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#1 President on Social Media

With apologies to musician Harry Nilsson and the band Three Dog Night, "One" is not the loneliest number (old song but good, look it up), it is the best number to be in social media circles.

In May 2024, ED Marketing, an international marketing agency, selected Misericordia University President Daniel J. Myers, Ph.D., as its top-ranked university president on social media. He finished as number two in their analysis last year.

The selection as number one comes from an expert panel and is based on Dr. Myers' robust content as seen on various social media platforms during 2023. A parent of a prospective student nominated Myers to be considered for the ranking. "I am excited and a little surprised to be recognized this way," says Myers. "Social media is such a contemporary method by which we can engage with prospective students, alumni, parents, friends, and the community. Because of this fact, we have invested much time and energy into making my presence on social media benefit the university as much as possible."

In the opening weeks of Myers' presidency three years ago, he shared with the marketing team his idea to establish a strong social media footprint. In particular, he observed that few, if any, presidents had a presence on TikTok, a popular social media platform featuring short video clips.

"In the early days, we did research and experimented with content that would be appropriate to our brand and also engage current and prospective students on TikTok," says Myers. "We had names for each video such as 'bookshelf' and 'Thanksgiving dinner.' But we are fortunate to see it grow so much we can no longer name each one!"

In fact, Myers has accumulated over 700,000 likes and 12,000 followers on TikTok alone through release of hundreds of video clips. He also provides content to Instagram, LinkedIn, X, and recently Facebook. These outlets offer more than just an opportunity to entertain, they create a platform to deliver important messages on topics relevant to higher education and the people who work and study at colleges around the country and around the world. Myers used social media to post about how to manage the delay in the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), explore new academic programs, and provide support for special fundraising efforts and awareness activities.

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Myers' latest online endeavor, the new Higher Edification podcast, offers a platform for the President to interview higher education leaders from around the country to discuss the latest issues impacting the industry. "It has been enjoyable connecting with new thought leaders and re-engaging with many members of my existing network to help frame the value of higher education and provide insight into the challenges and opportunities we face," says Myers.

Here is a list of "President Dan's" social media accounts and where to follow him. Use this QR code to watch an in-depth interview with Myers discussing his use of social media and how it helps position Misericordia University in the marketplace.



On June 3, 1921 (the Feast of the Sacred Heart), after nearly seven years of setbacks, the dream of Misericordia – an institution of higher education for women - emerged as a reality. The Sisters of Mercy had faced loss, a pandemic, war, and financial hardships as they worked to create this "ground-breaking" opportunity – literally the first of its kind in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. Construction was about to begin.

Sisters of the Immaculate Heart, members of the priesthood, and the members of the Mother House Fund Committee joined the Sisters of Mercy at a special ceremony led by Reverend Bishop Michael J. Hoban (1853-1926). The first shovel of dirt for the site that would hold the new motherhouse, a college for women, and a day school was spread by Bishop Hoban, and the second, by Mother Mercedes McHale (1869-1943). Mother Mercedes later served as honorary president of College Misericordia in the 1930s.

On July 18, 1922, the ground was broken again to lay the cornerstone for the new motherhouse building, known as Villa St. Teresa. A portion of the foundation was erected ahead of time to accommodate Bishop Hoban's schedule. Workers placed a lock box in the cornerstone containing architectural plans for the building.

Officials commissioned a ceremonial shovel for the June 1922 occasion. Among the names listed on the shovel is Mother Gertrude Kirwan who was part of the Provincial Council and also served on the first Board of Trustees of the College. Mother Cecilia Houston, also listed on the shovel, was the Novice Mistress for the Dallas Community, first in Wilkes-Barre from 1920 until 1924, and then in Dallas from 1924 until 1930. Cecilia Houston and Gertrude Kirwan's names are misspelled on the shovel!



Since then, this shovel has been used in every groundbreaking for new construction on Misericordia's campus. With each strike of this shovel, Misericordia has carved out a new chapter, linking past triumphs with future aspirations.

Two years later, on September 15, 1924, College Misericordia was dedicated to a crowd of more than 2,500. Bishop Hoban officiated the ceremony and blessed the building that held the College and the motherhouse. However, another ceremony also took place that day. Members of the Wilkes-Barre American Legion Post 132 and a contingent of uniformed Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts solemnly bore an American flag to the brand-new staff that flanked the Administration Building.

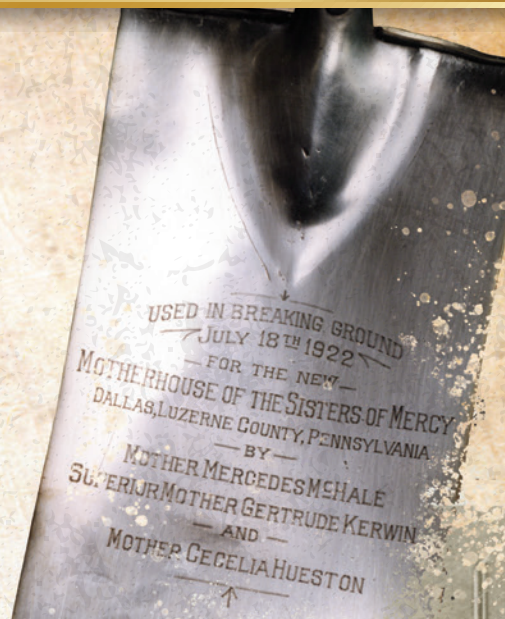
A marble marker at the base of the staff was then unveiled. It bears the College's original seal (which connects it with the motherhouse, Villa St. Teresa) and the names of local businesses, organizations, and individuals that contributed to purchasing the flagpole. This marker documents the military, business, religious, and civic history of the Wilkes-Barre area. World War I veteran William B. Healey (1894-1972) was a national vice commander in the early American Legion and held important positions at the state level; he later became warden of the Luzerne County prison. AV Kozak & Co. was a marble and granite company that may have engraved the marker. Sheldon Axle Company was a significant manufacturer of horse-and-buggy springs and axles prior to World War I, declining in the 1920s with the affordability of automobiles. Martin F. Murray (died 1933) was a well-known shoe retailer in Wilkes-Barre and an early Wilkes-Barre Council member.

The public support these leaders lent to the Sisters of Mercy's bold endeavor —the founding of a Catholic women's college in Dallas, Pennsylvania—is etched in stone.



"A good beginning is of great importance."

–Catherine McCauley, 1838



The marker is housed in the University Archives. It has been cleaned and is anticipated to be displayed during the Centennial celebration.

WITNESS HISTORY COME ALIVE!

Visit **misericordia.edu/centennial** in September and join us as we unearth long-forgotten treasures, revealing stories that transcend generations and ignite imaginations.



Jeremy Kuba '19 remembered during

EMOTIONAL SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION BRUNCH





Celebrating the life of Jeremy Kuba '19 are, from left, President Daniel J. Myers, Ph.D.; Jeremy's mother Roslyn Kuba; Scholarship Recipient Jenna Potter '22, '25; and Occupational Therapy faculty members Lori Charney, OTD '93; Orley A. Templeton, OTD '14; and Joseph Cipriani, Ed.D.'88.

