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# Mercy High School

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# MERCY'S PRESIDENT

Dearest Mercy Family,

As I reflect upon 2019, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the members of our Mercy community and for all we have accomplished together. This year, one woman stands out among others - our beloved Sister Regina Marie Doelker. Sister Regina dedicated her life to Mercy and leaves behind a tremendous legacy. Her passion for Mercy and its long-term success distinguished her career through many roles. As a dedicated math teacher, a skilled and compassionate Principal and President, she was a strong female leader ahead of her time.



Sister Regina personally touched the lives of many and the endowed scholarship established in her name will continue to provide support to students in need. Sister Regina's legacy included a strategic plan and comprehensive site plan which have served as the foundation upon which we build current plans. Education of the "whole young woman" in an excellent environment is the goal of The Board of Trustees as they continue to improve programs and renovate Mercy's facilities. New collaborations giving our students hands on and real life experiences in the community are being designed and pilots established. Most recently, efforts to reimagine and renovate existing spaces have provided immediate improvements thanks to the generosity of donors and hard work from our community.

Plans for an Athletic Agility & Conditioning Center are currently underway. This unique space will be used by student-athletes from all Mercy sports and will take the place of the lower level locker room that has been underutilized for years. To promote collaboration in learning, new mobile furniture is being introduced with the hope that all classrooms can soon have this innovative seating. The Marlin Spirit Shop & Catherine McAuley Tea Parlor will be completed in early 2020 and provide a spot to showcase spiritwear and a comfortable space for students to enjoy a quiet cup of tea. Sister Regina would have truly loved these new special Mercy areas and opportunities.

As we look to the future, we continue to build on Sister Regina's strong leadership, accomplishments and ideals, knowing that God is our center and that today's world needs many more "women who make a difference." Sister Regina lived to "Serve the Lord with gladness" and we thank her, and all of you, for making Mercy possible for our young women and in turn, the world.

In Mercy,

Cherry Delaney Kreyer Edd.

Cheryl Delaney Kreger, EdD '66

# In Loving Memory of Sister Regina Marie Doelker '56 September 26, 1938 - August 20, 2019



Thousands of Mercy High graduates across Michigan and the world experienced the loving teaching and leadership of Sister Regina Marie Doelker. Her connection to Mercy High School spanned 7 decades and continued until her death.

Ruth Doelker was a student and 1956 graduate of the Catholic all-girl Our Lady of Mercy High School when it was located at Southfield and W. Outer Drive in Detroit. Inspired by the Sisters of Mercy who taught her, she entered the "Mercies" when she graduated and later taught Mathematics at her alma mater from 1964-74, then heading the Math Department.



She was Mercy High School Principal from 1986-2001 at the current location in Farmington Hills and served as President from 2002-2010. Her contributions through 7 decades are remarkable. Regina's legacy was her ability to personally







connect with and engage people in her life's work. She often remembered birthdays, holy days and holidays with her handwritten notes and no request was too large to ask of herself or others if it was



for Mercy. She moved Mercy administratively into a new Principal/President model and she was able to create a long range vision for the school. Through the efforts of a successful capital campaign, the new science wing was created leading to Mercy's STEM initiatives and technology excellence. Under her leadership, sports facilities were improved and the first ever tennis courts were created. She continued to develop endowed scholarships, creating the ability to invite students to attend Mercy who did not have the financial means.

Mercy's current President, Dr. Cheryl Delaney Kreger '66 remembers Sister Regina fondly as a teacher, mentor and friend. "Regina dedicated her life to teaching young women and her legacy challenges us to sustain the important work of Mercy High School. She believed in and lived





Such a vibrant woman. Always a warm-hearted, humorous, helpful teacher and mentor. Even after she retired she continued her support of Mercy in so many ways. I'm sure she's up there cheerleading for all of us to carry on the Mercy spirit.

- Linda Valli

I had two classes with Sister Regina Marie. She was a force of nature, and her influence, both at Mercy and upon the many young minds she nourished, will be an enduring legacy. She was one of the many excellent teachers who "got" me, and I hope to have one-tenth of her ability in teaching my own students.

- Pia White Taavila-Borsheim '70

A true servant of God. I will never forget her lifting me up when I needed it most.

- Judi Grove



the words of the Venerable Catherine McAuley who founded the Sisters of Mercy: 'No work of charity is of more importance to society than the careful education of young women.'" Sister Regina approached her life with enthusiasm, humor, and through prayer.

When Sr. Regina celebrated her 60th anniversary as a Sister of Mercy in 2006, she wrote: "My 60-year journey as a Sister of Mercy has truly been a wonderful adventure. I have lived my ring motto, 'Serve the Lord with

Gladness.' Our founder, Catherine McAuley, has modeled for me a desire to teach young women and to be an advocate for the poor. Community life has strengthened my faith, my love for prayer, and my love for my sisters."



The Sisters of Mercy hosted a welcome home service, vigil and Mass of Resurrection the weekend of August 23rd.

Nearly \$10,000 has been received from members of the Mercy Community for her endowed fund in the last few months.

Donations are welcome in memory of Sister Regina to the Sister Regina Marie Doelker Endowed Scholarship Fund care of Mercy High School.







# Congratulations Mercy President Dr. Cheryl Delaney Kreger '66

We are proud to congratulate Mercy President Dr. Cheryl Delaney Kreger '66 on being named to Crain's Detroit 2019 Notable Women in Education Leadership!

As an alumna and Sisters of Mercy Associate, Dr. Kreger is a true woman of Mercy. She leads by example and embodies all that Mercy stands for as an institution. Her exceptional enthusiasm, dedication and involvement with Mercy students, staff and stakeholders is unparalleled.

Dr. Kreger is an exceptional leader. She possesses the strategic vision to move the organization into the future, and the empathy to recognize the complexity of change. Her style, and acumen are powerful assets, appreciated by faculty, students, parents and the Mercy Board."

- Margaret Dimond Ph.D. '76, Board of Trustees

Earlier this fall, she began her 10th year of service to Mercy High School after a long and prestigious career in the Public School system. When she worked in the Public Schools, she spoke directly with political figures including the Governor and local politicians to change policy in areas including early childhood programs, special education and funding.

Dr. Kreger belongs to MESA (Mercy Education System of the Americas) and participates in their conferences, cohort experiences and collaborates with other Mercy sponsored schools. She recently presented a session on Human Resources to new Mercy Presidents across the Americas.

Most recently at Mercy High School, Dr. Kreger increased focus on fundraising, brought Mercy to a stable financial position, hired talented faculty, strengthened local governance and transitioned the school into a new

external governance structure. She led successful efforts to create strategic and operational plans to guide the school's sustainability and long range vision. She wrote and received a grant for a staff wellness and recognition program, initiated a plan for



endowed funds to support faculty and created financial support for instructional improvement to create learning in curriculum areas where needed. She has written grants to improve programs for STEM and she directly fundraises for all instructional, scholarship and capital improvements all while being a high level donor herself.

"In my work with Dr. Kreger, I have found her to bring great creativity and insight to the many challenges and opportunities that face secondary education today. She constantly strives to place the needs of students at the forefront of her efforts. Through her leadership, Mercy High School continues to reach higher and higher levels of excellence and provides young women with opportunities to thrive while promoting a collective consciousness for the common good." - Jerry Gumbleton, Principal, Plante Moran

THANK YOU, Dr. Kreger! We honor your leadership, support and dedication to educating Mercy women who make a difference.

# Sr. Nancy 70-Year Jubilee



God bless Nancy Thompson, RSM who celebrated her 70-year Jubilarian as a Sister of Mercy! Sr. Nancy is beloved by all in our community who remember her dedicated years as Mercy High School Associate Principal, Principal and Interim President. Sr. Nancy's current ministry at Mercy High School is working on special projects and archives in the Advancement Office.

