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## Mercy High School

### MISSION STATEMENT

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of the Sisters of Mercy,  
educates and inspires  
young women of diverse  
backgrounds to lead and  
serve with compassion.

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Maureen Carlson Sisco '82  
Stephanie Dickow Surowiec '91  
Eleasha Mercer Tarplin '94

## ADVANCING MERCY

The Mercy Advancement Department is proud to announce some exciting staff changes!

Going forward, the Director of Advancement will be a shared position filled by Jennifer Stark and Maureen Stirling Weiss '96 who have been serving in the Admissions Office. Both have advancement and marketing experience, plus a full knowledge of Mercy High School. As a result, Advancement welcomes Amy Sill Iacobell '93 and Kelly Stirling McSweeney '93 who will job share as Admissions Directors.

Current Advancement Assistant Olivia Hanna will take over the Special Events position. Finally, a warm welcome to Erin Somerville who will start this summer as the new Major Gifts and Advancement Administrator.



Jennifer Stark



Maureen Stirling  
Weiss '96



Kelly Stirling  
McSweeney '93



Amy Sill Iacobell '93



Olivia Hanna



Erin Somerville

## Mercy Needs YOU



Did you know tuition alone does not cover all the costs involved in running an extraordinary high school like Mercy?

We rely on the generosity of our supporters to bridge the gap between what tuition covers and actual school costs. Every gift, every donation, no matter the size, helps us provide the very best staff, technology, academic and spiritual offerings, fine arts, and tuition assistance so that every student can reach their full potential.

By making a donation to the Mercy Annual Fund, you are helping to ensure a Mercy education to young women for years to come.

## Where does your gift to Mercy go?



Campus Operating Costs



Tuition Assistance



Scholarships



Specialized Academic Programs



Highly-trained Faculty and Teaching Staff

Visit [mhsmi.org/donate](http://mhsmi.org/donate) to make a gift to the Mercy Annual Fund for Excellence today!

## INSPIRING TEACHERS SAY FAREWELL TO MERCY

Beloved teachers Ms. Kathy Kitzmann, Mr. Gerry Meloche and Ms. Fran Mika are retiring from Mercy High School after touching the lives of generations of young Mercy women. They have been invaluable, influential members of the Mercy family making a difference in hundreds of classes for thousands of students! We THANK YOU for your enthusiasm for education and your devotion to the Mercy community.



### Kathy Kitzmann

Ms. Kitzmann has completed 25 years of service at Mercy teaching Chemistry. *"I have been blessed to teach great students and to work with wonderful colleagues in the science department. I won't miss grading lab reports but I will miss the daily interactions with my students."*

*"You were very real and down to earth, and you made learning fun. I went into nursing after you instilled in me a love of science. You talked to us girls with respect and had patience for our questions and mistakes."*

*"I am so thankful for the skills and determination that AP Chem gave me, as it played a large role in me surviving the rigorous science curriculum of college. In the fall, I will be attending medical school. I will never forget your passion for chemistry. I also want to thank you for your participation in Kairos. I remember your talk so vividly still and remember how beautiful it was to see the way God has worked in your life."*



Photo by Lilly Blake

### Gerry Meloche

Mr. Meloche has worked closely with every grade level at one time or another teaching Biology and Microbiology for the past 31 years at Mercy. *"I have been blessed to be able to come to work each morning at Mercy and spend the day with my 'other' family. Whether I was teaching, learning, doing labs or just shooting the breeze with students, I always felt like I was where God always planned for me to be."*

*"Through his genuine kind spirit and warm, loving smile, he has the ability to make anyone feel like they are the most important person in the world at that moment. I cannot count the number of times he has gone above and beyond for me alone. Not to mention the hundreds of girls he encountered every year. He made everyone feel that they were special and loved without even trying. His spirit will always live on at Mercy and through the thousands of lives he impacted."*

*"If any person on this planet should be working with teenagers, it's him. He doesn't just teach so you can pass the test. He teaches you everything you have to know, but also throws in interesting tidbits to keep you engaged. He clearly loves what he does, and he passed that love of science on to me. I am proud to say he gave me a great foundation to pursue my nursing degree."*

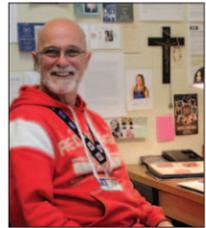


Photo by Karina Lloyd

### Fran Mika

Ms. Mika is retiring after 38 years at Mercy, having taught almost every English class offered, from Writing Fundamentals to Myth, Tale & Legend. *"The daily classroom dynamic is both exhilarating and demanding. I will miss the students, parents, colleagues, support staff and Administrators who are the heart and soul of Mercy."*

*"Congratulations on the culmination of your career at Mercy, and on your retirement. Your service to the school and its students are to be lauded! Thank you for your dedication, grace, care, guidance, and humor over so many years."*

*"As my first English teacher as a freshman at Mercy, you made me feel comfortable and motivated to improve my English and writing skills. I can even say I enjoyed reading for school as I took the Myth, Tales, and Legends class and Women in Literature. I want to thank you for all of your kind words, thought-provoking lectures, and constructive criticism to my writing."*



## Heart of Mercy 2016

Mercy High School rejoices for 2016 Heart of Mercy Award recipients Olivia Collins '16 and Social Studies Teacher Mr. Gary Morris who live out the values of Human Dignity, Service, Justice, Mercy, and Option for the Poor. Thank you for being faithful and compassionate people of God who make a difference to everyone in our Mercy family!

Here is just a glimpse of what students had to say about these inspirational school leaders: **Olivia** makes everyone feel welcome and important. She believes in people more than they believe in themselves. She has no idea of the impact she makes on students each and every day. **Mr. Morris** participates in all aspects of Mercy and volunteers his time and effort to support his students. He wants everyone to succeed. Mr. Morris has a huge heart. God's compassion is in everything he does.



## Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Science Teacher Mrs. Sara McGavin on being named the Mercy High School 2016 Teacher of the Year. She loves science and wants every girl to love it as well. She is authentic, optimistic and her enthusiasm is contagious.

Mrs. McGavin currently teaches Anatomy and Physiology and is Assistant Softball Coach. Mrs. McGavin was also awarded the Serra Chevrolet Teacher of the Month for May.

Here is what some students had to say about Mrs. McGavin, *"She is passionate about teaching science and focuses on the development of her students. She genuinely cares for us and challenges everyone to do better and is supportive in helping us reach our goals."*



## God Bless the Class of 2016

207 young Mercy women will soon enter college and go on to make a difference. Congratulations for earning over \$23 million in college scholarships and serving over 27,000 hours of community service.