The late Jeremy Michael Kuba '19 was the quintessential Misericordia University student. By all accounts of his too-short life, he was kind, intuitive, intelligent, and a most caring son, brother, friend, and occupational therapy practitioner. He left an indelible mark on the campus prior to his sudden death in 2019, just days after his undergraduate commencement.

Jeremy's legacy was highlighted at the **34th Annual Scholarship Recognition Brunch**, held on campus on April 14. The Celebrate Gratitude-themed program brought together scholarship benefactors and the students who receive their scholarships to share stories on the impact of philanthropy and what scholarship means to them. The **Jeremy Michael Kuba '19 Occupational Therapy Memorial Scholarship Fund** was selected as the 2024 honored scholarship on the fifth anniversary of its establishment by Jeremy's mother, Roslyn, just weeks after his passing.

Roslyn's remarks brought many in the audience to tears as she recalled what a wonderful experience her son had as a Misericordia student. "As a mom, there is no greater gift than knowing that Jeremy's life mattered and his legacy will continue. People will always say his name and each year; somebody will have a life that is a little easier because Jeremy existed in this world. I thank



Roslyn and Jeremy Kuba

"AS A MOM, THERE IS NO GREATER GIFT THAN KNOWING THAT JEREMY'S LIFE MATTERED."

Roslyn Kuba, Jeremy Kuba's mother

Misericordia again for all you did for Jeremy while he was on this campus and all you do for him in his name. Knowing that he was truly loved while he was here gives me great comfort," she said.

Jeremy learned the benefits of occupational therapy (OT) as he adapted to a number of heart and health conditions throughout his life, fueling his desire to help others. Occupational Therapy Professor Joseph Cipriani, Ed.D OTR/L and other campus community members highlighted Jeremy's determination and engagement as a student. He was an active member and president of the Misericordia University Student Occupational Therapy Association (MUSOTA) and a participant in the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) program. He was active in Campus Ministry and remembered for being a supportive leader in a search retreat. Jeremy was equally admired for his work at the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library and for defying his physical challenges as an award-winning thrower on the Men's Track and Field Team.

He took a leadership role during his second of two OT medical mission service trips to Jamaica. His fatal heart failure the day after returning from the trip left all who knew him shocked and heartbroken. Within weeks, the $25,000 needed to endow the scholarship in his name was raised by family, friends, and the campus community. The fund continues to grow. The scholarship is awarded to a fifth-year OT student with financial need who "exemplifies Jeremy's leadership and passion for service and lives the charisms of Mercy, Service, Justice, and Hospitality."

The 2023-24 award recipient, Jenna Potter '22, '25, a doctoral candidate in OT from Medford, New York, was selected for her outstanding commitment to her studies and community engagement in many areas similar to Jeremy's. "To be considered for something in Jeremy's name is something I will hold close to my heart," Jenna stated. "This scholarship has meant so much to me as I continue my journey in my doctoral program. Your support creates a ripple effect of positivity that extends far beyond this moment. It is not just a financial contribution, it is an investment in my future and the futures of countless others who will benefit from your kindness and generosity."

President Daniel J. Myers, Ph.D., reflected on the importance of scholarship support in enabling Misericordia students to pursue their educational and professional dreams without financial burden. He expressed deep gratitude to all benefactors, stating, "Thanks to our generous benefactors, Misericordia awarded more than **$1.4 million** in scholarships this academic year," he said emphatically. "Each one of our scholarships is special, and we thank our donors for helping us enter our second century able to make a Misericordia education attainable for students who may have not thought it possible."



▲ Dan Myers and Roslyn Kuba at the 2024 Scholarship Recognition Brunch

Gifts to the Jeremy Michael Kuba '19 Occupational Therapy Memorial Scholarship Fund are welcome. To make a donation, go to www.misericordia.edu/MakeAGift and click on the special link in the designation box for the Jeremy Kuba OT Scholarship, or call (570) 674-6248.



From left to right: Dr. Lori Charney, Occupational Therapy; Greg Collins, vice chair of the Board of Trustees; Dr. David Rehm, vice president of Academic Affairs; Dr. Barbara Schwartz-Bechet, dean of the College of Health Sciences and Education; President Daniel J. Myers; Sister Carol Gallagher, Board of Trustees; and Dr. Kristen Karnish, Physical Therapy.

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY MARKS COMPLETION OF
NEW OCCUPATIONAL AND PHYSICAL THERAPY FACILITY







Above: Snapshots of the new OT/PT facility.

Misericordia University celebrated the opening of its new Occupational and Physical Therapy Facility with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 14. The renovated 38,000-square-foot space, located in a former assisted living facility adjacent to campus, represents a significant investment of $8.5 million. The project, which began in March 2023 and concluded in January 2024, was overseen by contractor Poole Anderson and architect HC Architects.

The facility is tailored to support Misericordia's premier Occupational Therapy (OT) and Physical Therapy (PT) Programs. It includes advanced learning spaces, observation rooms, labs, state-of-the-art lecture halls with interactive technology, and specialized areas such as a home health lab and pediatric lab. The design also features student lounges, faculty offices, and clinic spaces aimed at community engagement.

University President Daniel J. Myers, Ph.D., emphasized the collaborative effort with the Religious Sisters of Mercy, stating, "Today is also a day to thank our partners in this exciting project, the Sisters of Mercy, who have offered to share this wonderful space with us. There is no better way to help us carry on their mission than by ensuring that the 350 students in these two critically needed programs have the technology and clinical tools they need to achieve great things."

Lori Charney, OTD, associate professor and OT department chair, highlighted the facility's educational benefits, noting, "Our students will have access to cutting-edge equipment, modern teaching technology in the classrooms, and specialized labs that will enable them to engage in hands-on learning, community service, research opportunities and doctoral capstone projects."

Kristen Karnish, PT, D.Ed., associate professor and PT department chair, added, "As you tour, you will see technology and equipment that allow us to be truly student-centered in our education including cameras and multiple screens for students to have an easy view of skills being demonstrated and to engage in presented material. Also, you will see the space and equipment that enables us to simulate the physical therapy outpatient clinic, hospital, nursing home, and home care settings."

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ICE HOCKEY HAS A NEW HOME

This fall marks a historic moment for Misericordia University Athletics as it introduces its brand-new men's ice hockey team. The team will debut at the state-of-the-art Toyota SportsPlex in Wilkes-Barre, PA, ushering in a new era of excitement and opportunity for players and the university community.

We sat down with Head Coach Kevin Cole and junior Nick Solema, one of the pioneering players, to discuss the upcoming season, the unique features of the Toyota SportsPlex, and their journey so far.

One of the most exciting aspects of the new program is the exceptional facilities. Coach Cole highlighted the significance of the brand-new locker room, a space that they were able to design with the help of the MU Community. This, he believes, will be a huge selling point for everyone that comes to play for Misericordia.

Cole emphasized that partnering with the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins provides access to top-notch equipment and meals, setting Misericordia's program apart from others.

The support from both the university and the local community has been crucial. "The university has been great working with us and supporting the coaches, especially with recruiting new first-year and transfer students," said Cole, adding "this support is a testament to the strong bond within our community."