"God's love is everlasting. These past 70 years have over and over affirmed this quotation. I have been so very blessed to be a Sister of Mercy, ministering to God's people amid so many beautiful companions, women of Mercy!"

# Meet the New Mercy Staff

Mercy students and parents frequently cite family and community as important factors in choosing Mercy High School. This school year is unique in that we welcome multiple new team members. There is much excitement throughout Mercy with the addition of our new team members who bring positive energy and a fresh perspective.

**Roy Asher (Math)** holds a B.S. from Michigan State University (Engineering Industrial Design), an M.B.A. from the University of Detroit-Mercy and a teaching endorsement in secondary math certification. Roy formerly taught at Loyola High School.

**Darlene Earls (Fine Arts)** earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at the University of Delaware, a Master of Fine Arts degree from the historic School for American Craftsman at the Rochester Institute of Technology, and K-12 art certification from Oakland University. She also teaches adult art courses at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

Laura Merritt Everett '98 (Alumnae Relations Director) has been a Mercy staff member since 2015 as an Attendance Officer and is now the Alumnae Relations Director. She holds a Bachelor of Communications and Master of Business Administration.

**Shelley Fager-Bajorek (Performing Arts)** Mrs. Bajorek has extensive experience as a director, choreography and producer - as well as in designing and instructing performance arts curriculum.

Gillian (Jill) Herold (English) is originally from Toronto, Ontario and joins our team with Honors certifications in both Engish and History. She has much experience in mentoring and coaching students for ACT/SAT writing success. Jill previously worked at Jalen Rose Leadership Academy.

Alisa Kelly (Attendance Coordinator) She previously worked as a para-educator, substitute teacher, and classroom tutor. Alisa holds a Para-Educator Certificate from Oakland University and is currently focusing on a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Kaplan University.

Amy Maida (Learning Specialist) Amy holds a Masters of Arts in Education from Eastern Michigan University, and a Bachelor of Science in Education from Central Michigan University. She is a certified Reading Specialist with endorsements in Special Education and Educational Leadership.





Back L to R: Laura Everett '98, Becky Zimmerman, Marylou Waineo, Amy Maida, Roy Asher, Tyler Parlor '14, Alisa Kelly. Front L to R: Darlene Earls, Christin Schmitt, Kristena Stachura, Jill Herold, Megan Neumann '91; Single photo: Shelley Bajorek

Megan Stoneback Neumann '91 (Advancement Assistant) Megan has been actively involved in Mercy High School Alumnae Association events and will be assisting the Advancement Office with database and Special Events. Megan graduated from the University of Dayton with a Bachelors of Science in Education.

**Tyler Parlor '14 (Accounting Assistant)** Tyler earned a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Oberlin College. She is the founder and CEO of a start-up non-profit organization, Allegory Productions, which engages in charitable and educational production of media content geared toward improving the accessibility of information, knowledge and experience.

**Christin Schmitt (Science)** joins the team with a Master of Arts in Education Administration and a Bachelor of Arts in Science. Christin most recently taught at South Lyon High School.

**Kristena Stachura (English)** joins Mercy with over sixteen years of teaching in Catholic education. Kristena most recently worked at Our Lady of Refuge and has extensive experience in secondary education having taught at both Ladywood High School and Immaculate Conception High School.

Marylou Waineo (Media Center) joins us from St. Fabian where she has served in various roles including library aide, computer aide, teacher aide and substitute teacher. She has a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences from Central Michigan University.

**Rebecca (Becky) Zimmerman (Math)** comes to Mercy with a Master of Arts in Administration, a Master of Arts in secondary education, and a Bachelor of Arts in Advertising. Becky joins us from Waterford Mott High School.

# Talk with Tarps

Dean of Student Affairs Mrs. Eleasha Mercer Tarplin '94 kicked off her new initiative this school year "Talk with Tarps" where she welcomes students and staff to stop by for a chat and snacks in the Lobby to ask questions, share concerns and ideas. She hosts these talks once a cycle on rotating days and has received fabulous feedback which has positively influenced school policies.



# Mercy Named Apple Distinguished School

Mercy High School is pleased to announce that it has been recognized as an Apple Distinguished School for 2019-2022 for our integration of technology across the curriculum and school life.

Apple Distinguished Schools are centers of innovation, leadership, and educational excellence that use Apple products to inspire creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking. They showcase innovative uses of technology in learning, teaching, and the school environment and have documented results of academic accomplishment.

"In order to achieve this designation, Mercy needed to demonstrate a continual effort to plan, implement and evaluate transformational instruction using Apple technology. It is gratifying to have our innovative endeavors recognized in this way." - Larry Baker, Associate Principal & Apple Distinguished Educator

The selection of Mercy High School as an Apple Distinguished School highlights our success as an innovative and compelling learning environment that engages students and provides tangible evidence of academic accomplishment. Mercy has been an Apple Distinguished School since 2013.

Mercy teachers are Apple Teacher certified and each one is supplied with iPad and MacBook Air. Classrooms are equipped with Apple TV and most teachers utilize Apple Classroom. Teachers use interactive apps that allow students to demonstrate their learning in various ways and require projects which are enhanced and transformed by video.

All students utilize iPad and in their freshwoman year take Mercy's active learning iExplore course which centers around projects that employ engineering principles. iExplore introduces students to STEM experiences while delivering instruction through student-centered activities that focus on problem-solving. Students collaborate and edit each other's work using a variety of note taking, text, video, audio and interactive applications. Most instructional resources and assignments are available through the learning management system Schoology, which also provides integration with apps like PowerSchool and Google Drive.

At Mercy, young women have the opportunity to be technology teachers and program innovators through the iPad student tech team called the iWizards and the Robotics Team. The iWizards conduct iPad orientation for all new students, present at tech conferences, provide tech support and media production resources to the Mercy school community.

Mercy also hosts an annual Tech Talk Conference for Educators, has a Mobile APP, iMercy Multi-Touch book, Podcasts featuring Alumnae, three computer labs, a Digital MakerSpace Room, Collaborative Corner, 3-D Printer, and offers coding and AP Computer Science courses. Mercy's technology vision and goals are to cultivate and support active and collaborative learning, nurture creativity, develop STEM curriculum, assist students in becoming adept communicators, promote

global citizenship, cultivate critical thinking, and develop safe, responsible digital habits.



Recognized by Apple as a distinguished school for continuous innovation in learning teaching and the school environment

### **Education & Technology Apple Book**



The 37-page
multi-touch book
"Education &
Technology Mercy
High School
Michigan" submitted
for Mercy's Apple
Distinguished School
recognition is now

available to download and read on Apple Books at: https://books.apple.com/us/book/mercy-high-school/id1487191346?ls=1.

It is packed with media and comprised of photo galleries, 1-2 minute movies, pop-up features and other graphics featuring students and staff.

### WELCOME ARCHBISHOP VIGNERON

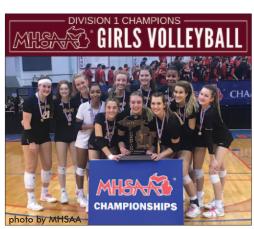
We were honored and grateful to welcome back Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron to Mercy. Archbishop Vigneron met with Youth Mercy Associates, celebrated Mass, bestowed a blessing on our student leaders, spoke to the senior class, and enjoyed a reception with staff.





### STATE CHAMPIONS X2





#### Swim & Dive

- State Champions,
   Oakland County
   Champions, Catholic
   League Champions
- Record Breaking News!
  Congratulations to swimmer
  Greta Gidley who set a new
  Mercy record and a new
  CHSL record of 23.19 for
  the 50 freestyle and Ciara
  McCliment who broke the
  Mercy record for an 11
  dive meet with a score of
  412.60.

#### Volleyball

- State Champions, Regional Champions, District Champions, Catholic League Champions

# Senior Scholars

Congratulations to these seniors on earning National Merit Scholarship Program Recognition for being some of the highest scoring PSAT/NMSQT test takers!



