

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome, Board of Director's President, Mariah Weyland Gratz '98

Dear Mercy Family,

It is a great honor to be serving Mercy as the President of Board of Directors this year. My four years at Mercy as a student were a pivotal time in my life. Mercy provided the opportunities for me to excel as a student, athlete and leader. I entered the school as a shy, quiet freshman, and I left as a confident young woman ready to take on the world. I love that I can be a part of shaping the future of Mercy so that it can continue to make a positive impact in the lives of its students and the community.

In a world that is changing at a rapid pace and is increasingly divided, Mercy's message of "Welcome Home" rings true. The unifying forces of family and faith are grounding and form the foundation that Mercy is built on.



After a tumultuous 18 months responding to the ever-changing landscape of the COVID-19 pandemic, Mercy's leadership and board feel that it's important to take time to strategize about the future. As such, we will be launching a strategic planning process in the next few months. The success of the strategic plan is rooted in the input that is received from the Mercy community. I hope that you will engage with the process when asked. A robust strategic plan requires input from a wide variety of perspectives.

We are also in the midst of a principal search. I would like to thank Karen Alpiger for serving as Interim Principal this year so that we can take the time required to find the best fit for Mercy. We have been blessed with amazing principals for as long as I can remember, and I am confident that we will find the right person to lead Mercy's next chapter.

We have a busy, exciting year ahead of us at Mercy Academy! Go Jags!

All my best,

Mariah Weyland Gratz '98

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

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Welcome to a New Year, and a New Way of Doing Things – Welcome to the Mercy House System!

After more than three years of planning, Mercy Academy officially unveiled our house system in August 2021! Each student was randomly placed into a house named for an important figure in Catherine McAuley's life.





Welcome to a NEW Year, and a NEW Way of Doing Things...

Delcome to The Mercy House System!

hen a student comes into Mercy, she joins a class of young women her age who experience and learn the Mercy traditions alongside of her. These classmates play an

integral role in her time at Mercy, but we also know that nurturing relationships across the entire student-body and with faculty and staff members is equally important for experiencing Mercy to its fullest. In order to do this, Mercy unveiled and began integrating our house system into the school this fall.

Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, a minimum of 25 minutes is dedicated for house time. During this time, students gather with their houses to complete various activities that fall under one of four identified categories: education, competition, student business or wellness. House time helps students build relationships, school spirit and community, while maintaining Mercy's long history of traditions.

Each house consists of randomly placed freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors, faculty and staff members (plus a few Sisters of Mercy in our area) and is named after a strong force in our foundress, Catherine McAuley's, life.





Six HOUSES. One COMMUNITY. We are MERCY ACADEMY.

CALLAGHAN – named for the Callaghan family who gave Catherine McAuley a place to live when she was an orphan. In their will, they left Catherine the resources to eventually purchase the first House of Mercy in Dublin, Ireland.

DOYLE – named for Elizabeth Ann Doyle, Catherine's first companion. Alongside Catherine and one other friend, Elizabeth Ann Doyle helped in the foundation of the Sisters of Mercy in 1831.

IGNATIUS – named for Mother Ignatius Walker, who, along with five companions, brought the community of the Sisters of Mercy to Louisville in 1869. She operated the U.S. Marine Hospital and St. Catherine's Academy: now known as the Academy of Our Lady of Mercy.

MCLAUGHLIN – named for Mother Columba McLaughlin, the first head of school for the Academy of Our Lady of Mercy. She was also Mother Superior of the Louisville community.

SIENA – named for St. Catherine of Siena, from whom Catherine McAuley received her name. The Academy of Our Lady of Mercy was originally known as St. Catherine's Academy, named for St. Catherine of Siena.

WARDE – named for Mother Frances Warde, Catherine's closest companion. Frances Warde, along with six companions, brought the Sisters of Mercy to the United States in 1843.



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 Ihibdon@mercyjaguars.com.

