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LETTER FROM MERCY'S DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT

Dear Friends of Mercy,

My husband once asked me, “Do you ever stop thinking about Mercy?” My answer: “Nope, I can’t. I love it so much!” This is my 20th year at Mercy. It’s amazing to think of the number of life-long friends, “second moms” and even “second grandmothers” I have developed over the years. These women have greatly impacted my life and have provided me with so much joy, purpose and wisdom.

Women like Sister Prisca, who taught me how to get in and out of a car “like a lady” and to always OIU (Offer It Up) to the Lord even when times are tough.

Women like Mary Reisert, who is the most beautiful woman on the planet both inside and out.

Women like Teresa Riggs and Amy Sample, who break glass ceilings with their intelligence, grit and grace.

Women like my mother, Dee Brutcher Storey, a proud 1972 Mercy graduate and my rock.

And women like Barbara Rasche, my dear friend for the past twenty years.

I hope you enjoy this special issue of the *JagWire* as it features photos and stories of our Mercy legacy families. The family on the cover, the Rasche family, truly embodies the spirit of Mercy. As we planned for this issue, none of us knew that we would unexpectedly lose the matriarch of this beautiful family, Barbara Breckheimer Rasche '61.

I was with Barbara and her family just a week before her passing as we took photos for the cover of this issue. I had no idea what a blessing that experience would be for her family and for myself. Barbara's laugh and lovely blue eyes could brighten your day in an instant. She was a devoted Catholic, wife, mother, grandmother and a true woman of Mercy. We will miss her dearly as she has made an impact on so many lives at Mercy and in the Louisville community, including my own. Rest easy, Barbara. Your Mercy family loves you.

In Mercy,



Leslie Hibdon
Director of Advancement



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In This Issue...

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Mercy traditions have bonded members of the Rasche family over three generations.



BARBARA RASCHE

A Legacy of Family and Tradition

Any conversation with **Barbara Breckheimer Rasche '61** revealed two important parts of her life: her love for Mercy Academy and her love for her family.

Barbara's experience at Mercy in the late 1950s and early 1960s was defined by careful instruction from the Sisters of Mercy. She described these sisters, her teachers, as her favorite memory of her time as a Mercy student: "These were a group of women that always had a smile on their face and a warm welcome every morning as we entered the school."

After graduation, Barbara stayed very involved at Mercy. She spent many years on the Alumnae Board, helping at Golf Scrambles, and volunteering at Benefit On/Off Broadway. Barbara loved singing and would often canter mass at her parish, St. Bernard. In many alumnae masses and prayer services, she would lend her voice to the celebration. When it came time for her and her family to make a gift to the capital campaign for the new campus, the opportunity to name the choir room was a natural fit. "The Rasche Family" name remains in our choir room today to greet each group of Mercy singers.

Barbara and her husband Richard were recipients of the 2014 Joyce Bischoff Schneider Lasting Efforts Award for their tireless dedication. Barbara herself was awarded the 2018 Circle of Mercy Alumnae Award. However, her proudest Mercy legacy was not the impact she made through gifts or volunteering; it was the three generations of Rasche women who experienced a Mercy education.

Barbara's three daughters, **Kim Rasche Burba '86**, **Karen Rasche Jutz '89** and **Kelly Rasche '96**, and two granddaughters, **Madi Jutz '16** and **Shelby Sherrill '17**, all

graduated from Mercy Academy. Despite experiencing different uniforms, mascots, and even school buildings, these six women are all connected by Mercy's traditions and spirit. Shelby stated, "Those four years at Mercy helped shape us into the individual women we are today. Yes, we experienced Mercy separately through the decades. However, we can come together and share our stories as if we were together through it all."

Many traditions over the years have connected the Rasche family. Kelly noted how much she enjoyed the Mother-Daughter Luncheon as a student, only to experience it again as a mother herself. She shared, "They were always my favorite to attend with my mom and became even more special when I got to attend them with my mom, sisters, niece and daughter."

