

CIRCLE OF MERCY MOMENTS

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Dear Alumnae,

This month reminds us to share our love and appreciation for those who have made lasting impacts on our lives. Though the cold continues to chill our bones, it is those bonds of sisterhood and friendship that warms our hearts and makes our days brighter. The friendships built within the halls of our prestigious schools continue to last for years to come and it is your legacy that continues to make an impact at Mercy McAuley. We extend our greatest appreciation to you, our alumnae, this Valentine's Day!

In Mercy,

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Maura Gettler Korn '08

Newsletter Highlights

JOIN US AT AN UPCOMING
ALUMNAE EVENT

SUPPORT MERCY McAULEY
WITH A GIFT TO YOUR
VALENTINE

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR
ALUMNAE SPOTLIGHT,
INGRID BAUER '03

ALUMNAE NEWS

This Valentine's Day, celebrate love and friendship in a meaningful way by honoring a special woman in your life through a gift to Mercy McAuley's Annual Fund.

Whether it's a spouse, parent, sister, aunt, friend, alumna, or current student, there's no better way to show how much they mean to you than by remembering them in such an impactful way.

Each individual honored will receive this mailed Valentine postcard notifying them of your gift!

Have a current student? This special Valentine will appear on the outside of their locker by 2/14!

For on time Valentine delivery, please make your contribution online below by **February 7, 2025.**

Click [HERE](#) to send your Valentine!



Calling All Alumnae!

We're looking for alumnae ambassadors from all graduating classes of Mother of Mercy, McAuley, and Mercy McAuley to help spread the word about the upcoming Girls' Schools Unite campaign on social media! Girls' Schools Unite is an annual competition amongst six local all-girls Catholic schools.

This annual campaign will occur May 5-7, 2025. Ambassadors are asked to help spread the word through social media during this 3-day campaign. If you are interested in being an Alumnae Ambassador for the campaign, please share your interest in the form below.

[Ambassador
Interest Form](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



Now is the time to get your tickets **HERE** for the annual Mercy McAuley Moonlight Gala! Alumnae, family, and friends are invited to join us for a fun and fabulous evening at the annual Moonlight Gala on **Saturday, March 1, 2025**. Festivities include live and silent auctions, raffles, games, an open bar, and a seated dinner.



Join us on **March 11, 2025**, as Mercy McAuley's President, Brigitte Foley '89, and Director of Leadership Giving, Rose Lusheck Eckhoff '78, will be traveling to Naples, Florida. We look forward to taking the spirit of Mercy McAuley on the road and visiting with you! Learn more and submit your RSVP **HERE**.



Alumnae & Friends
Spring Wreath

Workshop

[Register Here](#)



THURSDAY, MARCH 13 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Mercy McAuley High School
\$40 (includes FROND wreath-making instruction, drinks, and light bites)

Learn more about these and other upcoming alumnae events online **HERE.**



ALUMNAE SPOTLIGHT



As a Civil/Environmental Engineer, **INGRID BAUER (Mother of Mercy '03)** is tackling wetlands restoration in the state of Maryland. She works on a variety of ecological restoration projects to restore streams, wetlands, and tidal shorelines that include everything from marshes to beaches. Ingrid's work seeks to repair the natural world from direct and indirect impacts of human activity, while also supporting human goals and activities.

Ingrid's project designs involve nature-based solutions to protect and restore eroding shorelines with unique features to break up wave energy, stabilize the shoreline, and provide habitat benefits. Many of her designed sites are "living shorelines," which include the addition of plants or substrates (which oysters and mussels enjoy growing on!) behind any wave-breaking structures to provide additional stabilization and habitat benefits.

"Spending time outside and enjoying nature's beauty were a central part of my life growing up, and now, I love that I get to help protect and heal the natural environment that provides so many important functions for us and the variety of species we share the planet with."

Each month, we will feature alumnae news and spotlights in the Circle of Mercy Moments. Keep us updated on your major announcements, weddings, births, new jobs, and achievements!

SHARE YOUR NEWS WITH US [HERE](#).

ALUMNAE UPDATES

FIND CATHERINE! Congratulations to the January Find Catherine winner, **COLLEEN SEITHEL KNEIP**, Mother of Mercy '81! Each month, Catherine will find a new hiding place on our website! As you explore alumnae news and updates, keep an eye out for her. Should you find her, take a moment to click her image and fill out the form for our monthly prize drawing!

DID THE NEW YEAR BRING A NEW HOME OR EMAIL ADDRESS? Take a moment to update your contact information [HERE](#) to stay updated on all things alumnae and Mercy McAuley!

JOY TO THE GIRLS! It's not too late to nominate an alumna or yourself for Joy to the Girls. The cast and crew of the upcoming spring musical, *9 to 5*, would like to highlight all the women who have stood up, made change, and paved the way for us! As they say in the show, "joy to the girls... praise and glory to the ones who made a difference!" Character inspiration including costumes, hair, and makeup will be inspired by your stories. Cast and crew members are eager to hear from you and we hope you'll take a moment to complete this survey [HERE](#) to tell us more about you!

Our Heartfelt Sympathy

Please remember the family and friends of the following alumnae in your prayers.



Joan Branno
Mother of Mercy 1964
January 21, 2025



Mary Grove Guilfoyle
Mother of Mercy 1950
January 7, 2025



Anita DiMuzio Stecher
Mother of Mercy 1968
January 15, 2025



Patricia Kirschner Blust
Mother of Mercy 1958
January 16, 2025



Peggy Doran Brichler
McAuley 1974
January 29, 2025



Mary Metzler
Mother of Mercy 1964
January 1, 2025



Joann Ebbeler
Mother of Mercy 1959
January 18, 2025



Melissa Simon Talley
McAuley 1982
January 5, 2025



Mary Fuller Kuhn
Mother of Mercy 1970
January 18, 2025



Deborah Torok Raterman
McAuley 1972
January 26, 2025

A list of alumnae who have passed this year can be found online [here](#).

QUICK LINKS:

Information Update

Alumnae Owned Businesses

Make a Gift

PENCIL IT IN...

March 5
All-School Mass

April 5
Easter Egg Hunt

April 13
Alumnae Theater Social





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