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**Lobster Feed & Live Music**  
*Kohl Mansion*  
Friday, February 23

**Tri-School Spring Musical**  
*The Addams Family*  
*Serra High School*  
March 15, 16, 17, 22, 23  
*Tickets: trischoolproductions.com*

**Making a Difference Benefit**  
*Crowne Plaza, Foster City*  
Friday, April 26

**Spring Chorale Concert**  
*Mercy High School*  
Tuesday, May 7

**Spring Dance Performance**  
Thursday, May 9

**Mercy ArtsFest**  
*Mercy High School*  
Wednesday, May 15

**Baccalaureate Mass**  
*Our Lady of Angels Church*  
Saturday, June 1 at 7PM

**Graduation**  
*St. Ignatius Church*  
Sunday, June 2 at 2PM

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*In an effort to go green, we will only be sending one Oaks per household. Please share with all. Thank you!*

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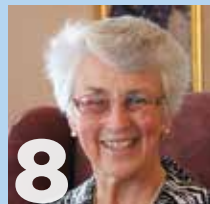
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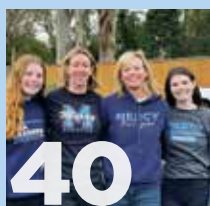
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## Dear Mercy Community,



In this edition of the Oaks, we focus on our Core Value *Compelled by Mercy*. To be compelled by Mercy acknowledges the significant impact a Mercy education has on our moral development and our awareness of the impact we can have on the world. There is no denying that a Mercy education calls us to a greater purpose in life;

that through a Mercy education we recognize the endless needs of individuals and communities and begin to reflect on how our talents and gifts can support these needs in honoring the dignity of others. Every school has its own identity, and ours has always been one that is rooted in compassion and empathy. It is truly a very unique and special thing that our identity is in our name- Mercy.

As one of our SBOs last year loved to say, “the Mercy plaid runs through our veins,” and I would go even further to say that the Mercy plaid is the pattern of our hearts. It’s the awareness of bringing compassion and respect to those we encounter and honoring the dignity in everyone; it’s the desire to commit our life’s work to the Critical Concerns that the Sisters laid out for us. And knowing no matter where that may take you in life, that you can bring mercy into the world.

Whether it is through the exceptional care our alumnae in the medical field bring to their patients, the tremendous support our alumnae educators provide to students growing up in a difficult world, the creative and selfless ways our alumnae in various fields infuse compassion into their work ethic and relationships, each of us carries mercy into the world; and in doing this, we help to soften the hardness of the world and find Mercy in the grey areas of an otherwise black and white world.

May we never stop feeling called to the mission of the Sisters of Mercy and forever embrace being compelled by Mercy in all we do.

Sincerely,

*Natalie Cirigliano Brosnan*

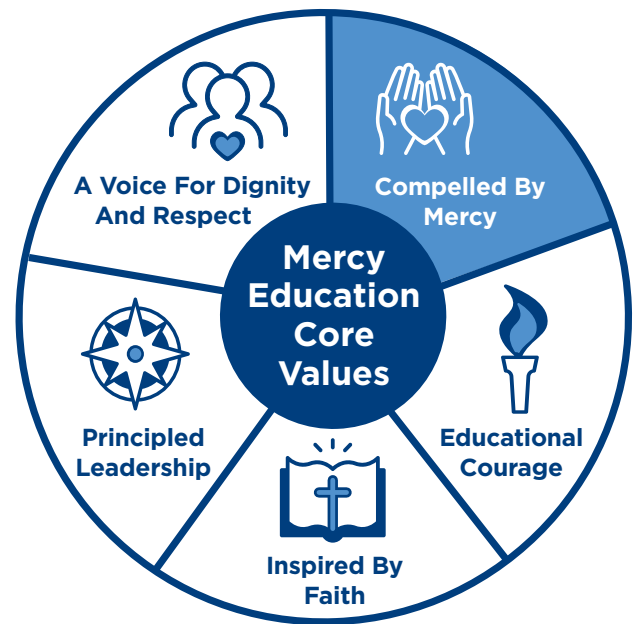
Natalie Cirigliano Brosnan '02 Ed.D.  
HEAD OF SCHOOL

# This issue of *The Oaks* focuses on the Core Value **COMPELLED BY MERCY**

The Core Value of Compelled by Mercy speaks to the spirit of our Foundress Catherine McAuley which was defined by her unwavering commitment to serving others in the most compassionate and empathetic manner that honored the dignity of all those she served, regardless of their life journeys.

Following in her spirit, Mercy students are dedicated to extending Mercy to an interconnected world. Built on empathy and a belief in everyone's worthiness of God's mercy, a strong social awareness drives our students to take thoughtful action and help others.

In being Compelled by Mercy, our students have a deep awareness and compassion for the needs of individuals and communities that spring from a genuine understanding of the interconnectedness of the human spirit. This awareness serves as a catalyst that propels them to embrace their responsibility to serve and take compassionate, principled action to meet the needs of others.



To read the full description of each core value please visit [mercyhsb.com/faith-service/core-values](http://mercyhsb.com/faith-service/core-values)

## Mercy partnership with ALAS

At the heart of Mercy High School's commitment to the Core Value of being Compelled By Mercy, lies a transformative partnership with recently named Nonprofit of the Year Ayudando Latinos A Soñar (ALAS) which translates to "helping Latinos to dream."

Since 2017 Mercy High School has partnered with ALAS to support their mission of working for social wellness through multicultural practices, mental health care, individualized and collective support related to education, immigration processes, and work, and advocating for the wellbeing of the whole community. The partnership with ALAS is beautifully interwoven into the service learning program of Mercy High School both through education and direct service.

As students engage with ALAS, they embark on a journey of understanding and empathy, particularly as they directly interact with farm growers along the coastal regions and extend their compassion to asylum seekers from Mexico and Latin America. The Core Value of Compelled by Mercy comes alive as students transcend the boundaries of their immediate surroundings, forging deep connections with the individuals and communities served by ALAS.

Mercy students have actively supported these needs over the years through collecting school supplies, holding fundraisers to support ALAS needs such as their new van programs, serving on Saturday food giveaways, and collecting holiday desserts for families. Additionally, twice

a year students are invited to take part in a 24 hour immersive service learning opportunity known as the Coastal Plunge in which students are fully immersed with the daily lives and needs of ALAS community members and local farm communities. Through the lens of compassionate service, the partnership with ALAS leaves an indelible mark on the hearts and minds of our young women, inspiring a generation to be compassionate leaders in a world yearning for the transformative power of Mercy.



# SERVICE LEARNING



Service is an integral component to Catherine McAuley's mission to reach out to persons who are poor, sick, and who live on the margins of society. For this reason, Service Learning stands as a living legacy of our Foundress to be handed down to all who belong to the Mercy community.

Service Learning is experiential education, integrating meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach involvement in the community, and participate in the world. Students are challenged to explore both personal and social morality, and each student reflects on the responsibilities of being part of the human community.

Mercy is the only school in the Bay Area to offer a Service Learning course which is designed to provide time during the school day for students to leave campus and support our local community through direct service. This weekly service component is balanced with a curriculum on Catholic Social Teaching. Our senior elective course allows students to support local schools and health care service sites and provides students with in-depth, personal, and formative experiences. Many students have credited this course and hands-on experience to shifting their career goals and increasing their confidence in working directly with individuals.

At Mercy, we believe that Service Learning is a fundamental part of the religion curriculum, and service is an important part of character development. Our Service Learning program deeply reflects our Mercy charism and brings our mission alive through direct action.

## Mercy's Service Learning Program Requirements

As a graduation requirement, students are required to complete twenty-two (22) hours of service-based learning each year they attend Mercy High School.

- **10 Core Hours**- Direct service with people on the margins of society or the environment
- **10 Supplemental Hours**- Indirect service to help organizations raise awareness or funds to help those on the margins or the environment
- **2 Learning Hours**- Mercy students must attend a presentation, lecture, or educational opportunity centering around one of the Critical Concerns of the Sisters of Mercy. The objective is for our students to learn more about a Critical Concern issue so as to understand the root causes of injustices and how to work towards changing them.\*

*\* Service learning hours were added to the service program requirement in 2016 to better support self-advocacy skills in learning about issues and encouraging further partnerships with community members.*



Mercy student cleaning the graves of the Sisters of Mercy on All Saints Day.



Ms. Jewett with a student farming during the Fall.



Mercy students meeting with Sister Suzanne Toolan documenting her life story as part of a new service project.

“Learning hours have encouraged me to attend presentations to listen to speakers who have personal stories about social justice issues.



I remember visiting St. Anthony's Foundation where my class was taught about poverty in San Francisco and the best ways to help provide essential services. Many of my learning hours are from the training I do to prepare for a Girl Scout Camp I lead over the summer. I have learned about outdoor survival skills and cooking techniques, crafts, songs, and how to be a leader for kids. Most importantly, I am learning how to teach young girls the values that align with both Mercy and Girls Scouts, from building a community to advocating for herself and others.”

—Gianna Lertora '24

“With the learning hours, I can stay informed with the current events in our world, like the climate crisis and the roles of women in power.



Watching documentaries about these topics helps me understand perspectives that can only be expressed through an expert's eye and experiences.”

