71. Mr. Scalzi retired in June 2012 after 33 years at Mercy, having skillfully taught most every math class offered. He was such an influential member of the Mercy family making a difference in hundreds of classes for thousands of students. After retirement, he remained an outstanding Marlin supporter, attending and helping with athletic events as well as substitute teaching. His kind-hearted spirit and clever wit will be dearly missed.

- *He was my favorite math teacher, and whom I modeled myself after in my own career in math education.*
- *He was calm, kind, and supportive. He truly believed his students could achieve it all. I am forever grateful to him for this unwavering confidence.*
- *Mr. Scalzi was an amazing teacher and was instrumental in my decision to become an engineer!*
- *Gifted with patience, humor, and kindness...he brought life to math, but more than that, modeled how to be a wonderfully compassionate human.*
- *He made me love math. I always looked forward to his classes. He was so calm and good natured. Always a smile on his face as if he had heard a good joke.*



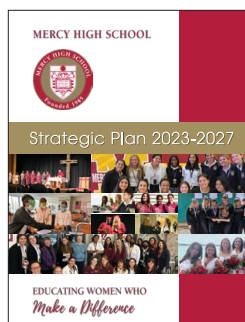
Larry Teevens

Mr. Larry Teevens passed away on Good Friday, April 7, 2023 at the age of 89. He is the father of Kathy Teevens Barge '81 and Paula Teevens-Hered '85. Mr. Teevens joined the Mercy Community in 1961 and over the next 38 years, he established what would be known as a powerhouse music program at Mercy. He combined his genuine talent as a singer and musician, his work ethic and drive for excellence, with the idea of bringing a show business experience to his students. Mr. Teevens founded the performance group the Mercyaires and his legacy of musical excellence lives on at Mercy.



- *Mr. Teevens made a difference. He was gifted with both a wonderful voice and the ability to train other voices. He brought out an amazing sound from the groups of singers over the years. I can still picture him lifting the palm of his hand up and his eyes squinting with concentration to get us to reach a little higher for the right pitch.*
- *Few teachers have influenced my life as much as Mr. Teevens. He was such a wonderful role model, dedicated teacher and talented artist. He never settled for good enough and taught me to be more confident.*
- *So many good things in my life came about because of Larry Teevens. I remember seeing the Mercyaires sing at a concert when I was in 8th grade. That was it -- I was determined to attend Mercy and sing with them! And I did, and it was every bit as wonderful as I had imagined.*
- *Thanks to Mr. Teevens, I learned how to be more confident in my performance, to appreciate the people and things in life, and to let yourself breathe once in a while.*

Mercy High School 2023-2027 Strategic Plan



Through an exceptional effort by the Mercy community, a five-year operational plan outlining strategic direction and school improvement was recently approved by our Board of Trustees. This plan details support for six identified priorities and was developed in partnership with stakeholder input (students, parents, teachers, support staff, department chairs, administrators, board members, alumnae).

We are proud of the many strengths that were identified through this analysis process as being uniquely part of a Mercy education and experience. We are energized to continue our school improvement journey that promotes support for all students with a holistic approach in developing the whole young woman. This strategic plan will be utilized for Mercy's five-year operational plan and is available to view at mhsmi.org/mission/strategic-plan.

vision

As a shining lamp
of *Catholic* education,
Mercy High School *inspires* young women
of diverse backgrounds to lead
faith-filled lives, use their *voices*,
and achieve their *goals*.
Our graduates exemplify unity,
empathy, knowledge, and leadership
to *make a difference* in the world.

Office of Mission & Ministry

The Office of Mission & Ministry, previously recognized as Campus Ministry, was established this academic school year as a result of feedback from our strategic planning efforts. We identified a need to increase community understanding of how our Mercy charism and mission relates to our Catholic Identity, and how to ensure that all stakeholders are informed, included and feel supported to participate in this effort.

Through the Office of Mission & Ministry, we are increasing our active spiritual presence and understanding of our charism within our Mercy school, the local Farmington Hills community, the Archdiocese of Detroit, and the Metro Detroit area.



- Director of Ministry & Catholic Identity Mary Kate Becker assists our community in connecting the Mercy Core Values and Mission to our Catholic faith, develops student ministerial leaders, and enhances staff, student and family spiritual experiences.



- Director of Mission Integration Alison Kline-Kator '97, Ed.D assists students, staff and our larger community in connecting Mercy Core Values to our charism and Mission through the integration of curricular, co-curricular and spiritual experiences.



- Director of Faith in Action Holly Markiecki-Bennetts connects students to service opportunities of personal interest that are reflective of our faith, Mercy Critical Concerns, Core Values and Mission so they may be better inspired to be a beacon of Christ's love for others.

The Office of Mission & Ministry will be represented at Board of Trustees meetings, the President's Cabinet, and Mercy administrator planning sessions. This is an important component in ensuring our Mission and Catholic Identity continue to be prioritized in all policy formation. This team will also provide guidance as we prepare for our upcoming Mercy Education Mission Accountability Self-Study and Review. This process allows us to showcase how our school is rooted in the Gospel through the Catholic faith and the Mercy charism.





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International Coalition of Girls' Schools

Mercy High School is a Founding Member of the International Coalition of Girls' Schools, a powerful global network that is united in elevating women's leadership worldwide by educating and empowering our students to be ethical, globally minded changemakers. ICGS is the leading advocate for girls' schools, connecting and collaborating globally with individuals, schools, and mission-aligned entities dedicated to educating and empowering girls.

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- **Stronger Community Involvement**
- **Increased Civic & Political Engagement**
- **Fostering Her Voice**
- **Develops Leadership Skills**
- **Builds Self Confidence**
- **Dedicated to How Girls Learn**
- **Inspirational Environment**
- **Academic Achievement**
- **Fosters Increased Interest & Confidence in STEM**
- **Excellent Mentoring**
- **Free From Stereotypes**
- **Higher Aspirations**
- **Prepares Girls for the Real World**

2023 Mercy High School Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee Class

Congratulations to the Mercy Marlin athletes and coaches who were inducted into Mercy High School's Athletic Hall of Fame on September 30, 2023.

"As women continue to break barriers in sports, we acknowledge the strides and achievements our alumnae are making all over the world to compete athletically," said Dr. Cheryl Kreger '66. "Our athletic department has produced some of the world's most successful athletes. Our Athletic Hall of Fame was created to recognize their achievements not only after graduation but the contributions they made to Mercy."



**1977
Basketball Team**
1977 MHSAA Class A
State Champions

- 25-0 record
- Defeated Detroit Mumford 63-52 in the finals
- Lynn Yadach, Anne Haubold, Gretchen Larges, Kathy Soditch, Denise Sievert, Sue Brown, Diane Dietz, Katie McNamara, Nancy Malone, eanne Banfield, Carol Burns, Aggie Conti, Laura Zwiller.
- JV call-ups: Anne McClorey, Caroline Chapman, Lisa Morris, Patty Schneider, Kelley Walsh, Meg Mallon, Patty Young (manager)
- Coaches: Larry Baker, Mike King

Carrie Brankiewicz '00

High School Athlete



- Walt Bazylewicz Catholic League Female Athlete of the Year, 2000
- Frank Connelly Scholar Athlete of the Year, 2000
- All-Catholic 1st Team Softball, 2000
- Softball All State Division 1, 2000
- All-Catholic 1st Team Volleyball, 1999 and 2000
- All-Catholic 1st Team Basketball, 1998 and 1999
- 11 Varsity Letters

Ruth Butler '66

Groundbreaking Woman
Sports Journalist

- First woman sports writer hired by a Michigan newspaper
- 2020 National High School Wrestling Writer of the Year
- Michigan Associated Press Columnist of the Year
- Woman of the Year, American Women in Radio & TV West Michigan
- Over 30 years as a journalist
- President of Our Lady of Mercy Girls Athletic Association, 1966



Diane Dietz '78

High School and
College Athlete,
Big Ten Leadership



- 4-year varsity athlete in basketball, volleyball, softball
- 1977 state championship basketball team
- 1978 All-State first team in basketball, volleyball, softball
- University of Michigan women's basketball 1979-1982
- University of Michigan Hall of Honor, 1996
- State of Michigan Sports Hall of Fame inductee, 2019
- Big Ten Deputy Commissioner

Shannon Dunworth

Swimming Coach

- 2012 National High School Swimming Coach of the Year
- 2015 State High School Swimming Coach of the Year
- Catholic Schools Sports Hall of Fame inductee
- Won 10 State swimming championships
- Won 12 Oakland County swimming championships
- Won 42 League championships
- Captain, 1978 University of Tennessee swim team national champions



Jack Falvo †

Softball Coach

- Varsity Softball Coach for 16 Years
- 410 Wins with a .671 win percentage
- Championships – 10 District, 8 Regional, 3 CHSL
- MHSAA Final Four, 2000-2003
- MHSAA State Runner-up, 2002
- MHSAA Softball Coach Hall of Fame
- Catholic High School League Hall of Fame
- Coached 13 MHSAA All State athletes



Meg Mallon '81

High School, College and Professional Athlete

- World Golf Hall of Fame inductee, 2017
- Michigan Sports Hall of Fame inductee, 2010
- 18 LPGA tournament wins, including 4 majors
- Big Ten All-Conference honors at Ohio State University
- 3-sport Mercy athlete (basketball, golf, softball)
- Basketball and golf team captain

Kristy Ramsey '00

High School, College and Professional Athlete

- 7th place overall at the 2000 Midwest Track Championships
- Mercy school record for the most track and field points in a single season
- Volleyball scholarship to Western Michigan University in 2000
- 2000 MAC Volleyball Championship team member at Western Michigan University
- Plays women's Pro Tackle Football for the Chicago Blitz



Maureen Paulin Stoecklein '91

High School and College Athlete, Sports Dietician

- 1988-1991 varsity athlete in basketball, volleyball and softball
- 1991 Walt Bazylewicz Athlete of the Year
- 1996 Madonna University Volleyball All-American Athlete
- 2016 Brawny "Strength Has No Gender" campaign recipient
- Canton Township firefighter / paramedic 2000-2022
- Nutrition coordinator for New York Mets and Detroit Tigers



Mercy High School Makes History: 2023-24 Theater Season Debuts World Premiere of Michigan-Authored Play and Disney's *Frozen*

Contributed By Kate Geraghty '86

*Groundbreaking theatrical productions celebrating the power of sisterhood with the debut of *Angels of Bataan* followed by the Michigan high school debut of "Disney's *Frozen: The Broadway Musical*" in March 2024.*



Mercy Performing Arts Department has once again proven its commitment to advancing the arts while championing strong female narratives. Mercy High School is the first to stage two works that embody the spirit of sisterhood: *Angels of Bataan*, a new drama penned by a local Michigan author debuted in October 2023, followed by the first high school staging of *Disney's Frozen: The Broadway Musical* in the state of Michigan this March 2024.

"I really wanted to find stories that spoke to sisterhood because it aligned so well with our values at Mercy," said Shelley Bajorek, Chair of Mercy High School's Performing Arts Department. "Both plays delve into the intricacies of relationships among women. They are obviously very different stories, but the common thread is the celebration of unity and the undeniable strength found in between sisters. *Angels*, is a story of perseverance and resilience during wartime. *Frozen* showcases a princess who counts on the love of her sister instead of needing to be saved by a prince."

"We are incredibly proud to be the sole school in the state to have won a nationwide United States of *Frozen* contest granting us the rights to stage this beloved show.

To be able to produce this show in a season where we will also have a world-premier event of a local playwright highlights our excellence and innovation in the arts," said President Dr. Cheryl Delaney Kreger '66

Reenacting WWII in *Angels of Bataan*

Angels of Bataan, written by local Michigan author Tracy Wells, tells the true story of female Army nurses who were prisoners of war during World War II.

"What intrigued me was telling the story of female heroes. I wanted to tell a story about healing and how friends - and importantly - these sisters, were put in extraordinary circumstances and how they endured," said Wells. "I didn't want to tell a story about tragedy, but of resilience. These women came to what they thought would be a vacation and became nurses in war and ultimately, POWs. I loved having a chance to tell a story about amazing women for a group of amazing young women to try."

Ms. Wells has written other works that have been staged by schools around the country, but she allowed Mercy to be the first to sign *Angels of Bataan*, giving them the world premiere of this production, making this class the original cast.

"I loved that Mercy was exploring the theme of sisterhood. This story tells the story not only of actual sisters, but of the sisterhood of nurses. Trauma bonds you in a way that nothing else does, as we learned so acutely during the pandemic," said Wells.

In line with the school's tradition of community engagement, special events were organized around both productions. Student actors met with the author to learn more about her vision for the drama and held workshops with war veterans and local nurses.



"This is an educational experience for the cast as well. We want the students to gain as much insight to what these women endured as possible. Having our actors learn from lived experiences has been an invaluable asset to their ability to fully tell this story," said Bajorek.

Debating Michigan's First Performance of Disney's *Frozen*

In the summer of 2022, Ms. Bajorek and the Performing Arts team, along with high school directors around the country, competed in the *United States of Frozen: Love Is An Open Door* contest. Sponsored by the Educational Theatre Association, Music Theater International, and Disney Theatrical Group, the competition granted one high school in every state or territory across the country the right to produce the musical. Mercy High School learned they won the contest in September 2022 and began fundraising immediately for additional tools for the production.