Madi and Shelby overlapped at Mercy for three years, making Grandparents' Mass a treasured tradition. Barbara looked forward to sharing her faith with both of her granddaughters each year, and each mass became one of her and her husband's favorite memories at Mercy Academy.

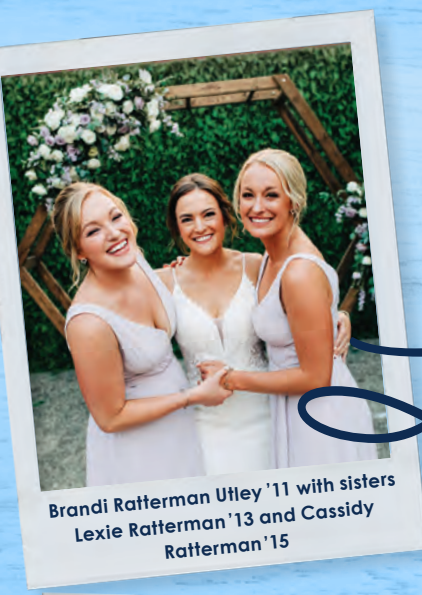
The Rasche family is heartbroken to go on without Barbara, but they are thankful for the many memories and traditions they shared with her. Just a week before her passing, they gathered together to take photos for the cover of this issue. As with any gathering of these women, there were many smiles, a lot of laughter, and tremendous love. At her visitation, one of these photos was prominently displayed. In fact, many mementos of Barbara's years of involvement at Mercy were on display. As Kelly shared, "Mercy is absolutely part of our family forever." ●



“Mercy is absolutely part of our family forever.”

MERCY

Legacy Families



Brandi Ratterman Utley '11 with sisters Lexie Ratterman '13 and Cassidy Ratterman '15



Andrea Zaepfel Beavin '86 and daughters Cynthia Beavin '13, Eleanor Beavin '21, Bridget Beavin '19, Rachel Beavin '14, and Amanda Beavin '17



Sisters Valerie Alexander Downs '99 and Tina Alexander Agnew '97



Cayla Metzmeier White '14 with cousin Lauren Adams Ellis '03 and sisters Jenna Metzmeier '22 and Sydni Metzmeier '17



Emily Yancey '27 with sister Hannah Yancey '23



Sisters Alicia Gowan '20 and Janet Gowan '18



Sisters Ann Lear Satterly '88, Theresa Lear Volquardson '90 and Janie Lear Pardue '84



Cousins Kylie Harrington '28, Sara Curry '08, Kim Ferguson Harrington '96, Kristi Soeder '94, Teri Lockard '93 and Robin Soeder Crisp '87. Not pictured are Alicia Hazelbaker '07 and Shelby Soeder Plowman '13



Diana Powell Motsch '60 with her sister Nancy Powell, friend of the Class of 1968, and granddaughter Elizabeth Greer '15



Sisters Rowan Vaught '19 and Kiera Vaught '23



Lacey Puffer Ruzanka '93 with daughters Lilly Ruzanka '22 and Briana Ruzanka Sims '17 and daughter-in-law Brooklyn Arington Ruzanka '19



Sisters Katie Spradlin Weatherholt '08, Sarah Spradlin Norris '05 and Mary Beth Spradlin Dennis '02



Jewell Dobson Forester '11 and sister Lori Dobson '16



Cousins Melissa Potts '12, Ashley Calvert '08, Hadley Whitham '23, Samantha Daunhauer Elder '04, Emily Shackelford '11 and Hannah Shackelford '17



Sisters Emily Clark '23, Alyssa Clark Couch '16, and Candace Clark '12



Pat Wolfe Laemmle '68 with daughters Ellen Laemmle Holifield '94 and Karen Laemmle Frey '97, daughter-in-law Angie Demling Laemmle '91, and granddaughters Jessica Laemmle McDaniel '16, Jenna Laemmle '19, Julia Laemmle '23 and Caitlyn Frey '23



Kara Springer Young '06 with sisters Molly Alvey '97 and Morgan Springer Daffin '08 and cousins Lauren Kapp McElhone '00, Madi Woods Sihman '16 and Josie Woods '17



Sisters Kaitlin Banta '14, Rachel Banta '17, and Alyssa Banta '22

Timeless Tradition

MEMORIES WRITTEN BY THE SCHANK SISTERS

From the oldest to the youngest of twelve siblings, there were 25 years. Seven sisters went to Mercy, one to Churchill Park, two brothers to St. X and two brothers to Trinity. We are certainly a circle of love, connected by the values learned from our parents and strengthened at Mercy - faith, family and friends bonded together.