As the inaugural season approaches, the goals are clear: build a cohesive team and set a strong foundation. "Success is different for a first-year team, but getting better together daily is key," said Cole." Players of the team recognize and support Coach Cole's approach. New recruits hale from all around the United States and Canada. Because so many campus and community members are working for the team's success, coaches and players have strong confidence moving forward. Solema states, "The support from the school and the faculty has been very strong. I think we're going to be able to build something successful here right from the start." Solema feels welcomed by the enthusiasm surrounding the new program. "The location, the rink, and how Coach Cole approached this first season encouraged me to transfer here," he said.

Everyone is looking forward to an exhilarating first season at the Toyota SportsPlex.
The first home game is scheduled for November 8, 2024.
Visit **athletics.misericordia.edu** for the latest news and information.

GO, COUGARS!







From Bake Sales to Big Hearts:

Misericordia's Education Club and the Mercy Girl Effect



During a heartfelt ceremony last May, Misericordia University's Education Club presented a check for $1,825 to **Deirdre Mullan**, R.S.M., university trustee, for the Mercy Girl Effect initiative. This accomplishment was inspired by the Mercy Girl Challenge, introduced by **Pat McCann**, R.S.M., former member of the teacher education faculty, and symbolizes the collective effort of the university's students, faculty, and staff to make a global impact.

The Mercy Girl Effect is more than just a fundraising initiative; it is a global advocacy movement that empowers young women through education to resist injustices actively. It encourages students to act in solidarity with young women worldwide, promoting educational opportunities and fighting exploitation. This initiative's mission aligns perfectly with Misericordia University's core values of mercy, service, justice, and hospitality.

This fundraising success was achieved through a series of engaging events organized throughout the spring 2024 semester. The Education Club, under the leadership of **Kaitlyn Shatzel**, **Vivian Wright**, **Alexandra Pehala**, and **Ariana Nolter**, orchestrated a Chick-fil-A fundraiser and a campus-wide bake sale. These activities, along with generous personal donations from the faculty and staff of the university's Teacher Education Department, showcased the community's commitment to social justice and education.

Sister Pat and Sister Deirdre attended the presentation event, which marked a significant milestone for the university and the Education Club. Their presence highlighted the importance of the Mercy Girl Effect.

Steve Broskoske, Ed.D., associate professor and club advisor, expressed immense pride in the students' dedication. "Today's presentation is a testament to our students' hard work and dedication inspired by Sr. Pat McCann's challenge. Their unwavering commitment has raised substantial funds and awareness for the Mercy Girl Effect, empowering young women globally," he remarked.

Adding a touch of humor and spontaneity to the event, Sister Pat jokingly called out **President Dan Myers**, saying, "For $100, you can stand in the photo!" President Myers, embracing the spirit of the moment, opened his wallet and donated on the spot, much to the delight and applause of everyone present. This impromptu gesture underscored the infectious enthusiasm and wholehearted support for the cause within the Misericordia community.

The story of the Mercy Girl Effect at Misericordia University is a testament to the enduring spirit of compassion and service that defines the institution. This achievement is a shining example of how the values ingrained in our institution can be translated into impactful actions.

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At Misericordia University, a strong bond extends beyond campus and into the hearts of students, alumni, and their families, no matter where they live. Recently Paula and Mark Johndrow, Northeast Pennsylvania natives currently living in Texas, returned to campus for a VIP tour from Mark's brother, Dave Johndrow '89, director of Information Technology. Family connections run strong here, as Dave's wife, Mariarose, is a '89 and '13 (MBA) graduate of MU, and his son-in-law, Matt Laporte, is a '15 and '17 (OM) graduate.

Campus is open to all alumni to return for a visit with their families. Please reach out to our Alumni Relations office if you are so inclined and a member of staff would love to show you around.

Shown from left to right at the Emerging statue in Rosenn Plaza are Mitch Johndrow, Paula (Kimic) Johndrow '92, Sean Johndrow, Mark Johndrow '93, and Dave Johndrow '89.





student research crosses academic disciplines

Mikayla Calitis, a first-year Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) student with an undergraduate degree in Computer Science, is undertaking research to examine the impact of declining healthcare reimbursement rates on patient outcomes. While her research is still in its infancy, she aims to uncover insights that could improve patient care by highlighting the influence of financial support on service quality and availability, ultimately enhancing patient recovery and well-being.

Mikayla's inspiration for this research stems from her experiences shadowing physical therapy professionals in nursing homes. Observing therapists and patients struggle to access necessary services due to inadequate reimbursement sparked her desire to investigate this issue further. Mikayla's dedication to enhancing patient recovery and well-being through her research aligns closely with Misericordia's commitment to compassionate care and its mission of service.

Initially, Mikayla believed her undergraduate and graduate degrees would help her design new programs specifically for therapists. However, she now realizes that her dual educational experiences will also allow her to better understand and leverage the data available to therapists throughout her career. Mikayla's research has received strong support from faculty members across multiple departments. Fanchao Meng, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Computer Science, has been instrumental in helping her formulate her research questions and approach. Dr. Meng praised Mikayla's interdisciplinary approach, stating, "Her merit is extensive and diverse, and beyond being a talented student. I'm deeply impressed by her exceptional insight into the cross between Computer Science, Math, and Physical Therapy."

Regarding her collaboration with faculty, Mikayla expressed, "The faculty engagement in my research project has been amazing. I've been able to bring my ideas to experts across different fields, and their support and guidance have been invaluable in shaping my research."

Ultimately, Mikayla hopes her research will underscore the critical role of physical therapy in patient care and advocate for better financial support to ensure patients receive the necessary services for optimal recovery.

A HISTORIC WIN: MISERICORDIA BASEBALL TEAM CLINCHES NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



The Misericordia University Baseball team culminated an electrifying season by winning the DIII College World Series. Bringing home the first Division III baseball championship to a Pennsylvania school and the first team-based national championship to Misericordia, the players and coaches marked the university's centennial year with an historic, unforgettable achievement.

The road to victory was not without its challenges. Starting the season with a 7–7 record, the team demonstrated remarkable resilience and determination to turn their fortunes around. They came together, each player contributing to the collective effort that would ultimately see them crowned national champions. The team's mantra throughout the tournament, "win or die on the field," encapsulated their commitment and drive to succeed.

A vital element of the team's success was the strong leadership and unity among the players. With six graduate students leading the way, the team developed a close-knit bond on and off the field. This camaraderie and mutual support were crucial in navigating the pressures of the championship run. As **Coach Pete Egbert** reflected, "We have had some really talented clubs over the past number of years... but one of the things this group did better than others was their leadership."

The leadership group, including experienced players like **Garrett McIlhenney**, provided guidance and motivation, ensuring the entire team focused on their common goal. The influence of these leaders helped foster a culture of excellence and dedication that permeated the squad. McIlhenney shared, "Winning a national championship also taught me to surround myself with those who aspire also to be great. If you surround yourself with people who want to win, everyone will be that much more motivated."

The national championship win resonated far beyond the confines of the baseball field, impacting the entire Misericordia University community and its supporters. The team's success brought a sense of pride and accomplishment to the university, inspiring students, alumni, and local supporters alike. The outpouring of support was palpable, with hundreds gathering to celebrate the team's return home, highlighting the deep connection between the team and its community.