—Ysabel Cancio '24



The Critical Concerns of the Sisters of Mercy are areas where the Sisters of Mercy have

focused their ministries. A Mercy education regularly and meaningfully weaves these Critical Concerns for Anti-Racism, Earth, Immigration, Non-Violence, and Women into academic, service, and extra-curricular programming.



# Sandy & Angie Receive Esteemed Award!

At this year's MESA Conference, held in Kingston, Jamaica, Sandy Flaherty and Angie Simonetti were awarded the Sister Corinne Raven Mercy Education Leadership Award.

The award was established in 2022 to honor Sister Corinne Raven who was a pillar of the Mercy Education community. This award recognizes those individuals who have made a lasting impact on Mercy education and inspired others through their commitment to the Mercy Education Core Values.

Sandy and Angie have devoted their lives to Mercy Education. Both of them were recently celebrated for their accomplishment of working at Mercy for 30 years. Sandy currently serves as the Director of Mission and Catholic Identity. Angie serves as the Director of Campus Ministry and Religious Studies Department Chair. Both are teachers in the Religion department. When asked what has

“ Angie and Sandy are the two most committed colleagues that I have worked with these past 22 years here at Mercy. They know the life and charism of the Sisters of Mercy from personal experience. Angie has the pulse on the energy of the school. Sandy has consistently put the Mission of Mercy at the forefront of her work. Mercy has truly benefited from these two wonderful people who have influenced so many women for the better.”

—Peter Diaz, Service Learning & Immersion Coordinator, Religion Teacher

“ They are the true embodiment of faith, vulnerability, growth, love and support. As a student, they taught me the importance of vulnerability and how faith can be integrated into all aspects of my life. As an alumna, I am proud to call them my friends. Cheers to Angie & Sandy, pillars of the Mercy fabric that continues to strengthen with every young woman that is blessed by their presence at Mercy.”

— Brandy M. Navarro, CFP®, ChFC, CLU '98

anchored them at Mercy for so long, they spoke passionately about the Charism that permeates the institution. Working together as a team has been instrumental for both of them.

For Sandy, the enduring appeal lies in the Charism and the students. She marvels at the distinct quality of Mercy's students, noting their kindness and an eagerness

to learn. The sense of community that envelops the school is something she cherishes deeply. The legacy of Catherine McAuley further underscores the profound connection she feels to Mercy.

Angie echoes this sentiment, emphasizing the transformative journey of the students. Seeing them evolve from teenagers into empowered women, witnessing their career successes, marriages, and the challenges they navigate, is a privilege she holds dear. The return of alumnae is a powerful testament to the enduring impact of their education.

Receiving this award held special significance for both Sandy and Angie. Sr.

Corinne was a revered role model for Sandy, making the accolade all the more meaningful. It was a deeply humbling experience for her. For Angie, the award was a tribute to Sister Corinne's tireless dedication to Mercy education, which she had witnessed firsthand through leadership workshops and schools. It was an honor and a privilege to be recognized in her name. They acknowledge the uniqueness of their role, emphasizing the awe they feel for the students and their diverse journeys every time they organize a retreat or an event. The experience is a constant reminder of the depth and impact of Mercy's education on each individual it touches.

“The heart of Mercy can be found immediately in the welcome of Angie and Sandy. They embody the hospitality promoted by Catherine McAuley and each has their unique way of making anyone new to Mercy feel home. Angie's warmth and compassion offered personal friendship as well as professional support which showed me how Catherine McAuley intended to open schools the way she opened her home. Sandy's passion for Catherine's Mission in the world is evident whenever she talks about it, and she encourages us to take up the mantle of all Catherine envisioned for the education of young women.”

— Noëlle Houle, Teacher - Visual and Performing Arts, English



*Pictured in Jamaica Sr. Regina Ward RSM, Angie, Sandy, and Sr. Lisa Griffith RSM*



*“I was deeply honored to win the Sister Corinne Raven Mercy Education Leadership Award. I knew Sister Corinne and admired her very much. In my mind she was the preeminent educator, an inspirational leader, and a wonderful human being.”*

—Sandy



*“I was surprised, honored, and humbled to receive the Sister Corinne Mercy Leadership Award. This recognition fuels my commitment to impactful work, reminding me that every effort can make a difference, no matter how small. I am grateful for the acknowledgment and inspired to continue leading with compassion and purpose.”*

—Angie



# Honoring Sister Rosann

Mercy Burlingame Principal 1993-2002

The sun was shining brightly on the morning of September 17th as we gathered to remember the life of Rosann Fraher, RSM.



April 19, 1935 -  
June 22, 2023

The air was filled with a bittersweet mix of laughter and tears, a reflection of the profound impact she had on countless lives. The ceremony culminated in a solemn prayer, uniting hearts in gratitude for the light she brought to the world and a commitment to carry on her legacy of love and service. In a touching gesture, a rose bush was planted in her honor, its delicate blossoms a living tribute to the beauty she had sowed in the lives of all who knew her, especially the students of Mercy High School. Sister Rosann Fraher's memory will forever be etched in the hearts of those fortunate enough to have known her, and now, in the petals of the blossoming rose bush, her spirit will continue to flourish.

*“In a world that can be very black and white, Sister Rosann taught me that you can always find Mercy in the grey areas of life, and this has been a lesson that has carried me throughout my own career in education and in my interactions with students and teachers.”*

—Natalie Cirigliano Brosnan '02, Head of School



Sr. Rosann  
pictured  
the night before  
entering the  
convent in 1960



Please remember the following Sisters of Mercy who passed since December 2022. We thank them for their lives of Mercy. Please keep them in your prayers.



Rosaleen O'Sullivan, RSM  
1928 - 2022



Marian Rose Power, RSM  
1935 - 2023



Cecile Ley, RSM  
1934 - 2023



Joanne DeVincenti, RSM  
1925 - 2023



Juanita VanBommel, RSM  
1929 - 2023



Edith Hurley, RSM  
1920 - 2023



# Mastering Languages & Unleashing Creativity

## Celebrating Two Exceptional Educators

In the realm of education, certain individuals stand out for their exceptional contributions and commitment to the growth and development of their students. Today, we pay tribute to two extraordinary Mercy educators, each specializing in a distinct field - one in the art of language, the other in the world of art.



**Madame Julia Angeles**, a luminary in the realm of French education, has been awarded the esteemed 2023 California Language Teachers' Association (CLTA) Outstanding Teacher Award. She was one of only four educators across California to receive this honor. The award is "bestowed on a world languages and culture educator who exemplifies exceptional qualities of an educator that demonstrates a passion for teaching and learning." Factors considered include the teacher's classroom teaching, inclusion of cultural and extracurricular experiences for students, and active involvement in multiple professional groups.

Madame Angeles feels that language learning is crucial in today's society and works to ensure that students have a positive experience doing so. "Learning a language is a vector to

understanding how people communicate—an important skill in any career. By creating a joyful and safe environment in which to learn French, I hope that my students will push themselves to grow in their language skills and, in the process, increase their self-awareness and develop a greater understanding of other communities and cultures."

Mia Gonzalez, Class of 2024, says that Madame Angeles was one of the reasons she wanted to come to Mercy. Mia shadowed Madame's class and said from that moment on she knew that she had to come to Mercy and take French.

**Ms. Nadine Baroudi**, a visionary in the world of art education, has been bestowed with the prestigious California Art Education Association Award for Exemplary Visual Arts Program. This award is given to a teacher for incorporating gifted, talented, and sequential programming in the arts. Ms. Baroudi is the only teacher in Northern California that received this award.

"Nadine is an inspiration to our community. She leads the Visual and Performing Arts Department with a keen awareness of the impact the arts has on our students. Her passion for teaching energizes her students to use their artistic, musical, and dance talents as a conduit for change in our community."

—Art Walker

*Assistant Head of School  
for Academics*

For the past 21 years, Ms. Baroudi's classroom has been a sanctuary of creativity where students are encouraged to explore their inner artist. In a world where technology is thriving and art is evolving, she has encouraged students to continue to use their hands to be creative and explore through their imagination. In 2014, Ms. Baroudi started the Fabulous Works of Art event to encourage middle school girls to build confidence through the creation of art. She says, "At Mercy, we recognize that art is an expression of oneself." Abby Wilson, Class of 2025, says Ms. Baroudi is not only always there to help her students with their work, but is "always there with a smiling face and asks how your day is going. She truly cares about each of her students."

Ms. Baroudi continues to be proud of her past and current students. She encourages the entire community to experience all of Mercy's wonderful art events.

"Madame leads our World Language Department with a dedication to making the world a better place by breaking down barriers related to cultural awareness. Her devotion to being a principled leader is inspired by faith and the belief that we can be better people with a deeper understanding and respect for one another through language study."

—Art Walker

*Assistant Head of School  
for Academics*



# New Academic Offerings 2023

“Mercy’s academic offerings ensure that students can pursue their passions and interests. In alignment with our Core Values, classes at Mercy encourage students to be educationally courageous and risk-takers. This year, Mercy added *AP Precalculus*, *AP Seminar*, *Visual Literacy and Media Design*, *Leadership Development*, and *Introduction to Engineering Design*. These new courses support our commitment to providing individualized instructional opportunities for our students. Each new course fits into one or more of our Pathways, and we will continue to provide academic offerings that support our students’ academic courage in alignment with our Mercy Core Values.” —*Art Walker, Assistant Head of School for Academics*

**AP Precalculus** allows our students to continue challenging themselves in a rigorous AP STEM course. This aligns with our vision of creating a pathway for all students who desire to take AP Calculus. The College Board introduced this course this year, and Mercy is one of the few schools in the area to offer it.

