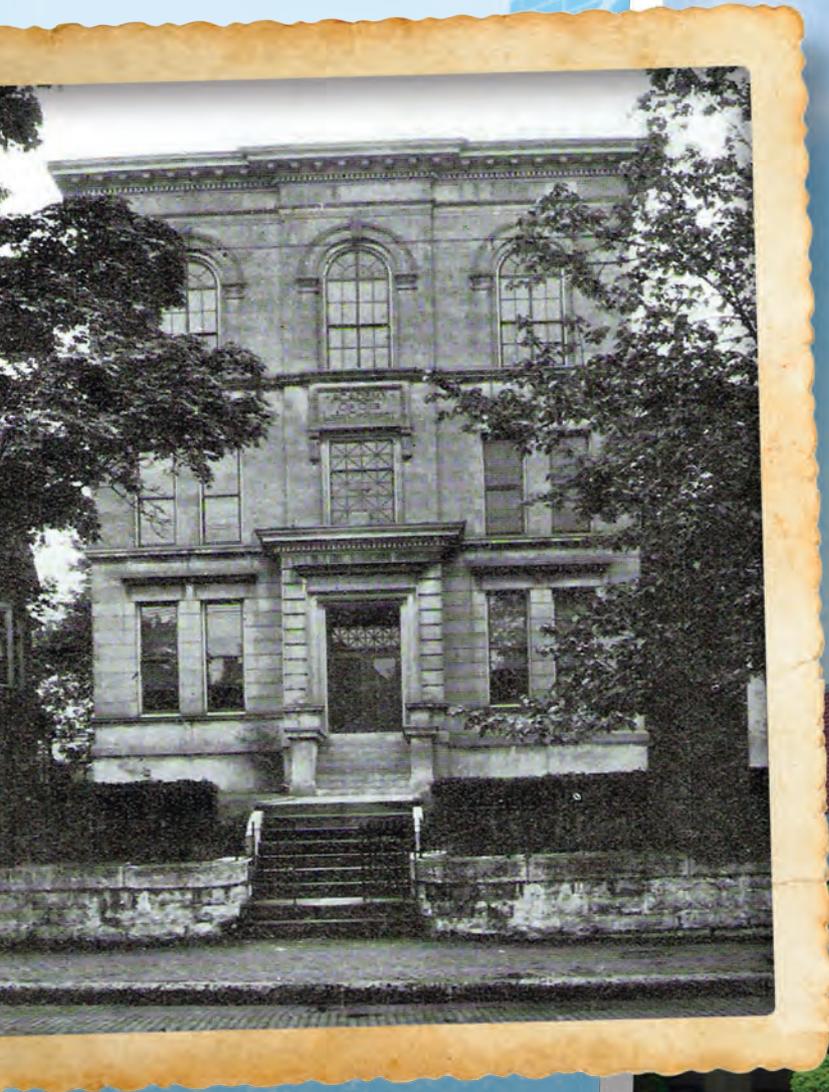


# JAGWIRE

Spring 2021



NEWS AND STORIES FROM

MERCY ACADEMY

# From President to President

## Dear Friends of Mercy,

It's hard to believe that Mercy has been a part of my life for almost 30 years. Back in 1993 when I first set foot on the Broadway campus, I had no idea just how much of an impact it would have. In my four years at Mercy, I not only gained lifelong friends and a passion for servant-leadership, I was also blessed with teachers who led by example and encouraged me to leave every place a little better than I found it. I don't remember every class I took or all the clubs I was a part of, but I do remember the feeling I had when I walked into that building every day, and I am blessed to still feel the same every time I come in those doors!

That feeling called me back to Mercy where I served on the Alumnae Board for six years and had the pleasure of helping with many Mercy events. One of my favorites is reunion weekend. Seeing so many Mercy alumnae in one place and welcoming the graduates from 50 years ago into the Mercy Society is truly a special tradition. But the one thing that transcends all generations is the love for Mercy and the special bond that we all have being Mercy sisters!

After my time with the Alumnae Board, I was asked to join Mercy's Board of Directors, and I have enjoyed my time with them over the past six years, including serving as the Board's president for the last two years. This has allowed me to see Mercy from an entirely new lens. In my work on the Board and with the Sisters of Mercy, I have such an immense amount of gratitude for all that goes on behind the scenes. There truly is such intentionality behind every decision that is made. We always put students at the center of all discussions as we plan for the future of making a Mercy education accessible to as many girls as possible.

As we celebrate entering our 15<sup>th</sup> year on our beautiful Fegenbush campus, one thing I know for sure is that it doesn't matter the building Mercy is in, because the spirit of Mercy is bigger than any building. Mercy is Mercy because of the people who carry on Catherine McAuley's legacy every day in these halls: caring for, educating and supporting young women to go into the world and leave their mark just as she did.