As a part of the contest, all high schools were asked to describe their vision for the musical and how they emulate the theme, "Love is an open door." "We felt like 'Love is an open door' theme highlighted who we are at Mercy. Our Theater department is such a welcoming place, and there is always an open door for students who want to try something new and exciting. In our application, we highlighted how we would use the critical concerns of the Sisters of Mercy in our production: Women, Non-Violence, Anti-Racism, Immigration, and Earth. All of these concerns can be connected to the story of *Frozen*. Overall, it is an opportunity for us to exercise our Core Values that are so clearly seen in this story - like Educational Courage, A Voice for Dignity and Respect, and Principled Leadership," Bajorek explained.

Auditions for the musical were held in early September and the cast and crew with over 100 high school and middle school students from around the metro Detroit area has already been chosen.

"There is just something magical about high school theater. We teach our actors to dive into the psychology of each character to understand what makes them act the way they do. It's an amazing journey of discovery. And for our students, these are more than performances; they are platforms that empower our young women at a pivotal phase in their lives to find and amplify their voices, ultimately enabling them to navigate the nuances of sisterhood and womanhood," said Bajorek.

Performing Arts Students Dazzle on TV



Bravo to Arya Agulto, Kierah Streather, Bryce Costa, Audrey Callaghan, Dorothy Propson, Elise Lowry, Jamesyn Douglas, Maggie Geraghty and Sofia Santana who shined bright the morning of November 27, 2023 with other high school singers on *Good Morning America* (ABC) as part of the *United States of Frozen!* Kudos to student stage managers Hannah Kennedy and Natalie Terrill who were also in attendance with Mercy Performing Arts faculty Shelley Bajorek, Abha Dearing and Aimee Crosby. They were also featured on WXYZ Channel 7 local news about preparing for GMA and for the production of *Frozen* to hit the Mercy stage. Check out both segments on our website at mhsmi.org/headlines.



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Disney
FROZEN
THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

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2023 Heart of Mercy

God bless the 2023 Heart of Mercy Award recipients **Mia Juday '23**, **Rehema Klueg '23**, and Religious Studies Teacher Mr. Curt Klueg. Thank you for being inspirational leaders who live out the Mercy values!

"Mr. Klueg is a disciple of God who lives the Mercy values without condition. He cares about everyone, pushing and encouraging students to become the best they can be."

"Rehema is rooted in her faith and carries out the actions of God every day. She makes everyone feel welcomed and valued."

"Mia lifts up those around her and is a blessing to all she encounters. She is the essence of Mercy."



2023 Teacher of the Year



Congratulations to **2023 Mercy Teacher of the Year Mrs. Lauren Bennett Marquard '06**. Mrs. Marquard also received the prestigious **Bishop John M. Quinn Archdiocese of Detroit Secondary Teacher of the Year Award**. Mrs. Marquard was selected as the overall award winner from all of the AOD high school nominees. Recipients of Bishop John M. Quinn awards set a high bar for innovation, service and commitment to academic excellence.

"Mrs. Marquard is the definition of the Mercy difference. She supports the policies and Mission of Mercy, not just because it is her job, but because she herself believes in them. It is clear that the favorite part of her day is coming to Mercy and spreading her love for teaching and the language of Latin."

Happy Retirement

Marianne Corrigan, Judi Dennis and Pat Scheid have touched many lives and made a positive impact at Mercy. We wish them a blessed retirement after years of sharing their extraordinary character, gifts and talents with us!



"Through Mrs. Dennis, so many have seen the face of God. She has been steadfastly committed to finding ways for students and staff to connect our charism to our Catholic core beliefs, and the values of a Mercy education. Our entire community witnesses her deep care for Mercy High School."

"There is no bigger 'All Things Mercy Fan' than Mrs. Marianne Corrigan. From her first day joining us as a Music Teacher, she embraced Mercy and continues to be our proudest cheerleader. Mrs. Corrigan's face beams with love and pride for Mercy and our students. She worked to make sure each student's unique talents shine."

"Mrs. Pat Scheid is a gentle and faith-filled leader who has managed the reception area with grace. She is not only a multi-tasking expert, yet she does this with kindness, a welcoming smile and the utmost efficiency. Our reception area always reflects the important "need-to-knows", celebratory news and charism of our Mission thanks to Mrs. Scheid's efforts."

Congratulations to these staff members who achieved milestones in dedication and service to Mercy High School!

20 YEARS

Julie Earle
Steve Morgan

15 YEARS

Gary Morris
Patty Perry '96

10 YEARS

Sandy Mals

5 YEARS

Megan Neumann '91
Roy Asher
Jill Herold
Christin Schmitt
Marylou Waineo

WELCOME NEW STAFF TO MERCY

Brenda Bagazinski (Math)
Kristen Gregory-Webb
(9th Grade Counselor)
Ramon Kryzhan (Math)
Ignacio Madrazo (Spanish)

God Bless the young Mercy women in the Class of 2023!

Congratulations on earning \$12M+ in college scholarships and volunteering 14K+ hours of community service.



NOT PICTURED: VERONICA FISHER, MARIA GALBO, STEPHANIE KAZIYEVA, KERENTIN MURPHY, MAYA WHITE

National Merit Scholarship Program



Kudos to Kelsey VanDenBerg '24 for being named a Semifinalist and Julia Holt '24 for being named a Commended Student in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program for their remarkable academic achievements and outstanding performance on the PSAT/NMSQT®.



College Board Recognition Program



Congratulations to Grace de Klerk '25, Ava Fitzgerald '25, Peyton Price '24 and Carrington Wash '24 who were named College Board National African American Recognition Program Awardees because of their strong academic performance in the classroom and on College Board assessments like the PSAT/NMSQT®, PSAT™ 10, and AP® exams.

Mercy Earns Dual AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award

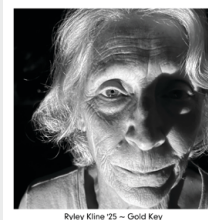
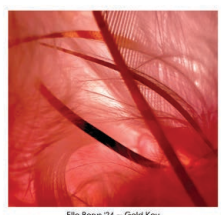


For the 2022-23 school year and for the 4th academic year in a row, Mercy High School earned the College Board's AP® Computer Science Female Diversity Award for expanding young women's access to both AP Computer Science A and AP Computer Science Principles. This award acknowledges schools for their work toward equal gender representation. We were one of only 64 schools to be recognized for achieving this important result in both courses. We were also the only Catholic school in Michigan, as well as the only Michigan all-girls' school to achieve this status!

Regional Scholastic Art Awards

Seven Mercy students won gold keys (first place) in the Regional Scholastic Art Awards released in February 2023. Only 5-7% of the work entered received a gold key.

Gold key winning students were: Elle Borys '24, Sydnei Brooks '26, Natalie Hand '23, Ryley Kline '25, Jaye McNeil '23, Finley Siegel '23, and Victoria Straub '24.



2023 Black & Ivy Summer College Tour

Mercy High School's Black Awareness Society for Education (B.A.S.E.) students attended their first-ever Black & Ivy College Tour June 5-11, 2023. Chaperoned by Eleasha Mercer Tarplin '94, Dean of Student Affairs, and Traci Smith, Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging, the trip focused on exploring Historically Black Colleges and Universities and other prestigious institutions on the East Coast. Through the generous donations of the Song Foundation, Chick-fil-A, a host of alumnae, and friends of Mercy, along with the support of parents, 16 girls embarked on this enriching and informative trip.

The tour included the following states and schools: MARYLAND - Johns Hopkins University, Morgan State University, DC - Howard University, Georgetown University, VIRGINIA - Hampton University, and NORTH CAROLINA - Duke University, North Carolina A&T, Winston-Salem State University, and University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Students were well-received and connected with the college administration, faculty, and students. Some even began the admissions process by meeting on-site with admission counselors and deans. Our students also toured historic monuments such as the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C., and other cultural sights and venues. The Black & Ivy College Tour will be an ongoing every other year opportunity for our students. Check out more photos at mhsmi.org/2023-black-ivy-summer-college-tour.

"My time on Mercy's Black and Ivy Tour was [unforgettable]. Throughout the tour, each school provided us with a rich history of HBCUs and a sense of community... The trip encouraged me to look at schools out of my comfort zone and exposed me to important topics for me to think about while choosing a college."



If you wish to donate to support our next college tour, please visit mhsmi.org/giving/donate-mercy, select Other, and note Mercy BASE College Tour or send your donation to Mercy High School at 29300 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336 ATTN: Mercy BASE College Tour.

2022-23 National Community Service Award Winners

Six students were recognized by the United Nations Association of the USA (UNA-USA), Michigan Community Service Commission (MCSC), and InnerView in the sixth Annual 2022-23 Community Service Awards. The program is designed to connect student community service activities, skill development, and commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to transform our world.

Ambassador Awardees: Sage Johnson '24

Honor Awardees: Grace De Klerk '25, Sophia Segars '26

Merit and Zero Hero Awardee: Ellery Long '24

Michigan Awardees: Julie Castillo '24,

Grace De Klerk '25, Sage Johnson '24, Ellery Long '24,

Morgan Sarafa '24, Sophia Segars '26



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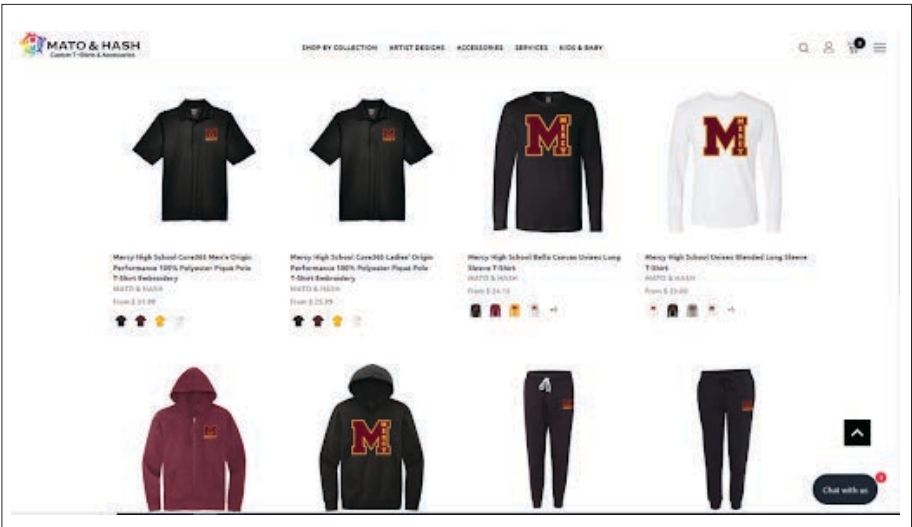
SENIORS SCORE FIRST-EVER FLAG FOOTBALL VICTORY

The energy on the field and in the stands was electric as the Class of 2024 Marlins brought home the Powderpuff Flag Football trophy with a 28-12 win over the Stars of St. Catherine on October 28, 2023. What a memorable game filled with Mercy spirit and sisterhood!



Online Marlin Shop

The Marlin Shop has an online store which is open 24/7! You can choose from a variety of custom made to order Mercy gear here: mashash.com/collections/mercy-high-school.



Published in student-produced Newsprint

Campbell Flynn sets off to new levels

STORY: TESS O'DONNELL

Campbell Flynn, junior setter at Mercy High School, spent her summer busy competing on the United States Women's U19 and U21 volleyball teams at the 2023 World Championships in Croatia and Mexico.

Flynn went to National Team Development Programs in the winter of 2022 and the summer of 2023. The coaches of the various United States teams scouted her at club tournaments and saw her potential. She was chosen to train for the team in Colorado this past summer, competing with 20 other girls for a spot on the final roster of 12. After her week of training in Colorado, she was chosen for the final roster of the U19 women's team. The U19 Women's team would travel to Croatia in early August, 2023 to compete in the U19 World Championships. Flynn won gold, along with the rest of the U19 women, after going undefeated in the tournament.

"It was crazy, it felt unreal," junior Campbell Flynn said. "It was so much fun and I met so many cool people from across the country that I'm really close with now."

When you make the final roster for the U19 team, you automatically make the roster for the U.S. Women's U21 team. After winning gold in Croatia, Flynn flew back to the United States where she spent a week in California to recover while her fellow teammates that she would play alongside in Mexico flew in. Flynn and the rest of the U21 team went to Mexico in late August where they placed 6th at the U21 World Championships.

"Winning was amazing but also getting sixth at U21's was

crazy because we were such a young team," Flynn said.

On June 16th, 2023, Flynn committed to play at University of Nebraska on the women's volleyball team, the top ranked program in the country.

"I always wanted to play at Nebraska and it was my dream," Flynn said. "They have been following me for a long time and I love their coaching staff and volleyball is super big at Nebraska."

But the end of the summer does not bring an end to Flynn's season, actually it's quite the opposite because high school



Junior Campbell Flynn sets a ball against Turkey for the U21 National Women's Volleyball team in Mexico. The U21 team finished 6th at the World Championships this past summer. Photo courtesy of Campbell Flynn.

season has only just begun.

Flynn has been a starting setter on varsity since freshman year and is looking forward to her third season playing for Mercy. Previously, MVV lost in the State Championship Tournament in Regional Round 1 against Northville but Flynn has high hopes for the season.

"I'm very excited to play this high school season and I think we can go far in the tournament," Flynn said. "I haven't really met the freshman or the newcomers so I'm excited to get to know them."