Angela Rea '20 was named a Semifinalist in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program.



Elyse Zurawski '20 and Katherine Hutter '20 were named Commended Students in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program.



Genesis Gonzales '20 earned the status of Scholar in the National Hispanic Recognition Program.

### We are proud to CONGRATULATE OUR CLASS OF 2020 COLLEGE BOUND ATHLETES!

Front Row, R to L: Keiley Black: Lacrosse, Albion College; Isabelle Sawicki: Rowing, University of Michigan; Alex Callaghan: Swimming, Lynn University; Lindsey Case: Swimming, Hope College; Back Row, R to L: Isabella Genise: Swimming, John Carroll University; Kylie Goit: Swimming, Michigan State University; Emily Guerrera: Swimming, Xavier University; Tierney Janovsky: Swimming, Providence College; Jess Mruzik: Volleyball, University of Michigan





### Volleyball Honors for Jess Mruzik '20

We are proud to congratulate Jess Mruzik '20 on achieving high level awards and accolades this volleyball season. Jess was named the 2019 recipient of the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association's prestigious Miss Volleyball award. She earned distinction as a 2019 Under Armour First-Team All-American by The American Volleyball Coaches Association. Jess was also named Most Valuable Player of the 2019 FIVB Girls' U18 World Championships. Jess helped lead her USA team to an historic title after an epic gold medal win over Italy. Jess will continue her volleyball career at the University of Michigan. Way to go, Jess, for being one of the very best high school volleyball players in the nation!

# Immaculée Ilibagiza Rwandan genocide survivior shares her story at Mercy

October 2019 NEWSPRINT Story By: JULIA CANTY, CAITLIN FLYNN, ISABELLE SAWICKI, LAUREN KRILL

When Immaculée Ilibagiza came home from college for Easter break in 1994, she did not know that her life would never be the same. Immaculée was born and raised in Rwanda, and lived through the Rwandan genocide as a Tutsi tribe member. At the time, being a Tutsi was a death sentence as they were being targeted for extermination by the Hutu tribe.

For several years, Immaculée's memoir Left to Tell has been read and discussed in Mercy's English 9 classes. The book is separated into three parts, each sharing different aspects of both her life and the genocide through her eyes.

In part one, "The Gathering Storm," we learn about Immaculée's family of six, her life growing up in Rwanda, and going to college on a scholarship. As a senior in college, she returned home to celebrate Easter with her family when the Rwandan genocide began. Immaculée was sent by her family to go live in the home of their next door Hutu neighbor, Pastor Murinzi, where she would be safe. This was the last time she saw her family.

Part two of the memoir, "In Hiding," describes the 91 painful days that she spent hiding in Pastor Murinzi's three-by-four-foot bathroom with seven other women. Although a period of unimaginable struggle, the amount of reflection, growth, prayer, and learning that occurred during this time made Immaculée the inspiration she is today.

The memoir concluded with part three, "A New Path," which highlights Immaculée's life after the genocide.Immaculée was taken to a French camp where she learned of the deaths of her family and met her mother's friend who invited Immaculée to move in. Eventually, she started working for the United Nations. The book ends with Immaculée in the jail where her family's killer was held, holding his hands and saying that she forgives him.

Immaculée's story is a powerful reminder of the importance of forgiveness and the freedom in letting go. She is an incredible example of strength, perseverance, faith, and kindness.

But why did her story arrive in the hands of Mercy freshmen?

In hopes to provide a more well-rounded curriculum, Mercy's English department added two memoirs in 2015. The Glass Castle, by Jeannette Walls, was introduced to the first semester's 'What does it mean to grow up?' curriculum theme. Whereas, Left to Tell was added to enhance the second semester's 'What it means to be human' theme.

Left to Tell offers not only valuable themes, but historical context on a subject that has not received much light. Many compare this genocide to the Holocaust in Nazi, Germany, but with significantly less coverage.

"After the Jewish holocaust, there was nearly a decade before any first hand literature was released," said English 9 teacher Mr. Steve Morgan. "More time has to pass for important accounts like this to continue to teach and understand the magnitude of these stories."

After Immaculée published her accounts of the genocide through the novel in 2006, other authors have published their own personal testimonies to the tragedy. Novels such as Love Above All: Forgiveness of a Young Rwandan Genocide Survivor, by Jean De Dieu Musabyimana, and A Voice in the Darkness: Memoir of a Rwandan Genocide Survivor, by Jeanne Celestine Lakin, have also played a role in informing the public about this genocide.

"It is important stories continue to come out," said Mr. Morgan. "With the world being the most divided I have seen it in my lifetime, you have to remember it happened there, it can happen anywhere."

It is because of this divide in the world right now that makes these stories so important. Stories of faith and forgiveness in times of adversity continue to inspire and bring hope to all of those who read them.

Immaculée has made the darkest moments of her life into a universal tale of compassion. Despite no person in our building having ever faced nearly the same threats or fear, so many girls continue to connect with her story.

"When I first read Left to Tell, I was incredibly inspired," said junior Grace Nieto. "Immaculée taught me that whenever you're facing a problem, the strength of God will get you through [it]. This book really changed my world view and my life."

Immaculée's story is one that displays how God worked in her life, and the story of how Immaculée came to Mercy is no different.

Kerry Kurowski, the mother of senior Faye Stork, decided to read the novel Left to Tell when her daughter was assigned to read it in class her freshman year, and the book changed her life.

Two years later, Mrs. Kurowski started a new job with a Michigan-based religious talent management group. One day during a meeting, she discovered that the group handles all of Immaculée's travel and events.

"I just started crying in the meeting," Mrs. Kurowski said. Now, she works closely with Immaculée and is a part of helping spread her message of faith across the globe through her work with the company.



Throughout her time of working with Immaculée, Mrs. Kurowski has told her about Mercy and how great it would be for her to visit the students. During the summer, it was discovered that Immaculée had some availability during October, and the date was set for her to come to Mercy.

Because the book had such an impact on Mrs. Kurowski, it was important for her to use this incredible opportunity she had been given and spread Immaculée's message even further.

"Mercy has been so good to my daughter," said Mrs. Kurowski. "I wanted to figure out a way to give back and I couldn't think of a better way to say 'thank you' than to bring Immaculée to the Mercy community."

The anticipation surrounding Immaculée's arrival to Mercy was so incredible because students could not wait to meet the woman they all felt a personal connection to. Immaculée's warm and humorous demeanor took students by surprise. She explained how forgiveness has freed her to live without the weight of death on her shoulders. Although Mercy students may never live to endure tragedy as devastating as Immaculée's, she reminded the Mercy community that our faith bonds us together.

"Inside we are all the same," she said. "We have the same Father, and how he works in [our] hearts, I think people can find themselves through that. Whatever problem you have, [even if it's] something you're going through with a friend, it's the same rosary [and] the same God we talk to."

Immaculée's personality reflects everything she stands for: love and acceptance. When asked what advice she would give to any Mercy students who doubt their faith, she became reflective.

"It is so sad when you are doubting your faith—doubting that there is someone with you always," Immaculée said. "I have gone through it, but now I feel like what I always wake up to is more faith."

Immaculée encourages anyone experiencing troubles with their faith to continue to seek truth and never give up. She believes that prayer is the most powerful tool anyone can use while finding their faith, specifically the rosary.

"Ask questions and don't settle," she said. "The prayers we say are like water you put on [a] flower. If you do not [pray], the flower is doomed to die."

### Reunion Weekend





You can always notice a reunion of Mercy girls. It usually comes with a high pitched shriek, an embrace of two or more women and lots of laughter. Milestone classes returned on September 28th for their class reunions. Mercy offered tours of the school, class photos and everyone gathered together for a luncheon where updates of what's new at Mercy were given.