I am grateful for the work I've been able to do and witness during my term as Board President. I will pass on my role as president this fall to another outstanding Board member, Mariah Weyland Gratz '98, and I look forward to seeing the impact she makes on Mercy.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Stober Starke '97  
Board of Directors, President

*We would like to thank Jennifer Stober Starke '97 for her years of service to Mercy's Board of Directors, including her time as President. She was instrumental in the search and transition of school presidents, a task that took a lot of time and commitment. Thank you, Jennifer!* — Becky Wise Montague '91



## MERCY EXTENDS A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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*Alumnae*

**UNITE**

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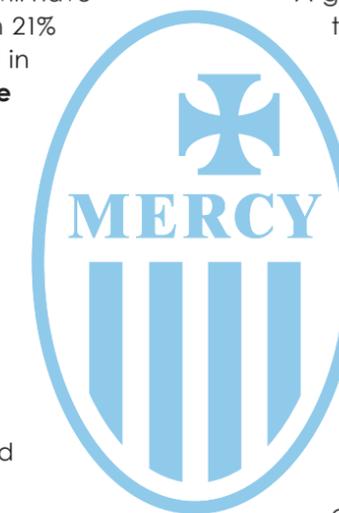
All alumnae who give \$21 or more during the Alumnae Unite campaign will receive this awesome Mercy Alumna t-shirt and a Mercy cookie!

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e are excited to announce a newly re-envisioned **Alumnae Unite** giving campaign. What was originally known as Rivals Unite 4 Girls, a challenge between the alumnae of Assumption, Mercy, Presentation and Sacred Heart, is now expanding to include more young women educated in the Archdiocese of Louisville. Join us in welcoming Bethlehem and Holy Cross to our new campaign, to support Louisville girls' Catholic education!

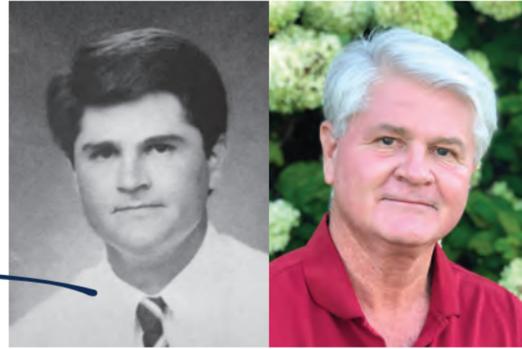
This year we are **All For 21**. Each school will have 60 hours to help their alma mater reach 21% of alumnae giving to their annual fund in support of the Class of 2021. **The challenge begins at noon on Wednesday, April 14 and ends at midnight on Friday, April 16.** We're excited to see Alumnae Unite across the Archdiocese of Louisville in support of education for young women.

Mercy provides an amazing, faith-filled education rooted in the values and ideals of the Sisters of Mercy. There are so many young women who desire this experience. A donation to our Mercy Fund makes their dreams a reality.



A great time for alumnae to make their gift to the annual fund is during our Alumnae Unite campaign. You can donate online at [mercyacademy.com/donate](https://mercyacademy.com/donate), return the enclosed envelope with a check made payable to Mercy Academy, or Venmo us: @Mercy-Academy. Please include your full name and graduation year in the memo line of the check or in your comment on Venmo.

All alumnae who give \$21 or more during the Alumnae Unite campaign will receive the awesome Mercy alumna t-shirt pictured above and a Mercy cookie! After the campaign concludes, you will receive an email asking for t-shirt size and distribution information. ●



# Farewell, Mark Evans!

**T**his year, Mercy's Athletic Director, Coach Mark Evans, celebrated 30 years of service to Mercy Academy! After many years of coaching, teaching and leading Mercy's athletic administration, he has decided to retire at the end of this year.

"I fell in love with the family environment, wonderful support, very hardworking student-athletes and their wonderful families over the years I've worked at Mercy," Mark said. "I hope to help the next AD in their transition, and to watch Mercy athletics continue to succeed."

Mark began working at Mercy in 1986 when then AD, Leslie Scully, offered him the opportunity to be the head coach of one of the top softball programs in the state. With this opportunity in hand, then head basketball coach, Jim Protenic, also gave Mark the opportunity to assist him on the court.

"It was such a pleasure coaching with Mark," Jim said. "I appreciated everything he did for countless athletes, students and parents, but more than anything, I'm proud to call him my friend."