The journey to the championship provided invaluable lessons for the players, lessons that extend beyond the baseball diamond. The experience underscored the importance of perseverance, teamwork, and leadership. These lessons will remain as the players progress in their lives and careers, shaping their futures profoundly. McIlhenney emphasized, "Winning a

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respect is a testament to the positive culture within the Misericordia baseball program. Coach Egbert highlighted, "Just the bond that these guys built... 43 young men and four coaches who just got really close over the course of the year."

Reflecting on the significance of the achievement, Coach Egbert remarked, "It is a place that I really care about. Furthermore, the community here has been really supportive and outstanding. So, just to be able to give this back to them... It is the first Division Three Pennsylvania school to win a Division Three baseball championship, and we can do it in the hundredth year. That is special to us."

As the team basks in the glory of their historic win, they are also mindful of the future. The victory has set a new standard for the program that future teams will aspire to match. The championship has laid a solid foundation for continued success, with the current squad serving as a source of inspiration for those who will follow in their footsteps. As most of the squad stood among national leaders and other NCAA national champions at the White House in Washington, D.C., on July 22, it further solidified that they were a part of history.

The Misericordia University Baseball team's national championship is more than just a trophy; it symbolizes what can be achieved through hard work, unity, and a relentless pursuit of excellence. This historic win will be remembered and celebrated for years, marking a defining moment in the university's history.

Chuck Edkins, director of athletics, shared "It has been a privilege to watch this outstanding group of gentlemen and their coaching staff who have represented this university in first-class fashion. There's a lot of ways to do things, the right way and the wrong way and all the subcategories of both options. For those of you that were there, you saw how our young men and how our coaching staff reflects the mission of this university in everything that they do."

national championship has taught me a lot about life... I must continue to give 110% in whatever I am working towards in life."

The bond formed among the team members, built on shared experiences and collective effort, will endure long after the final game. This sense of brotherhood and mutual

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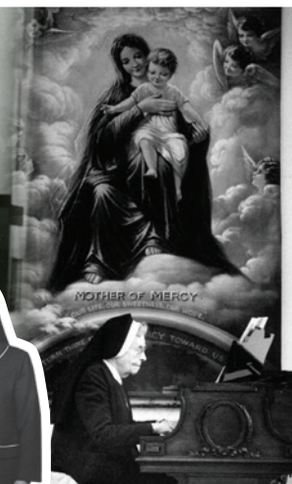

Hear from the Sisters themselves:

In those early days we had little communication with the students. It was an all-girls school in the beginning. Somehow, they influenced us, and we, them. ◆ During Hurricane Agnes, we were evacuated by boat and then driven to Misericordia which had become a refuge for evacuees, a birthing center and so much more. Everything I thought about Mercy was affirmed. ◆ The Sisters knew everyone in each family by name, and they were welcomed with love. ◆ I played the guitar in the folk choir under the direction of Sr. Eric Marie Setlock who urged us to smile and enjoy the experience, knowing God was doing the same.













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MISERICORDIA, A PLACE THAT HAS BEEN LIKE THE BOOKENDS OF MY ADULT LIFE.





















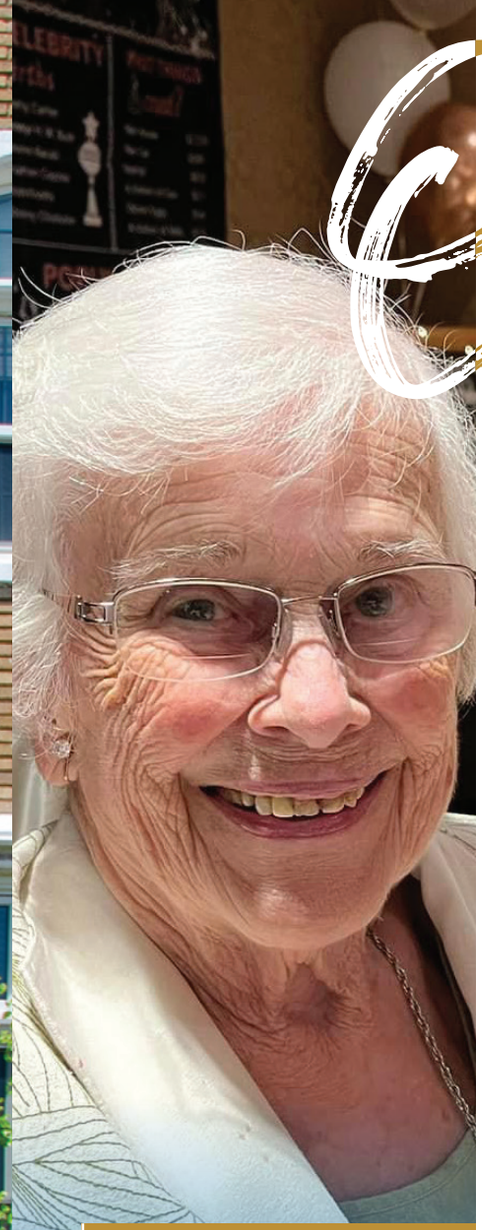
If I could actually exemplify it in my life by being kind, generous, and compassionate always and everywhere to everyone I meet, I think I would always be aware of God's presence, and in a small way, I think I would be helping to "heal and repair" our fractured world. ◆ We had a warm relationship with the Sisters, many of whom were very much like family, throughout my childhood. ◆ Misericordia University is just one example of our commitment to people, especially to the well-being and encouragement of women and girls. ◆ Life in Mercy continues to be a surprising, grace-filled adventure. ◆ And now, as we celebrate Misericordia's 100th anniversary, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our beloved "Woodland home on Dallas Heights," and its revered founders, the Religious Sisters of Mercy. AD MULTOS ANNOS!

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Olga Sekerchak

Misericordia's second oldest living alumna turns 100

Turning 100 years old on April 23, 2024, Olga Sekerchak Savage '46 celebrated surrounded by family and friends and was proud to share centenarian status with her soon-to-turn-100 alma mater. The Hernando, FL resident is Misericordia University's second oldest known living alumna. She offered a hearty Happy Birthday to the campus in preparation for its centennial on September 24.

Her secret to a long life – *a frozen Snickers bar every day*

Flanked by balloons, flowers, and boxes of Snickers bars sent by the university, Olga says her secret to a long life is eating a frozen Snickers bar daily. True to her word, she shared the frozen treats and her thoughts about her and the university starting a second century with Misericordia's Mark DiPippa, director of Development, and Joe Musto, major gifts and planned giving officer, during a visit in March.

"My fondest memories of being on campus are of the people I met," she says with the enthusiasm of an 18-year-old while pointing out friends such as the late Mary Elizabeth Rienzo Noll '47 and the late Nancy Fraley O'Donnell '46 in pictures from her albums and the Misericordia archives. "We were like a family. My time at Misericordia was definitely one of the best times in my life," she offered. "I loved the nuns; I couldn't ask for anything better."