ADAMS FAMILY

This scholarship was established in 2002 in memory of Kelly Lynn Adams Bratcher, a graduate of Holy Rosary Academy. This scholarship is awarded each of the four years the recipient attends Mercy.

ALBERTUS MAGNUS

This scholarship was established in 2013 and is given to freshmen entering Mercy from St. Albert the Great Parish.

BETH & FRANK CRAVEN

This scholarship was established by Julie Craven McGregor '94 and her husband Josh, to honor her parents, Beth and Frank Craven, to whom Catholic education was invaluable.

BROOKE NICKLIES MEMORIAL

This scholarship was established in 2019 in memory of Brooke Nicklies '23 by her parents. Brooke unexpectedly passed away shortly before beginning her freshman year at Mercy.

CARLTON FAMILY MATHEMATICS

This scholarship was established in honor of Destyn Carlton '20 by her parents, Larry and Wendy Carlton, who believe mathematics is an important underlying element for a strong education foundation.

DREW WILSON MEMORIAL

This scholarship was established in memory of Drew Wilson and is funded by his parents, Kate and Scott. His sister, Lauren '02, is a Mercy alumna.

ELEANOR ROSE ROBERTS NORTON MEMORIAL

This scholarship was established by James Norton in memory of Eleanor Rose Roberts Norton '41. She was a generous, kind woman with a wonderful sense of humor and commitment to her faith.

EMILY CONVERY MEMORIAL

This scholarship was established in memory of Emily Convery '05. She was preparing for medical school when she became ill with Mitochondrial Disease, but always had a positive attitude and beautiful smile.

FLAGET ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

This scholarship is given to each Catholic high school in Louisville. It is made possible by the generosity of the Flaget High School alumni.

HELEN DILLON MAZZOLI MEMORIAL

This scholarship was established by Helen's husband, Congressman Romano L. Mazzoli, to honor her life as a faith-filled woman who devoted her life to her family and community service.

JANE CONBOY

This scholarship was established by Barbara and Vic Ward in honor of Barbara's sister, Jane Conboy, a longtime teacher at Mercy Academy.

JOE NASH MEMORIAL

This scholarship was established by Denise Nash and her three daughters, Julia '99, Marci '03 and Abby '07, to honor their husband and father, Joe, for his dedication to his family and belief in Catholic education.

KAREN RAMSER FILCIK

This scholarship was established in 1994 in honor of Karen Ramser Filcik '75. Karen's daughters, Kate '04 and Samantha '07, are also graduates of Mercy.

KRAMER SERVICE LEARNING

This scholarship was established by Lillian Kramer, founder of Mercy's Service Learning Program. It is awarded to a student who is a servant-leader in her community.

LAURA SCHULZ MEMORIAL

This scholarship was established in 1998 in memory of Laura Schulz '78, by her family and friends.

LAVERNE SCHLAUG GREGORY MEMORIAL

This scholarship was established by Susan and Terry Meagher in 2009 in memory of Laverne Schlaug Gregory '41.

LILY STRANGE MEMORIAL

This scholarship was established in memory of Lily Russell Strange '49, who credits the Sisters of Mercy with helping her to overcome educational struggles and preparing her for a successful future.

LOVE OF READING

This scholarship was established by Angie Kalb Gruendl, a former librarian at Mercy. Angie and her husband, Robert, love to read and write stories and wanted to share their blessings with a Mercy student.

*Yellow box indicates new scholarship



MEMORIAL

Drs. Stephen and Sharon Merker established this scholarship in 2021 in memory of Stephen's beloved mother, Margaret Kotich Merker.

MARTIN NAPPER MEMORIAL

This scholarship was established in 2013 in memory of Martin Napper, a longtime teacher, who spent the final years of his career at Mercy Academy.

MARY JEAN SCHULZ MEMORIAL

This scholarship was established in memory of Mary Jean Schulz by her late husband, Edgar Schulz. She was the mother of Mercy alumnae, Karen '74 and Laura '78.