While coaching, Mark also taught in the Mercy Social Studies department, helping to form the geography curriculum. In 1997, he was hired to become the Athletic Director at Mercy and the head basketball coach.

"Coach Evans has poured his heart and soul into Mercy Academy, and he will be missed," Donna Moir, Athletic Director and Basketball Coach at Sacred Heart Academy, said. "I loved competing against his teams because they were always prepared and played hard. Coach Evans and I battled against each other in some really tough games, but over time, we have developed a friendship that will always be there. It is bigger than sports, and I will always appreciate him. He is a big reason why high school girls' sports have grown in Kentucky."

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*I fell in love with the family environment, wonderful support, very hardworking student-athletes and their wonderful families over the years I've worked at Mercy.*  
”  
— Mark Evans

Mark received numerous recognitions as Coach of the Year, and holds 12 district championships, five regional championships and two state championships for Mercy's basketball program and two state slow-pitch softball championships. He is truly irreplaceable and has done so much for Mercy's Athletic Department.



"Mark is one of the best," Leslie Scully said. "He has always been such a good influence on so many students and student-athletes. I hope he enjoys retirement half as much as I know he enjoyed his career!"

Mercy will miss Mark very much, but know he will be enjoying time with his family, including his granddaughter, Willa, in his retirement. ●



Top — Mgr. Robin Soeder, Pam Hamilton, Marti Wilkins, Sandy Willet, Stacey Moore, Cheryl Cain, Mgr. Dawn Geraghty, Middle — Mgr. Angela Mainal, Rhonda Eaton, Kim Byron, Becky Pierson, Nancy Hullsmeyer, Beth Bizzell, Andrea Buckman, Bottom — Coach Mark Evans, Angela Ferry, Kristin Kupper, Monica Beam, Robyn Kulp, Jennifer Sweed, Coach K. Keogh.



# Dream, Believe, Achieve

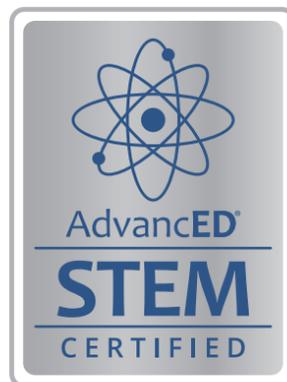
# 15 Years on Fegenbush, AND FOREVER MOVING FORWARD



This fall, Mercy Academy will begin its **15<sup>th</sup> year** on Fegenbush Lane. It is hard to believe how quickly the years have passed and how much there is to celebrate!

In the late 1800s and early 1900s, Mercy moved from Jefferson Street to Second Street to Broadway. Each move allowed for Mercy to expand and meet the needs of the students it served at the time.

"From their humble beginning on West Jefferson Street with a handful of Sisters, [Mercy] later acquired a more commanding and academical building on Second Street," Sister Mary Prisca Pfeffer, RSM, recalled in her book, *In Love and Mercy*. "This, however, in later years proved inadequate to the growing wants of the school...and now with the generous assistance of their friends, all of this has been acquired and perfected in the new academy on Broadway."



Just as Mercy needed a new space to grow then, Mercy again found the need to move in order to meet the growing needs of the school in the early 2000s. Thanks to the generosity of many, including, Joyce Bischoff Schneider '55, who donated a portion of her family's farm for the new campus, Bennie Evans, who provided the contractual services for the building, and Mike Johnson, who provided leadership and perseverance throughout the transition, ground was

broken in 2006 for the Fegenbush location to open by the fall of 2007.

"What a bold vision it was in the early 2000s to create a new campus for the school," Rich Lechleiter, president of the Catholic Education Foundation of Louisville, said. "The dream became this wonderful reality

that is today a great source of pride for everyone who values Catholic education. But here's the best part of the story: through all of this transformational change, Mercy Academy has never strayed from its core mission of serving the poor and uneducated in this community. And how blessed we are for that!"

In these first 15 and very formative years on Fegenbush Lane, Mercy has much to be proud of: becoming the first all-girls school in the nation to receive STEM certification; transitioning to an exceptional digital learning environment with the 1:1 iPad program; receiving national recognition for the "You're not a princess" campaign; increasing enrollment to provide more young women a Mercy education; expanding the fine arts programs; providing on-campus athletic facilities and so much more!

While Mercy is extremely proud of these achievements, it is important to continue moving forward

to meet the needs of the community. In the coming years, Mercy will continue to modify spaces and expand the opportunities and resources for students. Mercy's strategic plan on pages 8-9 details plans that will be completed by 2022. It's thanks to the investment of the loyal Mercy community that these dreams have and will continue to become a reality.