The Mercy Varsity Volleyball Head Coach Loretta Vogel has been impressed with Flynn's ability as the setter and as team leader on the court since freshman year.

"I think from the time she was a freshman, she was able to run the offense and be very mature about that, and I think for anyone in a program setting is such an important aspect of the game," Vogel said. "So, we've been very fortunate that from the time she was a freshman, she was able to step into that role."

Angie Butler, senior on the MVV team and 2 year teammate of Flynn, also recognizes the effect Flynn has on the team.

"Campbell is a great leader on and off the court," Butler said.

In addition to her national teams, Flynn competes for her club team, Legacy 17-1 Adidas. With all of Flynn's competition and her collegiate season coming soon, one can only wonder what is in store for the rest of her volleyball career.

Chevallier jumps over the competition

STORY: DARIA SMITH

After losing the desire to run long distance, an unexpected opportunity to attempt high jumping, ultimately led to 2 state championships and 1st place at the 2023 Junior Olympics for senior Milena Chevallier.

After running long distance during her entire freshman year, Chevallier saw a high jumper from Vanderbilt's women Track and Field team that led her to gain interest in the idea of doing field events herself. Even though Chevallier had only attempted high jump once 2 weeks before the qualifiers, her club team and Mercy Track Coach Michael Montijo allowed her to try to qualify for the 2022 Junior Olympic in high jump. To the surprise of many, she qualified and ended up coming in 6th place, leading to the beginning of her high jump career sophomore year.

"To be honest I really hated running," Chevallier said. "So I ended up deciding I don't want to do this anymore and I ended up high jumping instead which has worked out."

Since Chevallier began high jumping, she has made unbelievable accomplishments. She won her first state championship at the MITS Indoor State championships earlier this year. She also qualified for States for the second year on Mercy's Varsity Track and Field team. She jumped 5 feet 11 inches, winning her second state championship and clinching the girls high school state record at the 2023 MHSAA LP Division 1 Track and Field Finals at the end of this past school year. Going into the summer already leaping over records, she continued her success at the Nike Nationals in Oregon where she placed 2nd. Later at the Under 20s National Championship, where she competed against college

athletes and in front of college coaches and came in 4th. Regardless of everything she achieved this summer, the most cherished victory was jumping 5 feet 10 inches, winning first place at the 2023 Junior Olympics National Championship in August.

"There's a lot to say about Milena, but it is hard to describe greatness in the making," Montijo said.

Despite the amount of success Chevallier has accomplished, she still faces challenges such as the high expectations and pressures of an athlete of her caliber to consistently perform at a high level. After an outstanding sophomore season, Chevallier qualified for States and was seeded at or predicted to be state champion. After having what Chevallier described as "one of the most disappointing performances in her career" and getting fifth place, she was forced to go back and reevaluate her training to prepare for what she hoped to be a higher place at states the next year.

"After a disappointing finish at fifth I thought to myself, oh I need to go back and work 20x harder," Chevallier said. "If I want to reach my goal, I need to get more consistent."

Although she did not perform at the level she wanted to her sophomore year, she came back stronger than before her junior year. She came in seeded as number 2 and ultimately won states, achieving "redemption".

"Getting 1st place was a big improvement," Chevallier said. "It was really rewarding getting to see a year of hard work pay off."

Milena's undeniable talent and humbleness when it comes to high jumping are qualities that everyone around her respects.

"I can tell you that Milena has the it factor," Montijo said.

"She has social grace, courage, composure, a kind heart, intelligence (both emotional and intellectual), and possesses a form of quiet leadership that her teammates and I as her coach respect."

Regardless of the accomplishments Chevallier has already reached she still has many goals that she and her coach plan to achieve in the upcoming years. In regards to college, she hopes to commit to a D1 school by the end of November with a full ride scholarship. She also plans to jump 6 feet, a personal record, and take part in the 2024 Olympic trials next year. As for long term goals, Chevallier dreams of participating in the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles where she aims to find herself standing on the podium holding a medal between her teeth.

"My coaching objective is to guide Milena through her Olympic development journey, which can reasonably materialize for the 2024 Olympic Trial," Montijo said.



Senior Milena Chevallier, jumps 5'10" at the U20s National Championships in Oregon. Chevallier finished 4th at the Championships this past summer. Photo courtesy of Milena Chevallier.

BACK TO BACK GOLF STATE CHAMPIONS

Mercy Golf won their second-straight MHSAA D2 girls state championship on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at Forest Akers East with a two-day total of 636. Two golfers shot career bests: Abby Slankster '24 posted a 70 on Saturday after shooting 80 in the first round and earned 5th place individually, while Macy Morphew '25 shot a two-round 166. Lila Polakowski '25 (158) was 12th on the leaderboard, Brinlee Nay '24 shot a two-round 178, and Maeve Casey '25 (73) and Marie Schueneman '25 both contributed round scores.



VOLLEYBALL STATE CHAMPIONS

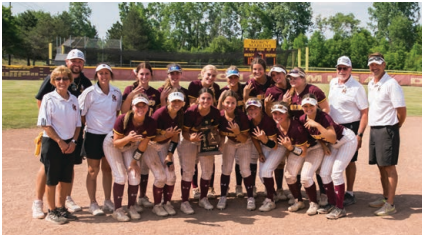
After dropping the first two sets, Mercy Volleyball made an unbelievable comeback to defeat Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern 13-25, 23-25, 25-21, 25-22, 15-12 at Kellogg Arena on Saturday, November 18, 2023, adding a second MHSAA D1 girls state championship to their first won in 2019. Campbell Flynn '25 led Mercy with 41 assists, 15 digs and five kills. Kate Kalczynski '27 had 25 kills and three digs. Cree Hollier '26 finished with 10 kills and Angie Butler '24 had 22 digs, seven kills, and three service aces.



SWIM & DIVE STATE CHAMPIONS

No. 1 ranked Mercy Swimming & Diving dominated the field with 326 points to win the MHSAA D2 girls state championship on Saturday, November 18, 2023 at Holland Aquatic Center. It was the first swimming and diving state championship since 2019 and the 12th overall. Campbell Shore '27, Leah Greaves '27, Mackenzie Conway '25, Avery Tack '27 won the 200-yard freestyle relay in 1:37.21. Amylia Higgins '24 won the 50-yard freestyle in 23.57 and the 100-yard freestyle in 50.84.

GO MARLINS!



Fall 2023

Golf - State Champions, Regional Champions
Swimming & Diving - State Champions, Oakland County Champions, Catholic League Champions
Volleyball - State Champions, Regional Champions, District Champions

Spring 2023

Softball - District Champions, Catholic League Champions
Track & Field - Regional Champions, Catholic League Champions
Tennis - Regional Champions

Winter 2022-23

Basketball - District Champions
Dance - UDA National Semifinalists, Catholic League Champions
Pompon - State Finalist
Ski - State Finalist

Class of 2024 College Bound Athletes

Audrey Guyot - Soccer, Purdue University Northwest
 Katherine Burras - Softball, Sacred Heart University
 Amylia Higgins - Swimming, Villanova University
 Sophia Paluk - Softball, Northwood University



MHSCA Golf Coach of the Year

Congratulations to Varsity Golf Coach Vicky Kowalski on being named 2023 Girls Golf Coach of the Year by the Michigan High School Athletic Coach Association.



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ALUMNAE CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS

Thank you to these talented alumnae for sharing their expertise and experiences with Mercy students!



Renee Lossia Acho '90, of RLA Real Estate Group | KW Domain, recently shared her inspiring journey to success with the Entrepreneurship, Marketing & Media class. Renee has been recognized as a woman leader in metro Detroit for nearly a decade.



Mercy 9th grade iExplore students presented wearable technology businesses to a panel of judges from Ford Motor Company including alumnae Susan Winkler Rokosz '75 and Rosaleen Kelly Austin '95.



Jewelry Designer Elizabeth Auffenberg '05 spoke to Intermediate Jewelry, Drawing, Ceramics and AP Art students about her fine arts college experience and enriching career journey.



Tara Ellis Magee '10 spoke over Zoom to fine art students about her work with Nike, General Motors and Google as a Color, Material and Finish Designer. Tara obtained her BFA from Michigan and MFA from CCS.



Mrs. Eleasha Tarplin's '94 Entrepreneurship, Marketing & Media class spent a day in Detroit to experience and learn about Rocket Companies. Students were greeted by Rebecca Leddy McDonald '91, the Strategic Advisor and Executive Coach, and enjoyed a panel conversation with Angela Cini '93, Sadie Malone '10 and Jordan Morgan '06.



The Law in Action class was welcomed into the courtroom of 48th District Court Judge Diane Dickow D'Agostini '80. The students witnessed several proceedings and learned about criminal procedure and careers in law.

SENIOR CLASS ALUMNAE BREAKFAST - JOIN US!

Come together for a unique networking opportunity, where alumnae can impart wisdom and enjoy meaningful interactions with the Class of 2024.

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

8:00am-10:00am

Mercy High School

You are welcome to attend Mass at 10:10am and take a school tour. Table sponsorship opportunities available. Learn more and register at mhsmi.org/alumnae/events.



Mercy High School was proud to present the 2023 Alumnae Awards at the 19th Annual Tea for Tuition event held April 30, 2023.

2023 President's Alumna Award for Transformational Leadership **SR. NANCY THOMPSON '50**



Sr. Nancy's lifetime has been an exemplar of service. Her style is quiet, supportive and giving credit to others rather than herself. She served Mercy High School for decades and been a Sister of Mercy for 75 years.

Her history with Mercy High School began when she attended and graduated in 1950. She was

a leader and loved basketball. Upon graduation, she entered the Sisters of Mercy. She has served in many teaching, administrative and Community Leadership roles since that time.

At Mercy High School, Sr. Nancy served as Assistant Principal to Sr. Camille Kelly '49 and then as the Principal. Participation of all stakeholders was key and Sr. Nancy embraced it. Later she served

as President for a year as the school transitioned to the President/Principal model.

She was one of the founders of Mercy Secondary Education System, which was the first attempt to unite and support all the Mercy Schools of the Americas as well as provide training and conferences. She held a leadership position in the Detroit Province and later when the West Midwest Community formed she served on the Education Council which governed our school and others from Detroit to California.

Upon retirement, Sister Nancy continued in the role of Special Projects Coordinator, and worked with Sr. Regina Marie Doelker '56 and Dr. Cheryl Delaney Kreger '66. She has provided advice and counsel and worked as the school's historian and archivist. Mercy High School has been blessed many times over with her care and dedication. Given this impressive legacy, we are happy to establish a new scholarship in Sr. Nancy's name to provide tuition assistance to the next generation of Mercy students in her honor.

2023 Distinguished Alumna Award **FANCHON STINGER '89**



Fanchon Stinger '89 is the Emmy winning co-host of PBR Now (Professional Bull Riders) and a contributor to Western Sports Roundup and NFR

Tailgate airing on Cowboy Channel and PlutoTV. She was a FOX 2 News anchor, reporter, investigative reporter, and executive producer of "Front and Center with Fanchon Stinger," for 11 years in Detroit, Michigan.

Born and raised in Detroit, Fanchon graduated from University of Michigan with honors and continues to speak nationally, host events, and create positive, inspirational media content through her production company FLS Media & Strategic Solutions. Fanchon retired from broadcast news in May 2022 after nearly 30 years, most recently serving as evening news anchor for Fox 59

News in Indianapolis as well as Executive Producer, anchor/reporter of Community Hero series highlighting people who make a difference in central Indiana (2010-2020) and Actress, God's Not Dead: A Light In Darkness (2019).

Fanchon has received numerous awards and recognition as a professional journalist, host and speaker. She has won 15 Emmy awards from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

In 2021, she co-founded and launched the charitable initiative Grit & Grace Nation, inspiring middle and high school girls to lead with courage through exposure to successful female mentors and western values of faith, family, and freedom.

She maintains strong ties to the community and a deep commitment to enrich the lives of young people, young professionals, and women through motivational speaking and seminars, through her foundation Grit &

Grace Nation, and involvement with the following organizations: FFA, Center for Leadership Development, Girls Night In International, Gleaners, Mid-West Food Back, St. Vincent Hospitals just to name a few. She also currently serves as Board Member, Ascension St Vincent Foundation, Board Member & Conference Host, Truth at Work Int'l Christian Leadership Conference.

Fanchon served on the Board for Vista Maria (2002-2008), Michigan's largest treatment center for girls who suffer from severe abuse and emotional trauma. She served as Chairwoman for Vista Maria's Annual Celebrating Women Event (7 years). She has also served as Chairwoman: Committee of 100 for The Black United Fund of Michigan. Jackets for Jobs, The National Black Minority Business Assoc., The Muscular Dystrophy Association, the National Association of Black Journalists, Michigan Humane Society, and The Martin Luther King Assoc. have also honored her over the years.

2023 Trailblazer Alumna Award EMILY FISHWICK '04



Emily Fishwick '04, CPA, began her accounting career over a decade ago working for a small business tax and accounting firm in metro Detroit. She left to work in the corporate world before taking a position as controller for a local health care company with clinics specializing in integrated care with a focus on mental health services for Detroit's underserved populations.

She opened Sykes, PLLC in 2021, named after her grandfather, to focus on tax and accounting services for individuals, small businesses and nonprofits. She has always been active in various nonprofit organizations, including sitting on the Mercy High School Finance Committee, and is thankful she can merge that passion with her accounting skill set.