MONTGOMERY-BLAZIS

This scholarship was established by Rosie Allocco in honor of her daughter, Heather Montgomery Blazis '92, and her two granddaughters, Caleigh '18 and Emma '20.

NANCY J. & PHILLIP O. AKERS

This scholarship honors and recognizes the commitment that Nancy J. and Phillip O. Akers gave to their daughters, Debbie '83, Dena '85 and Darla '87. They provided all three girls with a high-quality Mercy education, which in turn inspired the girls to continue to pay it forward as educators.

NATALIE THOMPSON MEMORIAL

This scholarship was established in memory of Natalie Thompson '11, a Mercy student who was tragically killed in a car accident the summer before her junior year.

& MARY ANN GERWING CUNDIFF

This scholarship is given in honor of Norma Gerwing Bender '52 and in memory of her sister, Mary Ann Gerwing Cundiff '50, in appreciation of the lifeenriching values, excellent education and strong spiritual formation the Gerwing family received at Mercy.

NORMA RUSSELL RAGSDALE MEMORIAL

This scholarship was established by Norma Russell Ragsdale '50. She credits her Mercy educators and experience for her success in life.

PERRY FAMILY MEMORIAL

This scholarship was established in memory of Lillian Grenewald Perry '38 and Louis R. Perry by their daughter, Professor Barbara A. Perry, who credits Mercy with instilling the Christian values and love of education that her mother passed on to her.

ROALOFS SPIRIT OF MERCY

This scholarship is sponsored by the Roalofs family, which includes former Mercy teacher, Linda Roalofs, and Mercy alumnae, Christine '85, Karen '89 and Katie '92.

SCHLOSSER FAMILY

This scholarship was established in 2012 and is sponsored by the Schlosser family. Their daughters, Leslie '04, Anne '05 and Marie '06, graduated from Mercy.

SCOTT "SCOOTER" KRAMER **MEMORIAL**

This scholarship was established in 2020 by Scott's sister, Michelle Bruner, and the Mercy basketball community in memory of former Mercy basketball coach, Scott Kramer.

This scholarship was established in 1985 in memory of Sheri Applegate '84, who tragically died in a car accident just a few days before graduation.

SISTER MARY CARMEL HENLEY **PERFORMING ARTS**

This performing arts scholarship is given by a past Mercy parent and is anonymously funded.

SISTER MARY PRISCA PFEFFER **MEMORIAL**

This scholarship was established by John Harris, parent of Jennifer '10, in memory of Sister Mary Prisca Pfeffer '32.

ST. ROMERO FUND

This scholarship aims to make Mercy accessible to young women of Hispanic descent.

SUE KNABEL MEMORIAL

This scholarship was established in 2020 by the Class 1975 to honor their beloved classmate and friend, Sue Knabel '75.

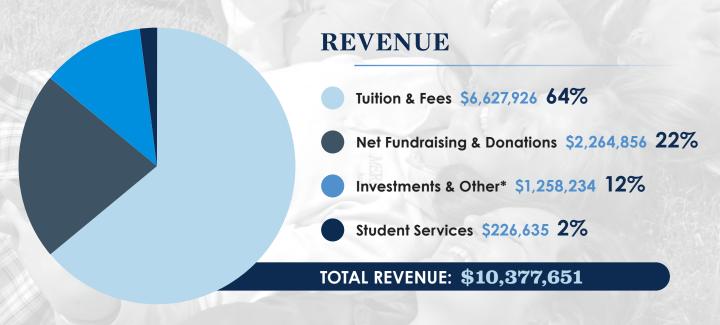
TRICIA BANTA AMBURGEY CARPE DIEM MEMORIAL

This scholarship is given in memory of Tricia Banta Amburgey '89. Tricia fought a courageous five-year battle with breast cancer. She was an extraordinary student, wife and mother, and a true woman of Mercy.