The class of '99 was the first class to offer a Networking event in the Mercy drama studio. The purpose was to connect professions in order to build future working relationships. The alumnae who were not able to attend were offered the option to video conference to to be a part of the event.





Class of '89



Class of '49



Class of '79 gathered here in the Motor City for their 50th class reunion. Rose Apap Fricke, Mary Beth McDonnell Weiss, Joan Hittler Hammell, Carrie Tracey Murphy, Chris Bego Sturm, Kari Messing Conrad, Mary Harrington (Naud), Michele Fisher Paris, Kathy Bego (Schneider)

# Mercy and Rock Family of Companies Professional Immersion Day

The Mercy Entrepreneurship class had the opportunity to head to Detroit to visit the Rock Family of Companies for a Professional Immersion Day in November. The mission of this new venture is to expose Mercy students to a large, dynamic organization with multiple disciplines, gain understanding in corporate citizenship, learn about opportunities for internships in the future and direct interaction with women in leadership from many different disciplines. Prior to the event, students had taken a personality strengths assessment, researched the Rock Family of Companies and submitted questions to be answered by a panel.

The day-long event featured team building activities, an overview of the company culture where they learned more about the importance of diversity within the workplace, and a walking tour.

During lunch, students were able to participate in a Women in Leadership panel facilitated by Rebecca Leddy McDonald '91 Vice President of Product Strategy. Mercy alumnae Angela Cini '93, Team Leader in Technology and Belle Haroon '97, Vice President of Talent Solutions, were members of the panel alongside three other panelists who held Mercy connections. The panelists provided rich perspectives from the fields of community sponsorship, banking and client relations.

"I would tell my high school self to start career exploration early on with internship or shadowing programs." - Belle Haroon '97

"I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with the next generation of ladies that will make a difference. They were engaging, thoughtful and reminded me of why Mercy is such a special place." - Rebecca Leddy McDonald '91, creator of Immersion Day.

Mercy is grateful to this new partnership with The Rock Family of Companies. The next Immersion day will take place in February 2020.





# Legacy Dinner

The Alumnae Board hosted the annual Rite of Passage ceremony known as the Legacy Dinner on October 29th. This year there were over 35 multi generational families who have embraced the Mercy experience and are able to share that same experience with their daughters as well as granddaughters.

It's so fun seeing that my entire family, Mom, Grandmother, aunts and cousins have all come to Mercy and we got to spend the evening together. - Grace Seefelt '20

"Life is truly full circle...so proud to be able to share in this momentous experience with Alexis, an experience that we cherish together with our fellow Mercy sisters."

- Alexis Moten Roberts '92 and Alexis Roberts '21, pictured here, below right.





### Auction Alumnae Stories

"Every action we take impacts the lives of others around us. The question is, are you aware of your impact?"

We are looking to feature alumnae stories at this year's Annual Auction Impact & Inspire 2020 on February 8th. How has your Mercy education has inspired you to impact the world? Please send us your personal stories to auction@ mhsmi.org. We will be selecting stories from alumnae to be showcased throughout the Auction.



These stories may also be used in future Mercy marketing efforts.

### New Director of Alumnae Relations



My name is Laura Merritt Everett '98 and I would like to introduce myself as your new Director of Alumnae Relations. In 2015, I joined Mercy as a staff member in the Attendance Office. My new role began at the end of August and since then, I have enjoyed meeting new alumnae, greeting alumnae who come into the Mercy building on a daily basis and working with our internal staff as well as the Alumnae Board in continuing our Mercy traditions for all to enjoy. The Mercy Community needs you as well. As I walk the North and South halls on a daily basis, I am still

overwhelmed with nostalgia of my high school days. I would love for you to come walk the halls with me, share your memories and thoughts of how we can continue to build new relationships for the future. I am looking forward to meeting you!

In Mercy,

Laura Merritt Everett '98 • Ipeverett@mhsmi.org

# **UPCOMING**EVENTS

#### Ladies Game Night

Friday, January 24, 2020 7:00pm Mercy Cafeteria

#### Senior-Class Alumnae Luncheon

Tuesday, January 28, 2020 11:30am - 2:00pm Glen Oaks Country Club

VIP Tours at Open House for Alumnae Families

Thursday, January 30, 2020 6:00pm - 6:30pm

Tea for Tuition

Sunday, April 26, 2020 2:00pm - 4:30pm Mercy Gymnasium

# Honoring Connie and Brian Demkowicz



Connie and Brian Demkowicz were honored at the President's Reception with the President's Award for Transformational Leadership during the 2019 Reunion weekend. Connie and Brian are the proud parents of Mercy girls Carly '17 and Meggie '21 and have three sons Dylan, Jared, and Derek.

The Demkowiczs are transformational leaders who have influenced ideas and initiatives at Mercy. Connie and Brian have supported many Mercy events, including the Annual Auction, were lead donors for our recent capital campaign and served as members of the Campaign Cabinet. Connie assisted with projects for the Mercy tennis team and sponsored the "Adopt a Bench" idea for the tennis courts. Mercy athletes now have a seat to rest between sets and parents have a comfortable space to watch.

Both Connie and Brian have been supportive of a more comprehensive outdoor athletic facility so all teams and fans feel part of the Mercy family when they spend time cheering on the Marlins. With their help and guidance, our north campus parking lot has been completed.

We are grateful for the Demkowicz's participation, creativity and insight to make Mercy a better place with robust academic and athletic programs that serve all students well.

# New Athletic Parking Lot

We are so grateful to Mercy donors who provided funds to support the creation of this new convenient parking lot and landscaped area at the athletic fields and tennis courts. This spring, we hope that all fans will come out and enjoy our Marlin athletic events.



# Support the Jackie Michon Scholarship Fund

Join us on May 30, 2020 for a Walk and Dinner to benefit Jackie Michon Educational Foundation which funds a scholarship at Mercy. The event begins with a walk at Kensington Metro Park followed by dinner at Big Tommy's Parthenon in Novi, MI. Visit jackiemichonfoundation.org for more information.



Mercy women at the 2019 event.

### Honoring Isabel and Larry Smith

Isabel and Larry Smith were honored with the President's Award for Transformational Leadership at the Circle of Mercy reception in October.

Their connection to Mercy began with their beautiful and talented daughter Claire, an alumna from the class of 1986. They supported Mercy High School during her four years as a student and in 1992, set up a fund to support the Performing Arts.

After Claire lost her battle to cancer, that fund became the Dr. Claire Smith Hornung Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship fund has now been supporting Mercy musicians, vocalists and performers for 28 years.

"Capturing the essence of Isabel and Larry is a difficult task. The usual descriptors cannot do them justice," according to Mercy President Cheryl Kreger. They share so much after 60 years of marriage - love of their wonderful family, a deep Catholic faith, a love of the arts and a commitment to philanthropy and support for many worthwhile causes.

Mercy is blessed to count Isabel and Larry Smith as two of our strongest supporters. We are grateful for the opportunity to honor them with this award.



# New Athletic Training Facility

Mercy's Athletic Department has begun a project in the lower level. This transformation will enhance self-confidence and student-athlete success across all sports through disciplined work and improved conditioning and agility. Members of the Mercy community volunteered hundreds of hours of service to remove hardware, lockers, and concrete platforms from the basement.

The new facility provides approximately 8,000 square feet of year-round space for calisthenics, bio-metric and bio-mechanical work, sport-specific skills instruction and practice and a myriad of other conditioning and agility activities. The facility will also provide two 50-meter tracks along the exterior walls. These tracks allow aerobic conditioning, speed and agility work and technical training in an indoor environment.

Special thanks to Carla LaFave O'Malley '70 and Judy Herzog (Christine '05, Natalie '08) for hosting an incredibly successful fundraising event. At this time, we have raised over \$125,000 for this effort, which includes a \$110,000 gift from a longtime Mercy supporter. These funds allow for the purchase of specialized athletic flooring and the renovation of an existing bathroom. Significant funds are still required for new LED lighting, security and safety features, and other athletic equipment.