Emily holds a master's degree in accounting from the University of Michigan. Prior to that she obtained her bachelor's degree also from Michigan in anthropology-zoology and her first jobs were in national parks - first at the Great Smoky Mountains in Tennessee and then at Denali in Alaska where she worked at their sled dog kennel. She was lucky enough to adopt a retired Alaskan sled dog which began her love of senior dog adoption. She is active in multiple dog rescue organizations and has an ever rotating roster of foster dogs at her house in addition to her two current permanent residents - Mac and Frankie.

2023 Trailblazer Alumna Award ERIN KEITH '09



Erin Keith '09 graduated summa cum laude from Howard University in 2013 with her B.A. in Political Science and from Georgetown Law with her J.D. in 2016 and LLM in 2018. She is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and the District of Columbia Bar.

Erin currently serves as Managing Policy Counsel for the Detroit Justice Center (DJC). In this capacity, she leads the organization's policy strategy and analyzes legislation to remove legal barriers in the criminal legal system. Erin has worked on critical issues, including cash bail reform, eliminating excessive fines and fees, driver's license reinstatement and traffic law reform, police accountability, and divesting from carceral structures to fund community reinvestment.

Erin first joined DJC during its founding year, 2018, as its Youth Empowerment Attorney. In this role, she worked to provide legal services with an emphasis on those under 25 and leading the development of DJC's Know Your Rights workshops and other outreach programming for local students.

Erin then shifted roles to serve as a Staff Attorney in the Legal Services and Advocacy Practice (LSAP) at DJC. In this role, she focused on criminal legal system reform through a racial equity lens, by providing direct representation to indigent and/or formerly incarcerated clients.

Observing countless inequities in Michigan's traffic courts, Erin spearheaded the creation of and co-authored the "Highway Robbery Report," a 60-page white paper on transit apartheid, racialized policing and wealth extraction through municipal traffic courts. In addition to representing clients in hundreds of misdemeanor matters, resulting in a substantial reduction or complete waiver of fines and fees for each individual and the prevention of subsequent jail time in each case, Erin also aided returning citizen clients in child support debt and child custody proceedings, resulting in forgiveness of substantial arrearages, and restored custodial rights.

Before joining the Detroit Justice Center team, Erin served as the Juvenile Defense and Policy Fellow for Georgetown's Juvenile Justice Initiative. Erin has also served as a judicial intern for a juvenile judge in D.C. Superior Court and as a Summer Associate for Miller, Canfield, Paddock, and Stone, P.L.C. In 2016, Erin published two academic articles in the Harvard Journal of African American Public Policy, and in the Georgetown Journal of Law and Modern Critical Race Perspectives. Erin has gone on to share her political commentary and/or written editorials on various outlets, including CNN, NPR, USA Today, WDET, and the Detroit Free Press and was recently awarded the NAACP Great Expectation Award at the NAACP Detroit annual Fight for Freedom fund dinner.

2023 President's Award for Transformational Leadership MEG MALLON '81

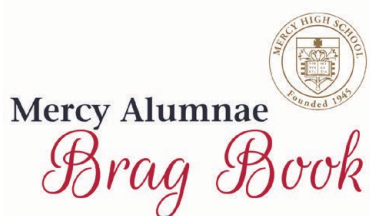


Margaret “Meg” Mallon '81 is this year’s recipient of the President’s Award for Transformational Leadership. A natural leader throughout her life, she is loved by everyone who meets her.

Meg started playing golf at the age of seven and was on the first golf team at Mercy. After high school, Meg attended Ohio State University where she earned All-Conference honors in 1984 and 1985 and was the runner-up at the 1985 Big Ten Championship. She joined the LPGA tour in 1987 and had a breakout year in 1991 winning four times including two majors as well as being named Female Player of the Year. During her professional golf career, which extended until 2010, Meg won a total of 18 LPGA tour events, four of which were major championships in addition to representing the United States in eight Solheim Cup events. During the LPGA’s 50th Anniversary celebration in 2000, Mallon was named one of the top-50 players and teachers. Meg was elected to the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame in 2008 and inducted in 2010. She was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2017.

Meg is philanthropic and continues to support Mercy. Throughout her prestigious LPGA career, Meg lent her name to Mercy’s Golf Outing. She and her family also established, and annually support, the Meg Mallon Scholarship, an endowment that helps the tuition needs of students into perpetuity.

MERCY BRAG BOOK



mhsmi.org/bragbook

We invite our Mercy community to honor or remember a Mercy alumna with a special tribute in the **Mercy Alumnae Brag Book**. This is your opportunity to share the impressive accomplishments for any of your favorite Mercy alumnae. Along with the brag submission, a donation of any size is suggested to support the Mercy Catholic education. We are now accepting submissions for 2024! Please visit mhsmi.org/bragbook.

NOMINATE AN AMAZING ALUMNA!

We are now **accepting nominations for the 2024 Distinguished and Trailblazer Alumna Awards**.

The Distinguished Alumna award honors a Mercy woman who makes a difference in her walk of life and exemplifies and supports the Mercy Education Core Values of *Compelled by Mercy, Educational Courage, Inspired by Faith, Principled Leadership and A Voice For Dignity and Respect*. While using the same Core Values, the Trailblazer Award is designed for alumnae from 2003-2019 who are already making strides within their career.

Please submit your nomination online at mhsmi.org/alumnae/nomination by February 15, 2024.

ADVANCING MERCY

New Landscaping: Our campus beautification project was completed in August 2023 and provides Mercy with a fresh new look including vibrant colors and modern textures! The updated landscaping is unified and adapts to the season. The newly installed lighting highlights our plantings and will soon illuminate our cross located above the Reception Area, creating a beautiful focal point during the evenings.

Finished Locker Room Shower Area: This two-year project is now complete and ready to use. Our Mercy girls are able to enjoy Marlin spirit and beautiful shower facilities whether they are in a PE class or using the area for athletics.

Auditorium: In anticipation of the Spring Musical *Frozen*, our auditorium ceiling was painted and the stage refinished. We were also able to purchase new lights and a projector that will enhance special effects for all future performances.

Courtyard Upgrades: There are now even more spots in our courtyards for Mercy girls to gather with our newly added outdoor furniture. Cafe Team Member and master gardener Maria Eichholzer beautifully transformed the Cafe Courtyard.

New Windows in the North Courtyard: In continuing our effort to ensure better energy efficiency throughout the building, windows were upgraded in the North Courtyard.

Upgraded Electronic Outdoor Sign: It is exciting to see our Mercy news and announcements on a bigger, more graphic friendly sign on the corner of 11 Mile and Middlebelt Rd!

If you are interested in supporting campus updates at Mercy please contact the Advancement Office at advancement@mhsmi.org or 248-893-3538.





YOUR MERCY LEGACY

Thank you for exploring ways that you may help support Mercy High School's mission and impact future generations. We look forward to working with you to find a charitable plan that lets you provide for your family AND support Mercy!

IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER

If you are 70 ½ or older, you may consider the gift of an IRA charitable rollover. Rather than withdraw monies from your IRA and incur both income and capital gains tax, you may transfer up to \$100,000 from your IRA to our school and not be subject to deduction limits on charitable gifts. After age 72, your "required minimum distribution" or a portion, may be directed to Mercy High School. All you need to do is contact your IRA plan administrator to make a gift from your IRA to our school.

APPRECIATED STOCK

Rather than pay capital gains tax on your appreciated stock, you may choose to gift stock to Mercy High School. Please find instructions on how to donate securities on our website mhsmi.org/giving/waystogive.

DONOR ADVISED FUND

Some families are choosing to create a Donor Advised Fund, a kind of charitable investment account. If you have a Donor Advised Fund, please consider giving a gift - perhaps even a recurring yearly gift - to Mercy High School.

NAMED ENDOWMENT

Mercy's Endowment provides tuition assistance to students in financial need. Endowments may be named in honor or memory of a family member; \$25,000 is needed to establish an Endowment. A named Endowment is a legacy gift that ensures long-term financial stability and helps keep tuition affordable.

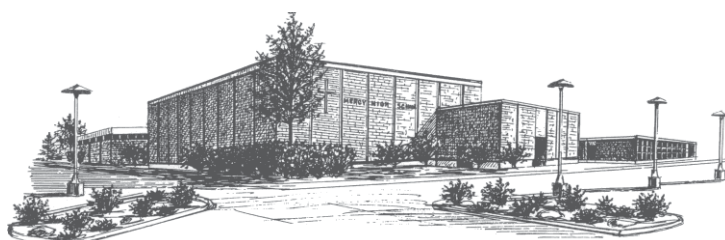
CONSIDER A BEQUEST

One of the favorite ways to give to Mercy High School, is to name the school as a charitable beneficiary in your will or trust. Another option is to make a bequest to the school using a beneficiary designation, for example on your life insurance policy. These gifts require no immediate financial commitment, but establishes your lasting legacy.

NEXT STEPS

Contact the Advancement Office at advancement@mhsmi.org or 248-893-3538 if you have any questions. As always, please seek the advice of your financial advisor. If you include Mercy High School in your plans, please use our legal name and Federal Tax ID. Federal Tax ID Number: 38-2501739

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR MERCY GOLF OUTING

The 33rd Annual Make a Difference for Mercy Golf Outing was held on Monday, September 11, 2023 at the Dearborn Country Club. Thank you to the golfers, volunteers, students, donors and sponsors who came together for a great event benefiting Mercy! Together, we raised over \$44,000 to benefit tuition assistance and athletics - the most we've raised to date.

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We did it together! Congratulations to all of our students, families, staff, alumnae, volunteers and everyone in our Mercy community who supported the 2023 Maroon & Gold Raffle Family Fundraiser. We are happy to report that together we were able to exceed our \$150,000 goal raising \$175,000.

Congratulations to all the Top School Sellers:

- Top Selling Senior - Abby Slankster
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- Top Selling Sophomore - Ava Falcon
- Top Selling Freshwoman (three way tie) - Emery Kolb, Lainey Kolb and Lara Wadowski
- Top Selling Class - 9th Grade
- 2nd Place Student Winner - Freshwoman - Hope Carmona
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- Top Staff Sellers - Mr. Madrazo and Dr. Daley
- Top Two Advisors - Mr. Barnes and Ms. Becker



Mercy High School's 44th Annual Auction, Light the Way, held on Saturday, March 25, 2023 to a sold out audience at The Detroit Golf Club. It was our most successful auction to date, raising a record breaking \$360,000 of which \$191,000 was designated for the Principal's Pick Campus Beautification Project.

We have immense gratitude for our community of generous donors, sponsors, and volunteers.

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Michelle Grohowski-Ray
Judith Dirkes Kander
Rita Digirolamo Krause
Susan Hommel Lunte
Cynthia Martin
Kathleen McKee McCann
Sue Steiner

1977

Mary Law Baumgarten
Janna Goffer Chesser
Mary Pat Hammell Conen
Catherine Dinan Dillon
Cheryl Duplessis Haithco Johnson
Suzanne Harper Kaperzinski
Ruth Kowaleski

Rita Dilworth Lewry
Sharon Foote Morris
Katherine Stefanof Morris
Sharon Hurley Pfenning
Suzanne Robison
Maureen O'Donnell Stephan
Jane Esper Vogel

1978

Dr. Margaret Bernhard
Sheila Harkins Brown
Mary Kay Lessnau Carlesimo
Renee Allaire Hatfield
Jill Mitchell Johnson
Mary Henry McDowell
Michele Kramer McNary
Julianne Meyer-Sorek
Barbara Sulich Pichan
Marie Hungerman Rumbley
Maureen Shagena Sanger

1979

Megan Maher Brennan
Mary Dilworth Clinthorne
Connie Craig
Margaret Hungerman
Annette Isom
Anne Nichols
Susan Kolon Rachlis
Kathleen Brown Shapley-Quinn
Chris Bego Sturm

1980

Theresa Maggioncalda Anderson
Annette Plant Coleman
Mary Claire Hughes
Marianne James
Mary Anne Apap Napolitano
Kathleen Rashid Salata
Rebecca Steele, D.O.
Janet Kielbowicz Sutton

1981

Karen Rashid Balow
Anne Zitny Barrett
Lisa Berich-Ertlandson
Lorraine Kaminski Bock
Stasia Hoogerwerf Collins
Johnna L. Driscoll, DDS
Margaret Adams Gaudin
Lucia A. Kemennu, M.D.
Patricia Maher
Debra Majeski
Meg Mallon
Eileen McCarthy
Colleen McMaster
Patricia Petrella Nouhan, M.D.
Michele Putnam Olson
Joan Chrzanowski Solarz
Sandra Stern
Suzanne L. Tanguay, Ph.D.
Stephanie Capodilupo Williams

1982

Rita Albers
Mary Swallow Aria
Jill Berry
Bridget Bosco Bohn
Karen Garms Brennan
Kathryn Day
Audrey Brennan Eagle
Susan Parrott Fritz
Julie Kramer Koehler
Mary Brown Lawless
Christine McNish
Virginia Minoli
Beth Saunders



1983

Leslie Biskup Ahmad
Susan Giancarlo Ames
Sandra Lawrence Ballew
Mary-Jelisse Bonello
Kerri Bacsanyi Comai
Trish Neumann Heffernan
Lisa Fitzpatrick Keeler
Susan Malone Nash
Margaret Bosco Sale
Cynthia Chance Weickert
Shannon Cooper Wolf