The youngest of seven children of parents who immigrated from Slovakia to Swoyersville, PA, Olga never imagined she would go to college. She had to be prompted by one of her Swoyersville High School teachers to apply for a College Misericordia scholarship. Not only did she earn a scholarship, making her the only member of her family to attend college, but her academic success included being named both high school and college valedictorian. A 'day hop,' as commuter students were called, the science major served as class secretary and treasurer, was a chemistry lab assistant, and was a member of the Debate Club, Pasteur Chemistry Club, Glee Club, and National Federation of Catholic College Students.

According to the United Nations' population projections for 2024, there are an estimated 722,000 centenarians (age 100+) worldwide. As life expectancies increase, that number is expected to quadruple by 2054. Currently, 78% of centenarians are women.

Savage ’46



Olga Sekerchak Savage ’46 celebrates her centenarian status with sons, from left, Robert, Kenneth, Peter, Michael, and Donald, each wearing their ‘Mom’s Favorite’ caps.



Olga and Dr. Peter Savage



Olga Sekerchak Savage ’46 shares her favorite snack, frozen Snickers bars, with her son Kenneth, left, and Misericordia’s Mark DiPippa.

While a student, she met the love of her life, Dr. Peter Savage, a medical student who became general practitioner. Olga and Peter were lifelong residents of Plymouth and Harveys Lake, PA. Married for 60 years until his passing in 2004, they raised five sons. The oldest, Attorney Peter, lives in Eagle’s Mere, PA. Following in birth order, Dr. Kenneth of Inverness, FL, is a retired cardiologist; Dr. Robert from Wellesley, MA, is a retired plastic surgeon; and Dr. Donald of Shavertown, PA, is a retired ophthalmologist. The youngest, Dr. Michael, is a cardiologist at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia.

A highly proficient, life-long golfer, Olga is proud to have scored three holes in one and earned the title of runner-up in the women’s club championship at the Wyoming Valley Country Club. She enjoyed the camaraderie and played well into her 80s.

To hear centenarian Olga Sekerchak Savage ’46 share memories of her time on campus, go to Video Link: misericordia.edu/olgasavage

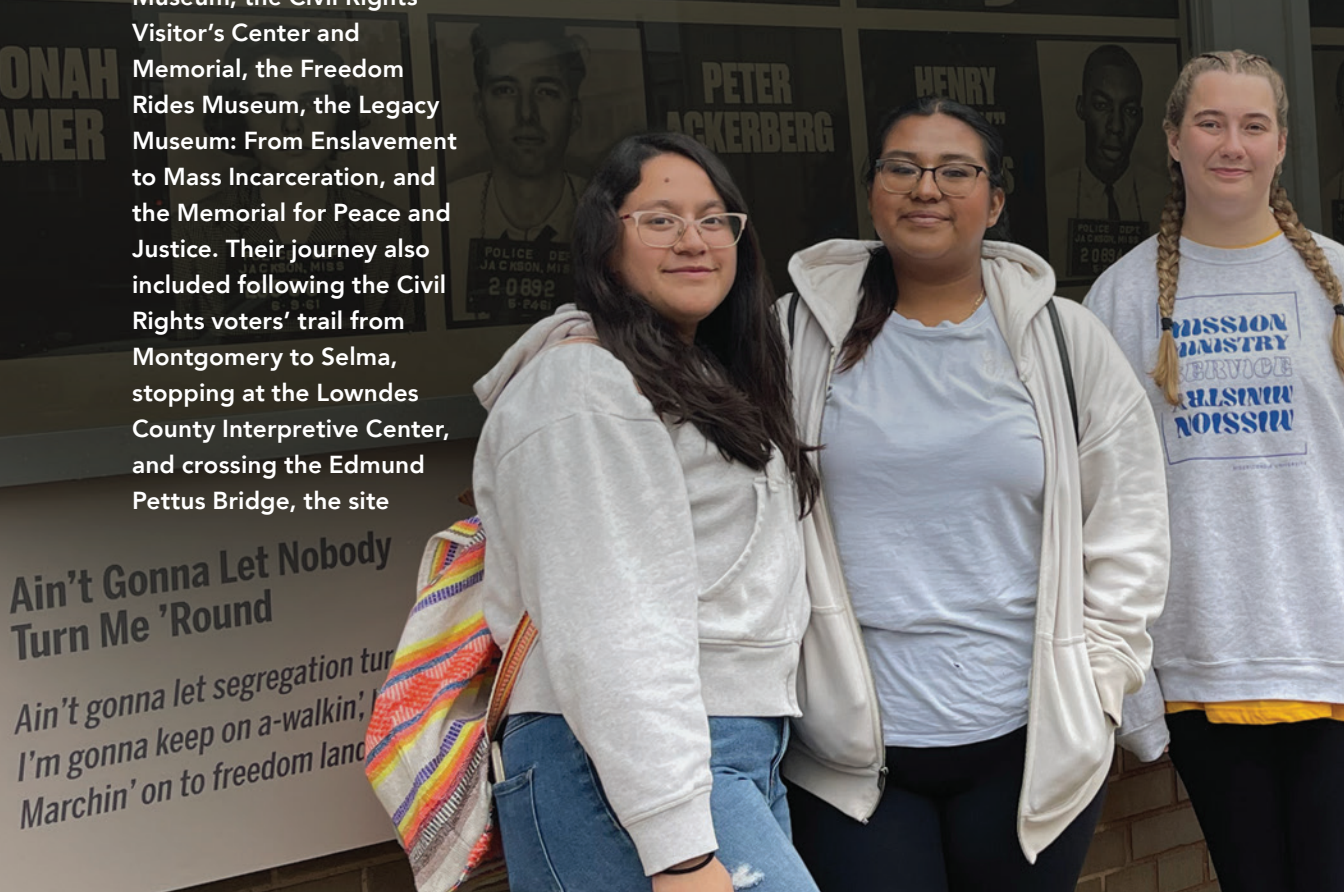
SERVICE TRIP TO ALABAMA

From May 13-18, 2024, a group of nine Misericordia students and two staff members embarked on a Service and Social Justice Experience with Resurrection Catholic Missions of the South, Inc., in Montgomery, Alabama. During their time there, the volunteers tutored, assisted with physical education classes, and participated in "Fun Day" at Resurrection Catholic School.

In addition to their service work, the group had the opportunity to visit several significant historical sites, including the Rosa Parks Museum, the Civil Rights Visitor's Center and Memorial, the Freedom Rides Museum, the Legacy Museum: From Enslavement to Mass Incarceration, and the Memorial for Peace and Justice. Their journey also included following the Civil Rights voters' trail from Montgomery to Selma, stopping at the Lowndes County Interpretive Center, and crossing the Edmund Pettus Bridge, the site of the historic "Bloody Sunday" march 59 years ago. Hundreds were injured during the march; thus, the name "Bloody Sunday."

The group shared a memorable dinner with several individuals who played significant roles in the Civil Rights Movement. Among the guests were Nelson Malden, Rev. Martin Luther King's barber and a student activist during the Movement; Charlie Hardy, a former teenage 'taxi driver' during the Movement; and Doris Dozier Crenshaw, whom Rosa Parks recruited to join the youth component of the NAACP. The Misericordia students approached these interactions with open minds and hearts, eager to learn from those who lived through this crucial period in history.

