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Front row, left to right: Luma Qashou; Luanne Thomas Ewald '87; Kate Zablock

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High School

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a Catholic college preparatory

school immersed in the tradition

of the Sisters of Mercy,

educates and inspires

young women of diverse

backgrounds to lead and

serve with compassion.

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God Bless the Class of 2018

CONGRATULATIONS to the 168 young Mercy women from the Class of 2018 for earning over \$16 million in college scholarships and volunteering over 19,000 hours of community service.



Hats off to all the Valedictorian & Salutatorian Finalists! This distinction considers not only academic record but also leadership, service and extracurricular involvement. (Photo right) Back row, L to R: Alexandra Thomas; Lauren Hunter; Caroline McLaren; Abigail Hembree; Rebecca Heaman; Anastasia Warner. Front row, L to R: Megan Hutter; Supreet Nirman; Lauren Isaacson; Katherine Minnich.



Valedictorian
Anastasia Warner

Salutatorian
Abigail Hembree

Sr. Emily George Award
Catie Coffman

Principal's Leadership Award
Mary Doman

Garn Griffin Athletics Award
Katie Minnich and
Maddie Rennie



National Merit Scholar Winner

Valedictorian Anastasia Warner '18 was selected as a National Merit \$2,500 Scholarship Winner! Ana is one of the 2,500 Merit Scholar designees chosen from a talent pool of more than 15,000 outstanding Finalists in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program. National Merit \$2,500 Scholarship Winners are the Finalists in each state judged to have the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills, and potential for success in rigorous college studies. Ana will be attending the University of Michigan.

2018 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards
National Medalist

Clarisa Russenberger '18 and teacher Ms. Susan Smith '84 earned national recognition in the 2018 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards by winning a silver medal for Clarisa's photograph called 42nd Street. Clarisa has been identified by panels of creative professionals as one of the most talented young artists and writers in the nation. This year, nearly 350,000 works of art and writing were submitted. Only the top 1% were recognized at the national level.



HEART OF MERCY

We rejoice for the 2018 Heart of Mercy Award recipients Annie Acho Tartoni '18 and Math Teacher Mrs. Vicky Kowalski who live out the values of Human Dignity, Mercy, Justice, Service and Option for the Poor.

Here are just a few comments of what students had to say about these inspirational school leaders: *"Annie remembers people in prayer and her concern is genuine. Love and mercy pour out of her. She has the gift of presence. She has a heart that seeks others and a smile to greet all those she meets."*

"Mrs. Kowalski changed my life. She always takes time to help. Her patience and love for her students gives them confidence. She looks for students who need help in math, making friends, or participating in extracurricular events at Mercy."



Mercyaires Sing National Anthem

The Mercyaires were honored to sing the National Anthem at the Detroit Tigers baseball game for the Catholic High School League Night at Comerica Park held April 30th. Check out the beautiful performance on 'MercyHighSchoolMI' Facebook page. And Bravo to the Mercyaires for another First Division rating at the Michigan State Solo & Ensemble Festival!



College Bound Athletes

A big high five and good luck to all the Class of 2018 Marlin athletes who will continue their athletic careers in college!




Back row, L to R: Corinne Fereshetian, Synchronized Skating - Adrian College; Isabella Dugas, Basketball - St. Mary's College; Jenna Bratke, Synchronized Skating - Adrian College; Sara Swaneck, Cheerleading/Stunt - Alma College; Kristin Jackson, Tennis - Fayetteville State University
Front row, L to R: Chloe Russo, Soccer - Jacksonville State University; Emily Engler, Soccer - Valparaiso University; Caitlin Jefferson, Volleyball - Wesleyan; Jenna Schluter, Soccer - Valparaiso University



Back row, L to R: Mya Loniewski - Swimming, University of Maryland Baltimore; Kendall Goit - Swimming, University of Pittsburgh
Front row, L to R: Brooke Madak - Basketball, Siena Heights; Alexa Rybicki - Diving, University of Pennsylvania; Anna Dixon - Softball, Hillsdale; Katie Minnich - Swimming, University of Michigan


2018 Teacher of the Year



CONGRATULATIONS and thank you, Teacher of the Year Ms. Lisa Robinet! Social Studies Teacher Ms. Robinet is described as incredibly dedicated, humorous, loving, real and uniquely spunky. Students shared that they look forward to classes each day because they feel incredibly valued. Her advisees remarked that Ms. Robinet finds a way to make all students come together in their group to form a family.

Athletic Director of the Year!

Nancy Malinowski, Mercy's Athletic Director of 27 years, has been named the Catholic High School League Athletic Director of the Year! She will be honored at the Detroit Catholic League Hall of Fame banquet held in June. Congrats, Mal!



Memorable Moment

On March 14, 2018, Mercy united to promote strength of voice for healing and resolution for the powerful issue of violence in schools. Our students organized a thoughtful assembly to include prayer, memorialization of the Parkland victims at our peace pole, and awareness for how to voice concerns for school safety if they so choose.



The Sisters of Mercy, in their critical concerns, state: "we work for peace through prayer, and personal and communal practices of nonviolence." Through experiences that are based in prayer and designed to process their concerns, our students practice the skills needed to form, support and express their own personal position on issues of social justice.

ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK REFLECTION BY GABBY BYRNES '18

On Easter Sunday of 2018, 12 seniors at Mercy High School and 3 adult chaperones embarked on a week-long mission trip to Kentucky. I was one of those 12. For me, Mercy's alternative spring break was a good opportunity to get my service hours in and a change of pace from the growing monotony of school, work, and extracurricular activities. Little did I know it would become one of the best experiences of my life.

On the first day of spring break, we were pushed straight into work. It was cold, windy, cloudy, muddy. The day was every imaginable form of miserable. Some of us tied bandanas around our ears, because our helmets couldn't fit over our hats properly. But we were all fairly cheerful, in that biting teenage way, trading jibes and bantering back and forth with one another. I spent half of that first day working on sub flooring, and the next half up on the roof. By the end of the day, we were all sore, tired, and hungry. But then, we met Rebecca Willis for the first time.

Rebecca Willis is the homeowner of the habitat home we were building. She is a single mother of two children, and a generous and loving neighbor to all. Rebecca, to all of us, is an example of being the change you wish to see in the world. I didn't get an opportunity to speak with her in depth, but her cheerfulness and steady presence always lifted my spirits.

