

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



I hope that each of you has enjoyed a restful and restorative time during the holidays, filled with special moments with your friends and family.

The end of the year is always festive here. We had our Annual Christmas Tableau right before break, a wonderful last gathering before leaving for the holidays. Students celebrated the first Friendsgiving with festivities, and, of course, delicious food. We also honored the one-year anniversary of Sr. Rosemary's passing with a beautiful mass, filled with faculty, students, Sisters of Mercy, and community members. She would have loved the religious service and gathering. We have created a scholarship fund in memory of Sister Rosemary. I call on Alumni and current parents/guardians to consider making a contribution. This is another concrete way to honor Sister Rosemary and continue her legacy.

Now that we are all back together, I am looking forward to our second semester, which inevitably will bring new challenges. I know that it can be stressful for students to work under the pressure of so many competing demands.

In the same vein, a new year represents new opportunities. A new chance to look at an issue with a different perspective. A new way to problem-solve. New solutions to what, may be, old problems. I want to remind you that if your child is experiencing any stress while back at school, they do not have to manage alone. I encourage you/them to reach out to our Guidance team, one of the best in the city, for support.

The year 2024 means new adventures for each of our grades. A new graduating class and all of the day-to-day details for our seniors leading up to June 8th. A Ring Mass for the Juniors. More career path skills and techniques for our Sophomores, and new journeys for Freshman just choosing their shops.

Thank you for all your contributions to Mercy Tech thus far. Each of your donations and/or children makes this school the unique and thriving community it is and I feel privileged to be among you in my role as Acting President.

Many blessings in 2024,

Sister Susan Walsh, R.S.M.

GUIDANCE

Welcome to the Mercy Guidance Center resource page and to the 2023-2024 School Year! Our primary goal is to serve, empower, and support our students as well as their families in meeting success.

Click [HERE](#) for more information



ADMISSIONS

Admissions is getting ready to host Mercy's 7th Grade Visitation Day, being held March 21st. We ask you to tell friends and neighbors with 7th grade students about our event, and they can sign up at <https://www.mercycte.org/admissions>

Current students will be asked to help at the event, and will receive service hours. Signed permission slips are mandatory.

As always, we are so grateful for your strength in sharing the Mercy story with prospective families. If you know of someone interested in applying, they can do so at <https://www.mercycte.org/admissions>.

ALUMNI

Many blessings for you and yours in the coming year. May you find peace, health and happiness in 2024. Know that you remain special to us here at Mercy Tech. I hope you can look back with happy memories as you remember your high school days.

I invite you to take a few minutes to see the changes in our Career Path Programs (shops) since last you attended Mercy Tech. Visit these programs to catch a sample of teaching and learning now. Go to the school's website (www.mercycte.org) and click on the tab marked CTE Programs. You will be very proud and excited!

While you are on the website, consider stopping by the Alumni Tab. Take a minute to update your information and tell us a story about your accomplishments. I would love to hear from you. Make sure we have all your current information so that we can connect with you and include you in Mercy happenings.

Hopefully, we can have some in-person gatherings in 2024. We have plans for a Designer Bag Bingo on April 20, 2024. Until we can meet again, please stay tuned in Facebook, the Monarch Times and the website for some in-person and virtual events.

Let's remember in our prayers members of the Mercy community, who are resting in God's peace. In addition, let's hold in prayer all who are sick or struggling in any way. Keep me informed of the names of people in need of our prayers.

With prayers and gratitude,

Sister Susan



ADVANCEMENT



Kelly Grattan, AFP-GPC President

Morgan Morris, advancement associate at Mercy Tech, was chosen from among many candidates to be the inaugural IDEA Fellow by the Association of Fundraising Professionals - Greater Philadelphia Chapter at their annual meeting on January 18, 2024.

The Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access (IDEA) Fellowship is a year-long program for fundraisers from underrepresented communities and emerging fundraisers who work at smaller, under-resourced nonprofits. The program is intended to recruit, retain, and educate diverse nonprofit fundraisers with the intent to increase the number of diverse fundraising/nonprofit professionals in the Philadelphia area. Morgan will have free access to AFP-GPC's many educational programs and networking opportunities this year. Congratulations, Morgan!

ATHLETICS

Go Monarchs!

The bowling teams are assembled and we expect a strong season.

Check out our instagram @sportsatmercy.



Congratulations to the boys and girls teams in the PJAA Red Division Championship Game. The girls forced overtime to beat International Christian and the boys fought until the final buzzer, falling to Pine Forge. What a season!



ALL AROUND SCHOOL

The Mercy Christmas Tableau lives on! A very clever production, directed by Savanna Hensler, C'24, Ms. Connelly who managed the choir, musical support from Mr. Schmidt, and video work by Mr. Carchidi. What a success!

You can view it a

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zYzZh3PNBrg>



Kicking off for the first time, students celebrated Friendsgiving complete with delicious food, messages of feeling grateful, and, of course, friends. It was an event that will now become a tradition!



Students attended a screening of "A Hope that Lights the Way" at Temple University sponsored by the Mayor's Office for Black Male Engagement and the film was made with support from Big Picture Alliance.



Congratulations to all of our 1st and 2nd Honors recipients!

Quite an impressive showing, if we do say so.

Keep up the great work!



Santa came to town, thanks to Mercy Student Council's creativity!



WELCOME TO MERCY



Sydnee Reddy
Advancement Services Coordinator



Morgan Morris
Advancement Associate



Greg Fowler
Building Trades Instructor



Katherine Barnes
Health Occupations Instructor



Otis Riley, Jr.
Facilities Manager



Shawn Griffin C'13
Culinary Instructor



David Kania
Technology Support
Assistant/ IT Solutions Teaching Assistant C'19

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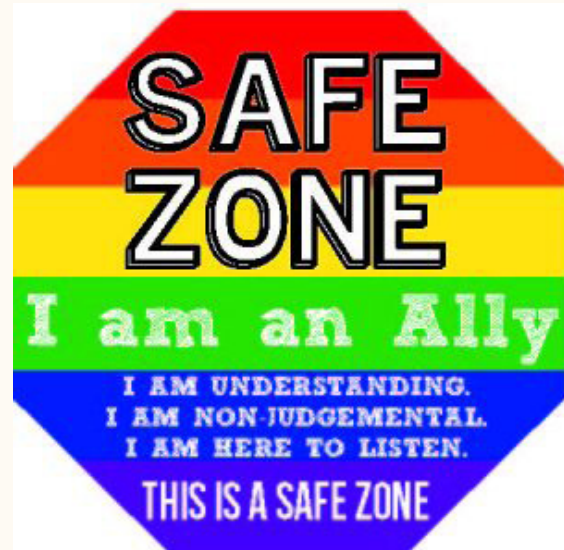
Culinary & Pastry Arts



Health Occupations



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