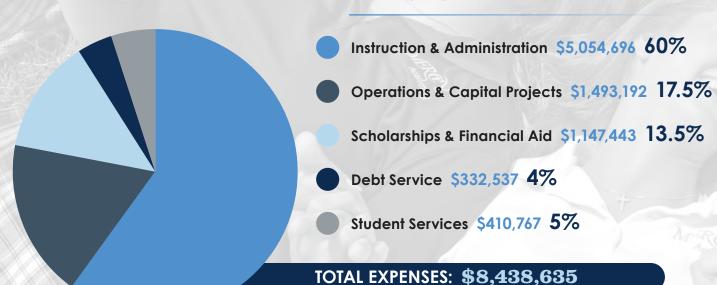
WALSH FAMILY

This scholarship was established in 2013 by the Walsh and Alpiger families. Karen Alpiger is principal at Mercy and her two daughters, Christine '01 and Liz '03, are both alumnae.

FINANCIAL RESULTS FY 2021 (ending June 30, 2021)



EXPENSES



*Includes Paycheck Protection Program Funds

The percentage of financial need funded through tuition assistance increased over 25% from the prior year!

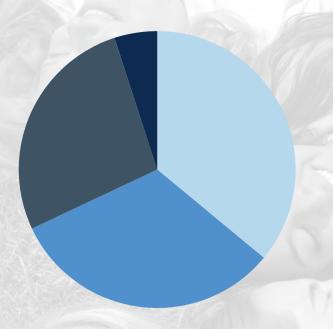
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TOTAL GIFTS TO MERCY:

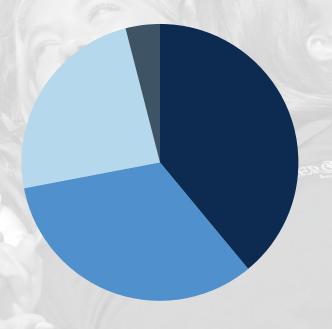
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TOTAL NUMBER

OF DONORS: 3,413



- Tuition Assistance & Scholarships: 36%
- Bequests & Planned Giving: 32%
- Capital, Products & Services: 27%
- **Endowment: 5%**



- Alumnae: 39%
- Faculty, Staff & Friends: 33%
 - Parents & Grandparents: 24%
- Corporations & Foundations: 4%





We Celebrate the Life of...

MERCY ALUMNAE:

1937 Mary Agnita Haywood Heer

1944 Anastasia Kirwan Downs

1944 Alma Jean Seger Kamer

1946 Bernice Fehr Piotrski

1947 Mary Jane Schmidt

1948 Doris Zettwoch Brackett

1948 Betty Jane Horrell Vibert

1949 Mary Jane Portman Spalding

1949 Agnes Eickholtz Withers

1950 Shirley Lyons Manecke
Granddaughter: Megan Atkins Thoben '07

1951 Barbara Isert Russell

1952 Mary Anne Cissell Luvisi

1952 Patricia May Walters Peak

1952 Betty Ann Scannell Mittler

1952 Margaret Fritsch Pifine Granddaughter: Julia Pifine '18 1953 Martha Peake Dermody

1953 Patricia Beckley Evans

1953 Patricia Reid Green

1953 Imelda Mittel

1953 Mary Alice Eisenback Gaddie

1954 Mary Catherine Magruder Francow

1957 Margaret Ann Connell French

1957 June Borntraeger Recktenwald
Daughter: Kathleen Recktenwald '88

Daughter: Theresa Recktenwald Sherman '96 Sister: Wanda Borntraeger Winters '51

1958 Martha Metten Hunter

1962 Martha Jane Woods Murphy

Sister: Julia Woods Farese '59

1964 Rose Marie Whitmer Schuler

1964 Mary Louise Peters Welch

1981 Lorraine Schwartz Clements
Daughter: Courtney Clements '07

FAMILY:

Charles Ballard

Granddaughter: Brittany Ballard '13 Granddaughter: Kaitlyn Ballard '15

Deacon Marty Brown

Daughter: Laura Brown Wolz '81 Granddaughter: Clare Wolz Orie '13

Gentry Buckler

Daughter: Alicia Buckler Jackson '92

Marianne Wehner Budde

Daughter: Peggy Budde Borgelt '79

Charles "Chuck" Collins

Daughter: Megan Collins Biever '12 Daughter: Melissa Collins '17

Adeline Fowler

Daughter: Jane Fowler Harshfield '67 Daughter: Paulette Fowler Robinson '70 Daughter: Valerie Fowler Maddix '80

Mark Hughes

Wife: Cheryl Schneringer Hughes '80

Nila Jaeger

Daughter: Jill Jaeger '20

Janice M. Kelly

Daughter: Monica Kelly Molnar '88 Granddaughter: Sierra Molnar '25

Mary Jo Large

Daughter: Meredith Large '12

Christie Ludwig

Daughter: Haven Ludwig '22 Daughter: Malea Ludwig '24

Lisa Matusik

Daughter: Emma Cook '21

William McCreary

Wife: Miriam Welch McCreary '53 Granddaughter: Meredith McCreary Thomas '06

Nancy Shelbourne McElwain

Granddaughter: Mariah Weyland Gratz '98 Granddaughter: Sue Weyland '11

Robert Pierce

Daughter: Mary Alice Pierce '08 Daughter: Lillie Pierce '12

John E. Prell, Jr.

Daughter: Vhonda Prell Harper '83

Dorothy Pulvere

Granddaughter: Erin Pulvere Nachby '03

Inez Reece

Great-Granddaughter: Kaitlyn Scott '16 Great-Granddaughter: Kennedy Scott '17

Randolph Ritsch

Daughter: Caitlin Ritsch '16

Evelyn Lucile

Schweitzer Shoemaker

Granddaughter: Maggie Jo Bergamini '12

Jean Weyland

Granddaughter: Mariah Weyland Gratz '98 Granddaughter: Sue Weyland '11

Delmar Whitworth

Daughter: Mary Beth Whitworth Keehner '82

Ken Woodburn

Wife: Tammy Bahm Woodburn '80 Daughter: Susan Woodburn '09 Daughter: Emily Woodburn '16 Daughter: Rebecca Woodburn

Why I support Mercy Academy



Lillian Grenewald Perry, '38

BY BARBARA A. PERRY

My dear mother, Lillian Grenewald Perry '38, had a favorite exclamation: "Mercy!" She wasn't invoking her beloved alma mater, but she could have been, for she embodied the values of Mercy Academy throughout her long life. Raised in Louisville's Germantown, in the shadow of St. Vincent de Paul's majestic steeple, Mother was delighted when my grandmother chose Mercy for her and her older sister, Betty '36.

Walking to the Broadway campus from her home near Shelby Park, or taking the streetcar in inclement weather, young Lillian Rose Grenewald found the Mercy nuns both nurturing and inspiring educators. I can still recall Mother invoking the memory of Sister Mary James, her English and history teacher, for whom she would burn the midnight oil perfecting assigned essays. A champion speller (Mother won the citywide bee in grade school), she would become our family's in-house grammarian, too.



This was the model that Mother portrayed for me and my two older brothers, David and Doug. Among us, we hold a PhD, MBA, JD and two MAs – an amazing record for the children of parents whose college plans were thwarted by the Great Depression and World War II. Mother passed on to me a love of history and government, which I have expanded into a successful career as a professor and author at the University of Virginia. In October 1960, Mother drove my brothers and me to downtown Louisville, where we saw Senator John F. Kennedy campaigning for president. From that day forward, I

was destined to be a political scientist, focusing on the presidency and US Supreme Court. I recently published my 11th book, the biography of another great mother, Rose Kennedy.