1984

Dawn Godzak Brown
Dr. Patricia Carbajo
Merry Kelly Chappell
Gretchen Damm
Joanie Davidson Forfinski
Mary Herbert
Marcia Metz Hickman
Stephanie Smela Hubbarth-Bergen
Dana Drew Johnston
Margo Kirchner
Mary Reno Luongo
Michelle Abraham Mahoney
Michelle Garms Monticello
Dr. Erica Pettis
Kimberly Shallal
Susan Smith
Amy Babington Somary

1985

Lisa Lobbia Baird
Wende Markey Boerema
Megan Shannon Curoe
Annette Ruggiero Dyke
Melissa Swiacki Ewald
Giuseppina Dizazzo Hutter
Margaret Haapala Kurpiers
Marie Nowak
Catherine Paler-Amaya
Elizabeth Bonello Reust
Kathleen Mundt Whitney

1986

Kristine Boyle
Colleen Kirwan Brady
Mary Beth Larabell Connolly
Katherine Steinbacher Geraghty
Holly Heath
Debra Cleaver Koehler
Michele Giffels Rivkin
Joy Herron Sneyd

1987

Jennifer Moran Byrne
Anne Paler Darnell
Sandy Di Ponio
Colleen McGowan Ezzeddine
Pamela Ha-Stevenson
Deyar Jamil
Dr. Maribeth Knight, D.O.
Susan Brown LeVasseur
Julie McDonald-Wardlow
Janeen Sprys Miller
Amy Emrich Park
Monica Ford Pouncy
Heather Powers Sauter
Mary Seefelt
Carole Williams

1988

Julie Jozwiak
Robin Kowalkowski
Deanna Waldbillig Linenberg
Suzanne McNish Mocer
Yvette Klimes Newcomb
Lisa Matlas Nichols
Barbara Cheaney Runyon
Dr. Kelly Schaefer
Catherine Best Scherer
Nancy Kelly VanDenBerg

1989

Ann Cooper Arends
Gigette Ilagan Bejin
Dr. Stephanie Ewald Bellisario
Colleen Wright Buckley
Judge Melanye Johnson
Jennifer Sears Keuten
Ban Sadek Kizy
Teresa Coletta Rea
Barbara Thomas

1990

Stephanie Acho
Marjorie Mendoza Almeda
Jennifer Goff Barry
Sherilyn Johnson Crawley
Maureen Kelley
Ursula Kelley-Wash
Margaret Kronk Kromm
Jennifer Ahern Lammers
Heather Cahill Lowry
Anne Bonczak Nemer
Cheryl Law Sawicki
Kathleen McDonald Severer
Tina Aiello Sturgis
Jennifer Shallal Werner

ALUMNAE GIVING

TOP 10 CLASSES FOR DOLLARS RAISED

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|---------|----------|
| 1. 1977 | 6. 1969 |
| 2. 1966 | 7. 1982 |
| 3. 1960 | 8. 1995 |
| 4. 1959 | 9. 1965 |
| 5. 1963 | 10. 1996 |

1991

Lara Scott Auten
Judith Rosowski Engel
Nicole Shankie Ernst
Ann Duwel Giese
Gina DeAgostino Gray
Colleen Wright Kalmbach
Maura Pheney Lamoreaux
Lisa Greenlee Lasala, PhD
Susie Atchinson Lohman
Robin Baker Lukason
Angela Mastroianni
Rebecca Laddy McDonald
Megan Stoneback Neumann
Polly Tenuta Orlich
Megan Lombardi Potente
Michelle Power
Jennifer Kowalski Rajala
Jane O'Driscoll Rose
Julie Kronk Schokora
Charla Ewing Simon
Stephanie Dickow Surowiec
Kathryn Dudley Szary
Liz Myers Twaddle
Kari Zimmerer Wilson
Sheila Wisely-London

1992

Gladys Ayala Prempeh
Amy Daigler
Arianne Sabra Rice Evans
Rebecca Burnett Journigan
Cara McDonagh, M.D.
Alicia Moten Roberts
Leticia Thweatt Sampson
Kate Scheible
Katherine Esshaki Wensink

1993

Krista Miller Campau
Kristen Kessler Casey
Lisa Sikorski Formosa
Lillian Godoy
Kelly Stirling McSweeney
Krista Surowiec Shambleau
Kara Thomas Sinawi
Dana Wade
Beth Ziobro

1994

Patricia Farmer Attaway
Julie Lelek Habel
Cathleen Orban Hrtanek
Michele Falvo Kendall
Anne Rashid
Michele Uller Slankster
Eleasha Mercer Tarplin
Jennifer Werner

1995

Molly Johnson Ambrose
Rosaleen Kelly Austin
Kristen Kluska Heintz
Lisa Evangelista Lachapelle
Kathryn Scallen Lee
Maureen McDonald
Holly Taylor
Rejane Pierre Tyler

1996

Hope Harrison Bayer
Melissa Coletta
Suman Palakodeti Desaraju
Alexis Harrison Dishman
Maureen Stirling Duncan
Heidi Wahl LaFever
Patricia McGuire
Elizabeth Janes O'Keefe
Patricia Brady Perry
Jennifer Munfakh Shaw
Danielle Spiewak

1997

Carey Haller Connolly
Shachi Mehandru Doshi
Sonia Jiddou Eliya
Lindsey Elton
Nicole Gee
Kathryn Telford Geideman
Dr. Melissa Goedtel
Dr. Alison Kline-Kator
Anne Ward Marion
Krista Vanderlip Milas
Kimberly Vaughn Price
Alexa Rukstele

1998

Erin Green
Theda Gibbs Grey

1999

Kathryn Mato Androff
Katherine Garagiola
Shannon Haffey
Nadia Khoury, M.D.
Edwina King
Lena Leon

Monica Osterberger
Rebecca Surowiec Tibus
Nicole Gopoian Wirck
Sarah Cahill Wisniewski

2000

Lindsey Machacek Barile
Emily Butler
Danielle Dickow
Carol Flanigan
Maureen Carolin Gumbel
Dana Falvo Haller
Erin Hendrix Harris
Jaime Law
Dr. Katie Lynn Mason Summers
Lily Elgincolin Swan
Katie Windisch

2001

Joanna Bruttell Anderson
Melissa Ivy Jackson

2002

Emily Bitzarakis
Keara Donohue
Wendi Li
Kristen Palombo
Jessica Fishwick Wallen

2003

Akilah Benton
Meghan McInerney
Melissa Plorkowski
Margot Spera

2004

Emily Fishwick
Lindsay Dougherty McConnell
Stephanie Somerville

2005

Elizabeth Auffenberg
Danielle Canepa
Katherine Fontichiaro
Loretta Morman Forbes
Katherine Fontichiaro
Ashley Jolagh Kinaschuk
Christina LaRosa, M.D.
Caitlin Law
Cathleen Kowalski Maes
Leanne Roddy
Jessica Williams

2006

Juliet Amene Gaisey
Madison Gronneck Kammann
Correy Law
Lauren Bennett Marquard
Anna Sklut
Elizabeth Smith

2008

Helen Marie Berg
Kristin Kelly
Katelyn McDowell
Sara Wagener
Lucia Wylie-Eggert

2009

Bailey Ahmad
Hannah Atkinson
Jordan Mueller Dwyer
Rebecca Guerriero
Bridget Hickey Heldrich
Victoria Lencione
Nicole Spencer Switzer

2011

Meghan Donnelly Cacioppo
Ronni McGee

2012

Susan Panetta Grabowski
Mary Haapala
Christine LaRouere
Sarah Philo
Laura Williams

2013

Victoria Noble

2014

Bridget Carlson
Kari Cieslak
Lindsay Hiser
Lauren Melanson

2015

Nicole Di Ponio
Theresa Walle

2016

Claire Forfinski
Kristen Hiser
Lindsey Nash

2017

Aurora Nash
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2018

Sarah M. Pegler

2021

Lindsay Lukomski

2024

Madison Jackson
Linda Walter

2026

Emily Capatina
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Summer Whitmire
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TOP 10 CLASSES FOR PARTICIPATION

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|---------|----------|
| 1. 1971 | 6. 1981 |
| 2. 1969 | 7. 1968 |
| 3. 1965 | 8. 1984 |
| 4. 1970 | 9. 1973 |
| 5. 1974 | 10. 1967 |

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Jennifer Lee Ahern Lammers '90

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Christine & Richard Pacini

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St. Geraldine Near, RSM '60

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Cheryl & Rocco Bellino

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Shari & James Acho

In Honor of Arleen Brennan Bonello '56
Joseph Bonello
Mary-Jessie Bonello '83
Elizabeth Bonello Reust '85

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Carrie & Mario Bravo

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Paula Chermiside '72

In Honor of Emily Clark '09 & Dr. Meredith Clark '12
Dr. Carolyn Clark & Dr. David Clark

In Honor of the Class of 1967
Maria Frances Ward '67

In Honor of the Class of 1973
Rosemary Ebner Pomeroy '73

In Honor of the Class of 1989
Gigette Ilagan Bejin '89

In Honor of Joan Doemer Colladay '69
Patricia Doemer

In Honor of Stephanie Cords Jackson '05 & Audrey Cords '12
Annette & Mark Cords

In Honor of the Dearing Family
Barbara Eschner

In Honor of Abha Mangrulkar Dearing '92
Ashley Jolagh Kinaschuk '05
Anna Sklut '06

In Honor of Mieke DeRaad '26
Patrick & Georgette C. Devlin

In Honor of Isabella Dimitriou's '23 Graduation
Rebecca & Gary Bimberg

In Honor of Laura Merriitt Everett '98
Dana Hayes

In Honor of Julie M. Fedolak '00
Fran & Thomas Fedolak

In Honor of the Fencyk Family
Todd Corley

In Honor of Claire Forfinski '16 & Cara Forfinski '18
Claire Forfinski '16

In Honor of Megan A. Gegesky '09
Pamela & P. Scott Gegesky

In Honor of Julie Genovese
Debra & William Thornton

In Honor of the first ever Give to Women & Girls Day on Oct. 11, 2022
Margaret Haapala Kurpiers '85 & Michael Kurpiers

In Honor of Kate Guerin '26
Amanda & Michael Guerin

In Honor of Alaina Grace Hatcher '23
Jennifer & Paul Hatcher

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Gloria & Adrian Kramer

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Molly Johnson Ambrose '95 & Dillon Ambrose

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Mary & John Kilcoin

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Susan Hommel Lunte '76

In Honor of Bridget Kramer '77
Julie Kramer Koehler '82

In Honor of Lana LaFontaine '24
Michael & Janet Murie

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Dawnelle & James Law

In Honor of Carolyn Ammann Mahalak's '60 Birthday
Barbara Cherem

In Honor of Sarah Haudan McRae '04
Barbara & Thomas Haudan

In Honor of Mercy Friends
Linda Strong Silvasi '75 & Dan Silvasi

In Honor of Michelle Massoglia & Fran Mika
Pam & John Gernacy

In Honor of Jessica Beaman, M.D. '01, Emily Beaman Gallery '99 & Annelise Beaman Miller '91
Carole Ann & Gary Beaman

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Donna England

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Megan Stoneback Neumann '91 & Reid Neumann

In Honor of Patricia Brady Perry '96
Linda Bozgan

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Douglas Pope

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Suzanne J. Robison '77

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Margaret Ohryn

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J. Michael Rozum

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Patricia & Kevin Sheridan

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Janet Kielbowicz Sutton '80 & Raymond Sutton

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Linda Bishop '69
Anne & Richard Calice
Maureen Dooley '72
Meg Strzelecki McAree '67
Janice Baranski Sanders '67
Patricia Thull-O'Brien '70
Dana N. Wade '93

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Kerri A. Bacsanyi Comai '83

In Honor of Sr. Nancy Thompson, RSM '50
Jacqueline Thompson
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Michael Kaminski

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Patricia Valade Dalrick '69
Maureen Stirling Duncan '96 & Dan Duncan
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Janice Vallee

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Kari Zimmerer Wilson '91

In Honor of Gayle Ulbrich Zimmerer '63 - Happy Birthday
Kari Zimmerer Wilson '91

In Honor of Sr. Mary Joel Zobro, RSM
Mary Beauregard

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Michelle E. Mathieu '74
Sheree Simpson '74

In Memory of John Walsh Anhut
Kristine Anhut Moravek '70 & James Moravek

In Memory of Margaret Banat
Catherine Anne Banat Maxwell '61

In Memory of Judy Barrett '74
Mary Gauthier '74



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In Memory of Roberta Bifano
Dr. Linda Celeste Bifano, DNP '71

In Memory of Joan Bonds '81
Joanne Bonds

In Memory of Caroline Mason Butkiewicz '51
Michael Mason Butkiewicz '51

In Memory of Rina Cappellazzo, OP '49
Carol Fleming, OP

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Dr. Patricia Carbajo '84

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Kari Cieslak '14

In Memory of the deceased members of the class of 1957
Bernadette Hourigan Hominga '57

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Lynn Gayney Pheney '61 & Dennis Pheney
Kathy Kelly Taylor '61
Dorothy M. Schiaff Fund

