

NEW BEGINNINGS



**Mercy
McAuley**

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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mercy McAuley. Walk the halls and see how your legacy is reflected not only in the significant pieces of memorabilia in the Legacy Center, but in the young women who follow in your footsteps. Our alumnae represent the building blocks of success, and it is our goal to make Mercy McAuley a place where you continue to feel welcome.

Two issues of this magazine will be published during the 2018-19 school year. It is our goal to make this magazine YOUR magazine, full of information that you want to see. That's why we are seeking your input on what to include in the publication. I encourage you to spend a few minutes filling out the online survey at www.mercymcauley.org/alumnae-survey. Also, we will offer a variety of additional programs and events for alumnae throughout the school year, so expect to see more opportunities to socialize, engage in prayer and service, and ultimately build an even stronger alumnae community.

Thank you for your continued support, loyalty and generosity.

Sincerely,

Patty Lusheck Ragio
President

Thanks to the leadership of the Sisters of Mercy, the Transition Committee, and of course the considerable amount of volunteers—students, parents, alumnae, faculty and staff, Mercy McAuley High School opened its doors to over 700 students for the first day of school on August 15. The hard work and preparation paid off, and the start of our school year was a wonderful burst of energy and celebration, as you will see from the photos in the magazine.

Now we start a new chapter together. The support of alumnae from our legacy schools, McAuley and Mother of Mercy, is critical, necessary and greatly appreciated. I invite you to visit us at

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UNDER CONSTRUCTION

For the 2018-2019 school year, we will send out two special editions of the magazine in order to ensure that future publications are interesting and relevant to all of our readers. In order to do this, please consider taking a brief survey for us to gauge what you are interested in reading about in this publication. To do so, please visit: mercymcauley.org/alumnae-survey.



WE NEED YOUR HELP:

MAGAZINE NAMING CONTEST

Help us name our new Magazine! The audience will be both Mercy and McAuley grads, so we need a name that ties all of us together. The winner will receive spirit wear. To submit ideas, visit: mercymcauley.org/magazine.

MILESTONES/SYMPATHY

To view our most recent alumnae milestones and sympathies, visit: mercymcauley.org/alumnae/news.



A few Mercy McAuley Wolves celebrate our school's mascot by making "claws" with their hands.

MERCY MCAULEY HONORS LEGACY AND CELEBRATES NEW BEGINNINGS

While Mercy McAuley High School is brand-new, we recognize and remember our legacy of over 100 years of Mercy Education in Cincinnati. Reminders of our legacy schools, Mother of Mercy High School and McAuley High School, are ever-present throughout the building, and are woven into our practices and traditions as a new school.

In the very front garden area, the two newly-refurbished statues that formerly stood in front of both Mercy and McAuley High Schools — the Virgin Mary and Catherine McAuley — welcome each person entering the school. Those who enter through the front doors of Mercy McAuley are immediately greeted by the famous stained-glass window once housed in Mother of Mercy’s main lobby staircase. The window is displayed with backlighting, which highlights every single detail of the striking piece — right down to Mary’s eyelashes. The backside of the display houses the top portions of the Mercy stained-glass window and a replica of the stained-glass window in McAuley’s *Christ the Teacher*, which remains in the Mercy McAuley Chapel. A quote of

Catherine McAuley appears below, “I have a great confidence in you to do what you think best. State your opinion and always act with courage.”

On the ground floor, near the English and Art classrooms, the Legacy Center displays memorabilia from both McAuley and Mercy, including the class graduations photos from both schools, mascot heads, uniform skirts, class rings, and much more. In addition, a few items from Our Lady of Mercy High School are exhibited in the Legacy Center. Students are allowed to use this area throughout the day to study and appreciate the Mercy Education legacy in Cincinnati, and

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— Catherine McAuley





What was formerly known as “Families,” or “Peer-to-Peer,” are now “Dens” at Mercy McAuley. Around five students from each class level are placed in a Den with two or three faculty and staff members, and will remain with the same group throughout their careers at Mercy McAuley to form lasting bonds between grade levels. In Dens, students receive time to reflect on the day, think creatively, and work together to accomplish tasks.

T.E.A. Bell, or Time for Educational Advancement, is an innovative aspect of the schedule, and is unique among area high schools. T.E.A. takes its name from Catherine McAuley’s famous virtue of hospitality, as she routinely offered warmth, friendship, and a cup of tea to guests and her fellow sisters. The T.E.A. Bell provides three 60-minute periods a week during which students are immersed in numerous opportunities to advance their learning through personalized, experiential activities.

With over 100 years of Mercy Education and over 20,000 graduates, Mercy McAuley’s legacy is robust. Honoring its past and innovatively working towards the future, Mercy McAuley is the new beginning of Catholic, Mercy education in our region, which brings all graduates together into one pack, a sisterhood united in the ideals of Catherine McAuley.



alumnae are highly encouraged to visit the building to take a look at this special spot in the building.