"Moving from Broadway to Fegenbush Lane has been a joy to watch unfold," Director of Advancement, Leslie Hibdon, said. "For me, the most amazing part is that those who stepped up to support the Dream, Believe, Achieve campaign 15 years ago are still involved today and continue to support Mercy's mission."

Join us **Saturday, August 7** any time between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. for our **15 Years on Fegenbush celebration** to see firsthand all that Mercy has to offer. All alumnae and friends of Mercy are welcome! ●

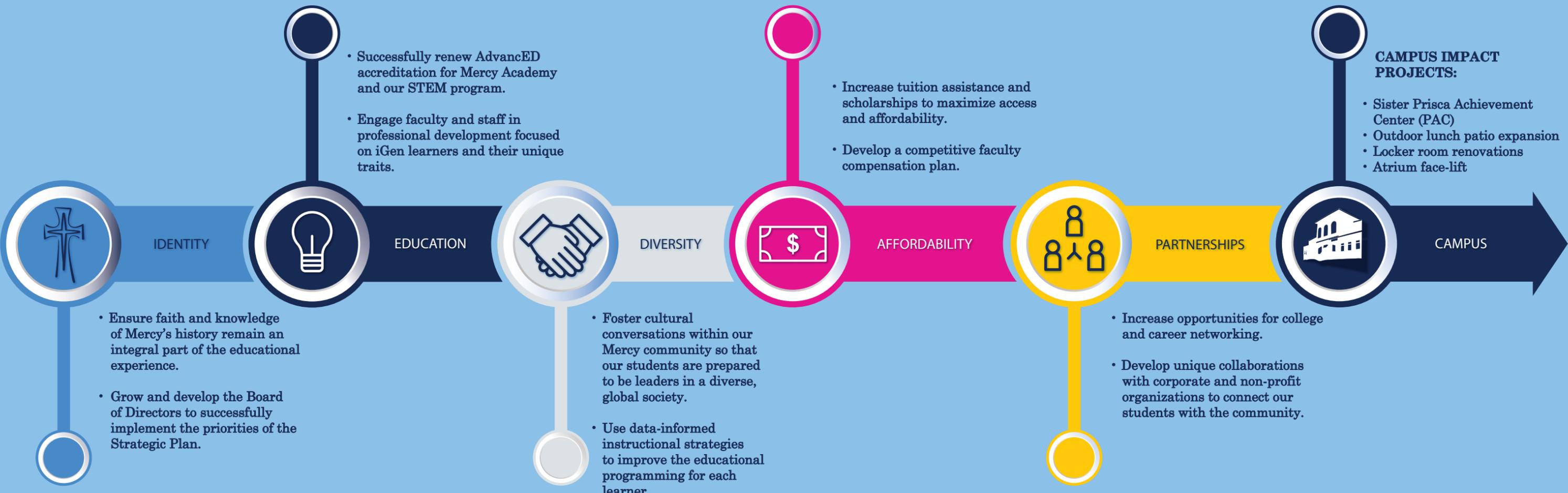
# MERCY ACADEMY

## 2019-2022 Strategic Plan

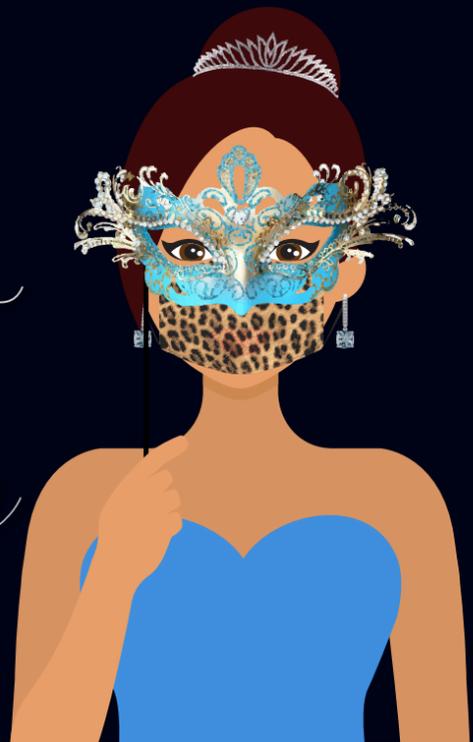


### PRIORITIES:

Enrich and sustain the Catholic and Mercy identities of the Academy; provide a transformative student experience through an innovative educational program focused on performance-based learning and leadership development; strengthen our commitment to diversity and equity; ensure access and affordability; build meaningful partnerships and collaborations, locally and globally; ensure a well-maintained and equipped state-of-the-art campus that supports high achievement.