**AP Seminar** is another new course offered by the College Board for a few years. As part of the AP Capstone Program, AP Seminar engages students in cross-curricular conversations that explore the complexities of academics. It allows them to investigate a problem or issue, analyze arguments, compare different perspectives, and work alone and in a group to communicate their ideas.

**Visual Literacy and Media Design** is geared towards students who want to dig deeper into how our digital footprint impacts society. With an emphasis on journalism ethics and representation of women in media, this course explores the essential question: What is the role of media in our society, and how can we become responsible consumers and producers of news and information in the digital age? Visual Literacy is one of the courses that is part of our new Creative Arts and Design Pathway.

**Leadership Development** introduces students to the principles of leadership. Students are able to compare and analyze examples of successful and unsuccessful leadership as they learn about a variety of leadership styles. Students in this course focus on key elements of community building, mission-based decision making, and public speaking. This course culminates with the development of student-led service projects that align with the Critical Concerns of the Sisters of Mercy and the Core Values of a Mercy Education. This course is the introductory course of our Leadership Development Pathway.

**Introduction to Engineering Design** is the entry-level course for our Engineering Pathway. Students in this course learn basic engineering design principles and begin exploring the various engineering degree programs in college. This course is part of the Project Lead the Way curriculum for Engineering and prepares students for their future STEM studies.



## MERCY'S ACADEMIC MISSION STATEMENT

**Mercy High School promotes an academic journey that is compelled by mercy and emphasizes educational courage and intellectual curiosity.**



In response to the many changes the pandemic brought to the field of education and the profile of the high school learner, Mercy recognized a need to further identify the needs and direction of its academic program.

In the spring of 2023, Assistant Head of School for Academics Art Walker convened a group of faculty members to investigate Mercy's current academic environment and create an Academic Mission Statement to guide future curriculum programming and decision-making.

This committee openly discussed both the needs of today's learners and the generational changes in their study and learning habits that have resulted as a combination of the effects of the pandemic, the new technological tools available to them, and the increased usage of social media. At the heart of these conversations was how to meet this generation of Mercy students where they are in order to provide a relevant and necessary education that both enhances our students' academic experience and promotes an environment marked by intellectual curiosity and educational courage.

After rich discussions that brought in various data points and a review of our Core Values of a Mercy Education, the faculty of Mercy High School adopted the mission statement listed above.

In collaboration with the entire faculty, Mercy continues to explore ways to deepen our students' academic experience while creating classroom environments that support a love for learning and a willingness to take academic risks.



# ACADEMICS



# A Symphony



Meet Amarech and Gabbie, two extraordinary students whose passion for the arts has not only set them apart but also serves as a source of inspiration for those around them.

Their remarkable journeys exemplify the transformative power of dedication, discipline, and the pursuit of excellence.

## Gabbie Jison '24

In the realm of musical theater, Gabbie has had an unforgettable journey. Gabbie's theater journey began at 8 years old when she first performed as a munchkin in the Tri-School production of the *Wizard of Oz* in 2014. Gabbie said that production is where her interest in theater was sparked, and it quickly became evident that she possessed a unique gift.

This past year has been a whirlwind of excitement for Gabbie. She was nominated for the Rita Moreno Award in April, after performing as Matilda in Tri-School's performance of *Matilda* and on May 8th, she won. As the winner of the award, Gabbie had the opportunity to go to New York and compete in the Jimmy Awards. She said it was a surreal experience as she got to meet with theater students from all over the country, rehearsed with Broadway actors, and performed on Broadway. Her picture was displayed in Times Square, and she made sure to send that picture to all her supporters here in the Bay Area.

Gabbie's whirlwind year has continued as she had the opportunity to meet THE Rita Moreno at a fundraising event hosted at our Kohl Mansion. After finding out that



Gabbie with Rita Moreno.



# of Talent!

Gabbie is Filipina, Rita Moreno sang a cultural song to Gabbie in Tagalog which is a moment that Gabbie shared she will remember forever.

When asked what her plans are for the future, Gabbie said she is thinking about studying Education and Asian American Studies, but of course she plans to continue her passion for theater in her spare time. Gabbie is beyond grateful for these experiences, and she believes that none of this would have happened to her without the Mercy community.

## Amarech Mendez '24

Amarech's journey into the world of performing arts began at a young age when she discovered her innate love for singing. She has done musical theater since she was five years old and, while she has always loved to sing, Amarech knew by the age of ten that this was the world she wanted to be a part of forever.

Amarech is a part of the SF Opera Scouts which has given her many opportunities. She has been able to travel internationally, most recently to Austria. Through these experiences, she has been able to meet different people and have different opportunities. Amarech had the opportunity to meet Jacob Langfelder, the owner of Broadway and Vine. At the start of the summer, Amarech was asked who she wanted to perform with and she jumped at the chance to perform with Darren Criss. She performed "Make You Feel My Love," while Darren Criss accompanied her on the piano. A few weeks later, Amarech was asked to perform for Brooke Shields. She performed "You Will Be Found" from *Dear Evan Hansen* at a sold out event.

Amarech wants to get her BFA in musical theater. She is currently working on her auditions for college programs. Her dream is to continue to be in live theater. Amarech says that a lot of theater is confidence and self advocating, and being a part of leadership at Mercy has given her these tools to be confident in her theater life.



Amarech performed "Make You Feel My Love" while Darren Criss accompanied her on the piano.  
Photos: Bob McClenahan



## PROM

Students danced the night away at the MERCHANTS EXCHANGE CLUB.



## CHORALE CONCERT

Our beautiful Chorale concert was held May 2nd.

## YEARBOOK

The patio was filled with excitement as students received their beautiful yearbooks. Thanks to Ms. Houle and the yearbook staff!



## DANCE CONCERT

The dance classes left their hearts on the stage during the spring dance show on May 5th.



## MERCY ARTSFEST

Students showcased their creative works of art at our ArtsFest on May 10th.



## FRENCH TRIP

Madame Angeles and French students spent time in France studying and learning all about French culture.



## WELCOME BBQ

The year kicked off with our Welcome BBQ. It was great to have our parent community gather together.



## 9/11 TRIBUTE

In a poignant tribute to the tragedy experienced on 9/11, one American flag was placed on the Green for each life lost. This symbolic gesture reflects our shared commitment to remembrance and educating a generation of students who were not alive on one of our nation's most tragic days.



### JUNIOR RING

“Remember This Moment”  
The Class of 2025 received their class rings on October 19th.



### JANE FONDA & RITA MORENO

Our SBO's and Mercy Medical Club were excited to volunteer at Mills Peninsula Foundation gala hosted at Kohl Mansion. They had the wonderful opportunity to meet Jane Fonda and Rita Moreno.



### MERCY TEA

On the beautiful afternoon of October 1st, Mercy Dad's Club hosted our Mercy Tea event that brought together students and their cherished mothers, grandmothers, and other inspiring women in their lives in a spirit of camaraderie and love. The event was a resounding success, leaving everyone with hearts brimming with gratitude and a shared sense of belonging within the Mercy community.



### MERCY-A-THON

This year's Mercy-A-Thon was hosted at Pinstripes, and students enjoyed their disco theme day!



### SWING FOR MERCY

The Mercy community took over Crystal Springs Golf Course for our second annual Swing for Mercy Golf Tournament.



### MERCY DAY

Mercy Day was filled with prayer, community, and fun! We were lucky to be joined this year by many alums, including **Stephanie Sierra '12** and Former Congresswoman **Jackie Speier '68**. This powerful mother/daughter duo served as our keynote speakers and spoke beautifully to how their life experiences have been impacted by Mercy and how Mercy has compelled them in and out of their careers.

# Discovering NEW SPACES on Campus!

“The Campus Ministry Space at Mercy High School offers a purposeful and welcoming haven for students and faculty to gather, relax, pray, and find inspiration. With the central presence of Catherine of Siena’s powerful quote, “Be who you were meant to be and you will set the world on fire,” the space becomes a source of motivation and self-discovery. This poignant message serves as a guiding principle, encouraging students to embrace their true selves and positively impact the world around them. Surrounded by an atmosphere designed for contemplation and rejuvenation, the Campus Ministry Space at Mercy High School provides a meaningful setting for personal growth and empowerment for students and faculty alike.”

—Angie Simonetti  
Director of Campus Ministry



## Campus Ministry Office Expansion

This year, we expanded our Campus Ministry Office. The focus of this expansion was to nurture the spiritual well-being of our community and create a more inclusive and vibrant spiritual home for all.



## The Living Wall

Located within our cafeteria is our new Mercy living plant wall, a vertical garden that stands as a living, breathing testament to our commitment to environmental stewardship and holistic education. Through this living canvas, we hope to give our students a sense of responsibility to protect and nurture our planet for generations to come, just as the Sisters of Mercy have taught us through their Critical Concern of the Earth.