Reflecting on the trip, senior Occupational Therapy major Bridget Ferris remarked, "The children that we learned to love on this trip are live in a system that wants them to fail... The government has a long history of failing its citizens, so we cannot trust that things will improve for those children. We must use our



voice and vote to ensure the children we love can be treated like first-class citizens." Sophomore Early Childhood Education major Bianka Avila added, "Some highlights were seeing all the museums. It touches you once you see everything with your own eyes."

> "SOMETHING I LEARNED IS THAT WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY, BUT WE HAVE TO KEEP PUSHING AND NOT STOP UNTIL THE WORK IS DONE."
>
> ~ Em Nolan, Junior

Bridget Ferris, Bianka Avila, Em Nolan, Kimberly Powell, Rebecca Fick, Victoria Pellew, Karla Carrasco, Ava Rockey, and Ashlee Charles participated in the trip. They were accompanied by two Misericordia staff members: Lindsey Riddell from the Mission, Ministry, and Service Office and Kas Williams, associate vice president for Mission Integration and Institutional Diversity.

Williams, reflecting on the significance of crossing the Edmund Pettus Bridge, shared, "For our students to stand where the demonstrators stood was truly overwhelming. When we drove back over 50 miles, the students reflected on



how far the demonstrators had to march to Montgomery. On this trip, our students were able to learn something that could never be taught in any history book. They were able to listen, learn, and touch history from the storytellers' point of view. That is the Misericordia way…the heart of Mercy."



History of



North Hall construction, 1972



Alumnae Hall, 2010

As Misericordia celebrates its 100-year legacy, we take a moment to reflect on the enduring spirit of our institution. Technology has evolved, and fashions have changed, but our mission remains steadfast. We pay homage to the history of two buildings that embody the four charisms of service, mercy, justice, and hospitality—Alumnae and McHale halls.

Over the years, thousands of students have walked the hallways of Alumnae and McHale halls. Whether they wore bell-bottoms or skinny jeans, they likely all felt the same butterflies in their stomachs and hopes in their hearts of making friends, achieving good grades, and creating their path to success.

University Archivist and Special Collections Librarian Maureen Cech says that although the buildings have been renovated to become more modern, appealing to students, and energy-efficient, the spirit of Misericordia has stayed the same. "The buildings and the people within them still stand for the same sense of community that the institution has always fostered," she says.

These halls play a significant role in the lives of students: as a home, hub for fellowship and connection at events, and personal development through the Student Success Center, Writing Center, and the CAPS Center, which provides important counseling services for students.

McHale Hall, which opened in September 1972, was initially named North Hall because of its location on campus. It was renamed in 1977 for Sister Mary Celestine McHale, Ph.D., who established the Administrative Office of the College President in 1957 and



Alumnae Hall construction, circa 1962



Nesbitt Hospital services were relocated to the lower level of Alumnae Hall, June-July 1972

the Halls

served as president until 1964. During Sister Mary's tenure, she completed several building projects including the Science Building, Alumnae Hall, and Merrick Hall (now Banks Student Life Center).

Sister Mary left big shoes to fill– shoes that some students say still walk the halls today. Cech says stories about Sister Mary she has heard from students about paranormal activity are not plausible or consistent in their details, yet they continue to be told. Many students refer to said ghost as 'Old Lady McHale.' It is possible Sister Mary's spirit flips a light switch here and turns a TV off there to remind students who set this institution on its path to success.

While student folklore about the afterlife surrounds one hall, another building situated a short distance away is newsworthy for its role in bringing new life to campus and the Wyoming Valley.

Alumnae Hall, which opened in 1963, was named in honor of previous generations of students. It uses the feminine form of the word because, at that time, Misericordia was still a women's college. The college became fully co-educational in 1979-1980, with male residential students.

According to the article 'Hospital Hails Heroes of Agnes' in the Times Leader on June 9, 1997, Nesbitt Memorial Hospital was closed for 40 days due to flooding from the remnants of Hurricane Agnes. Alumnae Hall's basement served as a temporary hospital, with about 300 patients admitted, 52 babies delivered, and close to 5,000 emergency cases treated.

Photos courtesy MU Archives



National Guard helicopter lands on CM campus with Alumnae Hall in background, June 1972



McHale Hall, 2009



Drying out documents in the lower level of Alumnae Hall, June-July 1972



National Guard helicopter lands on CM campus with North Hall in background, June 1972

Sister Mary Glennon '62 SCHOLARSHIP



The Sister Mary Glennon '62 Scholarship allows its recipients to pursue their passions in higher education and rewards outstanding academic achievement. Named in honor of Misericordia University's longest-serving academic dean, **Sister Mary Glennon** '62. The scholarship program awards six full-tuition scholarships annually. Current student and scholarship recipient **Matthew Coates** shares how this opportunity has shaped his academic and personal journey.

"The scholarship has had a tremendous impact on me as an individual," says Matt. "The full-tuition scholarship has allowed me to take risks and chase my passions. It has given me the confidence and ability to take unpaid internships and grow my skills in my desired field. The cost of college can be high, and I am beyond thankful for this scholarship."

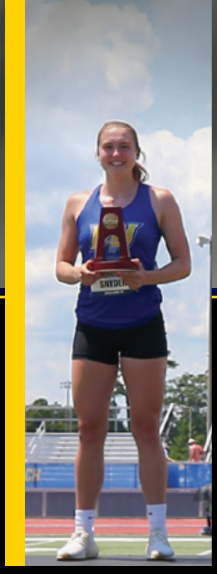
Matt's is emphatically positive when he describes the opportunity. "I was extremely excited and honored to receive this scholarship. The fact that members of Misericordia University believe in me enough to gift me my education was a true honor. It inspires me daily to live up to the name of Sister Mary Glennon and not squander my opportunities."

This scholarship also played a pivotal role in Matt's decision to attend Misericordia University. "Misericordia University was already at the top of my list. Once I received the Sister Mary Glennon Scholarship, coming to the school was a no-brainer. The academics, athletics, and community checked all the boxes for me. I was thrilled to accept and attend Misericordia."

This scholarship embodies Sister Mary's dedication to academics and symbolizes the institution's commitment to making a high-quality college education accessible to deserving students. "The full-tuition award is bestowed in the spirit of MU's charisms: Justice, Mercy, Service, and Hospitality," explains **Stephen Secora**, director of Admissions.

High school students interested in applying for the competitive scholarship should visit misericordia.edu/GlennonScholarships or scan the QR code for information.





ALEX SNYDER

Earns All-American Status in Women's Javelin at D3 National Championship

In a remarkable display of skill and determination, Alex Snyder, a standout track and field athlete from Misericordia University, achieved All-American status by placing third in the women's javelin at the Division III National Championship. With an impressive mark of 45.39 meters, Snyder's performance secured her a spot on the podium.

"My initial reaction was that I was thrilled with the distance of my throw as that was a personal best for the season. I was excited to receive All-American status for the second year in a row and to represent my school at such a large meet," Alex shared.

Her preparation involved fine-tuning her technique. Mentally, she focused on staying calm and sticking with what she knew how to do. She practiced with Aliah McPhaul, assistant coach for track and field, every weekday leading up to the meet, incorporating active recovery to help her body prepare.