Throughout the week, I spent most of my time on the roof, and I was surprised at how rewarding the work was. When talking to one of

"Voice is a strong characteristic of Mercy girl, and we were glad to provide an opportunity to unify student voice for this common concern for safe schools," said Mrs. Patricia Sattler, Principal.

As Mercy, we will choose love not fear.

As Mercy, we will choose healing not judgement.

As Mercy, we will choose to include not exclude.

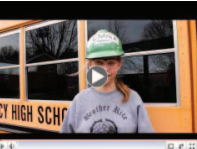
As Mercy, we will choose peace not violence.

As Mercy, we will work for good.



my roommates, we agreed that this was the most fun we had had on spring break. I had been so scared I would regret my choice to go on alternative spring break, but I did not. In fact, it awakened in me, and most of the girls who went, a sense of purpose and empowerment. We were able to touch someone's life in a positive way, and cause direct change in the world around us. It is something none of us will forget.

Thank you to all who served on Alternative Spring Break!
Gabby Byrnes, Mary Dunstone, Zoe Fish, Cara Forfinski, Emma Horvath, Jasmine Kaltenbach, Brooke Madak, Alana O'Donnell, Sydney Puda, Clarisa Russenberger, Ana Warner, Cece Williams; Chaperones: Sara Dennis-Dolan, Joanie Davidson Forfinski '84 and Mrs. Judi Dennis



View the video by Clarisa Russenberger '18 available on newsprintnow.net and the 'MercyHighSchoolMI' Facebook page.

Mary Poppins

By Kathy Sill



Classic story. Beloved songs. Flying characters. Fantastic magic. Dedicated students. Creative directors. All these elements combined to produce the most successful spring musical in Mercy’s history, *Mary Poppins*.

When the creative team of the musical chose *Mary Poppins* for this year’s production, they met the challenges head on of this larger-than-life musical. Mrs. Kathy Sill, musical director who oversees all aspects of the show, knew that organization and scheduling were the key

elements to success. “I knew we had to have the musical completely staged a month before the opening so that we could work on all the technical aspects of the show, including flying, in the last month of rehearsal.” With every director staying on schedule, the musical was finely tuned by opening night. One concern of the show was the need for specific costumes for the time period and for flying requirements. Miss Kristen Rockwell, costume designer, and Mrs. Sill worked together to measure and order costumes for specific characters. Even measuring the three characters who take flight during the show had to be very exacting for the harnesses to fit. Over 150 costumes had to be organized and fitted for characters, and then washed or dry cleaned at the end of the show.

Rehearsing on Mondays, Mrs. Rebekah Ferguson, vocal director and conductor of the show, worked with Mr. Chris Holt, accompanist, to teach the cast the songs for the show. Then, Mrs. Ferguson went into technical rehearsals to work with the pit musicians. On the weekend of the show, Mrs. Ferguson took charge of her baton and the all-male musicians in the pit.

For the dancing portion of the show, additional rehearsals were added on Saturdays so that the cast had plenty of time to learn the hand motions for Supercal... and the fancy footwork for Step in Time. Choreographer Krista Eschbach extended her Wednesday dance rehearsals to make sure that the numbers were fine-tuned without the stress of being pressured for time. The cast was eager to learn and run these high-energy numbers.

For the blocking and staging of the musical, Mrs. Sill worked with the cast to set the scenes, develop the characters and stage the song and dance numbers. Since the story takes place in 1910 London, Mrs. Sill brought in Mrs. Suzanne Fanning, who grew up in London and is the mother of Isabelle '20, to work with the major characters on both English and Cockney accents. “I wanted the actors to portray the characters realistically. Mrs. Fanning gave the cast the courage to produce the dialects,” Sill said.



The most challenging part of the production was the technical aspect. The script called for a London parlor, a nursery, a kitchen, a bank, a cathedral and a park. Meeting this challenge, Mrs. Anne Sill MacDougall '98, technical director, designed all the set pieces. Mrs. MacDougall, Mr. Ron Sill, assistant technical director, and 17 students built and painted all the set pieces. Working with a three-month time frame, the set was finished and then the real challenge began. Stage crew, dressed as chimney sweeps, and cast members had to move a two-story house that was in three sections on the stage while a scene was being performed downstage. Then, the three sections had to be removed and a two-piece nursery had to be moved on stage with ‘precision and order.’ “The perfect execution of these scene changes was, without a doubt, the most difficult part of the rehearsal process,” Sill said.

Another technical challenge was the magic in the show. With 48 years of technical experience on Mercy shows, Mr. Sill rigged the oven to open and close and the shelves of dishes to slide and then correct themselves on command. Beyond that, making a kite fly on its own was the last problem to be solved and, with 10 days to go before opening night, he mastered that task as well.

The most exciting technical aspect of the show was the flying of three characters. Flying By Foy of Las Vegas was hired to rig the stage for flight. After the rigging arrived, the flight engineer “flew” in and taught Mrs. MacDougall and Mr. Sill how to rig the battens for flight. That evening Kylie Kreucher (Mary Poppins), Matthew Swarthout (Bert) and Emma Pickett (Miss Andrew) learned how to wear a harness and how to fly across the stage. Matthew even learned how to do three somersaults in the air for Step in Time. Without a doubt, the flight scenes were the most exhilarating moments in the entire show.

On the weekend of the show, front-of-the-house coordinator Miss Isabelle Moore '10, Performing Arts teacher, scheduled students to work the box office, tickets, programs, refreshments, sale of shirts and telegrams, and to welcome the large audiences. Overseeing a small but dedicated crew of girls, everyone worked to make sure the audience was their first priority.

The weekend of the show, the audience was transported to 1910 London to relive a classic story about a beloved nanny who saves the Banks family. Not knowing the amount of work that went into the show, attendees saw a well-executed, nearly professional musical. Only the directors and the cast and crews, who met the many challenges head-on, knew that ‘anything can happen if you let it.’

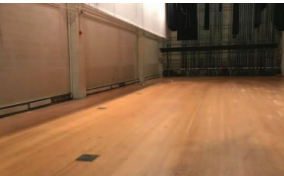


Photos By Kristina Sikora

ADVANCING MERCY

Staging a Comeback

Bravo! Thank YOU! Renovations in the Auditorium are beginning thanks to generous donors. Microphones are in, partial lighting has been ordered and the stage floor installation is underway. If you made a contribution to support the Auditorium renovation, you will be invited to a blessing of the stage during Mass the first day of school. Stay tuned!