Mother's commitment to academic excellence was exceeded only by her abiding Catholic faith. Married to my dad, Louis R. Perry, a 1937 St. X grad, for nearly 63 years, they set examples of Christian charity, integrity and discipline in all things. My favorite family photo is of Dad, Mother and me on our way to a reception at the US Supreme Court in the late 1990s. They were so proud of the fact that I had served the Chief Justice as a Judicial Fellow there in 1994-95.

When Mother passed away in 2005, after a courageous battle against medical infirmities, I was determined to honor her memory by contributing to her alma mater. It was my pleasure to donate to the capital campaign and see Mother's name listed in the foyer of the new school, which she would have loved. I am also remembering Mercy with a bequest to establish a scholarship in Mother's name.

> To learn more about planned giving, please contact Leslie Hibdon at lhibdon@mercyjaguars.com or call (502) 671-2010.





OPENING DOORS: Creating Places of Welcome

very year, on September 24, the Mercy community across the globe celebrates the opening of the first house of Mercy in Dublin, Ireland in 1827. This day, called

Mercy Day, celebrates the rich history of the Sisters of Mercy and its foundress, Catherine McAuley. The Sisters of Mercy's theme this year was, "Opening Doors: Creating Places of Welcome," honoring Catherine McAuley's unceasing hospitality. We, at Mercy Academy, chose to honor her and this special day by extending our hospitality to our Louisville community.

In an email release from Catholic Charities of Louisville, the organization stated that "currently, 53,000 Afghans are living at U.S. military bases waiting to be reset-

> tled in cities across the nation. Kentucky will receive 775 indi-

> > viduals, 350 of whom will be resettled in Louisville: 150 will be served by Catholic Charities of Louisville and 200 by Kentucky Refugee Ministries."

As a response to help the many Afghan evacuees, Mercy students, faculty, staff and community members collected household items over the course of two weeks to donate to Kentucky Refugee Ministries. Our chaplain, Father Chuck Walker,



Drs. Stephen & Sharon Merker, along with scholarship recipient, Parker Hoyer '24





blessed the items during our annual Mercy Day Mass. Feeling inspired by how much the Mercy community had already collected, donors, Drs. Stephen and Sharon Merker, present at Mass, went to Target and bought over \$500 worth of household items to donate in honor of their scholarship recipient, Parker Hoyer '24.

By the end of two weeks, Mercy filled a minivan and a large SUV with household items like toiletries, cleaning supplies and dishes, and transported two dressers, two nightstands, multiple end tables and a six-seat dining table and chairs to help furnish the evacuees' homes. Jamilee Vail, Donations Coordinator, and her team at Kentucky Refugee Ministries, picked up the items from Mercy on Monday, October 4, and were astounded by the amount of donations.

Becky Wise Montague '91, president of Mercy Academy, expressed her immense pride when she saw the items being loaded into the vehicles. "Our Mercy community embraces every need with the spirit of helping others. We strive to live the mission of Mercy every day."

The initiative was led by Mercy's Director of Student Life, Angie Demling Laemmle '91, along with six senior class representatives. Angie said she was touched by the support of our community. "What a wonderful way to carry out the mission of our foundress, Catherine McAuley, and her vision of hospitality."



WELCOME TO CATHERINE'S HOUSE

The Mercy International Centre in Dublin, Ireland was the first House of Mercy that Catherine McAuley built. Its red doors are rarely closed and symbolize hospitality and individuality, virtues Catherine embodied every day.

Mercy International Centre, Dublin, Ireland, est. 1827

Academy of Our Lady of Mercy, Louisville, Kentucky, est. 1885





Class of 1953



Class of 1974



Class of 1975













ALUMNAE



CAROL KRAEMER-STRAUB'80

& Jen Kraemer-Straub officially adopted their daughter, Marina, after fostering her for two years! They met Marina at Cincinnati Children's Hospital awaiting a liver transplant. They completed therapeutic and medically complex foster care training through St. Joseph's Children's Home and met Marina in April 2019.