**Valedictorian - Taylor Lombard**

**Salutatorian - Lucy Devine**

**Sr. Emily George Award - Elizabeth Blake**

**Heart of Mercy Award - Olivia Collins**

**Garn Griffin Athletics Award - Abby Krzywiecki**

**Principal's Leadership Award - Kristen Hiser**

The Mercy Administrative Team hosted a Catherine McAuley Tea celebration in honor of all the Valedictorian and Salutatorian finalists on Monday, April 25. This distinction considers not only academic record but also leadership, service, and extracurricular involvement.

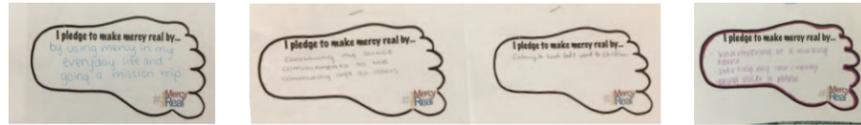


Back row, L to R: Sabrina Yancey; Natalie Cieslak; Brianna Woodbeck; Hannah Hembree; Erin Judd; Lauryn Hauncher; Bridgette Conniff; Elizabeth Blake

Middle row, L to R: Cydney Ayad; Audrey Jones; Alana Sullivan; Taylor Lombard; Caitlin Delevie; Lucy Devine; Colleen Hadley

Front row, L to R: Hannah Lunsford; Christina Schira; Marie Camp; Carly Camp; Theresa Benton; Maureen McGough

## #MAKEMERCYREAL



How gifted we are to be named Mercy during this extraordinary 2016 Jubilee Year of Mercy as declared by Pope Francis, "What moved Jesus... was nothing other than mercy, with which he read the hearts of those he encountered and responded to their deepest need."

Throughout the year, the Mercy Mission Committee held school-wide activities to commemorate this Year of Mercy and to #MakeMercyReal. A special Adviser Group was held in April in which students were asked to write down on "footprints" one thing that they pledge to do to live out one of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy and how they would "Make Mercy Real." After making their pledge, they all received a #MakeMercyReal bracelet as a reminder of their call to share God's mercy with others. The footprints currently line the halls to remind us all to #MakeMercyReal!

## An Alternative to Spring Break

The #MakeMercyReal initiative was in full effect when students Zora Pullen, Sara Posa, Claire Forfinski, Heather Lillystone, Lucy Devine, Alana Sullivan, Carmela Sleva, Nadia Hakim, Kaitlyn Brown, Jenna Chami, Sarah Dwyer, Libby Lee, Annie Leuker, Elisabeth Levadowski, and chaperones Judi Dennis, Sara Dennis and Joanie Davidson Forfinski '84 embodied the Mercy of Christ and the mission of Catherine McAuley while taking "An Alternative to Spring Break." By Paisley Sutton '16, Photography and Art Editor of *Newsprint*, April 2016 issue.

Mercy students have been making the trip to Kentucky for alternative spring break since 1997. The girls work with Habitat for Humanity, a Christian organization that provides housing to low-income families across the nation. "It gives [Mercy students] the opportunity to see how people less fortunate live, and to give back," said pastoral minister and trip chaperone Mrs. Judi Dennis. "Habitat is God-centered and their values match Mercy values."

The type of work varies from year to year, depending on what needs to be done. In previous years, students have been the first group to start on the house. This year, however, the girls were the last group to work on the home and completed molding, painting, insulation and landscaping work. Being the last group meant that the girls got a chance to meet the homeowner at the end of the week.

"You can't put a value on what you're giving and what you get out of it," said Mrs. Dennis. "We met the homeowner on Friday, a woman in her early fifties, who never owned a home. She was so excited!"

"It was definitely an impactful experience," said Kaitlyn Brown. "I was able to bond with the girls who went, and I learned really awesome things on the work site. Most of all, I left knowing that the work we did in one week changed a woman's life... I am blessed to have been able to take part in it."

The entire Mercy community gets involved with alternative spring break. Monetary and food donations from Student Council and the Mothers and Dads Clubs, along with gardening tools from students and seeds from the McDowell family, made the trip possible. Over the years, a number of teachers and parents have taken the trek to Kentucky along with the students. Mrs. Dennis looks forward to it each year, calling it a "different way of way of worshipping and praising God."

Inspire family and friends to #MakeMercyReal. The Sisters of Mercy invite everyone to celebrate this 2016 Jubilee Year of Mercy by sharing the ways you have been called and challenged to open your hearts to give and receive God's mercy.

Post photos, artwork, community service and events on social media by using the hashtag #MakeMercyReal.



Photo by Alana Sullivan '16

## ROBOTICS COMPETES AT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS!



The Mercy High School Robotics Team (The Riveters) competed at the FIRST World Championships held April 27-April 30 in St. Louis, MO. With a robot designed and built by the students the team placed 48th out of 75 teams on the Carver Field. They finished in the top 12% of all robotics teams worldwide. The robot's unique climbing mechanism was ranked in the top 3% worldwide in points achieved. They were recognized by FedEx as one of three teams to achieve superior Imagery and were awarded a new MakerBot 3D printer. See The Riveters Team 1481 in action at <https://youtu.be/BQUh0NbYvGY>.

At the state championship qualifiers, The Riveters were awarded the Jack Kamen Imagery Award, which recognizes them as the number 1 team for Imagery in the State of Michigan. The Riveters were the highest placing all-girls high school in the state of Michigan!

## NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC ART AWARD WINNERS

Mercy High School seniors Miranda Stano, Jinghan (Molane) Hu and their teacher, Ms. Susan Smith '84, have earned national recognition in the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards of 2016. Miranda won a gold medal and an American Visions Medal for her drawing titled "Grandmother." Jinghan (Molane) won a silver medal for her drawing titled "My Grandmother" and a silver medal for her portfolio titled "People In My Eyes." These students have been identified by panels of creative professionals as the most talented young artists in the nation. This year, nearly 320,000 works of art and writing were submitted. Only the top 1% were recognized at the national level.