## Russell Dining Hall

On the second floor of Russell Hall is a new dining space. This project provides students additional indoor space to eat and socialize, furthering the enrichment of the social fabric of our campus.





## The Wellness Center and Counseling Wing

It is essential to establish a dedicated space that prioritizes the holistic well-being of our students. The Wellness Center is a haven for self care, offering a range of amenities and activities designed to promote mental, physical, and emotional health. It's a space where students can recharge, find balance, and cultivate habits that lead to life-long well-being. Bringing our wellness, academic, and college counselors together to a more private wing in Russell Hall has strengthened our Counseling Program.

“It's nice to have a room strictly for Robotics because not only is it a place for us to work and learn, but also a place where we can bond and grow as a team. This substantial room allows us women in STEM to broaden our interests and improve our skills. It provides us with the tools we need to succeed and help us better prepare us for upcoming competitions. The robotics room enables us to focus on the task at hand and not get distracted by fellow students.”

—Presley Livsey '25



“Mercy opened its revamped Counseling Wing in Russell Hall at the start of the 2022-23 school year, and the student response has been overwhelmingly positive. The Counseling Wing acts as a calm and safe space for students to access multiple levels of support as needed. Within the Counseling Wing, students can make appointments to meet with their Academic or Wellness Counselor at times that work well in their daily schedule. They might also drop in to speak with the College Counselor or utilize the Wellness Center for a brief break and reset from daily stressors. The walls are lined with Academic, Wellness, and College resources, and the Counseling Team is always working to find new ways to make it a welcoming and safe space for all. We're proud to offer the Counseling Wing to students as another crucial resource to help them navigate their high school experience successfully!”

—Chris McMorrow  
Counselor, Counseling  
Department Chair



## Robotics Room

Located in Russell Hall, Mercy proudly unveiled our new Robotics Room. This dedicated space provides our robotics students with the essential resources and room needed to thrive. Committed to preparing our young women for a tech-driven future, Mercy empowers our students to lead in the ever-evolving landscape of innovation and technology. This addition is crucial to our STEM program, which strives to educate young women in a predominantly male-populated field.

# BUILDING THE DREAM



## Mercy Receives \$5 Million Gift from Anonymous Donor



“I was truly moved when we learned that an anonymous donor with no immediate connection to our community made such a significant contribution to our project. Receiving this gift was truly a key moment in our campaign that brought us so much closer to our goal to ‘Build our Dream’ that generations of Mercy girls have hoped for. Knowing a stranger finds meaning in supporting our community of young women is incredibly humbling and encouraging. We are confident with the direction of our project, and we look forward to moving forward with the new momentum that the generosity of this donor has brought to Mercy.”

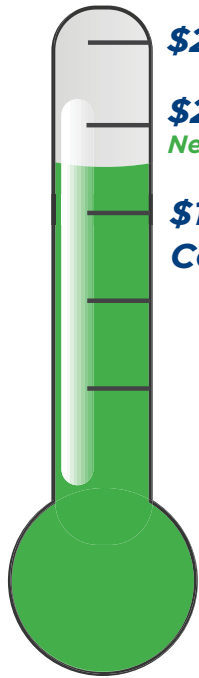
—Dr. Natalie Cirigliano Brosnan '02, Head of School



## Building the Dream Project Updates

- **Mercy's project submittal process is in review** with the City of Burlingame's Planning and Public Works Departments with plans to begin construction in 2024.
- **\$4.6 million** is needed to reach 90% of our goal to break ground and begin construction.
- **\$7.3 million** is needed to reach the total \$27,000,000 project cost.

Commemorate the legacy of MERCY by **helping to raise the remaining \$4.6 MILLION** needed to break ground!



**\$27 Million Goal**  
**\$24.3 Million**  
*Needed to Break Ground*  
**\$19.7 Million**  
*Committed*



**To get more information about the campaign or to learn about giving opportunities,** visit [www.mercyhsb.com/about/building-the-dream](http://www.mercyhsb.com/about/building-the-dream) or contact Niki Nielsen, Director of Mission Advancement and Marketing at [nnielsen@mercyhsb.com](mailto:nnielsen@mercyhsb.com)



# ATHLETICS

“Winter and spring sports seasons saw tremendous individual and team performances! In both seasons we saw students earning a range of honors from League MVP, CCS Champion, co-League Champions, and regional playoff competitors. We look forward to building off these strong finishes!” —*Kelly Hickey, Athletic Director*

## SOCCER

The soccer team faced adversity all season with both weather and injuries. They made the most of it and were competitive in every game. Their final



record of under 500 did not reflect their season as every one of their losses was only by one goal. The highlight of the season was the senior game when all three seniors found the net and scored!



## DANCE

The dance team showed great progress all season long. They added soloists in the regional competitions as well as at nationals. Our team also faced adversity but found their way through it with new choreography and new opportunities. The highlight of the season was performing in the exhibition category at USA Nationals after which they all went to Disneyland for the day to celebrate.

ALL LEAGUE HONORS: *1st Team* Victoria Torres; *2nd Team* Gianna Lertora; *Honorable Mention* Dara Vasquez, Sydney Domingo



## BASKETBALL

After losing 6 seniors last year many would call this a rebuilding year; however, Coach Kevin and Carlos had other plans in mind. They cultivated a schedule that set up our young team with success early on. The team earned a CCS playoff berth and started off the tournament hosting Design Tech. After a 30 point lead win, they had a quick turnaround as they played league opponent Sacred Heart Prep less than 24 hours later. In the most exciting game of the season, Mercy defeated the 6th seed Gators in the final seconds. The team finished 14-10 overall and made it to the CCS Quarterfinals.

ALL LEAGUE HONORS:  
*MVP* Katie Callagy  
*2nd Team* Anani Perez  
*Honorable Mention* Clare O'Brien

## SENIOR Athletes HONORED

### Excellence in Athletics:

Cecelia Murray '23

### Spirit Athlete of the Year:

Priya Sciacero '23

### Athlete of the Year:

Katie Callagy '23



## CHEER

The cheer team leaned on its strength of juniors, seniors, and returners as their season got underway. Early in the new year, the team held double days to prepare for nationals. That practice paid off as the sideline performance hit zero in Nationals. After the first Show performance, the team was in 6th place. At the awards ceremony, both Sideline and Show finished 4th place at JAMZ Nationals.

WINTER 2022-23



## GYMNASTICS

Our gymnastics team saw two athletes competing in the Junior Varsity meets and made great strides throughout the season under Coach Camile. Our varsity team also had two athletes, Ava Normant and Olivia Langridge, compete and show great strides. At the league championships, Ava finished 17th on Vault, 21st on bars, and 12th on beam- finishing 18th in the All Around. Olivia finished 5th on vault, 10th on

bars, 2nd on Floor, and 6th in the all around. In CCS Olivia finished 5th on the bars, 2nd on beam, 3rd on the floor, and DEFENDED her title as CCS Vault Champion landing a vault with a score of 9.85 out of 10.

**ALL LEAGUE HONORS:** *Beam, Floor, Vault* Olivia Langridge

## SOFTBALL

Our softball team slogged through the start of the season in rainy conditions. They started off the year placing 3rd at the Michael De Jesus Tournament. They went on to win a few more preseason games



and set up for the first ever Bruno Bowl, the first Friday Night Lights game for our team. Mercy went on to finish 13-4 overall and a share of the league title. They qualified for CCS and got matched up with North Monterey in the CCS Quarterfinals, an exciting game where

Mercy came up a bit short in the final innings. It was another great season, and the team will miss the many graduating seniors.

**ALL LEAGUE HONORS:** *Player of the Year* Gigi Ortega  
*First Team* Jazlyn Villavicencio, Jaimee Fabula, Elena Gonzalez  
*Second Team* Katie Koenig, Sophia Alterio  
*Honorable Mention* Riley Lask

## LACROSSE

The lacrosse program continues to grow under Coach Lyons and new addition Coach Klingler '20. The team started off the season with a double header to Monterey which the team grew in camaraderie and in composure. The team finished 4th in league with many close and exciting games throughout the season. The overtime victory over Sacred Heart Cathedral was particularly exciting with Katie Callagy scoring the sudden victory goal. Perhaps the most exciting game was the last one against Castilleja.



**ALL LEAGUE HONORS:** *First Team* Katie Callagy; *Second Team* Cecelia Murray, Carina DeRanieri; *Honorable Mention* Clare O'Brien, Viviana Delucchi



## TRACK AND FIELD

Our track and field team grew exponentially this season which was reflected in their results. Thanks to the preparation laid out by our coaches, each week we saw students excel with new personal and season bests. The coaches also challenged the team by putting them into new events. One of those challenges turned out to produce a league champion. In the second WBAL meet of the year, Sydney Domingo ran the 100m for the first time at Mercy. She beat the reigning WBAL champion and won the event. She went on to be a League Champion in the event and qualify for CCS. Our junior varsity team had an outstanding showing finishing 2nd in the WBAL.

**ALL LEAGUE HONORS:**  
*First Team* Sydney Domingo



## SWIM

The swim team saw great strides as Coach Elaine focused on the fundamentals of the strokes. She challenged

her swimmers to enter in new events and found everyone's strengths along the way. With every meet both relay teams and individual swimmers improved with their times.