Help us reach the goal to secure all auditorium and performing arts needs. Interested in owning a piece of the stage? \$100 donors can receive a small piece of the stage floor and \$1,000 donors can receive a larger piece. Stage pieces available during Reunion Weekend! *Learn more and donate online at <https://www.mhsmi.org/stagingacomeback>.*

39TH ANNUAL AUCTION

The 39th Annual Auction held February 24, 2018 at St. Mary's Cultural Center was an elegant evening for Mercy filled with socializing, fabulous food and tremendous generosity.



Thank you to everyone who participated in this event as sponsors, donors, volunteers and attendees, with a special note of gratitude to our Auction

Committee and Co-Chairs Heather & Ronnie Boji, Shannon & Col. Gerald Faunt, Amy and Phil Holdcraft, Kerry & Mark Kurowski, and Karen & John McLaren.



A highlight of the evening was when generous Principal's Pick donors Rita & Tom Lewry raised their paddle and gave \$55,000 and Ron & Kathy Sill gave \$10,000 to our Auditorium needs of new microphones, specialty lighting and a new stage floor. Your support helped us raise \$224,000. We are Mercy!

SWEEPSTAKES SUCCESS



The 2018 Mercy Sweepstakes Drive was a remarkable success bringing in over \$160,000. Congrats to the top school sellers Samantha Bayer '21 and Emily Casalou '20. Check out the cash prize winners at [mhsmi.org/advancement/sweepstakes-drive](https://www.mhsmi.org/advancement/sweepstakes-drive). Thank you for supporting Mercy High School and our largest student driven fundraiser of the year!

PLANNED GIVING CORNER

IRA Charitable Gift Rollover

If you are over the age of 70½, you may be able to make your gift with a distribution from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA), and take advantage of tax savings. Americans over the age of 70½ can distribute up to \$100,000 in a calendar year from an IRA to Mercy High School or other charities, tax-free. This distribution to charity can be a significant benefit for IRA owners who are required each year to take minimum required distributions, which are included in their gross income for income tax purposes.

If an IRA owner directs the IRA plan administrator to distribute any amount up to \$100,000 to charity, the distribution counts toward the owner's minimum required distribution, but is not included in his or her income for income tax purposes.

Although the IRA owner is not entitled to a charitable deduction for the distribution, the distribution benefits charity. This option is known as the "IRA charitable rollover." Your IRA administrator must make the distribution directly to the charity, or you may write an IRA check payable to the charity from your IRA checkbook. If you make a gift to Mercy High School from your IRA, please include written instructions on how you would like to designate your gift.

The rules applicable to Qualified Charitable Distributions from retirement accounts are very specific. Before you decide whether you should make such a gift, you should consult your tax advisor to determine if you qualify and whether such a gift makes sense given your particular situation.

FOR WE ARE GOD’S HANDIWORK, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS TO DO GOOD WORKS,
WHICH GOD PREPARED IN ADVANCE FOR US TO DO. EPHESIANS 2:1

MERCY ALUMNAE MAKING A DIFFERENCE MERCY VALUES IN ACTION

LASTING FRIENDSHIPS

It’s often during the hardest times that the strength of true friendship shines most brightly.

Susan O’Neill is experiencing the genuine love of friendship thanks to a vibrant group of women she’s known for more than three decades. They were “Mercy Girls” together, class of 1981 at Mercy High School. And now at 55, as Susan battles brain cancer, her friends have rallied around her, often using Facebook to share updates and encouragement about their kind-hearted, loving friend.



“WONDERFUL VISIT WITH SUSAN TODAY,” Mary Margaret Gulowski posted, “joined by my daughters AND our dog. Susan loved the dog! We also gave her a manicure. Now her nails shine just like her.”

Another classmate, Katey Devine wrote, **“AT OUR AGE, WE’VE EXPERIENCED THE REALITY OF SUFFERING** that comes with being human and living in this world. God is good in that He has brought us together through Susan’s illness. How beautiful that we have banded together with the common purpose of loving Susan, giving her moments of joy and happiness while making sure she knows that she is not alone.”

There have been many happy moments for Susan, buoyed up by her friends who have organized parties, dedicated Masses, baked cookies, brought gifts, reminisced, and made each other laugh. When Susan transferred to the Angela Hospice Care Center in December, the visits and celebrations continued, with more festivities being planned.

“SUSAN AND HER STRENGTH SHOULD BE AN INSPIRATION to all of us,” said friend Cheryl Latier-Mercer, “to be thankful for the short time we are given on this earth. May God continue to hold her in His gentle arms.”

Alumnae Welcome the Class of 2018



The bonds of sisterhood were strong at the 2nd Annual Senior Class-Alumnae Luncheon on January 31 at Glen Oaks. Thirty-eight alumnae gathered to welcome our seniors into the network of more than 15,000 who have graduated from Mercy High School. As the seniors entered the room, alumnae-sponsors greeted them and forged connections to last a lifetime. The event included prayer, an induction ceremony, and a lively Q & A session.

Senior Benicia C. Booker remarked, *“The Senior Class-Alumnae Luncheon was an amazing experience for all of the graduating class to network with alumnae. I had a great time dining and listening to the intriguing fields all of our alumnae work in. Not only was this an opportunity to help us learn how to network, but this was an opportunity to work on our self-branding skills.”*

Bridget Bosco Bohn ’82, commented, *“Attending Mercy’s Alumnae Luncheon reconfirmed what I’ve always known about*

Mercy Women: We are collaborative women who are making things happen! That being said, I was blown away by the depth of character demonstrated by the Mercy seniors sitting at my table. These are the women we need among us to carry the torch. The Alumnae Luncheon will be an annual event on my calendar each year. It’s uplifting, inspiring and fun! It’s up to us to encourage each senior class to join us as Mercy Alums as we positively impact our beloved Mercy Community.”

Interested in joining the Class of 2019 at next year’s luncheon? Mark your calendar for Wednesday, January 30, 2019 and stay tuned to mhsmi.org/alumnae. We are in need of a few alums to help with publicity. To learn more, contact the Alumnae Office at alumnaeoffice@mhsmi.org or 248-476-3270.

To expand your professional network, join the “Mercy High School Alumnae” group on LinkedIn. We are Mercy!