# Maskerade Benefit Off Broadway



A RECORD  
**\$205,000**  
Raised

TO BENEFIT OUR TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

February 13, 2021, we hosted our first ever Virtual Benefit Off Broadway. This live event was streamed online bringing our BOB program to hundreds of screens across the nation.

Before the event, supporters purchased chances on 38 Wheel of Chance items, \$5 raffle baskets and our \$25,000 Capital Prize, which sold out of its 1,500 tickets! Our online event featured a virtual silent auction and fund-a-student donation appeal.

The program opened with a welcome from Leslie Hibdon, Director of Advancement, and Becky Wise Montague '91, President. Grace Funke '21 began the evening with prayer before welcoming our guest emcee for the evening, Lexie Ratterman '13. Lexie showcased our featured silent auction items and reflected on her time at Mercy. We were also grateful to have Jill Ward '21 speak on behalf of our art program and explain many of our beautiful student art pieces, which were auctioned off in our silent auction.

Then, Emma Cook '21 shared her powerful story of how the tuition assistance program has helped

her family make her Mercy education possible. She expressed how important her time at Mercy has been and what her teachers and classmates mean to her. Thanks to our extremely generous donors, and a \$20,000 match provided by the Huval Family, the Fund-a-Student portion of our evening brought in more than \$50,000!

Following this incredible portion of the program, special guests, Sam Genovese and Jane Conboy, helped spin for our remaining Wheel of Chance items. Many items on the Wheel of Chance were previously spun on our Facebook series 'The Masked Spinner.' Our evening concluded with Kenzie Schofield '23 drawing our \$25,000 Capital Prize winning ticket, which belonged to Monica Craven Smith '57!

Special thanks to all those who made our event so successful: our BOB co-chairs, Jenifer Daunhauer and Tammy Reid; our dedicated BOB committee members, Joe Bergamini, Pam Hollinden and Jenna Hollinden; our technology experts, Adam Klein and Trinity High School; and all of our volunteers, donors and supporters!



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# MERCY DAY Scholarships

Establishing a Mercy Day Scholarship is a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one, while providing financial assistance to a current Mercy student. Many thanks to our Mercy Day sponsors listed below. If you would like to establish a Mercy Day Scholarship, please contact Leslie Hibdon at **(502) 671-2010** or [lhdbdon@mercyjaguars.com](mailto:lhdbdon@mercyjaguars.com).

## SCHOLARSHIP NAME:

- Adams Family
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- Beth and Frank Craven
- Brooke Nicklies Memorial
- Carlton Family Mathematics
- Drew Wilson Memorial
- Eleanor Rose Roberts Norton Memorial
- Emily Convery Memorial
- Flaget Alumni Association
- Helen Dillon Mazzoli Memorial
- Jane Conboy
- Joe Nash Memorial
- Karen Ramser Filcik
- Kramer Service Learning
- Laura Schulz Memorial
- Laverne Schlaug Gregory Memorial
- Lily Strange Memorial
- Love of Reading
- Margaret Kotich Merker Memorial
- Martin Napper Memorial
- Mary Jean Schulz Memorial
- Montgomery-Blazis
- Natalie Thompson Memorial
- Norma Gerwing Bender & Mary Ann Gerwing Cundiff
- Norma Russell Ragsdale
- Perry Family
- Roalofs Spirit of Mercy
- Schlosser Family
- Scott "Scooter" Kramer Memorial
- Sheri Applegate Memorial
- Sister Mary Carmel Henley Performing Arts
- Sister Mary Prisca Pfeffer Memorial
- Sue Knabel Memorial
- Tricia Banta Amburgey Carpe Diem
- Walsh Family



## THE SISTER PRISCA LEGACY SOCIETY

We invite you to join the Sister Prisca Legacy Society. To become a member, all you need to do is include Mercy Academy in your will, trust, estate or or retirement plan.

### You can start today.

- Make sure you have an up-to-date will (or living trust) that reflects your charitable wishes.
- Contact your financial advisor and ask for help establishing a planned gift.
- Make Mercy a beneficiary of your life insurance, pension or IRA.
- Think beyond cash. You can leave stock, real estate or even personal property to Mercy.

As a member of the Sister Prisca Legacy Society, you are an important part of the continued growth of Mercy and will assist generations of students to come.

To learn more, please contact Leslie Hibdon at **(502) 671-2010** or [lhdbdon@mercyjaguars.com](mailto:lhdbdon@mercyjaguars.com).