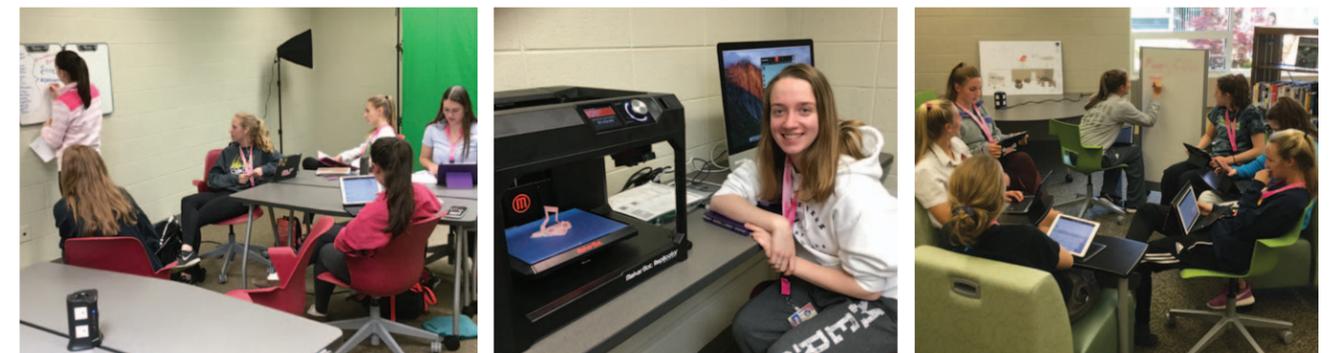


Miranda Stano '16



Jinghan (Molane) Hu '16

## Digital Creation Room a Reality!



THANK YOU to Witte's Wish Auction donors Rita Dilworth Lewry '77 & Tom Lewry for making the new Digital Creation Room and Collaborative Corner a reality for all students! The room is located in the Media Center and equipped with 6 MacBook Pros with 13" displays; 27" iMac; 50" monitor and HP desktop; new tables, chairs and moveable desks; 8 individual whiteboards; green screen with lighting; Canon T6i 24.1 megapixel video camera and MakerBot Replicator 3D printer.

## TEA FOR TUITION SETS RECORDS!

The 12th Annual Tea for Tuition was a spectacular afternoon. We were thrilled to welcome 365 guests, who were treated to appetizers, sandwiches, desserts and tea. Everyone enjoyed a program that included heartfelt talks from stellar women of Mercy, including President Cheryl Delaney Kreger EdD '66, Distinguished Alumna Sommer Woods '95, Board of Trustees Member Carla LaFave O'Malley '70, and student speakers Angel Bell '17 and Mikaylah Gard '16. The event raised a record \$38,000 for the Alumnae Association Tuition Assistance Fund.

Our gratitude extends to many in the Mercy community: Alumnae Board members, table hostesses, guests, speakers, volunteers, student servers, and donors. Special thanks to Marquis Food Service (Zina Abbo George '91) and Morrison Management Specialists for the delicious food.

Mark your calendar for the 13th Annual Tea for Tuition on Sunday, April 30, 2017. Hosted by the Mercy High School Alumnae Board.



Photo courtesy of Lisa Sikorski Formosa '93



Photos by Erin Kirkland '10

## SOMMER WOODS '95 RECEIVES 2016 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA AWARD

Mercy High School congratulates Sommer Woods '95, recipient of the 2016 Distinguished Alumna Award. Sommer is Vice President of External Relations and Marketing for M-1 Rail, a light rail circulator (QLINE) designed to strengthen the backbone of the Detroit region. Her responsibilities include workforce development, community engagement/inclusion, governmental relations, and minority/Detroit based business procurement. A colleague wrote, "In this role, she has been instrumental in ensuring that minority and women-owned businesses are given an opportunity to participate in and benefit from the business opportunities associated with the development of Detroit."

Sommer has an impressive background in public relations and large-scale special events management, as demonstrated in her roles with former Detroit mayor Dave Bing's Administration, the PGA TOUR, and the Super Bowl XL Host Committee. She serves as Detroit City Council's appointee to the Belle Isle Advisory Committee and serves on the board of Tour de Troit. Sommer has accomplished many career goals but considers being a mentor her greatest achievement, most notably with the Midnight Golf Program for youth development. Sommer and her mother Jacci Woods created a scholarship fund honoring her college golf coach. Each year they award deserving Midnight Golf students who will attend a historically black college or university. Sommer holds a bachelor's degree in business from Talladega College and is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

The Class of 1995 elected Sommer Senior Class President. To this day, Sommer continues her service to Mercy High School. Most recently, she shared her insight with the student club B.A.S.E. (Black Awareness Society for Education) and encouraged class participation in Mercy's 70th Anniversary and Grand Reunion Celebration. One alumna remarked, "Everyone she touches gets a taste of God's goodness."



2016 Mercy High School Distinguished Alumna Sommer Woods '95 and her mother Jacci Woods at Tea for Tuition on April 17, 2016.



Past Distinguished Alumna Award Recipients Celeste Allen Novak '69, Rita Marie Valade, RSM '72, Arleen Brennan Bonello '56 (Alumnae Board Member), Diana George Jacokes '67 (Board of Trustees Chair), Luanne Thomas Ewald '87 and Mary Pat McDougall '56 pose for a picture with Sommer Woods '95.

## THANK YOU, MERCY

Megan Carolin '05 took time during Lent to write us a note of gratitude. Megan is currently Hospital Account Manager at American Cancer Society.

To the Mercy Administration,

*I graduated from Mercy in 2005 - I know that there have been many changes since then. There are new staff, new uniform guidelines, new classes, and certainly new technology. But I am both hopeful and confident that the spirit of Mercy is the same as it always has been. What is the spirit of Mercy High School? In my eyes, it is one that is gentle yet powerful, encouraging and persistent, faith-filled and compassionate.*



Megan Carolin '05 (right) with her sister Maureen Carolin Gumbel '00 and her mother Penny Frailey Carolin '67.