**ALL LEAGUE HONORS:**  
*Honorable Mention* Cadence Wong

# WRAP

# GRADUATION 2023



# Congratulations!

## MERCY'S HIGHEST HONORS



**Reese Parker**  
*Mercy High School Head  
of School's Award for  
General Excellence*



**Sophia Knapp**  
*Board of Directors  
Award for Academic  
Excellence*



**Katie Callagy**  
*Sister Amy Bayley  
Leadership Award*



**Lizbeth Vargas Rodales**  
*Mother Baptist  
Russell Service  
Award*



**Carina DeRanieri**  
*Sister Mary Gabriel Award  
for Excellence in  
Sportsmanship*



**Fiona Jensen**  
*The Heart of Mercy  
Award*



**Valedictorian  
Sophia Knapp**



**Salutatorian  
Olivia Langridge**

## OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

*Performing Arts*  
**Madison Fetisoff**

*Visual Arts*  
**Ashlyn Ko**

*Mathematics*  
**Maxine Schaffner**

*Life Science*  
**Samantha Lynch**

*Physical Science*  
**Maxine Schaffner**

*STEM*  
**Katherine Callagy**

*Computer Science*  
**Sophia Knapp**

*Technology Service*  
**Samantha Fahey**

*Social Studies*  
**Sophia Villalobos**

*World Languages*  
**Mikayla Massucco**

*Tri-Lingual Studies*  
**Isabella Sandino**

*Religion*  
**Carina DeRanieri**

*English*  
**Marrien Gomez**



## GRADUATES OF THE PATHWAYS PROGRAM

*Global Scholar Pathway*  
**Taylor Fox**

*Biotechnology Pathway*  
**Samantha Lynch**

*Leadership Pathway*  
**Reese Parker**



Marissa Abaya  
Maya Escolastica Baronia  
Allen  
Ariel I. Alvarez  
Sophia Anne Hemedez-  
Avenido  
Shelby Bonggi  
Raquel Adelia Calderon  
Katherine Grace Callagy  
Sofia Victoria Carcamo Vides  
Claire Katherine Carrasco  
Nicole Castagna  
Zoe Yat Shin Chow  
Carolina Maria Cistaro  
Sabrina Elizabeth Collaço  
Allison Cook  
Niamh Dawes  
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Gracie Treasa Gavin  
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Mia Antoinette Gonzalez  
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Priscilla Araceli Guerrero  
Emma Alyssa Hanson  
Madison Serng-Yi Hong  
Kyra Alessandra Howell  
Fiona Anne Jensen  
Sophia Marie Knapp  
Ashlyn Ko  
Kaitlyn Elizabeth Koenig  
Dana Alice Lai  
Tristan Elysia Lamina Lee  
Emma Landaverde  
Olivia Jeanne Langridge  
Samantha Edith Lynch





# ULATIONS OF 2023



Charlotte Faith Magoolaghan  
Mikayla Massucco  
Summer Lisa McGuire  
Shreyaa Mehta  
Sydney Meinerth  
Nicole Katarina Meiswinkel  
Ava Marie Metkus  
Karly Miller  
Astrid Adele Moorhead Clarke  
Cecelia Lorena Murray  
Maricarmen Napoles Muñiz  
Mikayla Cruz Oamil  
Ana Carolina Arantes Oliveira  
Reese Peyton Parker  
Avery Antonella Pera  
Kelly Anne Philpott  
Erika Piedra  
Lillie Krystal Rose Pierce  
Natalie Julianna Quock  
Kate Willow Reeve  
Sofia Tianna Reynolds  
Amanda Lizette Reynoso  
Rebecca Isabel Rocha  
Hailey Marie Rossi  
Constance Chise Athena Rutherford  
Kiley Elizabeth Sabins  
Gurleen Kaur Samra  
Isabella Mia Sandino  
Giselle Sandoval  
Paloma Sangervasi  
Maxine Ann Schaffner  
Avery Elena Schnitt  
Priya Loren Sciacero  
Olivia Yin-Yu Sim  
Esther Rachel Smith  
Anna Snigorenko  
Stephanie Soto Perez  
Rachael Taillon  
Brenna Christine Taverna  
María Isabel Tobar  
Naomi Ana Torres  
Elise Natalie Trinidad  
Rebeca Valdés  
Lizbeth Vargas Rodales  
Dara Ismerai Vasquez  
Atlas Velazquez  
Sophia Villalobos  
Claire Tian Wagner  
Sophie Zhen Wagner

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*Thank You!*

Please contact Mercy's Advancement Office with corrections and accept our apologies for inadvertent omissions. *Gifts listed were received 7/1/22 to 6/30/23.*

# MERCY HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL PROFILE

2023-2024

FOUNDED IN 1931

ENROLLMENT: 375

TUITION: \$26,990

TYPE: Catholic College Preparatory

ACCREDITATION: Western Association of Schools and Colleges

## 2022-2023 FINANCIAL REPORTS

*(Unaudited numbers as of 11/13/2023)*

### REVENUE & EXPENSES 2022-2023

Operating Revenue:	\$	9,306,565
Non Operating Revenue:	\$	8,210,084
Operating Expenses:	\$	9,864,503
Non Operating Expenses:	\$	764,153
Depreciation:	\$	318,614

### ADVANCEMENT REVENUES 2022-2023

Unrestricted Donations:	\$	485,098
Temp Restricted Donations:	\$	756,888

*(Includes Tuition Assistance/Scholarships,  
Mercy Parents' Club and special projects)*

Perm Restricted Donations and other Pledges:	\$	31,883
Capital Campaign Pledges:	\$	5,939,545
Total:	\$	7,213,414

## 2022-2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

#### ANNUAL FUND

**\$ 485,098**

Academics, Arts, Athletics,  
Campus Ministry, Service Learning,  
Teaching Excellence

#### TEMP RESTRICTED

**\$ 756,888**

Financial Aid, Scholarships,  
Athletics, Arts, Facility  
Enhancements

#### PERM RESTRICTED ENDOWMENTS

**\$ 31,883**

General support of Mercy or specific  
designation of the donor

#### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGES

**\$ 5,939,545**

*Building the Dream* Campaign to  
build an Athletic and Student  
Life Center



## Mercy's Transformation Through Philanthropy

In this Annual Report, we highlight that philanthropy at Mercy is more than just fundraising; it's about collaborating with donors and providing them with the opportunity to empower the lives of young women through their generosity. Your contributions to Mercy don't just impact the present- they lay the groundwork for future generations, catalyzing Mercy's transformation through philanthropy. With a remarkable past, an exceptional present, and a promising future, Mercy thrives.

Your giving to Mercy creates a lasting community of value. Whether it's directed towards The Mercy Annual Fund, tuition assistance, scholarships, or our Capital Campaign to build an Athletic and Student Life Center, it's all centered on the young women we serve. Your contribution, regardless of its size, has a transformative effect on every student.

We express our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your support and generosity.

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Mary Lund".

Mary Lund, P '06, '08

*Planned Giving and Annual Fund Officer*

# Circle of Mercy Society

## HONOR ROLL OF DONORS JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023

The Circle of Mercy Society is comprised of lead investors committed to the future of Mercy High School, Burlingame. Membership is open to all individuals, families, and organizations that make a leadership gift of \$2,000 or more to the school. Each year, the school counts on these leadership gifts to provide difference-making projects throughout the campus. Members of the Circle of Mercy Society are invited to our annual reception as an acknowledgement of their extraordinary support.

### CATHERINE MCAULEY SOCIETY: GIFTS OF \$25,000 OR MORE

Anonymous  
Valerie Armento '69  
Bob Grassilli  
William Nocetti  
Jack & Angela Corazzini Wilcock '67  
Achieve  
Archdiocese of San Francisco  
Bay Scholars  
Sisters of Mercy - Institute Office of Ministry  
The Carl Gellert & Celia Berta Gellert Foundation

### MOTHER BAPTIST RUSSELL SOCIETY: GIFTS OF \$10,000-\$24,999

Matthew & Penny Stack Alexander '78  
Douglas & Mary Ann Lovi Button '72  
David & Karen Castagna  
Andrew & Maggie Demkin  
Raymond & Janelle Gale  
Kelly & Kent Kockos  
Larry Nibbi  
Sergio Nibbi  
Michael & Susana Pearl  
Laura & Patrick Reilly, Jr.  
Caroline & Charlie Romeo  
Wayne & Catherine Dunleavy Rosaia '72  
Aileen Whelan '76, M.D.  
Bengier Foundation  
Daughters of Charity Foundation  
HVVW8, Inc.  
Nibbi Investments  
Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. Foundation  
The Joseph W. Welch Jr. Foundation

### 1931 SOCIETY: GIFTS OF \$5,000 TO \$9,999

Christine & Phillip Engstrom  
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Martha Phillips & Al Taira, M.D.  
Katherine Lacunza Pompili '78 & Dr. Mario Pompili M.D.  
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Stephen & Theresa Rutledge  
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Salesian Boys' & Girls' Club  
The Drum Foundation  
The Olympic Club Foundation