Barbara Schank Stewart, Class of 1955

Being the oldest, I decided to attend Mercy with several of my grade school friends. Our tradition began. We all made lifelong friendships.

Our family loved to sing, so I was happy to join the Glee Club. I was in it all four years along with two school plays. All of my teachers were Mercy nuns, and my favorite was Sister Edwin. We have a brick on the wall in the hall, "Schank Sisters" with our graduation years engraved.

Martha Jean Schank Wimsatt, Class of 1957 (1939 - 2023)

Martha had lifelong friends from Mercy and spoke of them often at our Schank sister lunches.

Mary Virginia Schank Wilson, Class of 1960

Two fellow Mercy girls now live in my retirement home. My daughter and three granddaughters also graduated from Mercy. Favorite memories: I won the typing Derby. I got the lead in the school play, and the dress that I wore in the play was my older sister's wedding dress and my own wedding dress.

Beatrice Schank Orkies, Class of 1962

My favorite Mercy memory is getting a speaking part in the Senior Play. I was shy and couldn't believe it. Sister Dolorita taught me biology, along with three of my sisters. Sister Calasancius taught history and gave a "3 Question Quiz."



Suzanne Schank Dugan, Class of 1965

I played "Follow-the-Leader" behind four older sisters who attended Mercy - it was natural.

My fondest memories are singing the Mercy Loyalty Song at EVERY school assembly, led by Sister Calasancius and taking shorthand at 120 WPM with Sister Magdalena.

Kathleen Schank Cashon, Class of 1967

Mercy is like a family reunion. My best friend and fellow classmates still gather for lunches. I felt at home when I was in school. I loved playing basketball, volleyball, and track.

Ann Schank Wallace, Class of 1973

My favorite memory was singing in the Glee Club for four years. I learned so much about music from Sister Mary Doris. I still sing in my St. James Church choir. Sister Cletus Mary taught Home Economics, and I still crochet. We all have memories of the third floor and the fire escape!! All of us had girls in our class who had sisters in the class of our sisters!

Thank you Sisters of Mercy
The Schank Sisters



Sr. Paulanne Diebold '63 and Sr. Justina Heneghan with this year's alumna t-shirt

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in this year's Alumnae Unite challenge! If you gave \$30 or more, we are so excited to show our appreciation with a limited edition alumna t-shirt and famous Mercy cookie! Please visit mercyacademy.com/alumnaeunite to see details.

If you missed the challenge but still want to show your support, it's not too late! You can mail in a check or donate online at mercyacademy.com/alumnaeunite. If you give by mail, make sure to include your t-shirt size and graduation year!



Alumnae UNITE

DONORS SPANNED 78 YEARS OF MERCY!

1946 to 2024

Doris Jean Holden Lesshafft '46,
Mary Smart Gaynor '46,
LaVerne Merrifield Metzler '46
and Sydney McDill '24

Top 10 Classes by Participation

- 1 1999 with 44.19%
- 2 1972 with 40.54%
- 3 1991 with 38.46%
- 4 1970 with 32.88%
- 5 2005 with 24.1%
- 6 1996 with 23.44%
- 7 1988 with 23.16%
- 8 1974 with 22.64%
- 9 1986 with 21.79%
- 10 1951 with 21.74%

2016

2016 had the highest number of individual donors with 25!