MOLLY ALVEY '97 is in her 10th season as head coach for the University of Cincinnati's women's volleyball team.





BLAIR LARDNER NEWTON '00 welcomed Harper Monroe to her family on April 5, 2021.

AMY ECKENFELS ZINK '03

was inducted into the Tiger Hall of Fame as the first individual women's volleyball player for Campbellsville University Athletics.





APRIL SCHNEIDER WOO'96 ran her 10th Boston Marathon on October 11, 2021.



KACI GRANT SHIPP '03

& Dustin Shipp - June 26, 2021

Kaci started her doctoral program in leadership at Spalding University in August and currently works for Beam Suntory in talent and leadership development.





LORI ROSS WEITER '03

welcomed Kirk Jr. into the world in February 2021. He joined his big sisters, Leila & Kali to complete Lori's family.



KELLY GREER '06 & Taylor Preston Greer -July 17, 2021





TIFFANY MCCONNELL ELIAS'06

welcomed Jocelyn Paige to her family on July 31, 2021.



MEGAN ATKINS THOBEN '07

was named a Louisville Business First 40 Under 40 as the Director of Operations and Business Development for the Louisville Regional Airport Authority (SDF & LOU).



ERIN JACKEL '08

& Matthew Peerce welcomed their second child, Leon Theodore, into the world on January 17, 2021 to join his big brother, James.



LINDSEY YATES PIERCY'08

was promoted to Deputy Director of Digital Strategies in the Office of Public Relations at the University of Kentucky.

ANGELINA GARMAN'08

welcomed Oliver into the world on October 21, 2020. Additionally she & Allison Theobald '08 teamed up to bring a fully stocked prescriptive food pantry to the Norton Children's Medical Group Autism



Center for families who struggle to keep food on the table.

We would love to update your classmates on what is going on in your life. Please submit updates at mercyacademy.com/jagwire.

MONICA KONERMANN TEAKLE '08

& Joseph Teakle welcomed their second child, Devin Thomas, to the world on September 16, 2020 to join his big brother, Liam.



BRANDI RATTERMAN UTLEY '11

welcomed Dean Alan to the world on June 29, 2021





TAYLOR MOAD **CUMMINGS '08**

welcomed Connor Steven to her family on September 13, 2021.



BRITTANY CRAIN CHUMBLEY '11

welcomed Reid Thomas to her family on March 14, 2021.

JESSICA GEIGER VANHOOSE '09

welcomed Lyla Marie to the world on January 6, 2018 and Jace Alexander on January 20, 2020.





LAUREN GUNTER TINGLE'11

& Landon Tingle -April 3, 2021



LAUREN GRUNER **GRUDEE '09**

& Jonathan Grudee -March 20, 2021



ALEXIS BODE '12

& Hunter Gibson -June 26, 2021



VERONICA THOMAS STEWART'09

& Seth Stewart - January 2021



AMANDA COOMER **HALL'12**

had her second child, Luke Patrick, on August 14, 2021.





AUBREY
BRANDS '13
graduated from
Belmont College of
Law and joined Baker
Associates, a criminal
defense law firm in
Nashville, TN.



AUBREY MEINERS
STEMLE '13
& Nate Stemle –
September 10, 2021



LEXIE RATTERMAN '13 & Marc Hellmueller – August 28, 2021



CAYLA METZMEIER
WHITE '14

& Ben White - May 30, 2021



COURTNEY LUSH BAILEY '14 & Shane Bailey –

September 25, 2021

MADISON SMITH VIOLA '14

Andrew Viola –
December 12, 2020
She will graduate from
Spalding University
in January 2022
with a doctorate in
occupational therapy.





TAYLOR BOXWELL JAGGERS '14

& Vincent Jaggers – September 18, 2021

TRISTEN SENN'14



works for a non-profit called The Spot: Young Adult Opportunity Campus and also serves on

two Cystic Fibrosis (CF) councils: Tomorrow's Leaders and a patient and family advisory council for the University of KY hospital. She was nominated as an honoree for the CF Foundation's event, Derby City's Finest, for raising awareness in the CF community.