### BLUE & WHITE SOCIETY: GIFTS OF \$2,500 TO \$4,999

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Jennifer Beck & Rick Kerzic  
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Natalie Cirigliano Brosnan '02, Ed.D. & Neil Brosnan  
Elizabeth Caserza '77  
David & Maria Collins  
Mary Cullen '73  
Angelos & Patricia Ivancich Dassios '97  
Paul & Janie Dawes  
John Falbo & Shauna Chiappella  
Eileen Horan  
Mary Schaffer Kircher '78 & Matthew Kircher  
Joseph Knapp & Erica Morris  
Jeffrey & Patricia Scanlon Lane '80  
Joseph & Lisa Larratt  
Jason & April Lasky  
Maren & Juergen Lindner  
Mary & Lars Lund  
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Mark & Mary Anne Payne  
Betty Phan & Francisco Romero  
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Frank Romeo  
Janet Ruffing '63, RSM, Ph.D.  
Benjamin & Casey Stern Sternsmith '99

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Jessica & Jeffrey Thomas  
Jeanine Thorpe '86  
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Alison Vorsatz '98  
Maria & Peter Webb  
Daniel Whelan  
Claire & Warren Woo  
Daizie & Delvin Yuk  
Bank of America  
St. Charles Catholic School  
State Farm

### HEAD OF SCHOOL CIRCLE: GIFTS OF \$2,000 TO \$2,499 (\*DENOTES YOUNG ALUM GIFTS \$200+)

Elaine Andrews '69 & Roger Dubrock  
Anonymous  
Billy Armanino  
Miracle Balsitis & Dr. Scott Balsitis  
Lynn Beal  
Rebecca Beck  
James & Laura Gillard Blue '85  
"The Blue Girls" - Gina '17, Tess '13, & Laura '85  
Glen & Tamara Bongi  
Brian & Madeleine Ostertag Bucher '84  
Christina Romeo Camperi '14\*  
James & Gina Rosaia Collins '99  
Grace Collora '18\*  
Nicole Collora '14\*  
Rachel & Dawson Crawford  
Dino & Gabriella Bonalanza DeRanieri '59  
Kevin & Cindy McDonald Dunleavy '81  
Alexandra Dwyer '13\*  
Thomas & Cynthia Fahey  
Olivia Feller '14\*  
George & Margot Fourie Giusti '70  
Hayley Hoad  
David Hooper Jr. & Karen Hooper  
Sarah Kelly '14\*  
Belinda & Robert Kensic  
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Scott & Susanne Lindley  
Cassidy McCarter '14\*  
Mary Burke Morris '58  
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Ron & Ana Schaffner  
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Yukari & Eldon Thiesen  
Peter & Suzanne Tzifas  
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James & Lorraine Whitley  
Alana Wilson '14\*  
Junipero Serra High School  
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# Partners in Mission

## HONOR ROLL OF DONORS JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023

The following list recognizes all donors who have expressed their loyalty and commitment to our school in the form of a gift that has helped advance the mission of Mercy High School, Burlingame. These gifts range from contributions to the annual fund, tuition assistance, school endowment contributions, memorial gifts, major designated gifts, planned gifts and bequests.

## ALUMNAE DONORS

† = deceased

### Class of 1941

20% participation

Ruth Curran Dolim '41 †

### Class of 1943

8% participation

Doris Coplen Santana '43

### Class of 1945

9% participation

Valerie Schul White '45

### Class of 1946

9% participation

Irene Garibaldi Aubright '46

### Class of 1949

5% participation

Loretta Santero Boris '49

### Class of 1950

7% participation

Mary Monast Cravalho '50

### Class of 1951

4% participation

Mary Joan Cunningham Ganey '51

### Class of 1952

5% participation

Lilia Ramos Cady '52 †

Mary Lou Bisagno Flocchini '52

### Class of 1953

27% participation

Anonymous

Terry Abrahamsen Clark '53

Patricia O'Halloran Hartnett '53

Doris Geib Long '53

Kathleen Doherty Moran '53

JoAnn Lyons Quadt '53

### Class of 1954

8% participation

Barbara Giomi Cashion '54 †

Mary Moran Douglas '54

Barbara Giampolini Scott '54

### Class of 1955

19% participation

Carolyn Quinn Foster '55

Anne Kirby Guinasso '55

Carolyn Gustafson Lyon '55 †

Ann-Marie Wunderlich Schaffer '55

Kathryn Dale Taylor '55

Anne Patricia Britschgi Wegner '55

### Class of 1956

22% participation

Mary Danielski Bona '56

Maureen McCue Byrne '56

Jacquelynn Mitchell Cortopassi '56

Mary Schwarz Egan '56

Nancy Rooney Gouveia '56

Georgia Sandidge Halstead '56

Mary Lou Brignolo Harris '56

Jacqueline Olson Keyser '56

Sheila Gannon Linn '56

Patricia O'Brien Valencia '56

Mary Woodman Whitcomb '56

### Class of 1957

39% participation

Barbara Longinotti Brennan '57

Mary Cunha Cook '57

Ida Magnani Crawley '57

Nancy Leddy Dehoff '57

Patricia Koch Delaney '57

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Lidia Fulvio Eslinger '57

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Jeannie Britschgi Gallagher '57

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Lorraine Eli Lohmeier '57

Dr. Judy Rogers-Bianchi '57

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### Class of 1958

13% participation

Katherine Moretto Bailey '58

Judith Snowdon Belanger '58

Sister Kathleen Connolly '58, RSM

Barbara Beresford Dinelli '58

Ann Turner Flinn '58

Joan Ward Joiner '58

Mary Burke Morris '58

Charlotte Kolloch Wiard '58 †

### Class of 1959

22% participation

Andree Adams Benson '59

Marisa Nastrini Borba '59

Gabriella Bonalanza DeRanieri '59

Helen Rogers Haladyna '59

Eugenia Dubbiosi Hovland '59

Maureen Rubis Leimbach '59

Judith Bianchina Lindstrom '59

Susan LePine Morro '59

Susan Kleinert Nedwick '59

Kathleen O'Marie '59

Jeanette Fambrini Papapietro '59

Ann Williams Regan '59

Catherine Conklin Regan-DeCicco '59

Arlene Figoni Rohrer '59

Ann Rooney '59, RSM

Mary Wertz Schymeinsky '59, RN

### Class of 1960

22% participation

Barbara Rose Thiemann Billings '60, Ph.D.

Helen Moran Bredderman '60

Patricia Hanton Camarena '60

Kathleen Belletto Cammarata '60

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Sharon Ingalls '60

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Sharon Reilly McDonald '60

Susan Torriglia Monahan '60

Kathleen Rocca Nunes '60

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Joanne Hickey Prolo '60

Lorraine Mozzini Sbragia '60

Mary Conway Zodrow '60

### Class of 1961

11% participation

Nancy Pasco Cann '61, Ed.M.

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Denise McNamara Stein '61

Barbara Bushnell Vigil '61

Barbara Caballero Wise '61

### Class of 1962

18% participation

Carol Deasy Carlenzoli '62

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Judith Caselli Field '62

Nita Alioto Louise '62

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Sheila McLoughlin McQuade '62

Kathleen Knox Murray '62

Veronica Friel Schwarz '62

### Class of 1963

24% participation

Eleanor Britschgi Bernstein '63

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# 2023 ALUMNAE HOMECOMING!

Homecoming 2023 was a huge success this year! We welcomed over 125 Alumnae to the Great Hall for a prayer service, food, and drinks. The mansion was buzzing with Mercy girls from the class of 1958 up to 2013, excited to reminisce about their time together and where life has taken them. Alums left the event with full hearts and a Mercy tote bag to commemorate the day!



**1978**



**1983**



**1988**



**1998**



**2008**



**1993**



**2013**





# Alumnae Spotlight

## GENERATIONS OF LEADERSHIP A Legacy of Excellence at Mercy!

From L to R in photo above:  
Katie Callagy '23 (KC),  
Sarah Scannell Nix '91 (SN),  
Laura Scannell Callagy '87 (LC)  
Caroline Callagy '21 (CC)

What one word can describe your 4 years at Mercy High School?

**LC:** The one word that describes my four years at Mercy is inspiring. Mercy inspired me to be the best that I could be. I loved my four years at Mercy and have only the best memories. Mercy changed my life, and it helped me to become an independent confident person.

**SN:** Formative—My four years at Mercy had a huge impact on who I am today. The friendships I made are still the most important in my life. The confidence I gained has, in great part, led to my success today. There were ups and downs for sure but my four years at Mercy were wonderful, fun, positive years that gave me the foundation to be a good friend, mother, and professional.

**CC:** Rewarding.

**KC:** One word to describe my four years at Mercy is life-changing. Mercy really helped me grow and become the person I am today, and I am so thankful to all the people who helped me on my journey.

How did you feel your position as SBO president at Mercy prepared you for your future?

**LC:** I really liked to be involved at Mercy. I was Junior class president and then SBO president. I learned how to organize my time, lead by example, and include everyone in events. It was a special position, and I met so many great students and friends from all classes in my position.

**SN:** I am the managing shareholder of my law firm. I am the first woman to hold this position in the firm's over 50-year history. Being SBO president at Mercy taught me to lead by example, listen to and work with others, delegate when needed, and to not be afraid to be a woman in charge.

**CC:** Being Student Body President allowed me to gain the leadership skills needed to grow more confident in myself and my abilities. It helped me to learn to advocate for others and to communicate with those around me, all of which I utilize in my college life today.

