



THE MONARCH TIMES



From the President



Dear Friends of Mercy Career & Technical High School,

In a year different from any other, we are nearing the end academically, preparing the Class of 2021 for graduation, and planning for a back-to-normal school return in September for the rising sophomores, juniors and seniors. We are thrilled to welcome the Class of 2025, potentially, our largest number of incoming students in several years, including transfers from Hallahan and McDevitt High Schools. We look forward to the bustle of teenagers walking our corridors, participating in sports and activities, and enjoying a true “high school” experience for the first time ever and the first time in a long time!

The Class of 2021 has achieved their goals of being hired as skilled employees in their individual career paths or accepted into the colleges of their choice. As a class they were awarded over \$5M in scholarships and grants to attend trade schools and schools of higher education. We are proud of the compassionate and competent Men and Women of Mercy that they have become.

To all of our Mercy families, friends, alums and benefactors, we thank you for the support you have provided to Mercy Tech’s administration and faculty throughout this past year. Your ongoing partnership with us, your participation in our Middle States re-accreditation process, and your appreciation for the quality education the students have received, under challenging circumstances, have been sources of much encouragement.

Until we meet again, may God protect you from all harm and all useless anxiety, may God be your faithful companion on life’s journey and may you continue to feel an integral part of our Circle of Mercy.

Sincerely,
Sister Rosemary

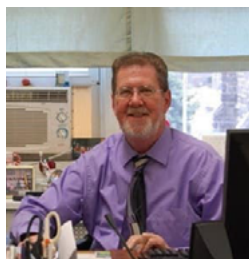
COVID-19 Update

On May 3rd, Mercy Tech opened its doors to students and their families to receive their 1st Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. Over 110 vaccines were administered to this group, with their 2nd and final shot on May 25.



Mercy Career & Technical High School is a private, urban career and technical high school sponsored by The Sisters of Mercy. Within a 21st century learning environment, we provide a Catholic education and a comprehensive, academic, career and technical school experience which prepares students for the workforce and/or post-secondary education.

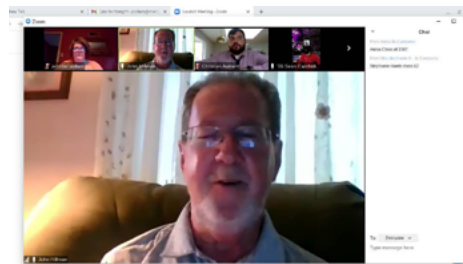
Alumni



Greetings to all Alumni of Mercy,

I hope all is well with you and your family. We hosted a wonderful “Catch Up with Mr. Hillman” on May 20. Thanks to all who expressed interest on Facebook, registered, and chatted with us that evening.

We had a wonderful virtual gathering/conversation with Mr. Hillman, other Alumni, Administrators, faculty and staff. Interest for more such events was generated several times throughout the conversation.



Please stay tuned for other gatherings, virtual and hopefully, in person. I hope to organize these events in the coming school year and I would love to have you join us. It is a good way to dust off high school memories, see other classmates, hear about Mercy Tech now, and see current and former teachers.

Stay connected to Mercy. Enjoy your summer days. Stop by in the coming year. Consider donating to your school to continue this unique type of Mercy education. Connect with me with your ideas and suggestions for Alumni events. It is a pleasure working with you.

Blessings of happiness and peace,

Sister Susan Walsh, R.S.M.

Sister Susan

Honor Society Induction Ceremony

In late April, we celebrated the Mercy Honor Society induction, in-person and online, with students (and their families) who maintain certain standards within our four pillars of scholarship (maintain an 85% average), service, leadership, and character.

We also recognized those who have achieved membership all three years of eligibility, namely:

- Solomon Abel
- Kayla Brown
- Henry Sinchi-Farez
- Jady Carrasquillo-Martinez
- Danna Urchima

Congratulations and thank you to Chef Pastor and Mr. Maicher for their leadership.



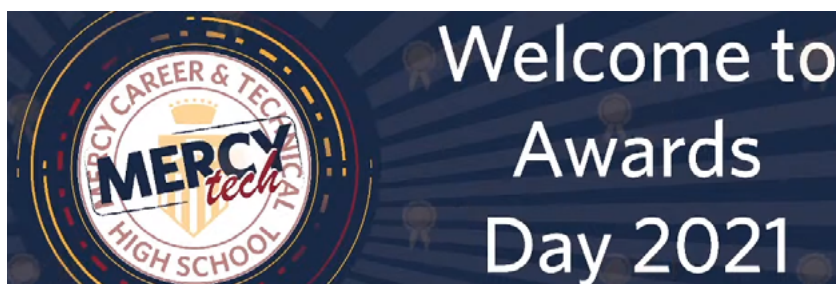
Good Citizenship Award

Each year, students honored and recognized as “good citizens” gather for the day to meet one another, discuss the rights and responsibilities of citizenship, and debate issues. The Good Citizenship Award encompasses five important qualities that make a good citizen - scholarship, character, service, leadership, and acceptance of responsibility - in academics, extracurricular activities, and the family.