NGOC TRAN'15

received a Master of Science in human computer interaction from Georgia Tech and is currently a user experience researcher for Viasat in San Diego.





SHELBY BRODERICK '15

welcomed Raylan Stewart to her family on November 11, 2020.

class of 2021

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST ALUMNAE, **THE MERCY ACADEMY CLASS OF 2021!**



Thanks to the Class of 2020 for coming to Mercy this summer (2021) to partake in the beloved Circle of Mercy

candle-lighting tradition.

This tradition was previously held virtually in May 2020, but we wanted this class to experience the tradition in person, as well! They also signed skirts and watched their senior class video together.





YOUNG ALUMNAE MASS & RECEPTION

All graduates from the Classes of 2017-2021 are invited to come to Mercy on Thursday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. Join us for prayer and dinner to reconnect with your Mercy classmates!



e are excited to announce that this year's Walk-a-thon brought in \$101,769.70 for Mercy's tuition assistance program, making it the third consecutive year of raising more than \$100k! We are so grateful for our students who raised \$75+, as well as our Walk sponsors and generous community members who contributed to this important cause.

This year's top student fundraiser was **Jada Yann '22**, who raised \$4,710! **Savannah Huval '22** raised \$2,600, and **Caroline Cronen '25** raised \$2,238, receiving the honors of second and third overall top fundraisers.

Students celebrated the success with a walk around Mercy's campus and through the decorated halls. Congratulations to the senior Class of 2022 for winning the hall decorating contest with an "under the sea" theme. Special thank you to the volunteers who helped make this event possible!

WALK SPONSORS:

DIAMOND - \$5,000 PNC

PLATINUM - \$2,500 Highland Roofing The Huval Family Papa John's Pizza - Fern Creek GOLD - \$1,000 Insuramax Ken Mulch Stock Yards Bank & Trust Vivid Impact

BLUE - \$500 502 Heating and Air Becky Montague Clark + Riggs Cross Country Landscaping El Toro Hyland Insurance Johnson's Animal Clinic Northpointe Bank Oates Flag River City Bank Semonin Realtors – Tara Hayden



T-Shirt Design: Ada Bennett '22

The theme for the 2021-2022 **School Year:** "There is no limit to what we, as women of Mercy, can accomplish!"

Karen Alpiger was named Educator of the Year during our 2021 commencement ceremony. She is also serving as interim principal for Mercy Academy during the 2021-2022 school year.

Kathryn Squyres '22 was named a National Merit National Merit Commended Student **Scholarship Commended** Student for her performance on the 2020 PSAT/NMSQT.

Brooklynn Riley '25 began a collaboration with a nonprofit to promote mental health awareness. Brooklynn said that "mental health is often overlooked and should be normalized to talk about." She makes and sells bracelets that say "U Got This" to let students know that everything will be okay and that they are strong enough to make it through tough times. All her proceeds go to the nonprofit, Your Mom Cares. Look her up on Instagram: @braceletsbybrooklynn





Seven of our current and former members of faculty and staff celebrated their Covenant Ceremony and officially became Mercy Associates! Mercy Associates are people who respond to the Gospel invitation of Jesus and the example of Catherine McAuley by living out the spiritual and corporal works of Mercy. They actively participate in the spiritual life of the Sisters of Mercy and pledge of service to others.





Gina Beckmann Hester '95 received the Catherine McAuley Service to the School award during our 2021 commencement ceremony.



Sister Corinne Burt '52 - Warde Sister Johnette Wiedmar '57 - Ignatius Sister Justina Heneghan - McLaughlin







Congratulations to our 2020-2021 Heart of Mercy award recipients: Student: Jill Ward '20 Staff: Clyde Travis Faculty: Lorraine Carner



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