Front row: Erin Porth Carlesimo '93, Lisa Fitzpatrick Keeler '83, Arleen Brennan Bonello '56, Cheryl Delaney Kreger EdD '66, Margaret Haapala Kurpiers '85, Brianna Hamilton '12, Charese Sanders Sailor '89.
Back row: Bridget Bosco Bohn '82, Mary Margaret Scanlan Bosco '57, Cheryl Law Sawicki '90, Maria Dietz Scott '87, Jen Sears Keuten '89, Anne Nicole '03, Theresa Maggioncalda Anderson '80, Joanie Davidson Forfinski '84, Mimi Bosco Sale '83, Keara Donohue '02, Susan Moran '82, Diane Dickow D'Agostini '80, Debra Majeski '81, Luanne Thomas Ewald '87, Pat Thull '70, Colleen McMaster Rozman '81.
Not pictured: Wende Markey Boerema '85, Carol Connor Burke '57, Margaret Dimond '76, Maryanne Hodges Dunleavy '80, Julie Mikula Fattore '77, Emily Fishwick '04, Mary Haapala '12, Janice Hanba '82, Kathleen Kelly '75, Karla Rose Middlebrooks '76, Patricia Sattler, Maureen Carlson Sisco '82, Eleasha Mercer Tarplin '94, Maureen Stirling Weiss '96.
Sponsors in absentia: Anna Amato '75, Nicole Shankie Ernst '91, Molly Bosco O'Connor '87, Susan Winkler Rokosz '75.

Mercy Tea Party



It is said that life is like a cup of tea – to be filled to the brim and enjoyed with friends. On April 22, 2018, more than 330 friends of Mercy took that saying to heart at the 14th Annual Tea for Tuition.

This was no ordinary Sunday tea. Rather, it was a beautiful community effort to raise scholarship funds so girls who otherwise might not be able to attend our school can embark upon or continue their Mercy education.

We remain amazed and grateful for the generosity of our donors and supporters. The event raised \$46,400 for the Alumnae Association Tuition Assistance Fund.



We give heartfelt thanks to our valued partner sponsor Saint Joseph Mercy Health System.

We extend much gratitude to the Wheeler Family Foundation, Inc. who presented Mercy with \$10,000 after the event met the challenge goal of \$35,000 in profit.

The response to our AbsenTea call-out was huge. Gifts came from Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Virginia. Special recognition to Wallace Scones (Mary Wallace '75 and Julie Walton Tenbusch '57) for donating scrumptious scones and to Good Juice (Thanesia Howard) for donating delicious iced tea. We also recognize and thank our hostesses, guests, student helpers, and volunteers.

Thank you for being tea-riffic!



Photos by Erin Kirkland '10

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA VALERIE HEBEL MCNEECE '66

A memorable moment at Tea for Tuition came when President Cheryl Delaney Kreger EdD '66 presented the Distinguished Alumna Award to her classmate Valerie Hebel McNeece '66.

Valerie has made a difference for others through her professional and volunteer pursuits. Valerie taught children with special needs for 40 years, connecting with them on a personal level.

In addition, Valerie is an acclaimed photographer whose images financially support the work of Haiti Outreach Mission (HOM). As an Executive Committee member of HOM, Valerie frequently performs missionary work in the city of Mirebalais. She has helped build a medical clinic, school, and water well for the community.

Valerie's philosophy is, *"Take your talents beyond yourself and give the talents to the global community. Hopefully, we will discover our common needs and desires are not so different from one another."* Read more about Valerie at mhsmi.org/alumnae/distinguished.



Distinguished Alumna Valerie Hebel McNeece '66 and Mercy President Cheryl Delaney Kreger EdD '66 with Valerie's photograph "Deu Seu."

UPCOMING EVENTS

STEM Affinity Event

Thursday, September 20, 2018
6:00 pm

Huron River Club, Farmington MI

Funds raised at this event support the creation of *Fems for STEMs Tuition Assistance Endowment Fund at Mercy High School.*

Hosted by Virginia Minolli '82,
Karla Rose Middlebrooks '76,

Lori Doyle '75 and Colleen McMaster '81

Reunion 2018

For classes ending in a "3" or "8"
Saturday, September 29, 2018

Luncheon: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Tours: 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Mass: 4:00 pm

Healthcare Affinity Event

Thursday, October 25, 2018
6:00 pm

Meadowbrook Country Club, Northville MI

Funds raised at this event will support the *Mercy High School Annual Fund.*

Hosted by Michelle Ilitch '02

Legacy Dinner

October 2018

Memorial Mass

November 11, 2018

Bunco Ladies Night Out

January 25, 2019

Senior Class-Alumnae Luncheon

January 30, 2019

Tea for Tuition

April 2019

Alumnae Book Club

See schedule at mhsmi.org/alumnae/book-club.

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ALUMNAE PODCASTS

Our Accent on Mercy Alumnae podcast series is chock full of information and inspiration! Hear interesting perspectives on a variety of topics from education, to career, to hobbies, to Mercy memories. Host Larry Baker, Associate Principal Operations, remarks, “The podcasts have been great fun, allowing me to reconnect with many former students. The experience has been truly inspiring. All of these amazing women look back on Mercy High School fondly and are grateful for the impact it has had on their lives.”



Q & A with Kimberly Morrison Wilber-Mader '77

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
MANAGER, ABBOTT MOLECULAR

Q: Have any interesting discoveries been made or products developed under your watch?

A: I had the great fortune to be in the right place at the right time. I started out working in a university lab, and I saw a tiny ad for a position at Amoco. I took the risk and I took a lab position as a technologist. People there found a technology called fluorescence in situ hybridization that was being developed at the University of California in San Francisco. In the late 80s and 90s, it was just a research effort, and we were able to develop the technology into a diagnostic/prognostic test, license it, and grow it into standard of care around the world.

Q: How did you get interested in science?

A: I loved it from the time that I can even remember thinking. I guess I was kind of the classic little girl nerd. For Christmas one year, I asked my parents for a microscope. I got a kick of growing little brine shrimp and looking at onion cells.

Q: What suggestions do you have for our students who aspire to careers as scientists?

A: If you have any interest in it, it's absolutely worth pursuing. There are lots of opportunities. I worked in academia, and now I work for a big company, and there are good things on both sides of the fence. As a young lady in science, you should really believe in yourself, really believe you can do it. When I look back at my career, one of the things that we didn't do very much of, but is so incredibly beneficial, is networking: talking to people that are interested in science, or going to a STEM event to meet other students and adults involved in science.

WE WANT TO *hear* FROM YOU!