MERCY DAY Scholarships

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

SCHOLARSHIP NAME:

- Adams Family
- Albertus Magnus
- Beth & Frank Craven
- Brian “Big Dog” Walsh Memorial
- Brooke Nicklies Memorial
- Carlton Family Mathematics
- Drew Wilson Memorial
- Eleanor Rose Roberts Norton Memorial
- Emily Convery Memorial
- Flaget Alumni Association
- Helen Dillon Mazzoli Memorial
- Jane Conboy
- Jennifer N. Harris Class of 2010
- Joe Nash Memorial
- Julie Browning Ice Memorial
- Karen Ramser Filcik
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- Laura Schulz Memorial
- LaVerne Schlaug Gregory Memorial & Susan and Terry Meagher
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- Margaret Kotich Merker Memorial
- Martin Napper Memorial
- Mary Alice Gregg Byerly 1922 Memorial
- Mary Jean Schulz Memorial
- Montgomery & Blazis
- Nancy J. & Phillip O. Akers
- Nancy Kundert Ackerman Memorial
- Natalie Thompson Memorial
- Norma Gerwing Bender & Mary Ann Gerwing Cundiff
- Norma Russell Ragsdale Memorial
- Perry Memorial
- Roalofs Spirit of Mercy
- Schlosser Family
- Scott “Scooter” Kremer Memorial
- Sheri Applegate Memorial
- Sisters at Mercy
- Sister Louise Marie Simms Alumnae
- Sister Mary Carmel Performing Arts
- Sister Mary Prisca Pfeffer Memorial
- St. Romero Fund
- Sue Knabel Memorial
- Tricia Banta Amburgey “Carpe Diem” Memorial
- Twyla Gollar Memorial
- Walsh Family



New Scholarships

KITTY YOCUM DARST SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established by the Darst family to celebrate Kitty's 88th birthday. Kitty has stayed involved at Mercy since her graduation in 1953, serving as the Class of 1953 Class Ambassador. She is proud to be involved at Mercy and loves fostering her classmates' life long friendships.

TRAVIS RILEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established by Penny Riley in memory of her husband, Travis Riley, a former DeSales High School assistant wrestling coach and parent to **Reece Riley '24**. Travis believed the dedication and sacrifices parents and students endure to pursue a strong and faith-based education early in life leads to a foundation that will provide a lifetime of skills.

WE CELEBRATE THE Life OF...

MERCY ALUMNAE:

- 1946** Dorothy Laake Passafiume

1946 Martha Blair

1949 Elizabeth “Liz” Hill Lindsey

1949 Betty Windhorst Farley
Granddaughter: Blair Lardner Newton '00
Granddaughter: Carrie Lardner '05

1950 Bettye Caummisar Corbett
Former Faculty

1951 Carolyn Amshoff Frey
Sister: Samantha Amshoff Fuller '63
Sister: Linda Amshoff Metts '64

1951 Norene Metzmeier Wessel
Sister: Roseann Metzmeier Wiebe '58

1952 Norma Gerwing Bender

1952 Charlotte Greene Decker

1953 Darlene Burns Kushner
Niece: Mary Ragle Peckenpough '92
Niece: Sara Ragle '95

1953 Sherry Peabody
- 1954** Anna May Bishop Scherzer
Sister: Caroline Bishop Embry '56
Sister: Marjorie Bishop Bolly '59
Sister: Charlotte Bishop Stith '67
Great-Niece: Avery Stith '25

1954 Mary Beth Klein Smart

1954 Doris Stephenson Raidt

1956 Martha Dietz Maloney

1956 Pat Akins Schwab
Sister: Janie Akins Kipp '60

1956 Carol Simpson Witten

1958 Carole Kruse Jones

1960 Martha Walsh Wilder
Daughter: Karen Alpiger H'23 - Former Faculty
Granddaughter: Christine Alpiger Sala '01
Granddaughter: Liz Alpiger Morris '03 - Former Faculty

1961 Barbara Breckheimer Rasche
Daughter: Kim Rasche Burba '86
Daughter: Karen Rasche Jutz '89
Daughter: Kelly Rasche '96
Granddaughter: Madi Jutz '16
Granddaughter: Shelby Sherill '17