Aliah highlighted the impact of Alex's achievement. "Alex has a great impact on the team. I believe it lit a fire underneath everyone, wanting to experience a special moment like she did in their own way. There is massive support from everyone on the team, especially in the throws group. They are always training with one another almost every day, and that helps bring out their competitiveness and uniqueness," says Aliah.

Chris Wadas, head coach of Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country, shared his insights on Alex's journey. "Alex is a very competitive and hard-working athlete. Her work ethic and drive, combined with Aliah's knowledge of the event, have been a big factor in getting the results Alex has the last two years," he says.

Alex underscored Coach Wadas' observation about her competitive spirit. "I feel honored that I was able to perform at the national championship meet in back-to-back years. Although I feel happy about my accomplishments, earning second and third places in the past two years leaves me wanting to prove that I can earn 1st place," she added. As a junior, Alex will not be competing during the 2024—2025 academic year as she will be focusing on preparing for graduate school, but will return in the future to complete her eligibility.

Misericordia University's Track and Field team has earned many individual and team honors under Coach Wadas. Alex's All-American status in women's javelin is another significant milestone for both her and the university's athletic program.





Engaging in Research:

THE SURF PROGRAM AT MISERICORDIA UNIVERSITY

At Misericordia University, the **Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF)** Program offers undergraduate students an extraordinary chance to immerse themselves in research. Sponsored by the Office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs, this paid, one-on-one research opportunity is open to students across all disciplines and levels, not just science majors.

The SURF program aims to bridge the gap between students and faculty, fostering a collaborative environment where rigorous, thesis-driven research can thrive. This initiative showcases Misericordia's dedication to academic excellence and the intellectual growth of its students.

"The SURF program at Misericordia University embodies the true spirit of academic inquiry and collaboration. It provides students with unparalleled opportunities to engage in meaningful research, develop professional skills, and contribute to their fields of study. We are incredibly proud of our students' achievements and their journeys to graduate school and beyond," says Jennifer M. Black, Ph.D., associate professor of history.

Inclusivity is a hallmark of the SURF program, welcoming students from any academic level or discipline. Whether a first-year student exploring interests or a senior fine-tuning expertise, there is a place for every student in the SURF program. It offers a comprehensive research experience, including professionalization, fieldwork, and opportunities to create exhibits. In the past, many thought of research only at the graduate level, but SURF can engage students much earlier in their academic careers.

A Diverse Range of Projects

SURF projects are diverse, reflecting the broad range of academic interests at Misericordia. These projects offer students experiences that will help with professional growth, faculty and student collaboration, and all lead to successful outcomes.

SURF Spotlight on







Emily Nichols, a returning senior majoring in biology and environmental studies, is one of the students participating in the SURF program this summer. Her research involves collecting frozen seafood from local distributors and testing the skin layer for microplastics. The goal is to map the sources of seafood containing microplastics and identify the types of microplastics found.

"With my major in biology, I have always been very interested in research. The SURF program, offered during the summer, gives me more time to focus on research without the pressure of other classes," says Emily. "Microplastics are an important topic now, especially with climate change and plastics, and I hope my research will contribute to this field for the future."

Emily spends her days in the lab, meticulously examining samples and ensuring the origin sources for each one. She looks forward to gathering quantitative data throughout the project and mapping out the seafood containing microplastics, identifying their types and origins. She appreciates the opportunity to work both independently and one-on-one with faculty, gaining vital experience for her future. Emily encourages other students to apply to the SURF program, noting it as a great learning experience and fun as well.

Brooklyn Giovinazzo, a sophomore majoring in government, law, and national security (GLNS), advises students thinking about applying to the SURF program not to hesitate. The unique opportunity to apply as undergraduates at Misericordia means students who don't make it on their first attempt can apply again. Even if unsure about their research focus, advisors can guide them with suggestions.

Brooklyn's research focuses on political grand strategy throughout the presidencies of 15 U.S. presidents, analyzing which of the four grand strategies they have used the most: the four being isolationism, containment, engagement, and preemption.

"Through the workshops included in the SURF program, I learned skills like public speaking and writing personal statements, which I had not yet encountered as a freshman," says Brooklyn. "These skills are invaluable for my future."

Brooklyn emphasizes the importance of the SURF program in providing opportunities to advance skills necessary for future academic and professional success.

For more information about recent projects and how students get involved, visit **misericordia.edu/surf**.

New Majors @MU and the Associated Faculty



CRIMINOLOGY

Misericordia University recently introduced two new majors for full-time students that begin this fall, 2024. A Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminology has been added to the offerings in the College of Arts and Sciences, and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Entrepreneurship is now available in the College of Business.

"Our criminology degree was created to educate students in a wide range of issues and principles impacting crime in modern society," says **John Woznicki**, Ph.D., dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "It will prepare students for a career in law enforcement, but also for careers in a variety of areas related to the study and reduction of crime. We use an interdisciplinary approach, apply broad based thinking skills in the Mercy tradition, and draw on the talents of our faculty in Political Science as well as new faculty we've added to support this major."

Building on recent success in launching new majors, such as supply chain management and business economics, the College of Business is introducing Entrepreneurship as a major for full-time students, as well as a certificate program for adult learners.

"Entrepreneurship is an excellent major for students who desire to start their own businesses or who wish to apply their knowledge in an existing company as someone who promotes innovative product development and marketing," says **Jim Pierson**, J.D., CPA, dean of the College of Business. "Students will apply appropriate thinking skills and technology to entrepreneurial activities to solve business problems and formulate sound business decisions." Pierson adds that students can opt for a specialization in social entrepreneurship that will help them analyze the importance of ethical and social responsibilities and to foster innovation in applying entrepreneurial skills to address social issues impacting our communities through social ventures and responsive business operations.



For more information on either new program, please visit misericordia.edu/academics.



Stacey M. Wittrock, Criminology

Welcome!

Misericordia University recently added two faculty to support new programs in entrepreneurship and criminology.

Michelle Rae Conway joins the College of Business for fall 2024. She is an award-winning entrepreneur, author, educator, and motivational speaker with a passion for engaging entrepreneurs. She most recently served as the executive director of Student and Client Services and Business Incubator Manager at Alvernia University's O'Pake Institute for Economic Development and Entrepreneurship where she developed student experiential learning programs to provide direct business support for profit and non-profit organizations and support career readiness and regional talent retention. She also served as adjunct faculty at Alvernia specializing in entrepreneurship, leadership, and professional development.

Conway holds a bachelor's degree and her MBA from Wilkes University and is currently pursuing her Ph.D. at Alvernia.

Stacey M. Wittrock joins the College of Arts and Sciences supporting the new criminology degree. Wittrock earned her bachelor's degree and master's degree from the University of Iowa and is a Ph.D. candidate and Morris Doctoral Fellow in Criminology and Criminal Justice at Southern Illinois University.

She has teaching experience at Mount Mercy University, Iowa Wesleyan University, the University of Iowa, and Southern Illinois. Her areas of specialty include inequality and crime, criminological theory, crime etiology, gender and crime, victimization, as well as quantitative and qualitative research methods. Wittrock has also worked in multiple roles at the Veterans Rural Health Resource Center in Iowa City, Iowa, twice earning the VA Core Values in Action award.