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Q & A with Monisha Berkowski PhD '04

CHIEF PSYCHOLOGIST, BROUGHTON HOSPITAL

Q: Tell us how you made your way into clinical psychology.

A: My interest started in high school. I remember taking Intro to Psychology with

Ms. Rozman and being fascinated by what influences human behavior and connection, and what motivates people to live the lifestyles that they do. In addition, I did have a couple friends throughout my life who had traumatic experiences or were touched by mental illness, so I had a personal connection in wanting to work with people who have these struggles. [My most interesting college course] was Abnormal Psychology, which focused on serious mental disorders. [A mentor] encouraged me to volunteer at a crisis helpline. I found that extremely challenging but also extremely rewarding - how to connect with people and help them out when they're in some of the worst places in their life. So, I majored in psychology and then earned a PhD in clinical psychology to get more rigorous training in research.

Q: What can psychology offer your patients?

A: What I love about psychology and my job is that I get to work with the whole human. It's not just writing a prescription for medication, it's really getting to know people, getting to know about their history, their background. Ninety percent of my patients have some sort of trauma in their history...helping patients work through these difficult life experiences, but also helping them figure out what their goals are and being more future oriented...helping them be connected with services in the community when they get discharged from the hospital.

Q: You were active in sports in high school and college. How do those experiences influence you today?

A: Looking back, it's certainly not the coursework that I have the fondest memories of. It's really building those bonds, having fun, and learning life lessons through sports: Teamwork, camaraderie, learning how to lose and work hard. Sports and other extracurricular activities definitely enrich whatever career or passion that people pursue.

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ALUMNAE CLASS NOTES

1950s

Carolyn Przybysz Bree '59 will travel to Poland with her sister Joan Przybysz Nobozny '70. She took a granddaughter to New Zealand last year and hopes to go to Ireland in 2019.

1960s



On September 23, 2017 Patricia Sullivan Mooney '61 married Chuck Davio. Fifty-four years ago, Pat and Chuck were introduced by Carol Newbery '61 when Chuck and Carol were dating. In 1965, Pat was maid of honor in Chuck and Carol's wedding. They all remained lifetime friends and neighbors. Pat was widowed in 1979 and Carol passed away in 2012.

The committee who planned the Class of 1963 50-year reunion gathered in December for lunch. They are now thinking about a 55-year reunion the fall of 2018.



Mary Lee Manly '63 enjoys spending time with her two young grandsons. She and husband Fred live Pittsburgh.

Mary Williams '64 is a retired RN, board certified in nephrology. Mary worked as a dialysis RN, kidney transplant RN, and dialysis education coordinator. marywsuguni@gmail.com

Jurate Kutkus Burns '66 retired after 19 years as Destin Library Director. Prior careers included teaching and real estate brokerage. Her next chapter will be grandchildren and travel.



Annette Patrello Quillan '66 was instrumental in launching the Promise Scholarship program for Mason County, MI. For the fall of 2018, the

program will award scholarships to West Shore Community College for 60 credits and/or trade certification. Annette shares, "Those who obtain a GED and reside in the county can apply for the scholarship. This Mason County Promise will give an element of hope for a better future." annettequillan@yahoo.com

Mary Ellen Ponke O'Keefe '67 invites classmates to join the Class of 1967 Lunch Group. See the "Mercy Class of 1967" Facebook page or email maryellen@okeefe.net. Pictured L to R: Cecilia Trudeau, Mary Hughes Renaud, Mary Teagan Nowak, Mary Ellen Ponke O'Keefe, Linda Oehler Goldberg, Colleen Casey-Warstler, Judy Chandler Stewart, Diana Banda Turner hiding behind Barb Ciupek Kish and Betty Campo Evenson.



After a long and varied career, Marilyn Mazur '68 retired from Scholastic in December. She lives in New York City.

1970s

At First Step's 40th Anniversary Celebration on May 10, 2018, Mercy Trustee Carla LaFave O'Malley '70 was honored for 20 years of service. First Step is an organization dedicated to helping survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Carla served as event co-chair, raising the largest net in their history.

Through her volunteer work she served as board member and board president. She provided leadership to help the agency raise funds to build a new shelter and playground, and provide services for survivors.

Mercy Trustee Karla Rose Middlebrooks '76 has been quilting since 2009, when her sister Nicole (Karen) Rose Fontayne '74 introduced her to the art. Works by Karla and Nicole are included in a new book by the Great Lakes African American Quilters' Network, *Everlasting Threads: Honoring Heritage and History*.



In 2012, Mary Law Baumgarten '77 joined her husband in their technology business, Novastar Solutions, to manage the company's marketing. Mary serves as the president of the U of M Alumni Club of

Greater Northville. She enjoys skiing and ballet classes. When Mary's father passed away, she "felt a lot of love from Mercy friends and faculty." marylawb@gmail.com

Rita Dilworth Lewry '77 writes, "Daughter Shannon is graduating from the University of Notre Dame Law School this May and is getting married in August. Shannon's sister, Casey Lewry '15, is the maid of honor. Cousin Stephanie Dilworth '11 and friend Regina Gilmour '10 are bridesmaids."



Sue Collins Thoms '77 has authored two new children's books: *May the Faith Be With You, Bedtime Prayers* (Zondervan) and *My First Communion* (Sterling).



Certified Brain Injury Specialist Terry Ann Habib '79 provides behavior healthcare services to persons with traumatic brain injuries and spinal cord injuries. Her offices are in Livonia, Gaylord, and Mt. Pleasant, MI with

plans to expand to Lansing, Grand Rapids and Monroe. Terry serves on the Board of Directors for the Arab American Chaldean Council. terryh@tcsimi.com

ALUMNAE CLASS NOTES

1980s

Diana Considine Stewart '81 moved back to the Detroit area with her daughter. She is working toward regaining her RN after time off and transferring her license to Michigan. Diana is *"looking forward to reconnecting with classmates, friends and all things Mercy in the future!"* dmc48304@yahoo.com

Virginia Minolli '82 presented The Frank Minolli Scholarship to two outstanding Mercy seniors interested in STEM, **Ana Warner '18** and **Katie Minnich '18**.