*Being a student at Mercy taught me that women can be leaders, athletes, scientists, writers, artists. Mercy taught me to be accepting of everyone, and to lift up our peers rather than drag them down. Mercy taught me that faith is more than just sitting in a church pew, and Mercy taught me the power of connections. Mercy taught me to dig deeper, to explore further and to reach higher. Mercy taught me that I am very capable of accomplishing what I set my mind to, and that when I get stuck, all I need to do is ask. Mercy taught me about friendship, about honesty, and about embracing the life we have been given.*

*I truly believe that I am a stronger, more confident woman because of my four years at Mercy. The faculty and staff embrace their students in a way that I think is fairly rare. When I struggled in math class, Mrs. Kowalski gently guided me. When I was lost and needed a place to belong, Mrs. MacLennan and the pastoral team welcomed me with open arms. When I discovered my love for writing and became hungry for more, Ms. Desmond and Mr. Schusterbauer challenged me. When I was shy and eager to break out of my shell, Mrs. Rozman taught me the importance of just being me.*

*Because of my experience at Mercy, I went on to become a member of the Mercy Volunteer Corps and an Associate of the Sisters of Mercy. My goal is to spread the message of Catherine McAuley and of Mercy. Thank you for giving me something to be proud of, thank you for giving me a gift that I will cherish for the rest of my life.*

- Megan Carolin '05

## Exciting Regional Alumnae Events!

### Traverse City, Michigan Alumnae and Friends Reception

Connect with others in the Mercy community and hear exciting updates from President Cheryl Delaney Kreger EdD '66

Thursday, June 16, 2016  
6:00pm - 8:30pm  
The home of  
Amy Stock Ranger MD '86  
RSVP to [alumnaeoffice@mhsmi.org](mailto:alumnaeoffice@mhsmi.org)  
or 248-476-3270

### Jackson, Michigan Alumnae Gathering

Meet alumnae in your area who are interested in forming a South Central Michigan Alumnae Chapter.

Sunday, August 7, 2016  
3:00pm  
Steve's Ranch Family Restaurant  
311 W Louis Glick Hwy  
Jackson, MI 49201  
RSVP to Andrea Wills '80 at [agiulianowills@gmail.com](mailto:agiulianowills@gmail.com) or 517-768-1140



Denver alumnae reconnected in May 2015.



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## Come Home to Mercy for Reunion Weekend

SEPTEMBER 22-26, 2016

### Celebrating Milestone Classes

1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011

Reconnect with friends. Rejoice in coming home. Attend **REUNION WEEKEND 2016!**

### Thursday, September 22

Bonfire hosted by Dads Club

### Friday, September 23

President's Reception (by invitation)

### Saturday, September 24

Luncheon and tours, followed by Mass  
Off-site reunions planned by individual classes

### Monday, September 26

Make a Difference for Mercy Golf Outing  
Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center



### MORE REUNION NEWS

The Class of 1976 40-year Reunion is Friday, August 12, 2016 at the Detroit Marriott Livonia. Call 1-800-228-9290 for room block. Contact Michelle Morgan Carson '76 at [michelle.carson.76@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.carson.76@gmail.com) or Kim Dixon '76 at [kimmikay.kd@gmail.com](mailto:kimmikay.kd@gmail.com) for more information.



We are seeking class representatives from milestone years. Representatives serve as liaisons between classmates and the school for event questions and alumnae address/email updates. They encourage participation and help make the event meaningful for their class.

### CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

1946

1951

1956

1961 Pat Mooney

1966 Cheryl Delaney Kreger

1971 Shelagh Williams

1976 Michelle Morgan Carson and Kim Dixon  
(Reunion to be held August 12)

1981 Emily Day Gibson

1986 Jeannine Merrill

1991 Denise Cawley

1996 Felicia Felton, Carrie Fling Nantais,  
Patty Brady Perry

2001

2006 Brigette Burnett

2011 Mary Kate Vincent

Registration information will be available soon at [mhsmi.org](http://mhsmi.org). For questions, or to learn more about being a class representative, contact [reunion@mhsmi.org](mailto:reunion@mhsmi.org) or 248-476-3270.

## Alumnae Speakers Bureau

Mercy is grateful for alumnae who share their expertise with our students. Thank you to the following alumnae who spoke to classes this school year. To inquire about joining our Alumnae Speakers Bureau, contact Margaret Haapala Kurpiers '85, Director of Alumnae Relations, at [alumnaeoffice@mhsmi.org](mailto:alumnaeoffice@mhsmi.org) or 248-476-3270.

### Entrepreneurship, Marketing, and Media

Hope Harrison Bayer '96 and  
Katie Scallen Lee '95  
Co-owners,  
*Goldfish Swim School*

Kristen Zimmer Cronin '95  
Owner,  
*Club Pilates Michigan,*  
Novi and Beverly Hills

Janice Hanba '82  
President,  
*The BAHZ Group, Inc.*

Diana George Jacokes '67  
President,  
*Jacokes Communications*  
Chair, Mercy High School  
Board of Trustees

Lisa Ludwinski '02  
Owner, Head Baker and Cook,  
*Sister Pie*

Lindsay Muma Pavkovich '70  
President,  
*Hudson & Muma, Inc.*

Katie Sieracki '06  
Owner, *Boule Artisan Bakery*

### Psychology

Clare Martin MA, LLPC '08  
Licensed Counselor,  
*Meridian Health Plan*

### Justice and Peace

Lydia Wylie-Kellermann '04  
Writer/activist,  
*The Jeanie Wylie Community*

### Life Skills

Joanie Davidson Forfinski '84  
President,  
*The Assignment Desk*

Julie James '00,  
Caitlin James '02,  
Jennifer James '05 and  
Jessie James (MHS '00 - '03)  
*DROUGHT*

### British Literature

Emily Shimskey '11  
Actress

### Graphic, Product & Web Design

Tara Ellis '10  
Color Design Intern,  
*Nike*

### Ceramics; Sculpture

Mary Gillis Stokosa '70  
Artist/Owner,  
*Mary Gillis Studio*

### Advanced Placement Government and Politics; Contemporary Issues

Danielle Young '05  
JD Candidate,  
Harvard Law School

Additional thanks to  
Stephanie O'Neil '11,  
who served as  
Substitute Art Teacher.

## NOTABLE APPOINTMENTS



Margaret Dimond PhD '76 has been named President of Crittenton Hospital Medical Center.



Luanne Thomas Ewald, FACHE '87 has been named Interim CEO of DMC Children's Hospital of Michigan.



Carla LaFave O'Malley MPH '70 has been named Chief Development Officer for Autism Alliance of Michigan. Carla serves on Mercy's Board of Trustees.