*\*Yellow box indicates scholarships established in 2020-2021.*

# We Celebrate the Life of...

## MERCY ALUMNAE:

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|---|--|
| <b>1944</b> Doris May Malloy Hayden   | <b>1955</b> Phyllis Niehoff Swinney  |
| <b>1945</b> Helen Rohmann Hurd<br>Sister: Sister Joyce Rohmann '50                              | <b>1956</b> Barbara Carol Feusner Olges  |
| <b>1947</b> Ethel Kreger Marrillia  | <b>1957</b> Ruth Ann Weiter Kinney<br>Daughter: Janice Kinney Cornell '86<br>Daughter: Carol Kinney Holliger '87         |
| <b>1948</b> Betty Jean Patrick Fralick  | <b>1958</b> Nellie Ostertag Leitner  |
| <b>1952</b> Mary Alice Heintzman Scharfenberger<br>Daughter: Donna Scharfenberger Eisenback '80 | <b>1959</b> Elizabeth Ann Mueller Hundley<br>Daughter: Stefanie Hundley Metzroth '88<br>Granddaughter: Katie Lawhorn '21 |
| <b>1952</b> Martha Burks Waldner  | <b>1964</b> Mary Frances Simon Malott<br>Granddaughter: Leann Tunget Sullivan '09<br>Granddaughter: Ashley Tunget '13    |
| <b>1954</b> Alice Hutchins Goodrum  | <b>1998</b> Jennifer Baugher DiOrio  |
| <b>1955</b> Katharine Houston   |  |
| <b>1955</b> Mary Susan Wooley Ashley<br>Granddaughter: Rachael Reitz Carter '08                 |  |
| <b>1955</b> Roberta Ulmer Sears   |  |

## FAMILY:

**Noa Tessa Anderson**  
Mother: Hope Thomas '08

**Albert Barth, III**  
Granddaughter: Jennifer Giangarra '15  
Granddaughter: Megan Giangarra '15

**Terry Braden**  
Wife: Judy Wright Braden '70

**Dave Brady**  
Granddaughter: Paige Stewart '12

**Kenneth Costelle**  
Sister: Verna Costell Carr '58

**Patricia Colleen O'Brien Hedges**  
Granddaughter: Taylor Hedges '17  
Granddaughter: Lexi Hedges '22

**Ruth Jesse Hollkamp**  
Daughter: Mary Sue Hollkamp Brooks '65  
Daughter: Cathy Hollkamp Davis '67  
Daughter: Diana Hollkamp Holthouser '70

**John Fredrick Hutt**  
Granddaughter: Marissa Merilatt '15  
Granddaughter: Kelsie Merilatt '17  
Granddaughter: Kalei Merilatt '17

**Evelyn Ruley James**  
Granddaughter: Amy James Lowe '97  
Granddaughter: Melissa James '01

**Benita Payne Jolly**  
Daughter: Mary Therese Jolly Dickert '78  
Daughter: Agnes Jolly Roehrig '79  
Daughter: Marilyn Jolly Shanks '83

**John Anthony Jurasin**  
Daughter: Christine Jurasin James '84

**David Kamber**  
Wife: Shirley Mercer Kamber '52  
Daughter-in-law: Donna Kaelin Kamber '85  
Granddaughter: Mary Kamber '13

**Janet Marie Keene**  
Daughter: Andrea Keene Burlingame '98

**Mary Rosaline Dalton Lasley**  
Granddaughter: Tori Lasley '14

**Donald Legler**  
Sister: Carolyn Legler Wick '58

**Bob Mitchell**  
Sister: Judie Mitchell Dicken '58

**Rev. James Wayne Murphy**  
Sister: Geraldine Murphy Heslin '53  
Sister: Mary Murphy Laemmle '61

**Alice Pierce**  
Granddaughter: Lillie Pierce '12

**Kathleen Mary Rapson**  
Granddaughter: Amanda Rapson McCoy '01  
Granddaughter: Andrea Rapson Metts '03  
Great-Granddaughter: Ashley Hord '19

**Cynthia Ann Shipp**  
Mother: Dolores Lentz Parr '53  
Sister: Dolly Parr Myatt '89  
Sister: Gina Parr Elms '91

**Sheila Ann Shontz**  
Daughter: Allison Shontz '11

**Owen Shrader**  
Daughter: Marianna Shrader Perry '75  
Daughter: Vickie Shrader Reinhart '71  
Daughter: Claudia Shrader Reinhart '71

**Joshua Alan Turner**  
Sister: Jessica Turner Coleman '98

**Kimberly VonderHaar**  
Mother: Maryrose Weis Laun '53

Obituaries in the *JagWire* are based on information provided by members of the Mercy community. Please send information concerning the death of an individual to the Advancement Office by calling (502) 671-2021 or sending the information to [dnapper@mercyjaguars.com](mailto:dnapper@mercyjaguars.com). (Please note that the deadline for the Fall 2021 *JagWire* is September 15, 2021).