In 2011, after 27 years in safety and environmental health, **Patrice Berlinski '83** felt called to teach mindfulness to children and became a Certified Meditation Instructor. After starting her business, Presence to Pupils, LLC, she co-founded The Michigan Collaborative for Mindfulness in Education. Patrice has joined the owners of Vibe Well in Fenton, MI as their Wellness Operations Manager. wild.flower.pb@gmail.com

Mary Comben Handley '83 and Mark Handley celebrated their marriage August 29, 2015 with their children Michael Bourke, Fitz Bourke, Patrick Bourke, Stephanie Handley, Spencer Handley and Sophie Handley. Mary works as the Powertrain Integration Leader for the Ford Escape and Lincoln MKC. She was excited to return to Ford in 2013 after taking 13 years off to raise children. Mary is a mentor for the Women of Tomorrow program. marybourke@sbcglobal.net



Colleen Porter '83 was promoted to Cafe Manager at Google Detroit in March 2018.



Brita Brookes '85 is a marketing specialist and graphic designer at Stantec Architecture in Berkley, MI. Brita also works as a freelance music photographer and was a caregiver to her mother who passed away in 2014.

britabrookesgraphics.com;
britabrookes@gmail.com

Celebrating the "Year of 50" are 1986 classmates **Cathy Loniewski Girdler**, **Joy Herron Sneyd**, **Kathy Clement Letendre**, **Mary Beth Larabell Connolly**, and **Terri Naldoka Murray**.



Leslianne Taylor Pratt '86 and husband Robert have six children and one granddaughter. Leslianne is a 911 dispatcher in Bella Vista, AR. lesliannet@yahoo.com

1990s

Andrea Sokalski Zander '91, **Denise Cawley '91** and **Rachelle Busser '91** were happy to reconnect in St. Paul, MN.



Darcell Sutika Brown '94 earned a BA in English from the University of Michigan and a Master's in Public Health from the University of Illinois. While working for a hospital, Darcell secured grants for underserved and uninsured women of Oakland County. She is married to Dave and has a 7-year-old son, Cooper.

Lis France Koenig '95 lives in Singapore with husband Robert and daughter Kierstin (5). A pilot for FedEx, Lis has taken an assignment at their Asia base, while Robert is the Singapore Center Manager for FlightSafety International. efkoenig315@gmail.com

Amanda Northcross '95 teaches environmental health at the George Washington University, DC. She works to develop new methods to measure individuals' exposure to air pollution. Amanda plays capoeira, an AfroBrazilian martial art. amandaln@gmail.com

Hilary Atkin '96 married Vernon Blevins on November 5, 2017. The bridal party included **Nora Clancy Mullin '00**, and guests included **Stephanie Clement '96**, **Melissa Coletta '96**, **Suman Desaraju '96**, **Regan Manwell '96**, **Julie Fedolak '00**, and **Natalie Spencer '00**. Hilary is the Manager of Foundations for Michigan Opera Theatre.

Heather Chidsey Bartels '96 and husband Brandon welcomed their second child, Luke Brandon, on August 24, 2017. Luke joins his big brother, Grant Michael.



ALUMNAE CLASS NOTES

At the Association of American Medical Colleges Women's Leadership Seminar, **Dr. Lisa Merlo Greene '96** (left) and **Dr. Tonia Rex '91** (right) met Dr. Shannon Boye (center) from Our Lady of Mercy School for Young Women in Rochester, NY. They were among a select group of women nominated to attend from medical schools around the U.S. and Canada.



After 14 years as an education executive administrator, **Leila Hamade '96** *"retired to mom"* and is a self-employed Reiki Master. She also runs a jewelry business with her husband. *"My heart is content knowing I am trekking the path I first started at Mercy, using my leadership skills to teach others to lead with compassion, love and understanding."* LYFEcoach222@gmail.com; etsy shops: Wizard LYFE Healing and New Earth LYFE.

Kate Balconi Nail '96 is a National Board Certified Teacher in AYA Science-Biology.

After 13 years as a museum curator and exhibit designer, **MaryJane Valade '97** switched gears to become a software developer. Going back to school in 2016, she received a Front-End Engineering certificate from the Turing School of Software & Design in Denver, CO and was hired by Blinker as a JavaScript web developer. When not banging on the keyboard, MaryJane can be found playing in the Colorado mountains with her husband Chris Hester (OLSM '97) and their two children.

Jessica Rimmer Morrison '98 announces the birth of her daughter Zoë on December 21, 2017, one day before her own birthday.

2000s

Shannon Ringvelski Chamberlain '00 earned her PhD in English Literature at the University of California-Berkeley in December 2017 and welcomed a daughter, Ginevra Frances, on May 1, 2018.

Katie Mason Summers '00 is a research microbiologist with the USDA in the DC area. Katie and husband Dan welcomed their third child, Conor Shane, on October 27, 2017. Samantha (4) and Finn (2) are excited siblings.



Courtney Skiles '01 moved back to Detroit from Seattle with her husband Sheikh and daughter Myra. She welcomed her second little girl, Sylvia, into her family in November. Courtney recently started an immigration law practice that caters to the needs of families and employers. courtney.skiles@gmail.com



Lindsay Lichtman Watson '01 and husband Grant welcomed their first child, Eleanor Ann, on October 11, 2017.



Kim Warzyniec Bogrow '02 and husband Adam welcomed their first child, Connor James, on March 3, 2018.

Michelle Ilitch '02, Regional Director of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System's clinically integrated network and accountable care organization, was named one of three 2018 Bruce Bradley Fellows by The Leapfrog Group, a non-profit group of large employers and other purchasers devoted to making giant leaps in the delivery of quality and safety within the American health care system.

Megan Monaghan '02 and John Skari Jr. welcomed their first child, Maia Rose, on April 7, 2018. Megan recently started a marketing job in Denver at Visible, a digital wireless service. megan.m.monaghan@gmail.com



Lisa Rodriguez Nazoyan '03 and husband Steve welcomed their first child, Alexander Levon, on March 3, 2018. lisa.nazoyan@gmail.com

2000s cont.



Lindsay Dougherty McConnell '04 and husband John welcomed their daughter, Mae, in December 2016.

Kristina Hall Niemiec '05 writes, "In May 2017, our family grew with the birth of my son, Jacob Robert."



Broadcast journalist **Brigette Burnett '06** stepped away from television to become the host and producer of the Daily Downtown for Buckeye Broadband. Her work there led to an Associated Press award. A graduate of Columbia College Chicago, she has mentored young women in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program and is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. brigettesb@gmail.com



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This past summer **Kathleen Carty '06** celebrated her marriage to Bryan Fisher. Their ceremony on Mackinac Island was blessed with family and friends, including bridesmaid **Carolyn Lusch '07**. Kathleen teaches Spanish at the University of Texas and was awarded her second master's degree this spring.