## ALUMNAE CLASS NOTES

### SISTERCATION!

The 7 Kowaleski sisters, all Mercy graduates, spent a weekend in Chicago in summer 2015 to celebrate the youngest sister's (Marie's) 50th birthday. Pictured from left: **Cathy Kowaleski '79, Marie Kowaleski Tolen '83, Jean Kowaleski '80, Ruth Kowaleski '77, Therese Kowaleski Pilchak '75, Paula Kowaleski Bowman '70, and Maryanne Kowaleski '70.**



### 1950s

**Rosemary Smith RSM '56** was blessed with a vocation to the Sisters of Mercy. Sister Rosemary's professional life included 7 years as a junior high teacher, 28 years as a school principal at St. Francis Xavier and Assumption in Belmont, and 12 years as a superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Grand Rapids. In retirement, she enjoys volunteering in various Mercy Outreach endeavors at Holy Trinity Parish, Alpine; guest services at Mercy Health St. Mary's Grand Rapids; and the Diocesan Prison/Jail Ministry. This year, **Sister Regina Marie Doelker RSM '56** and Sister Rosemary are celebrating their 60th Jubilee in the Mercy Community. "My prayer is gratitude for the marvelous education received at OLM, and being with so many marvelous Builders of Tomorrow!" [rsmith@mercywmw.org](mailto:rsmith@mercywmw.org)

**Michaeleen Robichaud Ward '58** is planning a trip to the Canadian Maritimes and New England, along with Mercy alumnae **Noreen McGowan Keating '58, Lynn Gayney Phenev '61** and **Judith Hegberg Leo '61** and parents of alumnae Mary Ann and Jim Clement and Kay Crowley.

**Carolyn Przybysz Bree '59** has traveled to New Zealand, Kenya, Greece, Paris, and Prague. Carolyn keeps the Class of 1959 in touch through a quarterly newsletter.

**Des Neiges (Dee) Marquis-Payment '59** traveled with her husband to Havana, Trinidad, and other cities in Cuba. It was a people-to-people tour with an emphasis on educational and cultural activities.



### 1960s

**Donna Liedel Hodnicki '64** and husband Ken will move this summer from North Carolina to the Gulf Coast of Florida. She plans to continue to work online with Duke nurse practitioner students and to travel more. [dhodnick@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:dhodnick@georgiasouthern.edu)

**Patricia Anstett Kiska '65** is a long-time *Detroit Free Press* medical writer and is the author of *Breast Cancer Surgery and Reconstruction: What's Right for You*, from Rowman & Littlefield. The book is a new resource about one of the least discussed breast cancer issues: the surgeries millions of women have, whether they have breast cancer or a gene mutation that greatly increases their risk of cancer. [bcsurgerystories.com](http://bcsurgerystories.com)

**Janice Calligaris Sur '66** taught elementary school in Michigan for 25 years and taught English to a Chinese teacher in China, while raising her sons. Janice retired in 2008 but continues to substitute teach. She volunteers with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Forgotten Harvest and St. Fabian Church. Janice is a member of Earthwatch Institute. She recently went scuba diving at Barrier Reef in Australia. Janice splits her time between Michigan and Florida. [calligj@aol.com](mailto:calligj@aol.com)

**Anna Cullen Rado '68** shares that, ever since Mercy's 70th Anniversary Celebration, the Class of 1968 has been meeting monthly at various restaurants to socialize and support one another. Dinners usually have 12 - 20 attendees. Plans are



being made for a class trip in September 2016 nicknamed Route 66 at 66, as the class turns age 66 this year.

### 1970s

**Susan Lolli '70** enjoys retirement and keeps busy with photography classes and weaving. Susan is active in a number of weaving guilds and volunteers at the Weaving Shoppe at Greenfield Village. [slolli@comcast.net](mailto:slolli@comcast.net)

**Mary Grace Ricci VanDuinen '72** welcomed her first grandchild, Olivia Rose VanDuinen, on January 21, 2016.



**Sharon Wloszek Larkin '73** attended MSU and graduated with an accounting degree in 1977. Sharon worked in public accounting for 6 years and then at Walsh College as a VP, Treasurer, and CFO until 1993. Sharon has two wonderful sons, ages 23 and 26, and now volunteers at St. Hugo of the Hills. [lark4sw2@gmail.com](mailto:lark4sw2@gmail.com)

**Cathy Dinan Dillon '77** opened Angels, Saints & Stuff, an art gallery and consignment decor store in Livonia, MI. The store supports non-profit charities and local artists. [angelsandsaintsandstuff.com](http://angelsandsaintsandstuff.com)

**Tia Graziano Marlier '77** became a voiceover talent agent at Go Voices Agency in Denver, CO after enjoying more than 20 years as a professional voiceover talent herself. Tia has been an instructor at the prestigious Denver Center for the Performing Arts for over 8 years, in addition to coaching private voiceover students and corporate executives. She has worked as a professional vocalist, as a radio news host for Denver's NPR affiliate, KCFR, and as the on-camera host for HGTV's *Dream Drives*. Tia holds a BA in Telecommunications from Michigan State University. [tiamarlier@gmail.com](mailto:tiamarlier@gmail.com)

**Theresa Ann Sullivan Ward '78** has worked in business and as a teacher, but her real passion is being a mom and writing. Theresa is a contributor to the local Catholic newspaper and has written a book about her experiences with cancer. Husband Craig is the branch manager of Security Equipment Supply. Daughters Mary and Sarah graduated from the University of Colorado and daughter Lisa is in the seventh grade at Corpus Christi Catholic School.

1970s continued

**Sharon Jastrzembki Cook '79** lives in Sag Harbor, Long Island with her husband Chris and their three children Hannah, Abby, and Addison. Sharon holds a Master's Degree and New York State Certification in Pre-K through 6th grade. In 2013, she was voted Teacher of the Year at The Ross School in Bridgehampton NY. She is a longstanding member of NAREA (North American Reggio Emilia Alliance) and has participated in student and professor study groups in Reggio Emilia, Italy. She has been both a student and a guest scholar at Columbia University's Teachers College and at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Her most recent project is helping a small group of educators and parents open the Peconic Community School. Sharon is a supporter of Zimkids Orphan Trust, a safe haven for 300 orphans in Pumula North, Bulawayo.

1980s

CLASS OF 1984 BIRTHDAY WEEKEND!

Five ladies from the Class of 1984 gathered in January 2016 for a milestone 50th birthday weekend. Pictured are: (front) **Katie Hermann Parlow '84, Michelle Reska '84, Amy Bishop Scheidler '84;** (back), **Karen Wernette Kolc '84, Laura Stribbell Horner '84.** The longtime friends also attended Amy's Oscar Night Charity Fundraiser event.



**Christine Cronin-Hurst '80** celebrates her 19th year in southern California. She lives on the beach with her husband and two children, ages 15 and 9. Christine retired 7 years ago from 22 years of fixed income portfolio management at Capital Group and Fidelity Investments. She volunteers in her children's schools and serves as an elected official on the school board.