1963 Carol Bearden Dawson
Great-Niece: Alexa Bearden '14
Great-Niece: Cassadi Bearden '14
Granddaughter: Megan Dawson '25
- 1965** Cecelia “Cil” Schenk Epps
Daughter-in-law: Colleen Masterson Epps '86
Daughter-in-law: Susan Rago Epps '86
Granddaughter: Abby Epps Brown '09
Granddaughter: Katie Epps Snyder '11

1965 Beverly Dewald Vissing

1965 Maggie Walter Grace

1965 Connie Cissna Morris
Sister: Teresa Cissna Renninger '70

1966 Mary Karen Powers
Sister: Barbara Powers '63
Sister: Susan Powers '68
Sister: Kathleen Powers '72

1968 Geraldine Back Allgeier
Sister: Lois Back Hunn '64
Sister: Mary Beth Back Heitzman '81

1970 Linda Quarles Wise

1982 Madonna Tischendorf
Sister: Melissa Tischendorf '87

1990 Deanna Holdcraft Kippes

1995 Monique Bell
Sister: Danielle Bell McAlister '93

1995 Kristi Banks Marksberry



FAMILY:

- Colette Acevedo**
Mother: Maggie Doucette Acevedo '16
Aunt: Carrie Doucette '16

Joseph Allendorf
Wife: Marita Cummings Allendorf '62
Granddaughter: Katie Blakeman '21

Jane Anderson
Granddaughter: Elizabeth Anderson '17

Ruth Bailey
Sister: Charlotte Walsh Ruzanka '72
Sister: Susan Walsh '80
Sister: Angie Walsh Kleine-Kracht '81
Niece: Maggie Kleine-Kracht Edwards '13
Niece: Jeanna Kleine-Kracht '18

Robert Brohm
Daughter: Laura Brohm Welker '85

Paula Coffey
Daughter: Molly Coffey O'Keefe '06
Daughter: MaryClare Coffey '09
- Charles Corrigan**
Wife: Martha Ruhl Corrigan '50
Daughter: Cathy Corrigan Strauss '75
Daughter: Cindy Corrigan '76
Daughter: Theresa Corrigan '78
Daughter: Fanny Corrigan Guentner '81
Daughter: Maureen Corrigan Gibson '83
Granddaughter: Rachel Simpson '09
Granddaughter: Elise Kenney - Current Faculty

Ron Dawson
Daughter: Kelly Setser - Former Faculty
Granddaughter: Jennifer Vertrees '07
Granddaughter: Shannon Dawson '11

Billy Faris
Granddaughter: Lauren Faris Long '11
Granddaughter: Macie Faris '19

Patricia Goebel
Granddaughter: Madeline Baumgartner '13

Patricia Hollinden
Daughter-in-Law: Pam Allgeier Hollinden '75
Granddaughter: Jenna Hollinden '12

Diana Kirzinger
Granddaughter: Sarah Katz Yiljep '12
- George Merz, Jr.**
Sister: Shirley Merz McCullum '55
Daughter: Betty Merz Daggendorf '66
Daughter: Debbie Merz Randles '71

John Meyer
Wife: Tracy Hindman Meyer '81

Jack Ostwalt
Daughter: Melinda Cecil - Former Faculty

Mike Peterworth
Wife: Christy Hadorn Peterworth '90
Sister-in-law: Lori Hadorn-Disselkamp '92
Niece: Megan Baskett '09
Niece: Taylor Burress '19
Niece: Anna Disselkamp '19

Patricia Howard Reynolds
Former Staff
Daughter: Karen Anderson Bennett '83

Bertrand Robben
Niece: Lori Holtman Ziegler '81
Niece: Anne Marie Holtman Landry '82
Niece: Robyn Holtman Spear '85
Daughter: Jennifer Robben Abdrabbo '90 - Former Faculty
Daughter: Monica Robben Doherty '93
- Karl Russ, Sr.**
Wife: Marcy Buchart Russ '60
Sister: Nancy Russ Brown '70