**KC:** Getting to be Student Body President at Mercy has instilled in me great qualities for my future. It has helped me be a better decision maker, work on budgeting, and learn how to work as an adult in planning events. It has also helped me become a better leader at work and oversee groups of people.



## What advice can you give current students at Mercy?

**LC:** Have fun, get involved, and enjoy every minute. Four years goes by very quickly.

**SN:** There are a lot of different paths and no one path is the right path for everyone. Embrace YOUR path. Be confident. Let Mercy help you build your confidence. Confidence is the most attractive quality a person can possess. Enjoy your four years at Mercy. It is a truly special place.

**CC:** High school can be understandably daunting at times, but the memories you make will be some of your favorite to look back upon. In certain moments of stress and doubt, you will find yourself wishing the process would speed up and you can just finish already. Do not listen to that thought. The four years you experience as a Mercy student will go by in the blink of an eye, and you will find yourself wishing for more lunches to eat with your friends near the Koi pond, more moments in which you can cheer on your classmates in rallies, and more time as a Mercy student. My greatest piece of advice is to take and enjoy your time at Mercy. Every once in a while, take a breath, look around, and appreciate what is around you. Life is not a race, and your high school experience is something you should enjoy to the fullest, so do your best to not rush it along.

**KC:** If I could give current students advice at Mercy, I would tell them to try out new things and make the most out of their time at Mercy. The four years really do fly by, and you should try to make the most out of it.

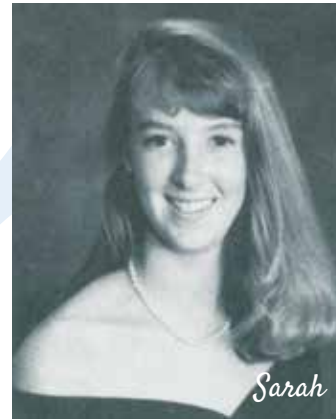
## How do you feel about having a daughter/sister/aunt/mom who was also SBO president at Mercy?

**LC:** I think it is great. My sister did a wonderful job as SBO president. I remember we used to talk about our time at Mercy—such great times and memories. I am super proud of both of my daughters for making an impact on a school we love so much. They worked hard at SBO president. With COVID it was not always easy, but both made a huge impact on the Mercy community.

**SN:** I followed in my sister Laura's footsteps to Mercy. They were big shoes to fill. She was an excellent student, athlete, friend, and leader. She inspired me to thoroughly enjoy my time at Mercy and be the best I could be. Watching my two nieces have such immense success at Mercy has made me so proud. Both Caroline and Katie exceeded all expectations in their accomplishments at Mercy and truly continued a wonderful legacy of leaving Mercy even better. I wish I lived closer so my own daughters could have attended Mercy, but we have been able to be present at events, games, fundraisers, etc. to show our love and support for my nieces and my alma mater.

**CC:** Having both my mom and my aunt having already gone through the process of being SBO President eased my apprehensions and worries towards the position. I found myself able to confide in both of them about difficult decisions, in which they could use their first hand experience to guide me in the right direction. I am immensely grateful for their past support which was amplified through their own experiences as SBO President.

**KC:** Having a family member be a previous student body president has truly helped me feel more comfortable in my role. And being the last of four has allowed me three great, amazing women to turn to for advice whenever I was struggling or needed help with anything.



# ALUMNAE

## CLASS NOTES

Let us know what you are up to! We love to have information for the Class Notes section of The Oaks. Submit your updates and photos online at [alumnae.mercyhsb.com](http://alumnae.mercyhsb.com) under Welcome/Submit Class Notes. If you prefer to email us, you can send your news to [alumnae@mercyhsb.com](mailto:alumnae@mercyhsb.com). We can't wait to hear from you!



Edwina Schied Smith '61, Denise McNamara Stein '61 and Judy O'Connell LaGrande '61 celebrate turning 80 years old.

# 1956

**Mary Lou Woodman Whitcomb '56** lives with her husband, Ken, in South Lake Tahoe, CA. She still plays the piano and enjoys hiking in the area. She would welcome having former classmates visit if they visit the area!



# 1960

In the photo are **Mary Conway Zodrow '60**, Warren Zodrow, **Patricia Conway Putkey '60** on July 3, 2023, celebrating the Conway Twins' birthday.

# 1961

**Edwina Schied Smith '61**, **Denise McNamara Stein '61** and **Judy O'Connell LaGrande '61** celebrated together each of them turning 80 years old. Denise celebrated at Lake Wildwood in Penn Valley in Jan. In March they met in Sacramento for Edwina's 80th. In August they went to the High Sierras for Judy's Birthday celebration at Whitehawk Ranch in Clio, CA. They treasure being part of the class of 1961 with many memories of their Mercy days together. We EMBRACE being 80!!!!

# 1963

**Anna Marie Gisla Gshwandtner '63** has lived in Sacramento, CA since November 1979. She has been married since 1986, they have six adult children - five daughters and one son. They have eight grandchildren - all girls. Four of their children and five of their grandchildren live in Sacramento. They have been especially blessed in their vibrant Catholic faith. Anna Marie has been a daily Mass communicant since 1980 and constantly thanks God for the honor and intimacy. They have been blessed with very good health. Anna Marie has been an avid weekly hiker for the past 12 years. She has slowed down this year and stays in her comfort zone of not hiking more than 10 miles and 1,800 feet elevation gain. God is so good.



# 1966

**Carol Haines Peters '66** reflects that as 57 years come upon her time since she left Mercy, she is reminded of all the blessings she received during her four years at Mercy. Her faith increased 100%. "I gave it my all when it came to my love for God and my faith in God." Today Carol is living with her 3rd and 4th cancer diagnoses - stage 4 breast and stage 4 bone cancers. She shared, "My faith is what I have to help me through this time. In the past, my other two cancers had me believing in God's love for me. I've been taking care of my husband for the last 2 years with his incurable cancer and his heart, kidneys, and diabetes. I was very gentle with the Lord asking Him who would take care of Rich if not for me. Five months later I am still here, and I feel able to do my calling. I praise the Lord daily and I believe my time surely is in His hands and I love that feeling of so much trust in Him. God bless and keep us in your prayer for I also believe in the power of prayer."

# 1977

**Nora Sotelo Kury '77** is happy to report that she is now retired from Stanford and is enjoying spending more time with her family - husband, daughters and grandsons. Her parents, siblings, and nieces all reside in Ottawa, Canada, but she is now able to visit them more often. Her parents are her pride and joy; they have been married for 67 years!

*Photo: Dad (94 years) and Mom (84 years)*



# 1978

The Class of 1978 began celebrations for their 45th Reunion at the home of **Penny Stack Alexander '78** the night before Homecoming.

They generously donated \$1,000 to the **Karen Hare '78 Scholarship**.



# 1983

**Dava Kotta Sheehan '83** is proud to report that her daughter, Devon, graduated this past May Magna Cum Laude from Chapman University's Dodge College of Film & Media Arts with a BFA in Screenwriting, Minor in Spanish. She was also a member of the Eta Sigma Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority where she first served as the inaugural Chairwoman of their DEI Committee (2020-21) and then was selected as Chapter President for the 2021-22 school year! They are so VERY PROUD of her and can't wait to see what post-graduation life has in store for her!! Devon is now living in SoCal close to the entertainment industry studios where she's hoping to get a job.



# 1985

**Daniela Zan Hole '85** at the Knights of Malta Investiture *Pictured left to right: Bill Regan and Ann Williams Regan '59, Daniela Zan Hole '85 and Lou Hole.*



**Patricia Devine Kimbrough '85** graduated from Cal Poly SLO (BA) and Trident University with a MA in Educational Administration. She is an Assistant

Principal at an alternative school locally and loves her job! Her daughter, Aislinn, recently graduated from LSUS! Her daughter-in-law and son are both alumni from LSUS. *Left to right: Wendy, JP, Aislinn, Patricia and Greg, her husband.*



## 1991

Alums from the class of 1991 took a trip to NYC to celebrate their long time friendship and their 50th birthdays. *Pictured above: Chrissy Stimmel '91, Kristen Padia Rouspil '91, Stefanie Morello Diashyn '91, Cristina Vincenzi Loree '91, Joelle DeBono '91.*



*Melissa Zugar Segreto '95, Tessa Manni O'Dowd '95, Deanna Canepa '95, Maria Vasnaugh '95, Jacqueline O'Dowd Mendel '95, Megan Carey '95, Tiffany Nesson '95, Nicole Narlock '95*

## 1995

The class of '95 managed to keep the Mercy girls reunion alive again this year with their annual Central Coast trip. As always they were able to pick up right where they left off last year. "Below is the Daily Word prayer that came up in my email the day we met up. I find it so fitting - the trust and love we have for each other is so special because there is no judgment and we are free to be ourselves! "Friendship is the gift of my heart." *Pictured:*

*Melissa Zugar Segreto '95, Tessa Manni O'Dowd '95, Deanna Canepa '95, Maria Vasnaugh '95, Jacqueline O'Dowd Mendel '95, Megan Carey '95, Tiffany Nesson '95, Nicole Narlock '95*

## 2002

**Aisling McElligott '02**, lives in Yonkers, New York. She gave birth to her daughter, Saoirse, in April 2021 and her son, Conall, in December 2022. She is a partner at a general contractor in the City and controller of a drywall subcontractor both specializing in office build outs. She loves interior design and recently renovated a



house in Co. Kerry, Ireland where she hopes her kids will spend many summers just like she did. *Photo: Saoirse, Aisling's sister Tara '11, Conall & Aisling at Conall's Christening, Ireland, September 2023.*

## 2006

**Carmen Kestekyan Antonian '06** and her husband Tigran welcomed their first child, Armen, on May 25, 2023. He is a bundle of joy and keeps his parents on their toes!