**Judith Kuzniar '81** teaches at Gesu Catholic School, Detroit. *"I am blessed to have friends from my youth still ever present in my life today. We are all the people we are today due to the hard work, high expectations of our parents and teachers, and the moral, social and spiritual guidance that Our Lady of Mercy High School provided. I am continuing that fashion for my students."* jukuz@aol.com

**Cheryl Latier Mercer '81** has lived in Mackinaw City for 17 years where she raised her two kids, Nicolas and Heidi. Cheryl recently began a career in Health Information Management with McLaren Northern Michigan and is studying to become a medical coder. Cheryl's son is a junior at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield MI, studying architectural design, and her daughter is studying to become a pastry chef at the Culinary Institute of Michigan in Muskegon.

**Karen Wernette Kolc '84** is a member of the American Business Women's Association - Novi Oaks Charter Chapter. Besides handling the scholarship and grant programs for three years running as the Education Committee Chair, Karen was voted the 2016 Woman of the Year.

**Amy Bishop Scheidler '84** won the Golden Apple Award from the Walled Lake Consolidated School District for her work as a costume designer and supervisor for the Performing Arts Department at Walled Lake Western High School. She has also been involved in productions at other Walled Lake schools. Amy and her husband Paul will celebrate their 25-year anniversary in October. They have three children - a daughter who will be a senior at Western Michigan University studying Fine Arts-Ceramics, a daughter beginning her freshman year at Eastern Michigan University, and a son who will be in eighth grade. amybscheidler@comcast.net

**Amy Stock Ranger MD '86** practices ophthalmology in Traverse City, MI and has recently changed private practices, joining Northern Vision Eye Care. Amy specializes in cataract and refractive surgery and oculoplastic surgery, including the latest technological advance - the Femto-Second Laser. She is married and is raising three teenagers. Amy will host an Alumnae and Friends Reception June 16, 2016 (see page 10).

**Leah Marie Alexander '88** attended Kalamazoo College and completed her medical degree at Michigan State University, College of Human Medicine. She trained in pediatrics at Atlantic Health System in New Jersey and has practiced pediatrics for 15 years. Leah decided to pursue her love of cooking and attended the International Culinary Institute in New York. This gave her the skills and confidence to open a catering business, specializing in international cuisines.



**Michelle C. Dziurgot, DDS '88** received an Outstanding Cover and a Golden Pen journalism award from the International College of Dentists. Michelle is editor of the *Macomb Dental Society Journal*.



**Meghan Cleary '89** launched her shoe line at Nordstrom.com, called MeghanSAYS. The spirited, fun designs feature florals, denim, gingham and basic black. megansays.com

**Victoria Valentine '89** is running for Judge of Oakland Circuit Court MI. She is a partner at Valentine & Associates, P.C. and has been practicing law for 17 years.

1990s

**Jennifer DeWard '91** is finishing her 21st year of teaching fourth grade in Troy, MI. She loves her job and has enjoyed watching hundreds of students grow up and become successful adults. She is also a Level 2 Executive Consultant with Rodan and Fields skincare business. jdeward@yahoo.com



**Nicole Key '91** received her Bachelor of Fine Arts and Master of Business Administration. Nicole is also a certified travel consultant. ms.key73@gmail.com

**Cari Stribbel Coffey '92** is president of Detroit Colour Council, a professional society based in the metropolitan Detroit area that promotes education about automotive color issues. Cari has worked in Appearance Engineering for over 15 years and lives in Troy with her husband and 3 children. detroitcc.org; colorcc222@gmail.com

**Min Jung Kim '92**, her husband Jason Hoffman and their two daughters, Amelia and Isabelle, recently moved to Sweden. They are expecting their third child this October.

**Sara Slawnik '93** is the Director of Programs for the nonprofit organization 3Arts, which advocates for Chicago's women artists, artists of color, and artists with disabilities who work in the performing, teaching, and visual arts. 3arts.org

**Beth Minnick Burkhart '95** has been offered a Fulbright Distinguished Award in Teaching Grant to New Zealand by the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. Beth is one of approximately 45 U.S. citizens who will travel abroad through this program for 2016-2017. burkhart.beth@gmail.com



**Sisters Hether Jonna Frayer '95 and Brie Jonna '05** have launched Kaleamazoo Chips. The kale chips, made with kale grown

by Michigan farmers, were created in 2013 in Hether's kitchen, inspired by her passion for fresh, local, and delicious foods. Distribution is expanding quickly around Michigan and beyond. Hether also masquerades as the Fresh Food Fairy, traveling the state with her fun fresh food education and bike blender programs to encourage good nutrition in schools, farmers markets, and corporations. freshfoodisfun.com

**Heather Chidsey '96** married Brandon Bartels on June 23, 2015 in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. **Allison Chidsey Voss '01** was matron of honor. Heather



and Brandon welcomed their first child, Grant Michael, on March 11, 2016. The family lives in Wausau, WI.

**Lisa Merlo Greene '96** and husband William Greene welcomed a son, David Anthony, on October 9, 2015. David is adored by older sisters Chloe (11), Allison (9), and brother Justin (2).



**Genevieve Kolasa Delonis '97** and husband Martin (UDJ '98) welcomed their first child, Lillian Barbara, on April 4, 2016. gokolasa@yahoo.com



**Andrea Meier Boggemes '98** and husband Adam welcomed baby girl Kate Andrea on August 31, 2015. She is loved by her big brother Jack (4) and big sister Lily (2).



**Dana Begnoche Carr '98** and her family live in Falls Church, VA. Dana is the proud mother of Corinne (5) and Donovan (2). She is a primary care veterinarian at Friendship Hospital for Animals in Washington, DC.

**Katie Callan Wehrle '98** and husband Michael reside in the north shore of Boston. Katie is coaching for New England's premier swim team, Crimson Aquatics. Michael is a property representative for Travelers Insurance. Katie taught at Mercy for 9 years and misses it dearly. *"I especially miss the homemade chips in the cafe and my two besties Ann J and Jen B!"* kacwehrle@gmail.com

**Susan Agacinski O'Dell '99, Sharon Agacinski Payton '96, and Carey Czech Jansen '99** had a mini-reunion. They are pictured with Susan's daughters (future Mercy girls?) Lily (5) and Grace (9).



**Jennifer Ohman '99** graduated with her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from Grand Valley State University in April 2016.