In Memory of Diane Bethel Clemente '60
Rosemary Wilhelm Kirt '62

In Memory of Robert Colladay
Ina Fernandez & Joseph Berkowski
Doreen Brown
Joan Doemer Colladay '69
Patricia Doemer
Susan M. Grand Hunsanger '69
Marie & William Stockdale

In Memory of Patricia Wolter Cook '70
Melissa Altenberger
American Alcohol & Drug Info
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Rebecca Day
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JoAnn Murphy
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In Memory of the best parents
Joan Clogg Cotter '69

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James Cowper

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Marie K. Horn

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Francis Tenbusch

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Kathleen Anne Gamache '74

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Susan Giancarlo Ames '83

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Shirley & John Ginther

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Kaymarie Kavanagh '66

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Marie K. Horn

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Peg Hungerman '79

In Memory of Diana George Jakoces '67
Paul Jakoces

In Memory of Laila Jamil
Deyar Jamil '87

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Donna B. Isaac Nolan '54

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Joann M. Junker King '64

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Monica Kaminski Cavanagh '66

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Kauffman '71
Joann Brady '73

In Memory of Patricia Kelley
Maureen Kelley '90

In Memory of Sue Kelly
Harold Chappell

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Kathryn Telford Geideman '97

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Lori & Jerome Teevens
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Kristin Cafferty
Chris Dickinson
Margaret Dimond '76
Jessica Erley
Melissa Swiacki Ewald '85 & Edward Ewald
Paul Grossman
Deena Gubran
Helene Habib
Margaret Hagerly
Sheryl Hesano
Josephine H. Habib Kaadou '74
Carol Kaminskas
Anthony & Judith Madej
Dr. Nasuh Malas
Janine & Joe Malloy
Pat Mirza
Nikolaos Moschouris
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Sara Nyman
Barbara T. Sulich Pichan '78 & William Pichan
Melissa & Dan Richlen
Ronald McDonald House Charities
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Carlene Umstead

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Kimberly Vaughn Price '97

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Gaylene Vitale

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Pat Scheid

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Caitlin Law '05
Correy Law '06
J'aimie Law '00
Patricia Law
Michael Wassman

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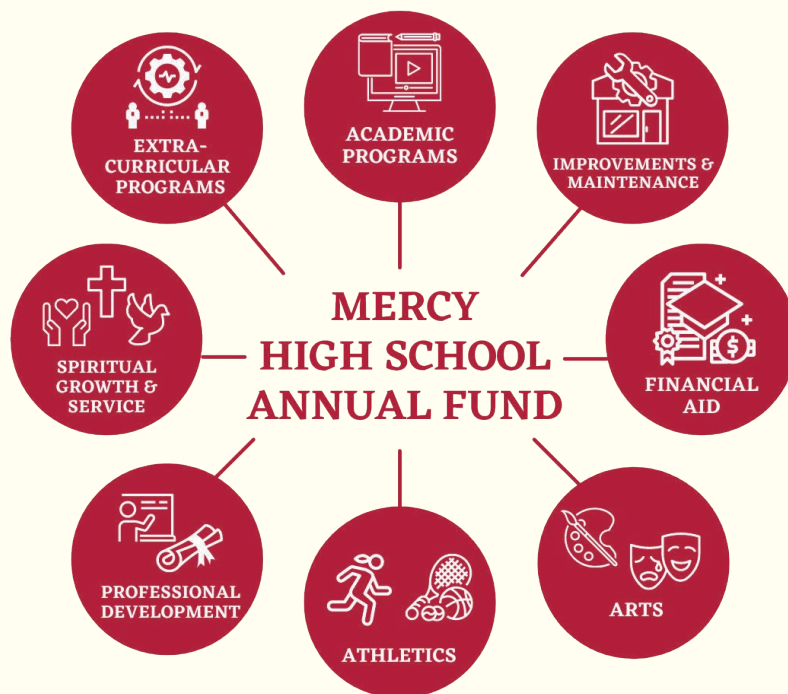
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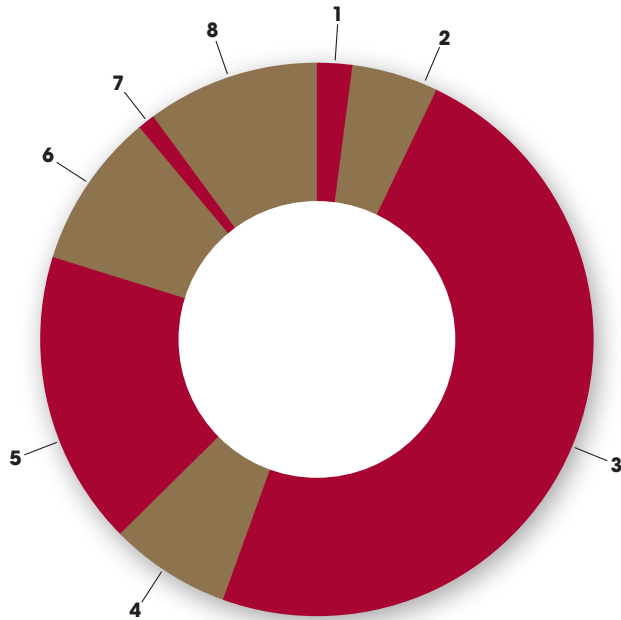


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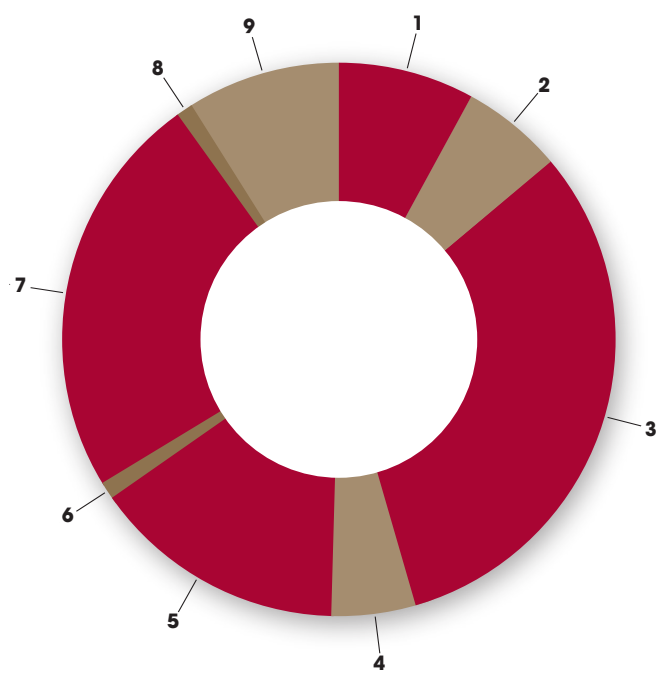
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ALUMNAE CLASS NOTES

1960s

Sister Lawrence Mary (Barbara) Pocock '62 Isp and **Sister Susan Pocock '66** psdp visited Mercy where they attended Mass, toured the campus and enjoyed lunch with **Dr. Cheryl Delaney Kreger '66** and **Valerie Hebel McNeece '66**.



Kathy DeGalan Ryan '65 started doing stand up comedy at age 70 and has performed at clubs and private functions in both Michigan and Florida. She jokes about dating, her grandchildren, doctor visits, memory and more.
kathryan@aol.com

Linda Budd Hagan '66 and **Mary Beth Houlihan Wheeler '66** met in Amsterdam to see the long-awaited Vermeer exhibit at the Rijksmuseum and tour the city viewing millions of tulips in full bloom at the Keukenhof Gardens.



Janice Calligaris-Sur '66 is a retired elementary educator with a big sense of adventure who has set foot on all seven continents. Earlier this year, she cruised to Antarctica, hiked with the penguins and kayaked in subzero weather. She most recently participated in an earthwatch.org expedition to the Arctic Circle and worked on projects in the Tundra-measuring tree sprouts and checking the depths of permafrost.
calligj@aol.com

Janet Muller Sherry '69 and her husband Ed celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August. They love spending time with their five (soon to be six) grandchildren and enjoy traveling.

1970s

After 28 years working as a scientist in R&D, **Kristine Sampson Shenefield '70** will be retiring at the end of March 2024. *"It's hard to say goodbye to a career I love and the many friends I've made along the way. Looking forward to a few road trips around the USA while I'm still able!"*
kshaes@verizon.net



Christine Dudley Blalock '72, **Phillaire Dudley Murray '83** and their mother Phillaire Dudley visited Mercy in October to deliver a Mosaic created by the late Sr. Mary Ignatius Denay. Phillarie purchased the Mosaic years ago for a priest and is now pleased to be able to donate it back to Mercy.



1973 Classmates Janice Watson Shada, Patrice Postula Avery, Denise Redford Deane, and Felicia Sawicki Kurz visited the art room during their milestone 50 year reunion celebration.



1960s 1966 classmates gathered for a celebration at the Mercy milestone reunion.



ALUMNAE CLASS NOTES



Mary Beth O'Connell '74 recently published "Women's Health Across the Lifespan:

A Pharmacotherapeutic Approach, 3rd edition." She is a professor at Wayne State University Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Pharmacy Practice Department.
mboconnell@wayne.edu



Jeanne Reaume LoVasco '78 is a retired Registered Dietitian and Nutrition Consultant. She is a

spouse of 37 years and grandmother of seven. She enjoys creating healthy recipes, knitting and needlepoint projects, and being physically active outdoors. Jeanne returned to Mercy for the Class of '78 Milestone Reunion and Athletic Hall of Fame Induction and said it was lovely to be back as she has so many fond memories of her Mercy days.

Michele Fisher Paris, Kathy Bego, Mary Beth McDonnell Weiss, Chris Bego Sturm, Joan Hittler Hammell, Carrie Tracey Murphy, Rose Apap Fricke, and Mary Harrington from the **Class of 1979** celebrated 55 years of friendship and Joan Hammell's retirement after 36 years working for the City of Minneapolis. Events included a proclamation from the Mayor and City Council, a trip to Paisley Palace, a Twin Cities Tour, great food and lots of laughter.



1980s

Marti Platten Bodenhamer, Maggie Bahler Rizzio, Susan Smith McAdams, Teri Lavey Whitten, and Gretchen Casey of the "Super 7" from the **Class of 1981** gathered near Cheboygan Michigan to reconnect and celebrate their 60th birthdays.



In January, long-time friends from the great **Class of 1981** got together to begin the celebration of their year of 60! They spent a weekend at an Airbnb in Chicago and enjoyed plenty of laughs, food, karaoke, food, drink, painting and fun. The group included: **Maggie Bahler, Kathy Bazil, Tammy Forfinksi, Marie Fodale, Cathy Bonczak, Eileen McCarthy and Chrissie Moylan.** **Jeanne Trompeter** was there in spirit, she was recovering from an injury while rock climbing.



1980s Last summer, **Susan Lenhart '81** visited the retired Sisters of Mercy in Fremont, Ohio, as well as several former Mercy students and staff who now reside in the retirement home there. Pictured are: Sr. Mary Generose Kubesh, **Sr. Cheryl Phillips '64, Susan Lenhart '81**, Sr. Anne Fleming, former Mercy staff, and **Sr. Maureen McGarrigle '57**, former Mercy staff. Front row: **Sr. Mary Clare Yates '55**, former Mercy staff and Sr. Mary Joel Zobro, former Mercy staff.



ALUMNAE CLASS NOTES

1980s continued

Karen Racke Billman '82 and her husband have been active community members for many years at the Pasadena Symphony and Pops, Tournament of Roses and the Huntington Hospital Fall Food and Wine Event. They are happy to be living in sunny California to enjoy many football games at the Rose Bowl, where Michigan and Michigan State have played. They have traveled all over the world and Karen has her own Interior Design firm, called Billman Designs. Some of her work can be seen in Architectural Digest, Luxe Magazine, and Living Cozy. Currently she's working on several home remodel projects and will be off to Paris in January for the annual DecoOff 2024 textile show. kmbillman@gmail.com



1980s Janeen McCarthy Foreman's '83 son, Jack Foreman, married Kendall Reid '16 with many Mercy alumnae in attendance: **Angela DiPaolo Anders '94, Anne Portelli Foreman '83, Simone Rhodes '16, Kendall Reid Foreman '16, Janeen McCarthy Foreman '83, Marge Mularoni Burns '83, Sarah Posa '16, Susan Malone Nash '83, Hannah Cohen '16, Lindsey Nash '16, and Allison McMillan '16.**



Patrice "Trice" Berlinski '83 began offering love-based donation therapy, which means clients pay an amount they can afford when they are able to pay. Her business is growing and has led her to open an office in Fenton at 202 W. Shiawassee, inside the Wellness Center, in addition to working at Brighton Light House in Brighton, MI. Trice@presencetopupils.com

Mary Comben Bourk '83 has taken on a new role within the Ford Powertrain Community as High Time in Service Quality Leader. Her recent past positions included Powertrain Launch Leader for the Ford Escape, Lincoln Corsair and Bronco Sport Products. She also held positions in future Truck Powertrain definition and Cyclone Powerpack Development. Mary celebrated her 8th Wedding Anniversary with her husband, Mark Handley. They have a blended family of six kids who are all over the age of 22. Mary feels fortunate to have maintained several friendships from her time at Mercy High School. marybourke@sbcglobal.net

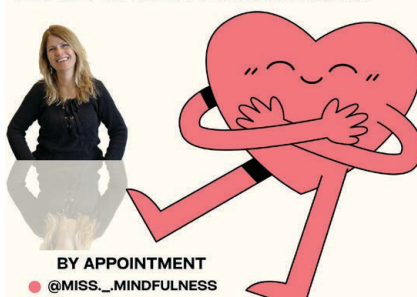
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Colleen Porter '83 was recently promoted to General Manager at Restaurant Associates at Google, and relocated to Chicago. colleencporter@gmail.com

ALUMNAE CLASS NOTES

Maria Belen R. San Juan-Zalubas

'83 lives in Farmington Hills, MI with her wonderful husband, Gene, and twin daughters, Grace and Sarah, both of whom graduated from University of Michigan, Ann Arbor in 2022. Maria retired from private practice in June 2022, after almost 30 years of clinical work, and continues to volunteer at Hope Clinic in Westland, MI. She recently signed on to be volunteer faculty at Wayne State University School of Medicine. msjz1224@gmail.com

Karen MacDonald '85 recently moved back to Michigan after living in Nashville for 30 years. Karen followed her lifelong passion for volunteerism and joined Angels' Place as the Development Specialist/Volunteer Coordinator.