If you are interested in supporting this project, please contact the Advancement Office at advancement@mhsmi.org or 248-893-3538.

Thank you for supporting our mission of educating women who make a difference.

Here are the names of all donors to Mercy's Annual Givina Program from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. This list includes contributions to the Annual Fund and aifts restricted to endowment, Tuition Assistance, capital projects, special events, as well as other areas of interest.

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1. 1989 6. 1970 7. 2. 1956 1965 1990 8. 1981 3. 1992 4. 9. 1991

10.1971

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#### 1961

Mary Brennan Bernard Marilou Schmidt Drewniak Carol Sue Pienta Hagstrom Lynn Gayney Pheney Sister Marian Schultz, RSM

#### 1962

Mary Johnston Barry Sherry Cyrol Buczek Kathryn Kurtz Fashoway Karen Crittenden Maher Sharon Jamison Schultz Mary Formwalt Wooten

#### 1963

Nadine Frazier Maynard Veronica Celeskey Nantais

#### 1964

Lorraine Terrien Aitken Kathy Dul Aznavorian Joanne Tymoczko Foerg Joann Junker King Sister Maureen Ann Mulcrone, RSM

#### 1965

Joan Avery
Mary Jo Donahue Balcer
Sister Mary Ellen Brennan, RSM
Amelia Sosnowski Inman
Cora Ann Hall Vancso
Patricia Mueller Martinico
Margaret McCarthy
Joanne Parrinello
Mary Madeline Parks Prokop
Sandra Westphal Rodwan
Sharon Walker Rose
Patricia Leonard Salter
Linda Valli
Carol Lucik Venanzi
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#### 1966

Mary Gerhard Dwyer Cheryl Delaney Kreger Valerie Hebel McNeece Maryanne Mott Schutte Kathryn Anderson Sikorski Vita Coppola Spano Diane Weiss Taylor Mary Beth Houlihan Wheeler Nadine Martynow White

#### 1967

Judith Abraham Catherine Yee Agacinski Kathleen Switalski Guider Kathleen Calice Mills Janice Baranski Sanders Maria Ward

#### 1968

Maureen Sullivan Alterman Mary Lou Caspers Kathy Sawaya Koops Marilyn Mazur Judith O'Connor Christine Mortell Plazas Anna Cullen Rado Elizabeth Truly

#### 1969

Rosemary Abraham Kathryn Quinn Belvitch Kathleen Bogas Evelyn Allen Brosch-Goodwin Joan Doemer Colladay Patricia Cote-Miles Patricia Valade Dalrick
Julie Wright Fisher
Patricia Gust Hanley
Mary Anne Madden Hoffman
Kathleen Zasuwa Kolbe
Kathryn McMuldroch Ling
Celeste Allen Novak
Lynn Werth Parfen
Linda Herbeck Pastucha
Teresa Schafer Sullivan
Barbara Hafner Walker

#### 1970

Priscilla Boroniec Judy Buersmeyer Brankiewicz M. Susan Hackett Delonis Helene Dombrowski Mary Ferrari Mary Pat Zaliagiris Harter Kathleen Hasse Horner Diane Krasnewich Susan Lolli Louise Warner Lorenz Margaret McNamara Mato Bonnie Downs McArthur Kristine Anhut Moravek Carla LaFave O'Malley Catherine Spencer Phillips Joy Hartsig Pollard Patricia Thull Colleen Clancey Tompkins Dona Tracey Barbara Pleva Wasung Michaelon Wheeler Wright

#### 1971

Karen Brown
Mary Cary Crawford
Celeste Dykas Dykas
Beverly Land Fritz
Denise Lehr
Rosanne Loesch
Mary Ann Orr McAlear
Kathleen McNeely
Mary Perrone
Joan Rychter
Shirley Rotary Schneider
Gloria Seidl
Karen Smith
Bridget Barney Sondermark
Kathy Kolbe Studzinski

#### 1972

Colleen Cavanaugh Maureen Dooley Lori Tracey Holtsclaw Mary Lou Hurych Sheri Luster Jaffurs Diane Jakubowski Karen Garner Moore

#### 1973

Marcia Hajdyla Beauchemin Karen Mogentale Bennett Cathleen Cavanaugh Carol Conley Domino Barbara Stang Fleszar Susan Peterson Guy Mary Finger Hall-Price

#### Top 10 Classes for Dollars Raised

1.	1977	6.	1991
2.	1966	7.	1975
3.	1982	8.	1978
4.	1963	9.	1965
5.	1970	10.	1976

Linda Herman
Felicia Sawicki Kurz
Sharon Wloszek Larkin
Patricia Livingston
Maureen Look
Diane Raszkowski Morgan
Mary Ellen Mulcrone
Donna Lusczakoski Nesbitt
Rosemary Ebner Pomeroy
Susan Roegner
Patricia Zelinski Smith
Janice Watson-Shada

#### 1974

Wanita Whiting Forgacs
Mary Elizabeth Gauthier
Christa Grix
Cynthia Gumley Harrington
Sharon Funk Hupp
Suzanne Schaefer McKinnon
Sandy Dul Mily
Janice Hakemian Petcoff
Susan McHugh Pettis
Annette Tedesco Rowe
S. Kathleen Salisbury
Mary Gazdecki Stahl
Christine Tierney
Diana Brady Whitney
Karen Law Wiltsie

#### 1975

Anna Amato
Janet Baiardi
Joy Morris Brietzke
Lori Doyle
Margaret Hackett
Kathleen Kelly
Mary Kennedy Martuscelli
Susan Winkler Rokosz
Linda Strong Silvasi
Nancy Smith
Carol Terrien
Patricia Zerio Uhrin
Kimberly Hoffiz Whipple

#### 1976

Maureen Repucci Babicz
Ann Oswald Benett
Tara Hanley Bratton
Suzanne Smiggen Condit
Margaret Dimond
Rita Digirolamo Krause
Linda Lhota
Cynthia Martin
Kathleen McKee McCann
Karla Rose Midalebrooks
Tina Cyrol Russette
Sue Steiner
Denise McDonald Vecellio
Carol Yerby

#### 1977

Mary Law Baumgarten Janna Goffer Chesser Elizabeth Coleman Chierici Mary Hammell Conen Catherine Dinan Dillon Cheryl Duplessis Haithco Johnson Kathleen Doyle Johnson Suzanne Harper Kaperzinski Ruth Kowaleski Rita Dilworth Lewry Regina LaHaie Loszewski Marisa Petrella Suzanne Robison Mary Beth Schenden Jane Esper Vogel Joanne Albert Walle

#### 1978

Margaret Bernhard
Diane Dietz
Mary Cloire Hammer Kenney
Michele Kramer McNary
Julianne Meyer-Sorek
Colette Grix Rizik
Sally Christiansen Santoni
Laura Hull Wolford

#### 1979

Megan Maher Brennan Connie Craig Margaret Hungerman Anne Nichols Susan Kolon Rachlis Christine Bego Sturm

#### 1980

Theresa Maggioncalda Anderson Kathy Antaya Annette Plant Coleman Maryanne Hodges Dunleawy Suzanne Heinlen Green Mary Anne Apap Napolitano Karen Kluk Rotondo Rebecca Steele Michelle Marion Wagner Andrea Wills

#### 1981

Anne Zitny Barrett Lorraine Kaminski Bock Leslie Demyan Mary Ralko Devine Margaret Adams Gaudin Lucia Kemennu Shannon Walsh Lawlis Patricia Maher Debra Majeski Meg Mallon Eileen McCarthy Colleen McMaster Susan Neumann-Gorzynski Lisa Oliver Michele Putnam Olson Michele Kluk Sauer Marcella McGarrigle Smith Lynne Herberholz Spiwak Suzanne Tanguay Stephanie Capodilupo Williams Dina Zemke