2000s

**Stephanie Sabbagh Crist '00** was promoted to Associate Director at the American Society of Clinical Oncology. Her first child is due July 2016, and she is starting graduate school at Georgetown University this fall in the Executive Masters of Healthcare Systems Administration program. stefne2983@gmail.com



**Courtney Budesky Steele '00** and husband James welcomed their son Roman Michael on October 12, 2015. Roman joins big sister Sophia and is the grandson of **Joan Brown Steele '72.**

**Ryan Kelly '01** is a partner at Kelly & Kelly P.C., where her focus is on areas of family law, specifically high conflict divorce litigation for professionals. Ryan is a past president of the Oakland County Women's Bar Association, is an active contributor to the Institute of Continuing Legal Education, and has been named a Rising Star in family law for the past six years. Ryan and her husband live in Northville, MI and have a 2-year old daughter and a son due in June.

**Jacqueline-Bethel (Malaika) Mougoue '02** lives in Texas with her husband Kevin. She has been an assistant professor of modern African history at Baylor University for 3 years.



In May 2016, **Nicole C. Jamieson '03** graduated as a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from

Lincoln Memorial University - Debusk College of Osteopathic Medicine in Harrogate, TN. In July Dr. Jamieson will begin her residency training to become a general surgeon at Garden City Hospital, in Garden City, MI.  
nicolecjameson@gmail.com

**Katie Egan Hagen '04** and her husband of five years, Ben, are expecting their first child this Halloween. Katie continues to work with children with special needs as a pediatric occupational therapist in Beavercreek, OH. She enjoys rock climbing, hiking, and playing fetch with her dog Molly.

**Rebecca Hija '04** has a 2-year old son and 3 dogs. She works as a registered nurse at a local ER, her dream job.

**Dawn Hill '04** has been hired as an assistant to celebrity stylist Timothy Snell. She appears on his show *Curvy Style with Timothy Snell* on the Centric network. The show is geared towards plus size women who are looking for a makeover.

**Gretchen Zimmer Klyde '04** and husband Alex welcomed son James on February 11, 2014.

**Lauren Bennett Marquard '06** completed her Master's degree in Educational Leadership at Madonna University in May 2016. Her thesis project is titled *Integration of Mercy Values in a Secondary Curriculum*. This July, Lauren is participating in an international program run by the University of Michigan and the American University of Rome. The program, *Inter Versiculos in Sicilia*, is a week-long workshop in Latin verse composition. Lauren is currently the Latin teacher at Mercy.  
lemarquard@mhsmi.org



**Leah Klaserner '08** married Nick Rosochacki on September 4, 2015. The wedding party included **Lauren Klaserner '06** and **Laura Bilbrey '08**.



**Kaitlin Myszkowski '08** married Kevin Mason (CC '03) on June 13, 2015. **Virginia Page '08** was Maid of Honor.

**Mary Walle '09** is a non-traditional educator currently living and working in New York City. She specializes in participatory processes and experiential learning. Currently, she works at The Center for Court Innovation as the Youth Justice Board program associate.

## 2010s

**Jayla Anthony '10** married Brandon Pearson on December 3, 2015 and moved to Abilene, Texas.



**Lauren Babb '10** completed political assignments in Iowa, Nevada, and Florida for the Presidential Democratic Primary in support of Hillary Clinton. Lauren currently resides in Los Angeles, CA with fellow Mercy alumna **Mackenzie Taylor '10**.

**Erin Kirkland '10** received several Michigan Press Photographers Association awards: first place, Sports Photographer of the Year; first place, Sports Picture Story; third place, Photographer of the Year; honorable mention, Feature Story; honorable mention, Sports Feature.



**Michaelene (Micki) Sartori '10** is currently employed at the Abaton Arquitectura firm in Madrid, Spain. Micki was a finalist for the Wallenberg Studio Award at the Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning in 2014. She is pictured with her sister **Maria Sartori Knight '04**.  
sartorim@umich.edu



**Caroline Powers '11** graduated from Central Michigan University in 2015 with a Bachelor of Applied Arts in Broadcasting. Upon graduation she received a full-time, on-air reporting job with 9&10 News and moved to Traverse City.  
carolinepowers@9and10news.com



**Megan Allor '12** and **Brianna Hamilton '12** have teamed up as real estate partners at Team Hamilton

Real Estate, a family-owned company. Megan graduated with a business degree from Eastern Michigan University and Brianna will be graduating with a marketing degree from Walsh College in fall 2016. [megan@teamhamilton.net](mailto:megan@teamhamilton.net); [brie@teamhamilton.net](mailto:brie@teamhamilton.net)

**Erica Canavan '12** graduated from The University of Michigan in April with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Classical Archaeology. She will remain at Michigan to pursue her Master's degree in the Interdepartmental Program in Classical Art and Archaeology, with the intention of researching the organic remains in Ancient Roman archaeological sites.

**Kendall Dixon '12** graduated in April 2016 from Western Michigan University with her BBA in Advertising and Promotions with a Minor in Communications.

She received the Who's Who Award Among College and University Students representing Western Michigan University. She served as her sorority's president and on the Executive Board for her Business Fraternity.



**Megan Haase '15** won first place in the Armenian Genocide Commemoration Essay Contest. She is a political science major at Miami University (OH).

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## In Memory Mercy Alumnae

**Georgiana Allen Frame '50**, November 2015

**Caroline Gillin '50**, December 2015  
sister of Paula Gillin LeFever '52

**Mary Carlos (Delores) Knight, RSM '51**, April 2016

**Patricia Brick Tuckfield '51**, March 2016

**Helen Johnson Nichols '56**, September 2015  
aunt of Lucy Johnson Mangan '85

**Elise Langevin Sylvester '56**, April 2016

**Florence Keys Sampson '57**, April 2016

**Judith Burkhardt Tamske '62**, February 2015

**Carol Ann Higgins Bakian '66**, May 2016

**Leslee Sims Mosell '77**

**Carol Ann Czarnecki Boran '79**, March 2016  
sister of Christine Czarnecki Rohan '76

**Kathleen Schouman McNamara '79**, March 2016

**Tiffany R. Givhan-Wilkins '96**, February 2016

## Mercy Family

**Norman Allaire**, April 2016  
father of Rosemarie Allaire-Bosson '81

**Alfred (Fred) Bonello**, November 2015  
husband of Arleen Brennan Bonello '56; father of Mary-Jelisse Bonello '83, Elizabeth Bonello Reust '85, and the late Jean Bonello Hawn '89

**John Joseph Cahill**, November 2015  
father of Mackenzie Cahill '15

**Charlie Cooper**, December 2015  
husband of Elizabeth (Betty) Shannon Cooper '55; father of Shannon Cooper Wolf '83 and Ann Cooper Arends '89; grandfather of Kathryn Wolf '18