# Mother-Daughter *Dynamic Duo*

**P**am Allgeier Hollinden graduated in 1975, 37 years before her daughter, Jenna '12, graduated from the same high school. Though they attended Mercy in two different buildings, the undeniable bond of being

Mercy graduates has strengthened their relationship. Both Pam and Jenna serve on Mercy's Alumnae Board of Directors and the Benefit Off Broadway Committee.

Pam said that volunteering alongside of Jenna is very special. "Sometimes meetings allow us to get together on a work night, which, as many mothers know, does not happen very often! Volunteering with Jenna makes me even more proud of her for being a loyal Mercy grad and loving this school as much as I do. It is so nice to have this special bond together."

Jenna also expressed how much she loves volunteering with her mom. She attributes much of

her current life to the experiences she received as a student. "I hope that giving back in some way ensures that a future Mercy alumna reflects on her experience the same way I do. It is so important to invest in the education of young women, as we prepare them for who they will be after leaving campus. Getting to see the investments of time and money that my mom and I make impact students firsthand is my favorite part of volunteering."

Both Pam and Jenna agree that the best parts about being Mercy graduates are the friendships they made, the humility the school taught them to embody, the reputation Mercy carries within the community, and the opportunities that are still to come.

Pam and Jenna love being more than just mother and daughter; they also share a unique bond of sisterhood. Mercy is extremely grateful for their ongoing love for their alma mater and their willingness to serve in any way they can! ●



## HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED AT MERCY

### Join the Mercy Alumnae Board of Directors

The Mercy Alumnae Board of Directors is responsible for coordinating activities and reunions to engage and connect Mercy's alumnae with the life of the school. To learn more about our Alumnae Board, visit [www.mercyacademy.com/alumnae](http://www.mercyacademy.com/alumnae). To learn more about how to join, please contact Director of Advancement, Leslie Hibdon, at [lhibdon@mercyjaguars.com](mailto:lhibdon@mercyjaguars.com).



### Become a Class Ambassador

Ambassadors are representatives for each class who keep their class up-to-date on Mercy happenings. These individuals typically help plan reunions, and we encourage them to assist with alumnae giving campaigns. If you are interested in being a class ambassador, please email Director of Advancement, Leslie Hibdon, at [lhibdon@mercyjaguars.com](mailto:lhibdon@mercyjaguars.com).

### Volunteer

If you are looking for a chance to get involved as a volunteer, please contact our Special Events Coordinator, Valerie Alexander Downs '99, at [vdowns@mercyjaguars.com](mailto:vdowns@mercyjaguars.com). We have events throughout the school year that rely on the help of many volunteers. We would love to have your help!



What's  
new  
with  
you?

Have you recently married or had a baby?  
Received a promotion, retired or moved to a new city?

We would love to update your classmates on what is going on with you. Please email all updates (including wedding/birth date, spouse/baby's name) to Leslie Hibdon at [lhibdon@mercyjaguars.com](mailto:lhibdon@mercyjaguars.com).

If you email a picture, please make sure it is high resolution.

# Marriages & Births

Our congratulations to the parents of these newest members of the Mercy family:



**Samantha Brockhoff '12**  
to John Pasztor 8/1/20



**McKenzie Recktenwald '13**  
to Brock Gabel 7/25/20



**Emily Mundt '12**  
Brendan Carroll 10/17/20

Our best wishes for a lifetime of happiness to the newlywed couples



**Kelli Tegtmeier '09**  
to Clay Marrillia 2/29/20



**Morgan French '15**  
to Devin Mangold 12/5/20



**Kayla Bellot '15**  
to Matthew Miller 10/3/20



**Allison Hoehler Nutt '09**  
Caroline Grace 1/19/20



**Casey Garvey Hayman '09**  
Everly Gray 8/17/20 and Elijah Woods 11/15/18



**Maggie Kleine-Kracht Edwards '13**  
Joseph Ivan 4/29/20



**Greta Aschbacher Hittle '06**  
Theodore Philip 1/17/21



**Erin Mooney Oppel '08**  
Scout Marie 2/18/20



**Susan Clark Aubrey '05**  
Elena Grace 8/27/20



**Shelby Welch Mouser '11**  
Remi Jean 9/18/20



**Abbey Smith Porter '06**  
Kade Smith 2/14/21



**Sarah Clark Beuttel '11**  
William Carl IV 2/20/21



**Lauren Parrish Riggs '03**  
Lyla "Crew" 10/10/20



**Jessica Berry Wimsatt '10**  
Nora Marie 3/4/21



**Abby Hiser Hall '08**  
Henry Michael 2/13/21



ALUMNAE UPDATES

**LYNNE DAVIS JOHNSON '78**

retired from Glens Valley Elementary, Perry Township Schools in May of 2019 after 28 years of service to the school.