William Schoen
Daughter: Laura Schoen '80
Daughter: Christina Schoen Alexander '81
Granddaughter: Ashley Alexander Bourle '02

Mike Schneidtmiller
Former Staff
Niece: Erin Schneidtmiller '10
Niece: Lauren Schneidtmiller '12
Niece: Kathryn Schneidtmiller '13
Daughter: Ellie Schneidtmiller '19
Daughter: Mary Schneidtmiller '22

William Simpson
Granddaughter: Madalon Simpson '16

Ricky Standafer, Jr.
Sister: Jackie Standafer '14

Sandra Tarlton
Granddaughter: Katy Booth '12
Granddaughter: Amber Willett '16
Granddaughter: Megan Willett '19
Granddaughter: Haylee Willett '27

Carolyn Williams
Daughter: Laura Ray Warren '80
Daughter: Diane Ray McMahan '83



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ALUMNAE UPDATES



The **CLASS OF 1949**, or the "49ers" as they refer to themselves, continue to stay in touch and gather for lunch regularly. They are excited to celebrate their 75th Reunion at Mercy Academy this August! Pictured are **Louise Abel Sharp, Patricia Welsh Oliver, Mary Kay Tichy Oechsli, JoAnne Fauth Wheeler, Dorothea "Dottie" Keyer VanWinkle, Bonna Lee Head Taurman, Mary Jane Head Mackin** and **Dorothy "Dot" Davis Mock**.



ANN TOLLY DEVER '81

received the Thanks Badge I for her involvement in Girl Scouts. This badge is one of the highest honors a

volunteer can receive and recognizes a registered adult Girl Scout whose ongoing commitment, leadership and service have had an exceptional, measurable impact on meeting the mission-delivery goals and priorities of the entire council or entire Girl Scout Movement. Congratulations, Ann!

ROBIN SOEDER CRISP '87

has been enjoying time with her first grandson, Asher Lee Crisp. He was born December 9, 2023.



The **CLASS OF 1960** met at the Kingfish for lunch on December 11, 2023.



The **CLASS OF 1970** met at Momma's Mustard, Pickles & BBQ for lunch on April 23, 2024.



The **CLASS OF 1983** celebrated their 40th Reunion in October. **Rhonda Karageorge '83** hosted the celebration at her house as they gathered to reminisce about their Mercy experiences.



The **CLASS OF 1998** celebrated their "25th +1" reunion this April.

MARIAH WEYLAND GRATZ '98

was honored as one of six distinguished alumni of Catholic schools at the Catholic Education Foundation's Salute to Catholic School Alumni Dinner on March 5, 2024. Mariah currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer at Weyland Ventures and is the immediate past chair of Mercy Academy's Board of Directors. Congratulations, Mariah!



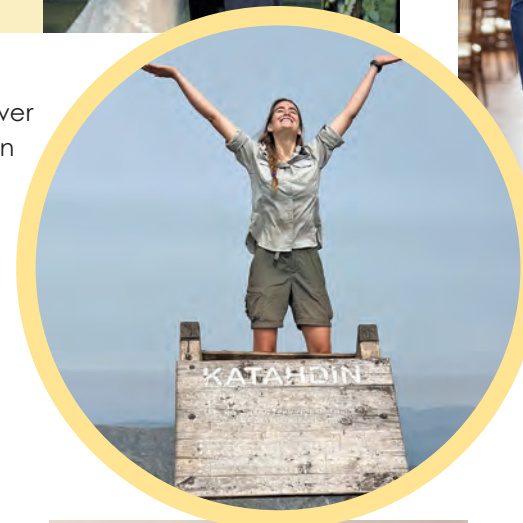
SARA REDDINGTON WELCH '06

and Matthew Welch on October 13, 2023. Four of Sara's bridesmaids were her classmates: **Jessica Curry James '06, Abbey Smith Porter '06, Michelle Yates Liesinger '06** and **Kelly Greer '06**.



MADDIE ZICKEL '11

hiked over 2000 miles on the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine. She started on March 26, 2023 and finished on October 14, 2023!