**Virginia Corte**, December 2015  
mother-in-law of Cheryl Corte, Mercy Media Center

**Patricia Louise Crippen**, March 2016  
mother of Susan Crippen Roy '69 and Gail Crippen McSevery '70

**Dolores Delaney**, January 2016  
mother of Cheryl Delaney Kreger '66, Mercy High School President, and Patricia Delaney '68

**Sharon Garms**, May 2016  
mother of Michelle Garms Monitcello '84 and Karen Garms deKanter '82

**Roman S. Gribbs**, April 2016  
father of Paula Rewald Gribbs '73, Carla Brisbois-Gribbs '75, and Elizabeth Gardella-Gribbs '83; grandfather of Olivia Gardella '15

**Edwin Gross**, October 2015  
husband of Regina White Gross '47; father of Laura Gross Gayde '70 and Janet Gross Simonelli '75

**William Guest**, December 2015  
father of Monique Guest '84

**Michael Patrick Hayes**, August 2015  
son of Carol Sullivan Hayes '55; nephew of Joan Sullivan '57 and Nancy Sullivan Fox '61

**Rita Honka**, January 2016  
mother of Diane Honka Ayala '85

**Sean Patrick Kelly**, December 2015  
brother of Merry Kelly Chappell '84 and Katy Kelly Rose '85

**Rena Koskela**, November 2015  
mother-in-law of Katy Koskela, Mercy Media Center

**Irene Govan Leach**, July 2015  
mother of Mary Leach Plodzeen '76; grandmother of Lauren Klaserner '06, Leah Klaserner Rosochacki '08, Claire Soave '11, and Katherine Soave '14

**Annie Louise McCalister**, March 2016  
mother of Alisa Kelly, Mercy Maintenance Department

**E. Clarence Mularoni**, March 2016  
father of Lisa Mularoni Kaminski '75 and Grace Mularoni Esche '77; father-in-law of Maria Wiggins Mularoni '80

**Robert J. Mundt**, November 2015  
father of Kathleen Mundt Whitney '85 and Margaret Mundt Morelli '86

**Colleen Nicklay**, May 2016  
daughter of Diane Allen Anderson '58

**Henry Ouellette**, November 2015  
father of Louise Ouellette Zilan '70, Suzanne Ouellette Schaefer '72, Janine Ouellette MacKinnon '73, and Carol Ouellette McPhee '74

**James L. Parham**, May 2016  
father of Marjon Parham '93

**Helen Parran**, April 2013  
mother of Marilyn Parran '68, Kathleen Parran Biera '74 and Rosemary Parran Malo '79; grandmother of Cassandra Parran DeBruyn '94

**Walter Parran**, July 2015  
father of Marilyn Parran '68, Kathleen Parran Biera '74 and Rosemary Parran Malo '79; grandfather of Cassandra Parran DeBruyn '94

**Joan Gates Prentice**, May 2016  
mother of Mary Gates Puhr '81; mother-in-law of Julie Parrott Gates '79 and Liz Brown Gates '80; grandmother of Emily Gates '15

**Robert E. Ralko**, January 2016  
father of Mary (Katey) Ralko Devine '81 and Anne Ralko Rice '83; grandfather of Megan Devine '09

**Rosalene Renauer**, April 2016  
mother of former Mercy Religious Studies teacher Noraleen Renauer

**Robert Skelton**, November 2015  
husband of Theresa Coffey Skelton '72

**Hector E. Sossi**, January 2016  
father of Janet Sossi Belcoure '72

**J. Michael Sullivan**, February 2016  
husband of Diane Barrows Sullivan '59; brother of Patricia Sullivan Mooney '61

**Mary S. Sullivan**, November 2015  
mother of Maureen Sullivan Alterman '68, Patricia Sullivan Glynn '72, and Ann Sullivan Berg '74

**Gerald Joseph Swiacki**, May 2016  
father of Melissa Swiacki Ewald '85; grandfather of Jordan Ewald '14 and Morgan Ewald '17

**Vera Marie Warner**, March 2016  
mother of Louise Warner Lorenz '70

*Contributions by Emily Fishwick Rahman '04*

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**Gary Morris** - Basketball Coach of the Year Catholic League Central Division



**Vicky Kowalski** - Golf Division 1 Regional Coach of the Year

**Abby Krzywiecki** (Softball) - Finalist DAC High School Athlete of Year

**Allia McDowell** (Soccer and Field Hockey) - Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) scholar-athlete of the year for the state of Michigan for 2016.

**Mia Flynn '18** broke a 35-year-old school record in the Long Jump on May 17 when she reached a distance of 16 feet, 11 1/2 inches. She broke her own record on May 21 with 17 feet, 3 1/4 inches.

## COLLEGE BOUND ATHLETES

Congratulations to all the 2016 Mercy senior athletes who will continue their athletic careers in college!



**Morgan Jones**, Swimming - Florida Gulf Coast University; **Julia Shaw**, Golf - University of Detroit Mercy; **Kathryn Dunleavy**, Tennis - St. Francis University; **Andrea Elmore**, Softball - Mississippi Valley State University; **Ellyse Conn**, Swimming - Indiana University; **Katy Kouvaris**, Swimming - University of Findlay; **Abigail Krzywiecki**, Softball - University of South Alabama.



**Jordyn Schluter**, Basketball - Calvin College; **Zora Pullen**, Basketball - Lake Forest College; **Abbey Przekop**, Soccer - Assumption College; **Cari Padula**, Softball - Western Michigan University

For more athletic achievements, headlines, summer camp offerings and Marlins sports news, visit [mhsmi.org/athletics](http://mhsmi.org/athletics).

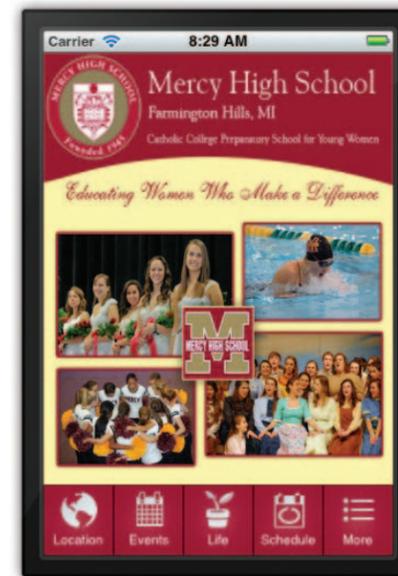
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