After 4.5 years in Florida, **Pamela "Pam" Ha-Stevenson '87** and her husband, Andy (Brother Rice '86), moved to Washington DC during the summer of 2023. Pam and Andy are happy to be closer to two of their sons, one is in DC and one is in NYC. Their youngest son is spending his Junior Year Abroad at Waseda University in Tokyo, Japan.



Jennifer Ann Groeber '88

retired from her role as a Senior Tax Consultant in 2019 and is currently the Owner

and Designer for her custom baking company Keep It Sweet LLC. jagroeber567@gmail.com



Ann Hebel '88 is the proud mom of two teenage girls, one in college and the other graduating from high school this year. Along with

her daughters and mom, **Betty Jean Hebel '64**, Ann recently traveled to Belize and the Galapagos Islands. In her career, Ann was elected teacher's Union President for Forest Hills Public Schools, teaching secondary theater, English, and TV broadcasting, along with ABD for her Ph.D. in Educational Leadership with an emphasis on research in creative curriculum. anniehebel70@gmail.com

In addition to an 18 year career as a math instructor at Milford High School, **Kelly Hemmerling '88** is now a College Board Consultant for AP Calculus and AP Precalculus. She is an AP Calculus Reader, helping grade international AP Calculus exams each year, and an AP mentor and workshop leader to AP Calculus and Precalculus teachers throughout the United States. kelly.hemmerling@gmail.com

1990s

Ellen Peck '91 is thrilled to be returning home to Michigan this winter after 13 years as a Professor in the Department of Theatre & Film at Jacksonville State University in Alabama. She has accepted a job at Oakland University as Production Manager for the Theatre department in OU's School of Music, Theatre and Dance. drpeck219@gmail.com

1990s Dinner Club friends from the **Class of 1991** celebrated their milestone 50th birthdays in Scottsdale, AZ earlier this fall. **Colleen Wright Kalmbach, Laurie Chapp Walsh, Lisa Greenlee LaSala, Stephanie Dickow Surowiec, Megan Stoneback Neumann, Lora Scott Auten, Nora Hand Bernarducci, Rebecca Leddy McDonald, Gina DeAgostino Gray, Jen Kowalski Rajala, and Liz Myers Twaddle** feel blessed to enjoy time together.



ALUMNAE CLASS NOTES

1990s Class of 1993 celebrates their 30 year reunion.



1990s continued

Gabby Penn Farmer '94

shares, "This year I celebrate my Sweet 16! Sixteen years cancer free, after losing my leg to osteosarcoma." Gabby is proud of her son Deon Farmer, U of D sophomore, who bowled a 300 game for the Varsity bowling team in February 2023. Only the second 300 game in Cub history.



Claire Weigand '95 is becoming a therapist after running an academic coaching program for eight years at Tufts University.

She graduated this January with an MSW and will begin two years of supervision to become fully licensed as a Clinical Social Work Therapist in Oregon. She also plans to write a book on toxic hyperproductivity. ClaireNW@gmail.com



Dana Maria Piccoli '96

is the editor of *News is Out* and was awarded an Excellence in Journalism

Coverage award from the Curve Foundation and the National Gay and Lesbian Journalists Association. She will be leading a workshop in April on advocacy in journalism at the Women in Journalism Summit at Reynold's Journalism Institute. dana.piccoli@yahoo.com

Dr. Kelli Morgan '98 is the recently appointed senior curator at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit, MI. Over the last decade, her scholarly commitment to the investigation of systemic racism within American art and visual culture has demonstrated the discriminatory nature of traditional art history and museum practice. Besides her own curatorial experience, she mentors emerging curators and regularly trains staff at various museums to foster best practices in collection management, exhibitions, community engagement, and fundraising. She is a leading and influential voice in furthering museum practice and has previously held curatorial positions at the Indianapolis Museum of Art at Newfields, the Birmingham Museum of Art, the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. Dr. Morgan received her doctorate in African American Studies and a graduate certificate in Museum Studies from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in 2017. elli6168@gmail.com



Elizabeth Stacey Bray '97 joined forces under **Lindsay Moeller Matthews '96**, at Global Recruiters® Network, Inc. (GRN) which is an expansive network of individual offices dedicated to connecting high-quality companies with high-quality talent to advance in both business and career goals. Both Mercy

alumnae specialize in finding the best hidden talent in the Automotive and Manufacturing Industries. Lindsay is a mother to two sons and spends time on the water and sport fields and enjoys traveling and gardening. Lindsay is GRN Birmingham's Vice President. Elizabeth lives in Milford, MI with her husband John and their five children. Contact Elizabeth (ebay@grnbtr.com) and Lindsay (lmattthews@grnbtr.com) as they look forward to hearing from more Mercy Girls to expand their talent network!

ALUMNAE CLASS NOTES

Carey Czech Jansen '99 recently started a new role as Director of Finance at the spectacular Treetops resort in northern Michigan. cjansen@treetops.com

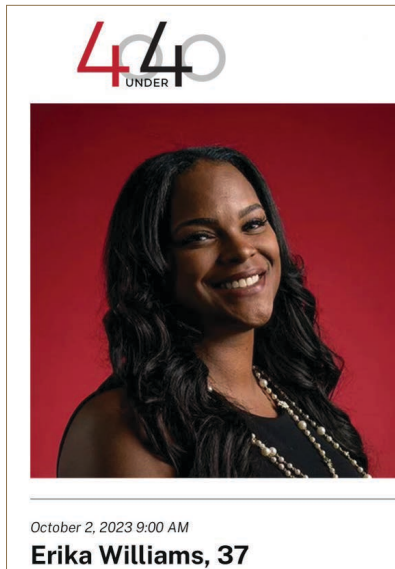
2000s

Lily Elgincolin Swan '00 moved back to Michigan after 12 years in Houston, TX. She accepted a position in September 2019 as the Director of International Services at the University of Detroit Mercy. lelgincolin@gmail.com

Katie Pawleski '02 qualified for and completed the Ironman World Championship on October 6, 2022. She finished the triathlon (2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike, 26.2 mile run) in 14:43:38. Katie currently lives in Hawaii.



Jessica Fishwick Wallen '02 welcomed her second daughter, Hallie Madeline, on January 25, 2023. She is loved by everyone, including big sister Olivia and Aunt **Emily Fishwick '04**.



2000s Erika Branch Williams '04 received a BA from the University of Michigan and a MBA from Wayne State University. She is a Senior Manager at Stellantis. Erika's dedication and work ethic allowed her to transcend the ranks from contract employee to management in a short timespan. She was awarded Crain's Detroit Business 40 under 40 award in 2023. She is a wife and mother of three children (Madison, Myka, and Matthew). Erika is passionate about mentorship of young women interested in business, often recruiting at Wayne State University and offering her time and expertise to aspiring young professionals. Her ties to Mercy have come full circle

as her oldest child, Madison is currently in the Class of 2024. Erika also has ambitions of sending her youngest daughter, Myka to Mercy.

Amy Kolis Wood '04 and her husband Mike have three children, Lucas (4), Mary Catherine (2) and Sophia (1). They reside in Oakland Twp, MI. Amy recently launched her own business, Momma's Green Thumb, delivering seasonally vibrant porch pots. Momma's Green Thumb specializes in container gardening and window boxes. Amy designs for each of the four seasons with the goal of adding color, charm, and curb appeal to homes and businesses. amyekwood@gmail.com



Sarah Marsh '05 is a Critical Care Nurse working at the University of Michigan Hospital Float Pool. Sarah, her husband Brandon, and sons Charlie (14) and Jack (11 months) moved to Commerce, MI from Boston. sarah.a.marsh@gmail.com



ALUMNAE CLASS NOTES

2000s continued

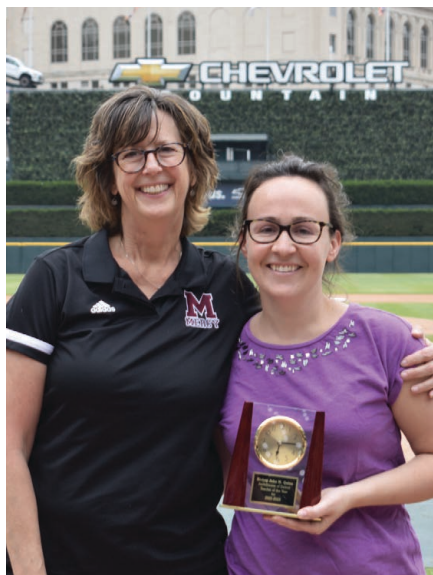
Meghan Warren '05 is a Senior Vice President, Corporate Communications with a boutique communications agency, The Neibart Group, in Brooklyn. Meghan has been living in New York City since 2012, working in communications and leading PR and marketing efforts for blue chip financial services organizations. Meghan married Jason Johnson in June 2023. meghan.e.warren@gmail.com



Cathy Smith '05 has earned a PhD in Bioinformatics from the University of Michigan. Her thesis topic is "Massively Parallel Screens to Identify Splice Disruptive Variants in Human Disease Genes."



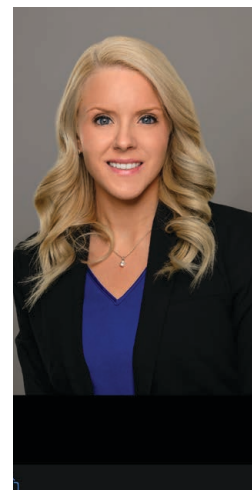
Lauren Bennett Marquard '06 received the Bishop John M. Quinn Archdiocese of Detroit Secondary Teacher of the Year Award. The award was announced May 19, 2023 at Comerica Park as the Office of Catholic Schools recognized each school's Teacher of the Year nomination. One elementary and one secondary teacher was selected from all nominees within the Archdiocese, and Lauren was this year's secondary teacher awardee. Recipients of Bishop John M. Quinn awards set a high bar for innovation, service, and commitment to academic excellence. lemarquard@mhsmi.org



Maria Kesto Osman '06 is Vice President of Operations & HR at Cicero Hospitality. Over the past nine years, Maria

has demonstrated exceptional growth within the Cicero family, progressing through roles such as Human Resource Manager, HR Director, Operations Director, Accounting Manager, and Corporate Starbucks Lead. Her relocation to the Chicagoland area in 2016 coincided

with Cicero's expansion, where she played a pivotal role in renovating properties, launching Starbucks outlets, and introducing innovative restaurant concepts. Noteworthy achievements include the opening of Cicero's second Starbucks in downtown Detroit in 2021 and a third inside the Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital in 2022. Currently based in Bloomfield Hills, MI, Maria oversees operations and HR for three hotels, six Starbucks locations, and various entities within Cicero Hospitality. Maria holds a J.D. from the University of Detroit School of Law. maria.a.osmano@gmail.com



Kirsten Lynne Meyer Gurtowsky '07 attended the University of Michigan and then earned her Masters in Physician Assistant Studies from Wayne State. She

practiced as an Internal Medicine PA-C for nearly 9 years before returning to school for her Doctorate in 2019. She now works as a Medical Science Liaison specializing in atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease and heart failure. Kirsten resides in Northville, MI with her husband and spends her free time volunteering with dog rescues and fostering animals. meyer1kirsten@gmail.com

Madeleine Pilchak McMail '07 is a family medicine physician. This year she was honored with the Ascension Medical Group Excellence in Medicine Award in honor of her dedication to medicine, exceptional leadership and devoted service to patient care and for living the Ascension mission and values of serving those most in need.

ALUMNAE CLASS NOTES

Lauren Peterson Nobles '07 began a new role in Fall 2022 as the Director of Admissions and Enrollment at Eton Academy in Birmingham, MI. Eton Academy serves students who learn differently to provide them with the skills needed to thrive in any environment. She also became an Eton parent with her oldest son, Darren, enrolling in 6th grade. Lo.nobe@gmail.com



Tiffany Haddad-Azzi '09 graduated with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2016 from the University of Toledo

and began work as a pharmacy manager in a retail pharmacy setting. In February 2022, she was blessed with the opportunity to transition to managed care pharmacy and has loved every minute of it. She married the love of her life on October 19, 2019 and the couple have two beautiful children, Veronica and Maxwell, with another baby they are naming Madeline on the way.