On May 14, 2018, **Pamela Schneider '06** was blessed to have Mercy classmates by her side as she said "I do" to Ken Anako. "Over the years, there have been moves across country (and continents), bachelor and graduate degrees, exciting new jobs, breakups and engagements, and trips around the world. Despite the changes, we managed to stay close. I love each of these girls so much, and I have to credit my time at Mercy for providing an environment that fostered friendships that will last a lifetime!" L to R: **Aki Suzuki '06, Jennifer Suchocki '06, Kimberly Moellering '06** and **Madison Groneck '06**.



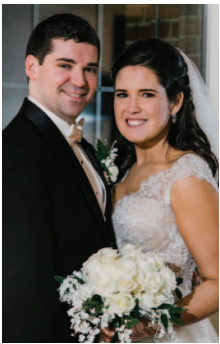
Amanda Hall '07 married Josh Borg on April 14, 2018 in Detroit. Mercy graduates celebrating their union included her aunt **Sue Hall '74, Eileen Taylor Whalen '73**, her sister **Kristina Hall Niemiec '05**, her sister **Lisa Hall Burek '02** and **Tessa Abraham Miller '07**.



Carolyn Lusch '07, daughter of religious studies teacher Ann Lusch, welcomed her first child, Eli

Francis Janke, into the world on February 14, 2018. Carolyn is an urban planner and lives with husband Alexander Janke in New Haven, CT, where she manages the city's bike share program.

Ashli Brennan Cotton '08 is a psychotherapist with Molina Healthcare in Chicago, IL.



Megan Flaherty '08 married Vincent Lynch on January 19, 2018 in Plymouth, MI. Her sister **Molly Flaherty '06** was maid of honor. Megan teaches at a Catholic school in the DC area.

Alison Allen Ortega '08 was inducted into the Wayne State University Athletic Hall of Fame in February 2018. She was a four-year softball letter winner who ended her career as the all-time WSU leader in slugging percentage, at bats, runs scored, doubles, home runs, RBI, total bases and intentional walks.



Mary Catherine Bender '09 received her Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. She will continue her training in Orthodontics at U of M. bendmary@umich.edu



Jordan Mueller Dwyer '09 was promoted to HR Leader with Owens Corning. She recently received her MBA from Ohio University.



Rebecca Guerriero '09 lives in the UK and works in the sustainability consulting sector and for the Red Cross in disaster risk reduction.

She earned her Master's in Environmental Change and Management at the University of Oxford. She plays ice hockey and competes in rowing races.

2010s



Ashley Lyles '12 graduated from New York University Science, Health and Environmental Reporting Program. Previously, she took writing and pre-med courses at Michigan

State University and was the 2017 recipient of the Cardiovascular Research Foundation's Jason Kahn Fellowship in Medical Journalism. Ashley serves on a Women's Heart Health Initiative advisory committee. Her work has taken her to

Honduras and Cambodia and has appeared in outlets like *The New York Times Daily 360*, *PBS NewsHour*, *The Huffington Post*, *The Root*, *Psychology Today*, and *TCTMD*. She enjoys fashion and beauty, and intends to have a career as a doctor and medical correspondent. am1937@nyu.edu



Chloe Henderson '13 was the University of Michigan Ann Arbor 2018 College of Engineering Commencement student speaker. She graduated with a BSE in Mechanical Engineering and a minor in Community Action and Social Change. She will relocate to Boston, MA to work at Procter & Gamble-Gillette as a product supply engineer. chloehen@umich.edu



Sarah Hoffman '14, pictured with **Lindsay Hiser '14**, was the University of Michigan Ann Arbor 2018 School of Nursing Commencement

student speaker. She graduated with a BSN and will work in pediatric nursing either in Colorado or at Mott Children's Hospital, Ann Arbor. sehoff@umich.edu

Elizabeth Adragna '15 graduated from the Macomb Community College Nursing Program in May 2018.

This summer **Theresa Walle '15** will be the sole intern at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City for the Stage Directors Office within the Production Department. She will assist in writing visa petitions for artists scheduled to perform at the Met. Additional aspects will include meeting renowned artistic directors and producers and updating historical records. Theresa is pursuing degrees in Voice Performance and Communications at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.



Courtney Weaver '17 is working towards a double major in Cyber Defense and Digital Forensics at Tiffin University. She is a brother of Kappa Kappa Psi, an honorary band fraternity, and a sister and organization liaison of Zeta Pi Beta. Courtney competed in speech and debate as a varsity member and was the first Tiffin student to medal for program oral interpretation, placing sixth in BGSU's annual Speech and Debate competition.

IN MEMORY OF SISTER MARY TIMOTHY BROWN, RSM
JUNE 27, 1925-JANUARY 7, 2018



Sister Mary Timothy Brown entered the Sisters of Mercy in 1943 and made her made perpetual vows in 1949. She taught typing, bookkeeping and shorthand at Mercy from 1960 to 1963 and brought television broadcasts to the school. She returned to the high school in 1971 as Associate Principal and Dean of Students, a role she held until 1988. Riding her yellow scooter throughout the halls, Sister Mary Timothy kept watch on students. She ruled with a no-nonsense approach, yet had a ready smile and a twinkle in her eye for every Mercy girl. She was a loyal fan of Marlin sports and Detroit teams. After leaving the school, she became Director of Operations at McAuley Center and was responsible for finance and physical plant maintenance until retiring in 2010. She held a master's degree in business from the University of Detroit.

Sister Mary Timothy was an unassuming, prayerful woman who had great devotion to Mary. A daily Rosary, the motto in her silver ring, "Through Mary to Jesus," and a custom of wearing blue on Saturdays in honor of Mary were all an important part of her life. She had a great sense of humor and enjoyed a good time with the Community. She is fondly remembered by many students and those whose lives she touched.