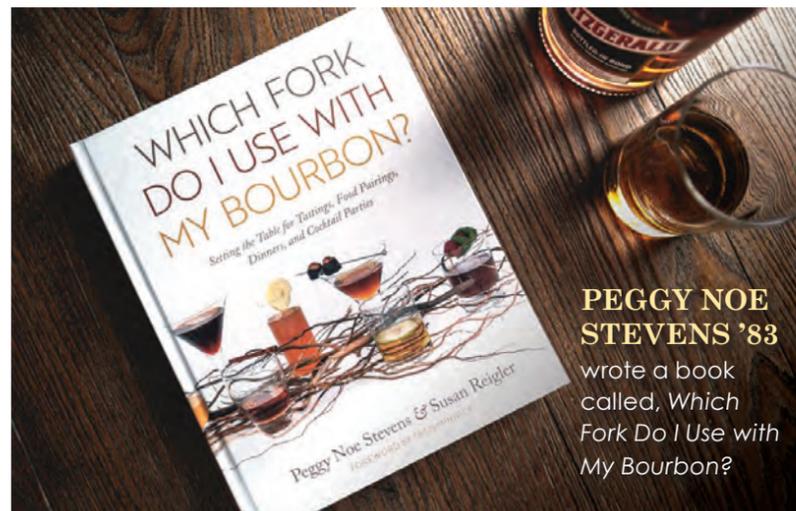
**AMY SAMPLE '94**

was named principal of St. Xavier High School and is the first-ever female principal of the school.



**MARIAH WEYLAND GRATZ '98**

is nominated for Most Admired Woman 2021 in the corporate category for Today's Woman.



**PEGGY NOE STEVENS '83** wrote a book called, *Which Fork Do I Use with My Bourbon?*



**MAGGIE BERGAMINI '12**

was named Teacher of the Year at George Washington High School in Indianapolis. This is her 5th year as an ESL teacher at the school.



**ANNA METZGER '13**

is serving with Franciscan Mission Service in Cochabamba, Bolivia. She is volunteering with CLIMA, a new language school in the area.



**COURTNEY ANDERSON CECIL '13**

was named one of the Catholic Education Foundation's Innovative Instructors. Courtney works at St. Gabriel the Archangel and teaches 7th and 8th grade U.S. History.



**MERIDETH JEWELL '15**

was promoted from graduate manager to join the coaching staff for the University of Louisville volleyball team.



**XIMENA CABRERA VEGA '20**

spoke about being a first year student during a pandemic. She is studying aerospace engineering at West Virginia University.



**HOPE SIVORI '20**

was named Conference USA Co-Freshman of the Year. She plays basketball for Western Kentucky University.



**KATIE WINTERGERST ROGERS '93**  
DNP, APRN, AGACNP, ANP,

was named system director, advance practice providers, Norton Medical Group.



**AP**

**2020 AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award**

Mercy earned the College Board's AP® Computer Science Female Diversity Award for the second year in a row! This is awarded to programs that expand young women's access to AP Computer Science Principles (CSP).



The Class of 2021 celebrated their Senior Ring Ceremony. They received a yellow rose and recognition for being leaders of Mercy.

**MERCY ACADEMY**

Mercy is excited to announce 8 new courses for the 2021-2022 school year across many departments!

**New Courses 2021-2022**

- 3-D Sculpture & Ceramics
- American Cultural Studies
- Career Exploration
- Cybersecurity
- Faith & Science
- Musical Theatre
- Statistics
- Theatre Arts 3



**144**  
students registered to join Mercy's Class of 2025.

Students in the Make Mercy Real Club partnered with Catholic Relief Services for the Rice Bowl Lenten fundraiser program. **Anna Mayrose '22** was featured on *Conversations with Archbishop Joseph Kurtz*, a Youtube series.



*Lauren Land '23*

**GOVERNOR'S CUP**

**5<sup>th</sup> Place: Composition**

Mercy finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the District 28 Governor's Cup with many students earning individual and team top 5 placements. Students advanced to the Region 7 Competition, where **Lauren Land '23** placed in the top 5 and qualified for Composition in the State Competition.

Juniors took the National ACT free of charge thanks to our very generous past parent, Sarah Howard. All our students will have official ACT scores before entering their senior year.





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*Save the Date*



**August 7<sup>th</sup>**

*Join us for an open house to reconnect with  
your classmates. All are welcome!*