#### 1982

Rita Albers
Mary Ellen Swallow Aria
Jill Berry
Karen Garms Brennan
Julie Olk Ehrlich
Mary Brown Lawless
Patricia McClellan
Christine McNish
Virginia Minolli
Kathleen Landry Qualy
Mary Ann Loniewski Ransler
Maureen Carlson Sisco
Stephanie Crane Smith

#### 1983

Mary-Jelisse Bonello Margaret Mularoni Burns Brenda Ellens Lisa Fitzpatrick Andrea Vangilder Hoeft Susan Malone Nash Margaret Bosco Sale Cora Villaruel Shannon Cooper Wolf

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1984

Patricia Carbajo Gretchen Damm Joanie Davidson Forfinski Mary Herbert Dana Drew Johnston Michelle Abraham Mahoney Michelle Garms Monticello Frica Pettis Anne Marie Poleck Annemarie Lesters Proctor Kimberly Shallal Susan Smith Anne Babington Somary Svlvia Stein Catherine Hochstein Stus

Lisa Lobbia Baird Beverly White Bambach Wende Markey Boerema Megan Shannon Curoe Melissa Swiacki Ewald Colleen McCracken Hackett Tracy Johnson Maureen O'Hara Kebo Margaret Haapala Kurpiers Catherine Paler-Amaya Elizabeth Bonello Reust Catherine Kelly Rose

#### 1986

Kristine Boyle Debra Cleaver Koehler Kari Sletten Lawry Carleen Klemczak Lunsford Anne-Marie Romanik Patenaude Lea Williams Rose Paula Smith Treharne

#### 1987

Kelly Garbin Maribeth Knight Diane Whitton Mitchell Shannon Percy Monica Ford Pouncy Maria Dietz Scott Mary Beth Seefelt Bessie Skoures Luanne Thomas Ewald Sarah Gibbard Wuellner

#### 1988

Melinda Smigelski Ernat Julie Jozwiak Suzanne McNish Moceri Kelly Schaefer Crystal Caruana Sullivan Nancy Kelly VanDenBerg

Gigette Ilagan Bejin Stephanie Ewald Bellisario Heidi Bishop Bliss Caralynn Brown Colleen Wright Buckley Cindy Grush Cornejo Cathleen Edgell Bridget Burke Flanigan Felicia Ford Jennifer Knust Gordon Christine Johnson Cheryl Spitale Jones Jennifer Sears Keuten Ban Sadek Kizy Jennifer Lyons Mary Tenbusch Marron Teresa Coletta Rea Shay Scott

Colleen Sirhal Barbara Thomas Tammie Wright Williams

Marjorie Mendoza Almeda Rebecca Bonnell Altounian Kathryn Seefelt Baetz Kathleen Scanlan Crowell Lisa Brennan DiBattista Karen Picard Kahn Maureen Kelley Margaret Kronk Kromm Althea Alviar Lee Susan Broughton Locke Heather Cahill Lowry Anne Bonczak Nemer Tracie McClellan Poniatowski Cheryl Law Sawicki Kathleen McDonald Sevener

Megan Dunn Crespi Tara Luzod Kaasa Rebecca Leddy McDonald Julie Kronk Schokora Wendy Richard Skorupski Shelly Soenen Stephanie Dickow Surowiec Kelly Cosgriff Warrick Kari 7immerer Wilson Sheila Wisely-London

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#### 1993

Leslie White Colone Lisa Sikorski Formosa Lillian Godoy Patrizia Paciocco Jesue Meghan Roselle Johnson Beth Ziobro

#### 1994

Kathryn M. Balcer Michele Falvo Kendall Miea Lamb Loiselle Eleasha Mercer Tarplin Jennifer Werner

#### 1995

Molly Johnson Ambrose Constance Guzinski Kathryn Scallen Lee Rejane Pierre Katharine Runyan Wingert

Suman Palakodeti Desaraju Alexis Harrison Dishman Heidi Wahl LaFever Patricia McGuire Carrie Fling Nantais Jennifer Munfakh Shaw Danielle Spiewak Maureen Stirling Weiss



Carey Haller Connolly Genevieve Kolasa Delonis Alison Kline-Kator Rebecca Coury McNear Amy Roselle Menzer Kimberly Vaughn Price Alexa Rukstelë Katherine Nelson Zischke

#### 1998

Andrea Meier Boggemes

Jennifer Kaczmarek Amin Shannon Haffey Castelli Carey Czech Jansen Monica Osterberger Rebecca Phelps Thurmond Rebecca Surowiec Tibus

#### 2000

Emily Butler Danielle Dickow Carol Flanigan Meghan Moraniec Gioannini Antoinette Mazzoni Kramar Maisha Mims-Clarke Carolyn Stroud Schmidt Katie Mason Summers Lilymae Elgincolin Swan Katie Windisch

Melissa Beras Maureen O'Brien

#### 2002

Keara Donohue Natalie Khoury

Danielle Rabahy Brandon Meghan McInerney Lisa Rodriguez Nazoyan Anne Nicole Megan Messana Page Heather Sexton Pfitzenmaier Margot Spera Eloise Page Spetko

#### 2004

Monisha Berkowski Emily Fishwick Rachel Broniak Hunter Aisa Villarosa

#### 2005

Megan Carolin Landry Christina LaRosa Cathleen Kowalski Maes Amy O'Neil Elizabeth Williams

Madison Groneck Kammann Lauren Bennett Marquard Rebecca Moylan Brittany Young Muneio Elizabeth Smith

#### 2007

Amanda Hall Borg Coreen DeFever Tessa Abraham Miller Lauren Myrand Karly Pfeffer-Nuechterlein

#### 2008

Kathryn Gardner Garry Katelyn McDowell Sara Wagener

#### 2009

Rebecca Guerriero Tiffany Haddad Deidre Ratliff

#### 2010

Gabriela Castillo Patricia Battersby Jacob Kathleen Kilcoin Julianna Smith

#### 2011

Lauren Cachat Ellen Gabelmann

#### 2012

Kathryn Costello Natalie Diehl Melany Janer Elena Lamping Fllen Lezotte Susan Panetta

#### 2013

Jaclyn Godwin Cristina Petrella

#### 2014

Lauren Melanson 2016

Kristen Hiser Lindsey Nash

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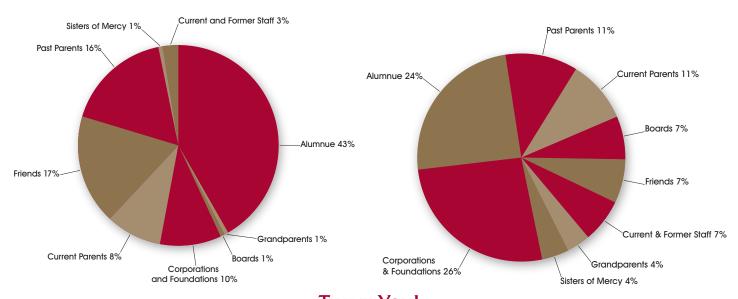
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Save the date for the 30th Annual Mercy Golf Outing Monday, September 28, 2020 at Meadowbrook Country Club!

### Send us photos of Your Mercy moments!

For Mercy High's 75th anniversary in 2020, we're putting together a book rich with photos and stories that illustrate the school's history, legacy and impact.

The book, tentatively titled "Mercy High School of Michigan," will be published through Arcadia Publishing's "Images of America" series. You may be familiar with these books, which chronicle local history subjects and have sepia-toned covers.

We'll be using about 200 photos that cover the school's founding from 1945 as Our Lady of Mercy High in Detroit through to this year's activities at our campus in Farmington Hills. We're looking for vintage photos of slice-of-life Mercy moments. Longtime local journalist and author Patricia Montemurri, mother of Mercy alumna Natalie Diehl 2012, is assembling the book. If you have photos you'd like her to consider, take a photo of photo with your phone, or scan it and email it to her at pmontemurribooks@gmail.com.