In Memory
Mercy Alumnae

Mary Louise McWilliams Edwards '49,
November 2017

Mary Smythe McKay '54, September 2017

Kathryn Tamer Wilde '55, September 2017

Patricia Smith Schwartz '56, March 2018

Beverly Boes Faubert '59, January 2018
sister of Barbara Boes Capaldi '62; sister-in-law of
Kathleen Carletti Boes '55; aunt of Bridget Boes
Flanagan '78; great aunt of Elizabeth Flanagan '11
and Julie Anne Flanagan '14

Cherie L. Murphy Kulwicki '59, April 2018

Judith Ann Vogel Marmalad '59, August 2017
sister of Joan Vogel Spinney '59 and Maureen Vogel
Kelly '69

Sister Mary Kelly, RSM '64, April 2018

Joyce Griffith Davison '65, February 2018

Jane Patricia Horgan McGinnis '66, November 2017

Patricia Flanigan Smedley '66, November 2017

Rita Frances Kaminski '67, May 2018

Nancy Watkins Kinggo '67, January 2018

Joan Jakubiec Jansen (Wendzinski) '74,
November 2017
sister of Julie Jakubiec '81

Mercy Family

James D. Aston, Jr., January 2018
father of Joan Aston Whitehead '75 and Jan
Aston-Bacon '77; grandfather of Jillian Bacon '09

William J. Best, April 2018
father of Melinda Best Calme '70 and Georgina
Best-Neylon '85

Andrew Joseph Biebuyck, December 2017
brother of Erin Biebuyck '03

Dimitris E. Bitzarakis, December 2017
father of Emily Bitzarakis '02

Doris Bonneville, May 2018
former Mercy Librarian

Sister Mary Timothy Brown, RSM,
January 2018
former Mercy Associate Principal;
aunt of Suzanne Brown '78

Elwyn Bush, October 2016
father of Jocelyn Gail Bush '77

John William Carolin, February 2018
husband of Penny Frailey Carolin '67;
father of Maureen Carolin Gumbel '00 and
Megan Carolin Landry '05

Herbert Charles Crenshaw, December 2017
father of Loretta Crenshaw McColgan '72

Marion T. Daignault, April 2018
mother of Katherine Daignault De Ridder '71,
Mary Daignault Galbavy '75, Frances Daignault
O'Brien '79, and Janet Daignault Collins '81

Ann Marie Dobrzelewski, December 2017
mother of Sandra Dobrzelewski McCabe '70

Kathleen T. Dryovage, March 2018
mother of Jeannie Dryovage Lillystone '80;
grandmother of Wendy Lillystone '13 and
Heather Lillystone '16

Dr. J. Harold Ellens, April 2018
father of Brenda Ellens '83; grandfather of Phoenix
Dempster '15 and Summit Dempster '17

Jeannette Fehner, February 2018
former Mercy Science Teacher

Virginia George, May 2018
mother of Carol George Kirkland '68 and the late
Diana George Jacokes '67; mother-in-law of Nancy
Kanney George '71; grandmother of Kristen George
Martin '00, Julie Jacokes Koehler '01, Kelly George
Hermann '03, and Erin Kirkland '10

Marilyn Elizabeth Guss, November 2017
mother of Susan Guss Trombley '81

Donald Edward Guss, Sr., April 2018
father of Susan Guss Trombley '81

Patrick E. Hackett, December 2017
father of Susan Hackett Delonis '70, Carol Hackett
Garagiola '73, Lynn Hackett '74, Meg Hackett '75,
M. Patricia Hackett '77, Beth Hackett '79, and
Sarah Hackett '84; grandfather of Katie Garagiola
'99 and Megan Garagiola '02; grandfather-in-law
of Genevieve Kolasa Delonis '97; uncle of Karen
Pastor '84; uncle-in-law of Sally Palmer Pastor '77

Gerald R. Haliburda, Jr., April 2018
son of Patricia Kroll Haliburda '56; brother of Lisa
Haliburda Clarkson '78 and Colleen Haliburda '81

Kenneth Alfred Hoerauf, September 2017
husband of former Mercy Administrative Assistant
Jacqueline Phillips Hoerauf '61; brother-in-law of
Sister Cheryl Phillips RSM '64 and Susan Phillips
Schmaltz '67

Earline Jones, November 2017
mother of Monique Jones '81

JoAnn Kaminski, November 2017
mother of Joan Kaminski Brown '88 and
Jill Kaminski Burch '91

Jean Koss, March 2018
mother of Debra Koss Rodriguez '71, Donna Koss
Sandoffsky '73, and Mary Koss Maydew '83

Diane Kuzniar, January 2018
mother of Maureen Kuzniar Rosette '77,
the late Suzanne Kuzniar '78, Judy Kuzniar '81,
and Amy Kuzniar LeDuff '87

Philomena (Tillie) LaFave, December 2017
mother of Mercy Trustee Carla LaFave O'Malley '70

John Edmund Lahiff, December 2017
father of Gwen Lahiff Thacker '89 and Jessica
Lauren Howell '03

Anna Lenhart, January 2018
mother of Susan Lenhart '81

William (Bill) Lewandowski, November 2017
father of Jaclyn Lewandowski '20

Dr. Edward Loniewski, January 2018
father of Mary Ann Loniewski Ransler '82 and
Dr. Catherine Loniewski Girdler '86; grandfather of
Mara Jo Loniewski '06, Madeline Loniewski '15,
and Mya Loniewski '18

Jacqueline (Jackie) McCarthy, April 2018
mother of Eileen McCarthy '81

William James McNish, January 2018
husband of Carol Bingham McNish '60;
father of Christine McNish '82 and Suzanne
McNish Mocerri '88

Anna Marie Minolli, January 2018
mother of Virginia Minolli '82

Andre Moore, November 2017
husband of Kristin Reese Moore '99

Edward R. Pobur, July 2017
brother of Sharon Pobur Jacobs '56

Robert A. Poniatowski, December 2017
father of Ariana Poniatowski '93

Dr. Charles E. Reaume, January 2018
husband of Nancy Caprara Reaume '54;
father of Julie Reaume '79, Lynn Reaume
Garbacz '81, and Ann Reaume Wright '83

Peter Romanelli, March 2018
father of Pamela Romanelli '72

Patricia Lorraine Rothermel, May 2018
mother of Katherine Rothermel '04

Elizabeth Scott, April 2018
mother of Lisa Scott Sokolosky '81, Lori Scott
VanBommel '81, and Sue Scott Granzotto '85;
mother-in-law of Julie Scanlon Scott '85

Joan Reine Sheehan, December 2017
mother of Susan Sheehan Meeks '75 and
Patrice Sheehan Thornton '77

Warren J. Swan, April 2018
father of Kathleen Swan Gillett '77 and
Joanne Swan Jones '81

John P. Wisely, April 2018
husband of Joan Carr Wisely '57; father of
Kathleen Wisely Krolicki '80, Maryanne Wisely
Foster '83, and Sheila Wisely London '91;
grandfather of Sadie Foster '20

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