In addition to all of the new features to the school honoring our past, Mercy McAuley has many new features to the building celebrating the new school as well. Most simply, wall colors and pillars throughout the building have been updated with the school’s colors — orange, white, and grey. The gymnasium’s flooring, bleachers, echo absorbers, and scoreboard have all been updated to match the school’s colors, and the wolf mascot is painted on the wall and the floor. The auditorium was also repainted to a grey color, and brightly displays the school name above the stage, which is decorated with a new curtain.





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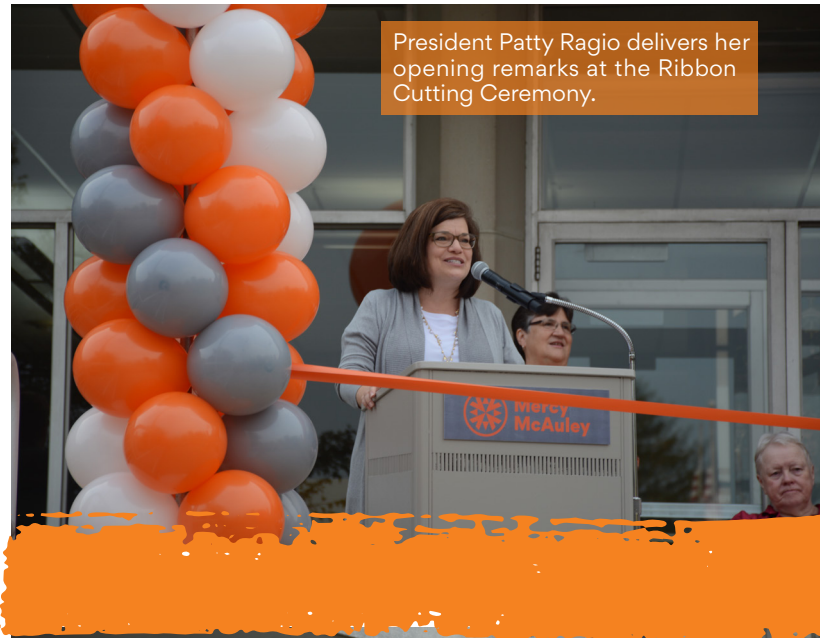
Wednesday, August 15, marked the first day of school at the new Mercy McAuley High School! Our teachers and staff greeted our Wolves the minute they entered the driveway with signs and cheers. All students, faculty, and staff then gathered outside the front of the school to bear witness as Mercy McAuley President Patty Ragio, Principal Connie Kampschmidt, and Board Chair Sr. Debbie Kern, RSM, gave opening statements. The Board and Transition team, along with the Student Council Presidents, joined in to cut the ceremonial ribbon, officially marking the opening of the new school.

Shortly after, everyone gathered in the auditorium for the opening all-school Mass celebrating the Feast of the Assumption. The 1,000-seat auditorium was nearly full, and the excitement was palpable. After Mass, Principal Connie Kampschmidt led the students in the first all-school cheer which boomed through the entire building.

Finally, our students spent some time with their new classmates in their grade level before heading off to class. Later that evening, hundreds of alumnae and friends of Mercy and McAuley High Schools attended our Alumnae and Friends Welcome Night. The energy and enthusiasm in the building were incredible throughout the entire day!

THANK YOU!

A special thank you to all who served on a committee, filled out a survey, or participated in a focus group. Your insight and ideas were integral to this transition. We could not have done it without you!



President Patty Ragio delivers her opening remarks at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.



Student Ella Klusman, Board of Directors Chair Sr. Debbie Kern, RSM, Principal Connie Kampschmidt, and the Transition Team (from left) Tom Otten, Kathy Schnier, Denise Krueger, Cindy Costello and Wayne Morse cut the ribbon.



The Transition Team, Principal, and Board of Directors Chair prepare to cut the ribbon as the Student Council Presidents count down from ten.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND REUNIONS

Save the dates for our upcoming alumnae events and reunions. More information can be found on our website at mercymcauley.org/alumnae/events.

- **Trivia Night** | November 6, 2018
- **Fall Play, *Radium Girls*** | November 16-18, 2018
- **Thanksgiving Mass** | November 20, 2018
- **Christmas Concert** | December 9, 2018
- **Alumnae Cabaret** | December 28, 2018
- **Gala Auction** | February 16, 2018
- **Golden Guild** | March 16, 2019
- **Spring Musical, *Mamma Mia!*** | April 12-14, 2019
- **Easter Egg Hunt** | April 13, 2019
- **Flying Pig Rally Station** | May 5, 2019
- **Art Show** | May 10, 2019
- **Sounds of Spring Concert** | May 10, 2019
- **Young Alumnae Raid the Halls** | May 14, 2019

Mother of Mercy Class of '68

Meets at The Farm in Delhi at 6 p.m. on the 1ST Thursday of October and April every year.