Please include details about the people and events illustrated in your photo.

#### 1960s

Mary Beth Houlihan Wheeler '66 Mary Beth and her husband, Bob have been world-travelers this year, spending two weeks in the Sudan with Stanford University Travel/Study followed by 2 weeks in northern Ethiopia with friends. Their next trip is a 12-day December adventure in the UK with fellow alumna, Linda Budd Hagan '66. They are excited to stay at 17th century homes and experience the Christmas season in Cornwall. mb@thewheelers.com

Mary Ann Recchia '69 rediscovered her passion for fiction writing, painting, music and community theatre. She is humbled and grateful to Mercy for the solid foundation they instilled. Mary is married to her soulmate and the love of her life, Robert H. Brown, they recently celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary. Both being retired, they are privileged to travel often, support the arts and use their experience for community engagement on matters of poverty and homelessness in Central Florida.

#### 1970s

Lucinda Ann Rexford Slezak '70 married Terry L. Slezak on April 4, 2019. Mary Ann Williamson '70 served as the Matron of Honor.

Felicia Sawicki Kurz '73 and Rosemary Ebner Pomeroy '73 reconnected in September 2019 at the AKC Dog Museum in New York City.

Denise McDonald Vecellio '76 along with Leah Nagy Berdy '76, Joyce Gulick Nadolny '76, have



enjoyed the challenge of completing half marathons. Most recently they finished a 30k bike race through a very hilly and rough terrain that resulted in lots of laughs and lasting memories. denisemv262@aol.com

**Diane Dietz '78** was inducted into the University of Michigan Sports Hall of Fame in October 2019.



Colleen Broderick McClorey '79, her husband Kevin and two children reside in Novi. She practices

healthcare law at the University of Michigan, Office of General Counsel. Colleen and her family enjoy traveling, boating, cooking and spending time at their cottage. colleenmcclorey@hotmail.com

Teresa Bonadeo Charnell '79 retired from Duke Energy as a Sr Land Agent. She joined her husband, Ray, in retirement and they are now traveling the world. t.charnell@icloud.com





Mary Elizabeth McDonne Weiss '79 has lived in Baltimore since 1985 when she graduated with a Bachelor of Architecture

from the University of Cincinnati. She met her husband there and together have raised four children. They have enjoyed seeing where their interests and talents take them. Mary will always remember the long hours spent in the art studio with Sr. Mary Ignatius - it well prepared her for a career in architecture. mary.weiss@yahoo.com

Eileen Foley '79 Eileen graduated from Michigan State University in 1983 with a B.A. in Audiology and Speech Sciences and from Central Michigan University in 1987 with an M.A. in Audiology. Eileen practiced Audiology in Michigan, Maryland and New York until 1995 then transitioned into pharmaceutical clinical research. Eileen started Foley Research Consulting, LLC in 2013 and is currently consulting with bio-pharmaceutical companies in immuno-oncology research across the US and Canada. foleyeileen@yahoo.com

#### 1980s

Karen Wernette Kolc '84 and Michelle Reska '84 are celebrating



almost 40 years of friendship at the marriage of Karen's daughter, Sara Kolc-Brown, who married Erik Brown in April 2019. Sara also graduated from Ferris State University with a Pharmacy degree and daughter, Olivia Kolc graduated from Grand Valley State University with a Bachelors in Finance. kkolc@yahoo.com

Jennifer Plant Lynn '85 Earned a Doctor of Education from Central Michigan University in May 2019. javajen@up.net



Maureen Helen Kelly '85 is a realtor with 16 years of experience who is happy to help any Mercy girl find a reputable agent anywhere in their area.



Margaret (Peg) Kelley '88 has spent the last decade transitioning from a career in publishing to

Mental Health Counseling. After completing her M.A. in Counseling in 2014, she worked in a group practice in Ann Arbor until May of this year when she opened her own practice, NeuroFitness Counseling Services. Margaret welcomes referrals in the Ann Arbor area.

She credits her Mercy education for laying a strong foundation for her educational & professional career. neurofitcounseling@gmail.com

Anne Klumpp '89 along with her husband, Brian, are officially on "the road of adventure". They are living full-time in their motorhome while traveling around the country. You are invited to follow their adventures at www.ontheroadofadventure.com. anne@ontheroadofadventure.com



Christina Phillip '89 would love to assist in helping one understand the value of their current home and advantages of buying and selling in the current market. She's a realtor in SE Michigan and can partner with Mercy alumnas to provide her expertise in addition to investment and relocation opportunities. In addition to the state of Michigan, she has a referral base in Colorado, Nevada, and Florida offering title and escrow services, decluttering, staging, and estate sales needs. chris@shainpark.com

#### 1990s

Jennifer Goff Barry '90 In February 2019, Jenn was asked to Co-Head Citi's Illinois Leadership Council. Jenn also celebrated her 25th year at Citi in July 2019. jenngoff@mac.com

Brooke Potts Stamberski '98 married Eric Wakefield in Candler, NC on September 14, 2019. To make the day even more memorable, 74 years earlier, Brooke's grandparents were also married.



Maureen McDonald '99 is a multi-platinum selling songwriter and recording artist also known as Mozella. Her most recent work includes co-writing 4 songs on the new Jonas Brothers album, "Happiness Begins." Mozella lobbies for songwriter's rights in Washington and is a board member for the Los Angeles chapter of the Grammys.

Sarah Cahill Wisniewski '99 and her husband, Marc, welcomed a baby boy, Luke Robert this past January. They currently reside in Northville.



#### 2000s



Erin
Johnson
Bevel
'00 is a
worker/
owner of
Detroit
Playcare,
a mobile
childcare
service
located in
the metro
Detroit

area. As a homeschooling mom wanting to maintain connections in her community, Erin was frustrated by the lack of child-friendly spaces at community events. To that end, Detroit Playcare childcare providers set up a childproofed space with toys, books, costumes, arts and crafts at a variety of events ranging from meetings to conferences, churches to community centers. Their mission is to help adults do the important work they desire with the benefit of having their child(ren) close by, being cared for by background checked, CPR/First Aid certified childcare providers. Detroit Playcare (www.detroitplaycare.com) is a women-owned and minority mommy owned business. epjesq@gmail.com



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Or contact the Alumnae Office at alumnaeoffice@mhsmi.org or 248-476-3270. Submit news and photos related to family, career, awards, etc.

Jenna Cobb '00 married Keith Farrugia on November 9th, 2019 at Gesu Catholic Church. Keith and Jenna were introduced by Mercy board of trustees member, Anita Sevier. Jenna's bridal party included sister, Jia Cobb '98, Tecla Sweeney Pearl '03, and a host of other Mercy family alumnae were in attendance. Jenna is a public defender in Washington DC.





Kari Byl Bramos '00 was diagnosed with TTP in '06, where doctors then warned it could be difficult to conceive and carry

a full term pregnancy. November 1, 2018 at 10:23am, she and her husband, Bob, welcomed the most beautiful, perfect, and 100% healthy baby girl London Katherine Bramos. karilynn33@live.com



Dr. Maegan
Daughtery '01
was named
one of the
Michigan
Chronicle's,
40 under
40 this past
September.



Julia Siciliano
'01 lives in
Spain while
maintaining
her position
as artistic
director of two
recital series
in the Detroit

area where she travels the world for performances, "The Pleyel Piano Series" at the Scarab Club (scarabclub.org) and the Cranbrook House and Gardens "Steinway Piano Recital" (housegardens.cranbrook. edu). Julia also performs within these programs at least once a year. siciliano.julia@gmail.com

**Lisa Ludwinski '02** was awarded Crain Magazine's 40 under 40 award this fall. Lisa is the owner of Sister Pie bakery in Detroit.