BRANDI RATTERMAN UTLEY '11 welcomed Ella Jo to the world on November 20, 2023.

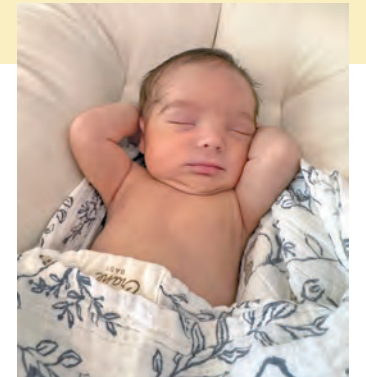


KACI GRANT SHIPP '03

welcomed twin girls, Evalyn Mae and Eden Marie, on December 4, 2023.

SUNNY SMITH TAVARES '06

welcomed Arlo Patrick on April 20, 2024.



JEWELL DOBSON FORESTER '11

and Nathan Forester - June 30, 2023



KATIE JACKEL ALLGEIER '12

welcomed Stanley Gerald to her family on December 17, 2023.



MEREDITH HELLINE DENARI '11

welcomed Walker Michael to her family on July 11, 2023.





JESSIE JOHNSON HAMILTON '12 welcomed Reece Marie to the world on October 17, 2023.



NATALIE TAUL '16 welcomed Ace Alexander to the world on June 26, 2023.

JULIA LANHAM '21 was selected to be a Gallopaloosa artist for the 150th Derby Festival. Her completed horse, sponsored by the Kentucky Humane Society, is pictured with her.



AMY EDGERTON '16 and **HANNAH FIGG '16** will both be completing their residency in Pediatrics at the University of Louisville. They graduated from medical school in May!



BRIANNA WOLKEN '16 ran in the Boston Marathon in April. Her classmates **Emily Twyman '16** and **Amanda Macaluso '16** traveled to Boston to cheer her on!

SYDNI METZMEIER '17 is graduating from University of Tennessee with her Doctorate of Pharmacy degree and will be starting her residency program with Ochsner Health in New Orleans later this year.



AMBER RUSSELL '17 welcomed August Reid to her family on September 8, 2023.



VALENTINA ROCHA '22 was featured at the 2024 Catholic Education Foundation Salute to Catholic School Alumni Dinner. She shared her journey through Catholic education at St. Rita and Mercy Academy. Valentina is currently studying mechanical engineering at University of Louisville's Speed School. You can watch her speech using the QR code.



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



Welcome to our newest alumnae: the **Class of 2024**! The Class of 2024 was offered over \$14.3 million in college scholarships and contributed more than 25,000 service hours to our community.

Beginning next school year, lunch is now included in the price of Mercy Academy's tuition! We are excited to partner with a new lunch provider, **Flik Independent School Dining**, to provide students with delicious, fresh, and nutritious offerings prepared by a team of expert chefs and dietitians.



The Class of 2025 celebrated their **Junior Ring Ceremony**, symbolizing their transition into leaders of the school.

Our Archery Jags have had an amazing season! They won the KHSAA Region 4 Championship. Additionally, **Megan Dawson '25** and **Rachel Fitzgerald '26** are both ranked in the Top 50 of 3D archers nationwide.





MaKayla Baxter '25 received the Sheri Applegate Award, a scholarship in memory of Sheri Applegate '84, who tragically died in a car accident just days before graduation. The award is given to a rising senior that shares the qualities that made Sheri so special: someone unselfish and caring, a diligent worker seeking to fulfill the best in herself, someone willing to serve and help others, and someone who goes about her daily tasks with a spirit of joyfulness and fun.

Mercy's **Black Student Union (BSU)** hosted an event: *Empower. Connect. Succeed.* Along with the BSU at St. Xavier, they highlighted their progress over the past two years and celebrated seniors and alumni.

Mercy's Rocket Club - the **Mercy Missiles** - competed in a rocket launch competition at Atherton High School.