2000s Victoria Lencione '09 married Joseph Long (UDJ '06) on May 7, 2022 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church surrounded by their family and friends, including Maid of Honor **Jenny Long '09**, and Bridesmaids **Karen Johnson '09**, and **Catherine Lencione '11**. Vicky works as a Judicial Attorney in the Third Circuit Court.

2010s

MacKenzie Taylor Spearman '10 married Cassidy Spearman on October 28, 2023, at the Shinola Hotel in Detroit surrounded by family and friends, including Mercy alumnae **Kiara McCalvin '10**, **Jessie Bednarz-Gray '10**, and **Kelsey Pizana '11**. MacKenzie is currently a medical student. mackenzie.taylor0127@gmail.com



Lauren Babb '10 married Kyle Tomlinson in Clarksburg, CA on October 10, 2022.

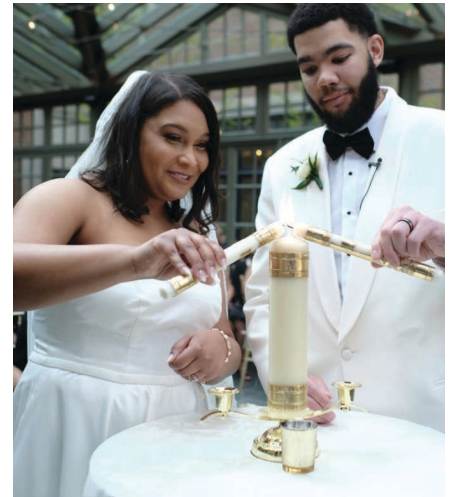


ALUMNAE CLASS NOTES

2010s **Meghan Donnelly Cacioppo '11** married Kyle Cacioppo on October 21, 2021 at the Sweetest Heart of Mary in Detroit. She is a Customer Success Manager. Meghan and Kyle welcomed their first baby this year, William Hayes Cacioppo, on May 22, 2023.



Johnna Thompson Johnson '12 was married on May 7, 2023 to Theodore W. Johnson Ph.D. They reside in the DMV area where she is a Fundraiser and he is a Policy Analyst.
JohnnaJohnson11@gmail.com



Sarah Philo '12 is a Postdoctoral Researcher studying public health, environmental microbiology, and wastewater surveillance.

2010s continued

Meredith Barnett Pitts '11 married DaJuan Pitts on October 8, 2022 in Bloomfield Hills, MI. The celebration included **Melissa Barnett '06** and **Ronni McGee '11**. Meredith is an attorney. meredithkristina@gmail.com



Lauren Hensick '12 graduated from the University of Michigan Dental School with a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) in May of 2022. She completed a General Practice Residency (GPR) in June of 2023 at Michigan Medicine. During that residency she was accepted and is currently the first year resident at the Orofacial Pain Program at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry and will graduate in June of 2025 as an Orofacial Pain Specialist. She will be getting married on 12/31/23 at The Cathedral of Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit, MI. Lauren credits Mercy as the strong foundation that allowed all of her accomplishments to build from.



Mikayla Benton Grajek '14 married Justin Grajek on September 16, 2023 in Royal Oak, MI. Mikayla's sister **Theresa Benton '16** served as maid of honor.



ALUMNAE CLASS NOTES

Lauren Jackson '14 married Joshua Benner on October 9, 2022 in Minneapolis, MN. Mercy family in attendance included **Margaret Williams Jackson '77** and **Stephanie Cords Jackson '05**. Lauren and Josh now reside in Charlotte, NC where she works for Honeywell as an HR Project Management Specialist.



Kristen Hiser '16 graduated from the University of Michigan in 2020. Following graduation, she spent three years working in the grocery industry at the Meijer HQ in Grand Rapids, MI. Kristen now works at Unilever on the Customer Strategy team, supporting the Ben & Jerry's brand. She resides in New York City and is enjoying reconnecting with other Manhattan Mercy Girls! hiserk@umich.edu



Hannah O'Sullivan '19 graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing in April 2023 and is now working as a registered nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit at Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. osullivanh06@gmail.com

Emma Pickett '19 graduated from the University of Michigan in mechanical engineering with a minor in music. She started a position at General Motors in their TRACK program which allows recent college graduates to try various positions and functions within the company before selecting a permanent position. elpickett01@gmail.com

2020s

Kylee Lary '21 is currently a junior at Alma College majoring in psychology and minoring in sociology. She is serving on the executive board of her sorority, Phi Sigma Sigma, as a Panhellenic Delegate, and has been with her partner, Gerrit, for two years. Kylee hopes to go to grad school and become a school counselor. kyleesigns@gmail.com



Victoria Padula '14 was sworn into the Michigan State Bar in January 2022 and began working as an Attorney

at Kirk, Huth, Lange & Badalamenti, PLC in Macomb County. She has been a vital role to the firm's municipal practice, recently achieving several favorable settlements for their clients and will be assisting in the City Attorney role, and continue her appearances in Harrison and Shelby Township District Courts. She resides in Detroit and enjoys spending her free time attending Detroit sporting events, volunteering with her nonprofit organization Impact100 Macomb, and remains active playing competitive indoor and sand volleyball. vpadula@kirkhuthlaw.com

Lilian Lebednick '17 finished her rotational program at GM and accepted a full time position on the Finished Vehicle Logistics team as an Intercontinental Operations Planner. She is working on her MBA with a concentration in Supply Chain Management from University of Michigan Dearborn. This past summer, she was able to join her sister **Miranda '24** on the French class trip. lilianlebednick@gmail.com



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We look forward to hearing from you!

In Memory

Mercy Alumnae

Elaine Japp Alexander '56

November 2018

Patricia Forget Bedard '63

November 2023

Aunt of Maureen Forget Cortese '70

Patricia Biddinger '65

April 2023

Sister of Joan Biddinger Cannon '71 &
Beth Biddinger Keeney '77

Dorothy Camilli '56

June 2020

Cousin of Margaret Pais Rettof '67

Patricia Wolter Cook '70

May 2023

Barbara Nowack Cooper '55

August 2023

Sister of Kathleen Nowack Hart '67 &
Aunt of Diana Considine '81

Patricia Yurkus Fredley '56

February 2023

Ruth Gabriel '47

February 2023

Nadine Genna German '54

January 2021

Cousin of Jill Kara '90

Sally Brennan Giraud '51

September 2023

Sister of Mary Brennan Bernard '61;
Sister-in-law of Larry Teevens; Aunt
of Patricia Brennan Tisdale '69, Mary
Frances Brennan Miller '75, Audrey
Brennan Eagle '82, & Jean Brennan '84;
& Great-Aunt of Elizabeth Eagle '12

Mary Harkness '70

October 2023

Sister of Patricia Harkness Mansfield '62
& the late Kathleen Harkness '63

Barbara Wronski Hinrichs '54

February 2023

Sister of Edwina Wronski Stewart '57

Elaine Battel Kamradt '80

September 2023

Siobhan Kava '02

February 2021

Marilyn Forster Lorenz '50

November 2022

Elizabeth Ann McInerney '48

June 2023

Mother of Anne McInerney '76; Sister-in-law
of Betty McInerney '48; & Grandmother of
Jennifer McInerney '01 & Meghan
McInerney '03

Christine Haapala Oosdyke '71

January 2023

Sister of Therese Haapala Marshall '68 &
Margaret Haapala Kurpiers '85; Sister-in-
law of Peggy Mulcahy Haapala '76; Aunt of
Megan Haapala '07, Mary Haapala '12, Erin
Haapala '18, Sarah Kurpiers '17 & Melissa
Kurpiers '19

Marcia Regan Rood '56

July 2023

Grandmother of Morgan Rood '22

Debra Adams Roraback '71

June 2023

Sister of Pamela Adams Nelson '68

Mary Sullivan '61

July 2023

Sister of Patricia Sullivan Haggerty '54

Barbara Halford Villeneuve '53

September 2021

Sister of the late Elizabeth Halford '50

Yvonne Arens Wesley '73

November 2022

Mother of Lauren Wesley Menna '00 &
Aunt of Jaimie Arens Newton '95

Elizabeth Ryan White '55

April 2022

Amy Rose Cetnar Wilcock '88

August 2023

Mercy Family

Virginia Adams

June 2023

Mother of Pam Adams Nelson '68 &
the late Deborah Adams Roraback '71

Germaine Louise Amato

February 2023

Mother of Anna Amato, Ph.D. '75 &
Anita Amato Rushlow '76

John Balcer

June 2023

Husband of Mary Jo Donahue Balcer '65;
Father of Katy Balcer '94; Brother-in-law
of Terry Donahue Cousins '75; Cousin of
Debra Hibbard Babcock '76

Susan Bayer

December 2022

Mother-in-law of Hope Harrison Bayer
'96; Grandmother of Kaitlin Bayer '16,
Samantha Bayer '21 & Elizabeth Bayer '23

Robert Burns

February 2023

Husband of Linda Noble Burns '66

Ray Ellison Card

December 2022

Father of Mercy staff member
Chef Mike Card

Christina Coletta

July 2023

Mother of Theresa Coletta Rea '89 &
Melissa Coletta '96; Grandmother of
Angela Rea '20 & Julia Rea '22

Robert Colladay

November 2022

Husband of Joan Doemer Colladay '69

In Memory

Rose Angelica Diaz Carbajo

December 2022

Mother of Patty Carbajo Wilson '84, Linda Carbajo '85 & Nancy Carbajo '88

Kathleen Hartmus

September 2023

Mother of current Board Member, Susan Hiser, and Grandmother of Lindsay Hiser '14 & Kristen Hiser '16

Elaine Hoogerwerf

May 2023

Mother of Stasia Hoogerwerf Collins '81

Dorothy King

March 2023

Mother of Mercy staff member Alisa Kelly

Lois Klebba Schneider

December 2022

Mother of Margaret "Peggy" Schneider Grainer '80 & Patricia Schneider '80

Mary Ann Lehnis

December 2022

Mother of Mercy staff member Cindy Richter

Thomas J. Meier II

November 2004

Son of Nancy Edwards Meier '49; Brother of Dr. Ann Meier Carli '76 & Mary Meier Grech '79

Patricia Menner Kirchner

May 2023

Mother of L. Colleen Kirchner McKeon '71 & Kathryn M. Kirchner Turner '75

Sarah Modica

June 2023

Mother of Amy Modica '96

Ritamarie Morgan & Hugh**James Morgan**

May 2023 & June 2023

Mother & Father of Maureen Morgan Baker '75

Germano Lazzaro Mularoni & Anne**Bernadette Mularoni**

February 2023 & October 2023

Father & Mother of Mary Mularoni Collins '76, Gabrielle Mularoni Newton '81, & Margaret Mularoni Burns '83

Molly Myers & Thomas Myers

September 2023 & November 2023

Mother & Father of Mary Myers Koellhofer '87 & Elizabeth Myers Twaddle '91

Berta Nakagawa

December 2022

Mother of Susan Nakagawa Jokinen '73, Audrey Nakagawa Kill '77, & Lisa Nakagawa Nordstrom '89; Grandmother of Aimee Jokien Crosby '09 & Karina Nordstrom '11

Joyce Peck

July 2023

Mother of Ellen Peck '91

Dean Pfeffer

March 2023

Grandfather of Mercy staff member Adrianna Pfeffer Horvath '07

Sadie Pinkston Robinson

October 2021

Mother of Valerie Robinson '82, Aunt of Doria Jackson '83

Pamela Reed

June 2023

Mother of Tara Reed '06

Anthony Scalzi

June 2023

Former Mercy staff member, Husband of Patricia Mullan Scalzi '69; Father of Emily Scalzi Sziede '98 & current Mercy Assistant Athletic Director Kate Scalzi; Brother-in-law of Mary Jo Mullan '71

Lawrence Teevens

April 2023

Former Mercy staff member, and choral & Mercyaire founder; Father of Kathy Teevens Barge '81 & Paula Teevens-Hered '85

Lorraine Thomas

February 2023

Mother of current Board Member Luanne Thomas Ewald '87; Grandmother of Maggie '18 & Mollie Ewald '21

Joseph Trudeau

November 2022

Father of Angela Trudeau Combs '02 & Alicia Trudeau Lewan '06

Marianne Hogan Walsh

October 2022

Mother of Susan Walsh Cassidy '79, Kathleen Walsh Anthony '81 & Margaret Walsh Frantz '89 & Grandmother of Emily Walsh '11

Dessie Walton

June 2023

Grandmother of Mercy staff member Eleasha Mercer Tarplin '94

Daniel Waterstradt

August 2023

Husband of Clare Martin Waterstradt '08

Betty Ann Whatley

May 2023

Mother of current Board Member, Nancy Auffenberg, and Grandmother of Elizabeth '05 & Caroline '11

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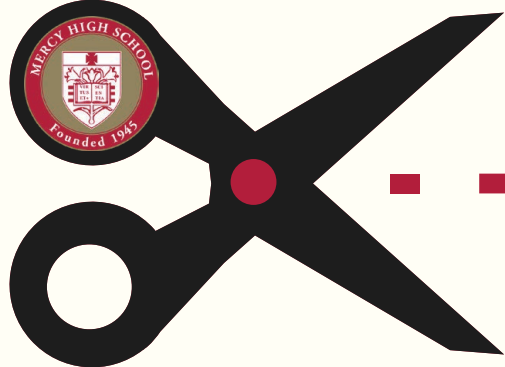
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Chapel Entrance

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Gymnasium/Auditorium Entrance

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