Lindsay Dougherty McConnell '04 and husband John welcomed their daughter, Marin, in May 2019.

She joins big sister, Mae. The family lives in Columbus, OH.

Samantha Primeau King '05 welcomed her first child, Bodhi King, on April 29, 2019. Bodhi's Godmother is Cathy Smith '05.

Sheradyn Holden Pitzer '06 is expecting Baby girl #2 on Easter Sunday, April 12th, 2020.

Becky Moylan '06 daughter of Peggy Mangold Moylan '72 married Peter Hoffman on May 25, 2019. Her bridal party included Marcie Swan '07, Emily Hunter '06, and Meghan Meyers Chambers '14. Anna Sklut '06 and Sarah Rogers Salow '07 cantored, and Lauren Bennett Marquard '06 was a reader at the mass. The celebration included more than 20 Mercy girls, and former teacher Mr. George Wright.

Elizabeth Brady '08 married Andrew Hughes on June 21st, 2019. She was joined by Maid of Honor, Haley Cavanaugh '08 and bridesmaid, Marilyn Medley (future Mercy girl), daughter of Kate Brady-Medley '94.



Leah Klaserner Rosochacki '08 and husband Nick, and son Thomas (two years) welcomed a daughter, Luella Marie, into their family on August 5, 2019.

Megan Gegesky '09 received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Ohio University in 2014. She then completed her Masters of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Missouri University in 2016. magegesky@gmail.com

**Tiffany Haddad-Azzi '09** is excited to share that she has taken her



pharmacy and management skills to the next level and was promoted to district manager. Tiffany also married the love of her life on Sweetest Day, October 19, 2019. tmhaddad44@gmail.com

Toni Rose Arceno Zednik '09 married Louis Zednik on September 28th, 2019 at Church of the Transfiguration in Southfield, MI. Emily Clark '09 was the Maid of Honor, while other members of the Mercy family were in attendance during the day's celebrations. Toni Rose & Louis currently reside in Southfield. arce8058@kettering.edu



#### 2010s

Lauren Babb '10 was recently appointed to the California Commission for the Status of Women and Girls by Governor Gavin Newsom. As an appointed commissioner, she has the honor of advising the Governor on issues that matter the most to women and girls in California. The commission's major focus is on pay equity and advancing opportunities for girls in STEAM and technology. laurenababb@gmail.com



Ashley Lyles '12 was recently named Miss New York International 2020. She serves as an ambassador for the

American Heart Association and the "Go Red for Women" movement. Ashley is a graduate of New York University's Science, Health & Environmental Reporting Program (NYU SHERP). She also currently serves on the Foundation's Women's Heart Health Initiative advisory committee. Her work has taken her to Honduras, Cambodia, and Ghana and has appeared in notable outlets such as The New York Times Daily 360, PBS NewsHour, The Huffington Post, Undark, The Root, Psychology Today, TCTMD, and Tonic (Health by Vice), and more. ashleylylesnyu@gmail.com

Celeste Haddad Awad '12 married William Awad at The Basilica of St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church in Livonia on July 13th, 2019. celestehaddad@yahoo.com



**Taylor Jones '15** is currently playing professional basketball in Portugal. **Candice Leatherwood '14** is a Graduate Assistant at Siena Heights for Women's Basketball. They are pictured here with family, staff member and basketball coach Gary Morris.



# In Memory

# Mercy Alumnae

Suzanne Heimbuch Robertson '63, July 2018 sister of Barbara Heimbuch Jenkins '71

#### Carol De Lorenzo Acker '62.

October 2018 sister of Rosemarie Roney De Lorenzo '59, Diane De Lorenzo McHugh '61 and Judith De Lorenzo '66; cousin of Darlene Hiett De Lorenzo '59 and Denise De Lorenzo Bryant '86

Margaret Twoeny Sieffert '58, November 2018

Patrice Bowen Smyczek '69, December 2018 sister of Suzanne Bowen Ruff '59

Mary Janet Wagner Cagnon '48, December 2018

**Pearl Horger Martineau '55**, February 2019

Catherine Lee Stanko '60, June 2019

Sr. Sean Eilleen Allgeyer formerly known as Norene Marcella Allgeyer '56, August 2019 sister of Sr. Mary Geraldus (Therese) Allgeyer '50 and Patricia Allgeyer Donnelly '54

### Margaret Oswald '82,

August 2019 sister of Ann Oswald Benett '76, Mary Oswald '77, and Katie Oswald Wherity '83

Sr. Regina Marie Doelker '56,

August 2019 sister of Nancy Doelker Paffenbach '54, aunt of Regina LaHaie Loszewski '77 and Michele LaHaie Samuelson '79

Barbara Lemay Mussey '47, August 2019

Catherine Semenuk Beddow '67, August 2019

#### Ellen Feinstein Venos '62,

September 2019 mother of swim coach Mike Venos, mother-in-law of Angela Cleaver Venos '84 and grandmother of Kelsey Edson '08

**Denise Taylor Malone '83**, September 2019

# Mercy Family

Mary Alice Whiting, January 2019 mother of Anne Mary Whiting Teichert '69, and Wanita Whiting Forgacs '74

Emilie Bolan, April 2019 mother of Teresa Bolan O'Connor '69, Barbara Bolan '70, Cecilia Bolan Bator '72, Diana Bolan Greenberg '75

William Clancy, May 2019 father of Colleen Clancey Tompkins '70

Nicholas Wills, June 2019 brother of Andrea Wills '80

Stanley Urban, Jr., July 2019 father of Katherine Urban '07

Hoylande Ann Sokalski, July 2019 mother of Cathy Sokalski Campbell '76, Caroline Sokalski Byrd '78, Margie Sokalski Lisius '80, Mary Sokalski Walquist '82, and Andrea Sokalski Zander '91

Benjamin Wilkinson, July 2019 son of Lynne Hunter Petersen '86

Dr. Nola Wernette, July 2019 mother of Patricia Wernette Ruelle '74, mother-in-law of Dianne Terry Wernette '62, grandmother of Dawn Wermette-Leff '80, Karen Wernette Kolc '84 and Cindy Wernette Morris '88

**Stanley Pluszczynski**, August 2019 grandfather of Maria Pluszczynski '13 and Gabby Pluszczynski '20

Jacqueline Chance, August 2019 mother of Cindy Chance Weickert '83

Rosemary Wolan, August 2019 mother of Laura Wolan Sandmark '72 and Marybeth Wolan Nelaon '81 **Elizabeth Grix**, August 2019 mother of Christa Grix '74 and Collette Grix Rizik '78

Margaret Steinbacher, August 2019 mother of Julie Campbell '79, Jennifer Makela '80, Susan Steinbacher '82 and Kate Geraghty '86

**Timothy Dempster**, August 2019 father of Phoenix Dempster '15 and Summit Dempster '17

Gene C. Darnell, August 2019 father of Joan Darnell Adragna '83

**Bethena Brown**, August 2019 grandmother of Kimberly Kennedy Charles '89

Marie-Jeanne Lytle, September 2019 mother of Track & Field & Cross Country Coach Andy Lytle, grandmother of Lauren Lytle '17

**Lucian lacobell**, September 2019 father-in-law of staff member Amy Sill lacobell '93

**Dr. Michael Bonczak III**, October 2019 father of Catherine Edwards '81 and Anne Nemer '90, grandfather of Samantha Nemer '22

Patrick McSweeney, October 2019 brother of Rita Kramer '83, Maureen Blair '86, Mary Cassar '92 and brother-in law of Kelly McSweeney '93

James Oswald, October 2019 father of Mary Oswald '77, Ann Oswald Benett '76, Margaret Oswald '82 and Katie Oswald Wherity '83

**John Mondro**, November 2019 father of staff member Anne Marie Burras

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### **OPEN HOUSE**

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