Mark Evans and **Charlie Just** were both inducted into the Louisville Catholic Sports Hall of Fame in January. We are so grateful for their years of service at Mercy Academy! They are pictured here with **Angela Passafiume**, Director of Athletics.



Our Cheerleading Jaguars advanced to the semifinals of the **UCA National Cheerleading Championships** and ultimately finished 12th in the competition.



Mercy students traveled to Frankfort to meet with their legislators. They were also able to meet with Governor Andy Beshear who spoke with them about the importance of civic engagement.



In its second year, our E-Sports team ranked 14th in the state and was the only team from an all-girls school.

Mercy students and their mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and sisters gathered for our annual **Mother-Daughter Luncheon and Style Show** at the Marriott Louisville East. Seniors modeled fashions from XO by Sophia's, Darling State of Mind, and Sandi's Styles. This is such a special tradition for our students and the influential women in their lives!

Our **Art 3** students painted a collaborative mural inspired by the Beatles' "Abbey Road." The mural captures the evolution of the Mercy uniform over generations of students.



Do you know a sixth, seventh, or eighth grader? Keep them up to date on current happenings at Mercy! Our Open House for prospective students and their families is on **Sunday, November 10, 2024**. For more information about admissions at Mercy, scan the QR code or visit our website.



BACK TO THE 80'S

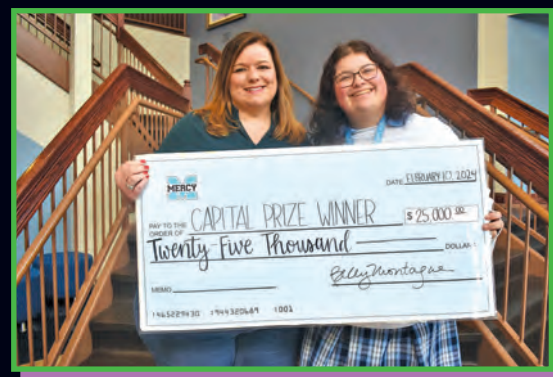
Benefit off Broadway

\$311,138 RAISED
TO BENEFIT OUR TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

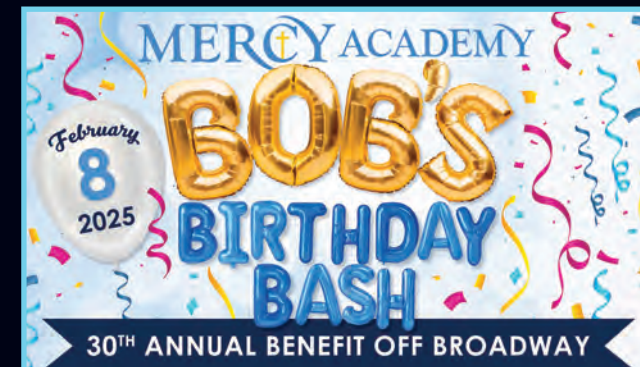
On February 10, 2024, we raised a record amount to support Mercy Academy's tuition assistance program at a totally-rad eighties-themed Benefit Off Broadway! Some of the highlights of the evening included live music from Downstage Live and the addition of the Bourbon Pull. Thank you to everyone who participated by attending, purchasing chances, bidding during the silent and live auction, volunteering their time, and more! A complete list of winners can be found on our website.



Congratulations to our \$25,000 Capital Prize winner, Beth Raymond, and her daughter Noelle Raymond '24. Noelle received a \$50 gift card to the campus store for selling the winning ticket!



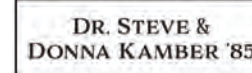
The Fund a Student portion of the evening included a video featuring Annabelle Ferrigno, Class of 2024. Annabelle and her mother shared the impact that tuition assistance has had on their family. You can watch Annabelle's story here:



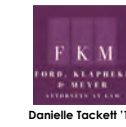
Save the Date!

We hope you will join us again next year to celebrate BOB's 30th Birthday! The 30th Annual Benefit Off Broadway will be on **Saturday, February 8, 2025.**

Thank you, Benefit Off Broadway Sponsors!



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