Congratulations to:

- Hannah Bickert
- Josiah Curtis
- Alyah (Faith) Figueroa
- Maria Garcia
- Carlita Johnson
- Asia Reynolds
- Seth Scutt

Virtual Awards Ceremony



The 2021 Virtual Awards Ceremony was a great way to honor students in the following clubs: Yearbook, Student Council, Mercy Honor Society, The Gaming Club, Environmental Club, Mercy For Life, Stage Crew, Young Activist Club, Chess Club, Debate Club, E-Sports, and All Year Awards.

Thank you to the coaches and mentors who continued to motivate and encourage students throughout the year. The event would not have been possible without the flawless behind-the-scenes technology and design of Mr. Carchidi and Mrs. Tees.

An in-person Award Ceremony is planned for June 11.

Capstone

Presentations from our seniors to panels of faculty, administration and Board Members were insightful and well-planned. Students, you took great pride in your work, and teachers, there is much to be proud of, thanks to you. Flawless execution of logistics had the day running like clockwork, no easy feat, but a team that makes it LOOK easy. A big thank you to our Board Members for their time, insights, constructive criticism. Also, thank you to Michael Glatts of 901 Innovation for all of the above and Chick-fil-A lunch. All that work makes a student hungry! Congratulations to the Capstone winners, whose passionate and professional presentations truly won the day.



Renovations at Mercy East

Mercy Tech will return to in-person learning next year. It is time to bring back the students. They are missed. COVID-19 safety protocols will still be in place.

In order to have enough room to keep students a safe-social distance, Mercy Tech is renovating five classrooms on the third floor of Mercy East. The freshmen class will have their academic classes there.

This project has had help from our current building trade students. They helped with clean out and some demolition, the students ran electrical for new lights and ceiling fans. Mercy Tech also had free help from the Finishing Trades Institute. Painter apprentices used these classrooms to learn the art of painting. Kudos to Matt Trzaska, Mercy Tech class of 1990, for connecting FTI with Mercy Tech to make this happen.

It will be nice to have this newly renovated space for our freshmen!

Congratulations Graduates



Designer's Note

“Thank you readers for your interest in the Monarch Times. This will be my last issue, and will be carried on by another student next year. I’m thankful for the opportunity and hope you have enjoyed the newsletter as much as I have.”

- Bill Nguyen

Order your Fleece



We still have plenty of fleece available in a variety of sizes! Please bring \$20 (cash or check) to Mrs. Vollaro (across from the elevator on the 1st floor) and she will help you.

Guidance

It can be challenging for parents to know what to do when they discover their teen is using substances. To help provide some guidance, the Caron Foundation has developed a parent resource guide outlining some steps to take. <https://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-life-style/tween-and-teen-health/in-depth/teens-and-social-media-use/art-20474437>

Please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Lopata, Director of Guidance, at ext. 136 for more information! Ms. Lopata is available during the summer, too!

Your Teen and Binge Drinking - A Guide for Parents: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IiJnMyj-HI>

Admissions

Like what you see in our newsletter? There's still time to apply! We are here to assist you in completing forms, handing in your necessary documents and completing our four steps to becoming a Mercy Monarch. If you would like to set up an appointment with any of our staff to talk through the admissions process visit <https://www.mercycte.org/admissions> to see how to apply and know we are only a call or a click away to answer any questions.



SHOP SPOTLIGHT

Business



Our Business students Amir, Samia, and Tymir created the Queens Convene Mother's Day Online Celebration to raise money for Along the Way, a non-profit dedicated to helping single moms with childcare. As a result, Mercy students raised \$227, which is enough to cover the cost of one week of childcare ATW provides to single moms!

Along The Way (<https://www.alongthewaypa.org/>) loved that our students were using their business skills to address real needs in the community. You never know who you might influence with your good deeds/willingness to share your story.

One particular outcome of the event was local business owner, Stacy Palmerio, from Love Obsessed (<https://love-obsessed.com/>) a women's clothing boutique. She was so inspired, she decided to do a Mother's Day challenge with her customers to raise money for the Along the Way as well. She matched the funds that the customers donated during her live sale online and in total they raised \$2,500!

Culinary



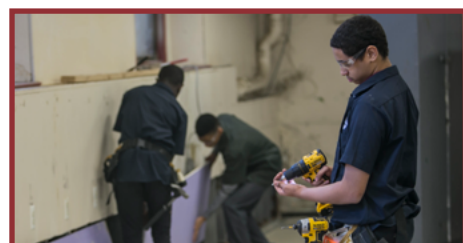
We are so proud of Senior Kayla Brown, who was awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to Walnut Hill College for Pastry Arts in the fall. Kayla, your effort and hard work has paid off!



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