## 2007

**Haley Bento '07** graduated with her doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) from the University of Utah in 2015 and has since had a successful career as a cardiovascular and pulmonary physical therapist. She now works as an Assistant Professor at University of Utah in the DPT program and is married with a two year old son.



## 2008

In May 2023, **Elizabeth Becker '08**, graduated from Loyola University Chicago School of Law with a focus on higher education law. Liz served as the Managing Editor of the LUC Law Journal, was elected



as the student representative to the Deans' Advisory Committee, and worked in the student services department. For the 2023-24 year, Liz was selected to the Postgraduate Internship Program (PGIP) at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) National Office in Indianapolis, IN. She will serve on the Enforcement Team in ensuring that institutions of higher education adhere to NCAA Bylaws and rules for collegiate athletics.

## 2009

**Meghan McCann '09** married Anthony Schiefer (Serra '09) in September 2023. Meghan had her closest friends as her bridal party - all but one were Mercy Alumnae - *Lizzy Lahlouh Waddell '09, Rachel Reid '09, Colleen McCann '12, Victoria Leroux Brown '09 and Carina Fonseca '09.*



## 2010

**Cathleen (Cat) Bottini Adamis '10** returned home to the Tri-School family in August 2022 as Notre Dame High School Belmont's Marketing and Communications Manager. Cat and



her husband Zachary (Serra '10) welcomed their first child and baby boy, Kenton, in January 2023. Kenton was baptized at Serra High School by Father Nick in June!



## 2009 & 2011

Sisters Rachel and Rebecca Reid married their spouses just 35 days apart! **Rachel Reid '09** married Alexander Loukas in September 2022 in Santa Barbara, and they live in San Francisco. **Rebecca Reid '11** married TJ Fox in July 2022 in San Luis Obispo, and they currently reside in San Diego.

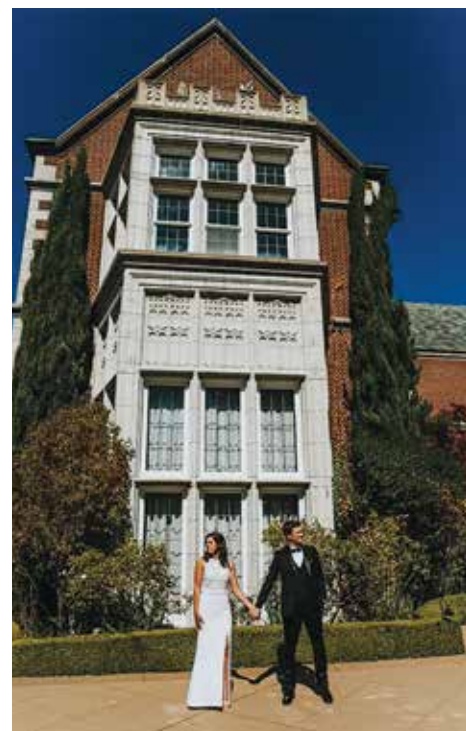
## 2011

**Kate Milburn '11, Meaghan Long '11 and Tara McElligott '11** all moved to New York at different times and are now living together! They all care for Meg's cat, Demi (who Kate and Tara insist that they aren't fans of, but they secretly love her). Currently: Meg is training for the NYC Marathon, Tara spends her time bragging about her niece and nephew to anyone who will listen, and Kate is working for a former Real Housewife of New York! On Sundays, you can find them on their weekly Central Park walk.



## 2012

On October 8, 2022 alumna, **Katie Benz '12** married husband, Nick McCarty, at Our Lady of Angels church in Burlingame. Prior to the wedding they went to Kohl Mansion for a gorgeous photoshoot. The bridesmaids included alumnae **Evelyn Hitchcock '12, Emily Johnstone Schmid '12,** and her sister and maid of honor, **Samantha Benz '11.** Katie and Nick reside in Washington D.C. where they met six years ago. *Photo taken by photographer Evie McLeod.*



After two canceled weddings due to the COVID pandemic, **Emily Johnstone Schmid '12** married husband Zachary Schmid on March 6, 2021 in the backyard of their home in Martinez, CA. On June 6, 2023 they welcomed their baby girl Leah Dee Schmid into the world.





## 2013

Since graduating from Mercy Burlingame in 2013, **Olivia Zell '13** completed her undergraduate degree in Community Health Sciences at the University of Nevada, Reno. In 2020, she started a small business called Saucey Scarves, where she makes pet accessories and matching accessories for humans. She participates in many local craft fairs and markets, as well as sells her items on her online Etsy shop! In addition to creating her handmade products, she has also pursued philanthropic endeavors by working with organizations like Lily's Legacy Senior Dog Sanctuary and The Trevor Project. She also collaborated with fellow alumna **Paige Halas '13** and donated profits to Team Michele in support of breast cancer research efforts. Olivia credits her years at Mercy for giving her the courage to pursue her creative passions, such as starting her small business and performing her original music. Her online shop can be found by searching "SauceyScarvesCrafts" on Etsy.

After graduating from Mercy Burlingame in 2013, **Jayanne Jimenez '13** attended Cal Poly Pomona in Southern California where she received her Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering. She now works for the Department of Transportation for the City of Los Angeles.



## 2015

**Joyce Celino Aquino '15** just started her first year of medical school in Arizona. She is extremely excited to embark on her journey towards medicine and is planning to specialize in general pediatrics after graduation.

**Jordan Greene '15**, a proud alumnus of UC Riverside, completed her MBA in 2023, demonstrating exceptional leadership skills through her executive roles in student organizations. Post-graduation, she embarked on her professional journey with Visa Inc., serving as a Business Development Manager for the North America Deals team. In this role, she bridges the gap between client, sales, and product teams to deliver payment solutions. Jordan works from both the San Francisco and Los Angeles offices, residing in Santa Monica with her partner Kyle and their beloved and mischievous cats, Ella and Rex. Reflecting on her past, Jordan cherishes her time at Mercy, especially her time on the water polo team, and she has special gratitude for her late AMES teacher, Mrs. G. She firmly believes that Mrs. G is proudly watching over her, unsurprised by her achievements, as she had always recognized Jordan's potential. *Photo: MBA Graduation Day, UC Riverside June '23*



## 2016

**Mary Milliken '16** graduated from University of the Pacific in 2020 with a BFA in graphic design and a minor in history. She became a professional ski instructor and joined the Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA) in 2021. She teaches at the children's ski school at Heavenly Valley Mountain Resort. She has a level 1 certification in alpine skiing and hopes to complete the second part of level 2 this upcoming season (2023-2024).

## 2017

**Abbie Hui '17** is currently a first-year medical student at Frank H. Netter School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University. Maternal and child health has been one of her long-standing interests, and she is grateful and excited to always continue learning and growing!



**Irene González '17** graduated from St Mary's College of CA '21 with her undergraduate degree in Psychology and continued on to pursue her Master's degree at NYU '23. Irene is starting a full time position as a Clinician. *Photo: Irene González, NYU Master's of Social Work 2023*

# 2019

**Olivia Siri '19** graduated from Chapman University with a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance this past spring. She was awarded the Thomas G. Hall Early Music Ensemble Award and the Bramlage Opera Award for her outstanding contributions in the music conservatory's opera productions and Early Music Ensemble. She is currently applying to graduate school for voice and is a soloist in a local church choir in Southern California.



# 2022

**Cassandra Bousquet '22** just had a poem published in the upcoming book "Dear Human at the Edge of Time." This poetry anthology is published by Paloma Press and will be coming out in September. She is in illustrious company as other contributors include the U.S. Poet Laureate Ada Limón! "Dear Human at the Edge of Time: Poems on Climate Change in the United States", is a companion to the



congressionally mandated Fifth National Climate Assessment (NCA5) and is offered as an additional opportunity to participate in the urgent conversations on environmental justice. In April 2023, Cassandra was also selected to be an artist-in-residence at Linden Place in Bristol, RI during National Poetry Month and wrote a series of poems about the troubled history of the mansion, whose former owners made their fortune in the slave trade. Cassandra is currently in the Honors program at Roger Williams University in Rhode Island. She is studying Creative Writing. She is looking forward to her sophomore year where she will act as a Co-Editor for the Mount Hope Literary Journal. She has also been selected for the 2024 Birss Fellowship and will be researching the life and work of noted writer Ann Petry and helping to organize an exhibition of the author's works.

## In Memoriam

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING ALUMNAE in your prayers. As of this publication, we have noted "In Memoriams" received between Feb. 8, 2023 and Dec. 13, 2023. Those received after that date will appear in our Spring 2024 Oaks.

- Joyce McLaughlin Berghoff '58
- Mary Jane Fennell Bouthillier '67
- Mary Rose Brisbois '49
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