Michelle Rae Conway, Entrepreneurship

MISERICORDIA SPOTLIGHT
STAFF AND FACULTY



Johnna Evans, MS ‘15

CORPORATE RELATIONS COORDINATOR, INSALACO CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LEADERSHIP • 18 YEARS

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT WORKING AT MISERICORDIA?

Our students! Of course, they are here to learn, but I learn from them every day. They, too, have knowledge, skills, talents, and ideas to share. I enjoy seeing the world through their eyes, no matter how brief the glimpse. And they make me laugh! Just being around them does my heart good.

WHAT PROJECT OR STORY WILL YOU ALWAYS REMEMBER BEING A PART OF?

I am very happy to share our students’ excellent work outside the classroom with our Intern Spotlights. Students in a variety of majors are already gaining real-world experience while making significant contributions. Whenever we spotlight an intern, I feel like a proud mom showing off my kids. I guess you can say they are my kids — my MU kids — and I am proud of every one of them.

FAVORITE PLACE ON CAMPUS AND WHY?

I love spending time in the Mercy Hall Chapel. For me, it is more than a place to go to worship. It is a place for quiet contemplation, prayer, and just being. It is where I really do feel closest to God. I see the chapel as the heart and soul of our campus.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU TO BE PART OF THE MISERICORDIA COMMUNITY?

It is about being a part of something much bigger than me for the greater good. When we do things right and we do the right thing, Misericordia is a place of selflessness, care, and compassion. Over the years, there have been so many acts of kindness, both big and small. The MU Community recently came together to support a student battling cancer. The solidarity, love, and support for this student exemplified what makes Misericordia special.



Rebecca Steinberger, Ph.D.

ENGLISH PROFESSOR • 25 YEARS

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT WORKING AT MISERICORDIA?

The students! It is all about the students.

WHAT PROJECT OR STORY WILL YOU ALWAYS REMEMBER BEING A PART OF?

In the Spring of 2020, I taught two sections of Disability in Literature and my upper-level class, restoration of 18th-century British Literature. We had 48 hours to convert our classes from in-person to online. This semester was truly tough for everyone because it became the beginning of the unknown. Being there for my students as we navigated this new challenge was tough, but we played games such as wearing a certain color or expressing how we were feeling through emojis to try and help us get through this unknown together. There are so many stories I could tell from my 24 years, but working through the Spring Semester of 2020 with my students and the campus will be something I never forget.

FAVORITE PLACE ON CAMPUS AND WHY?

The Shakespeare Garden is my favorite place on campus, because every time you walk into it you feel this sense of peace. There is always something to look at in the garden, and it is always changing. I enjoy taking my students out there to have class, but it is also a great place to come and sit and collect your thoughts.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU TO BE PART OF THE MISERICORDIA COMMUNITY?

It means I get to work with students and colleagues who are diamonds and who all shine. One thing about Misericordia is that you can be challenged, we can challenge each other, and we can all think big! It is so exciting to see Misericordia keep growing as we celebrate our Centennial and continue to live through our charisms of Mercy, Service, Justice, and Hospitality.

LESSONS FROM AN AI THOUGHT LEADER

Imagine getting the peace of mind you need to fall back to sleep after awakening with questions about your health insurance in the middle of the night—that's the kind of 24-hour self-service information that **Carl Witkowski**, chief operating officer for Berkshire Hathaway GUARD Insurance Companies, envisions with proper contextual use of artificial intelligence (AI).

We followed up with Carl who presented "Lessons from an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Thought Leader" to a crowd of more than 120 students, faculty, and staff at Misericordia in December 2023 as part of the College of Business' Mark J. and Lorraine S. Alles Distinguished Speaker Series.

Carl delved into the history of AI, tracing its roots back to the late 1950s and its progression through various stages. Moreover, he shed light on the essential aspects surrounding AI adoption, emphasizing governance components like privacy, security, ethics, economics, and environmental impacts. Notably, his analysis of President Biden's Executive Order underscored the significance of standards, testing, and tackling critical vulnerabilities in the realm of artificial intelligence. An executive order is a signed, written, and published directive from the President of the United States that manages operations of the federal government. It is not legislation and does not require approval from Congress.



"AI IS A TECHNOLOGY THE SAME WAY THAT CALCULATORS AND CELL PHONES WERE ONCE A 'NEW' TECHNOLOGY AND THE SAME AS THE INTERNET WAS. LOOK AT HOW THE INTERNET HAS TRANSFORMED COMMERCE AND COMMUNICATION."

One thing is certain, it doesn't matter your industry; AI will transform how we work. That's what Carl wants all college students to understand.

Many people fear that AI will replace human workers, but Carl sees AI augmenting an employee's abilities to derive greater value from their profession and creating new sectors of job opportunities.

Chat GPT, a popular and easily accessible AI software, had one million users in about two and a half months while it took the Internet nearly seven years to achieve that, Carl pointed out.

Let that sink in. The appetite for this new technology is whet. All that's left to do is use it.

Carl says, "It's important to test AI and train it so that it works in a manner that is ethical, safe, positive and productive, and wrap governance around its use to maintain those standards."

MISERICORDIA ALUMNI EVENTS!

We are excited to celebrate with you throughout our Centennial year. You are invited to be part of our story – together, we will make this milestone year one to remember! These are just a few of the many exciting events we have planned.

Stay connected with us on Facebook and Instagram at **/MisericordiaAlumni**, or visit our website **misericordia.edu/AlumniEvents** for future event announcements and opportunities to reconnect with MU Alumni & Friends.



COMING THIS SPRING,

a once-in-a-lifetime Trip to Ireland to celebrate our Centennial year in style!
Stay tuned – more information will be available soon.

SEPTEMBER 12
33RD ANNUAL ALUMNI TEA



(Invitation only event)

An intimate gathering of Alumni & Friends who have shaped our past are invited to reconnect and share in the warmth of a comfortable cup of tea and conversation.

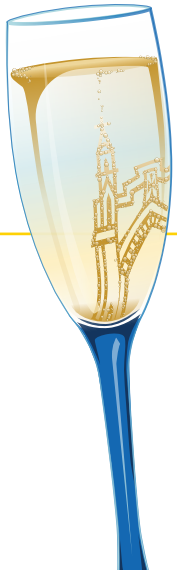
TAILGATING 2024

Whether you're joining us for the first time or you're a seasoned tailgater, our 2024 Tailgating season promises to be fun for all! This is more than just a tailgate; it's an opportunity to create memories with your Misericordia family. Be sure to register early to secure your spot at **misericordia.edu/MUGameDay**

OCTOBER 18–20
REUNION HOMECOMING 2024



Reunion Homecoming is the highlight of our Centennial celebrations – we're not just celebrating another year, we're honoring a century of friendships, milestones, and memories.
Visit **misericordia.edu/MUReunion** for all the event details and to register.



NOVEMBER 21
CHEERS TO ALUMNI

Volunteer for Cheers to Alumni and help us celebrate the December 2024 graduating class as they prepare to step into their new roles as Misericordia Alumni. This is your opportunity to connect with soon-to-be graduates, share your professional experiences, and make a meaningful impact on the next generation.

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