

## Mercy Alumni Newsletter



December 19, 2024

Merry Christmas, Mercy Alumni!

It's hard to believe that we are approaching the end of

### Mercy Gives Back



Student Council members assembled Thanksgiving baskets to be delivered to families in need.

the year. Before we close for the Christmas break, we want to take a moment to tell you how grateful we are for the gift of **YOU**. Thank you for being a special part of our Mercy Community.

For the last few months, we have been making changes to our [Mercy Alumni Page](#). There, you'll find helpful resources to connect with classmates, plan a reunion, and be in the know of all things Mercy.

Here are some events we wanted to highlight before the year's end:

- For the fourth year in a row, Mercy has been named "[Best Trade School in Philadelphia](#)" by [Metro Philadelphia](#)!
- Congratulations to Kenneth Thompson '26 for winning the [NDS 2024 Placemat & Slogan Challenge](#). Nutritional Development Services (NDS) is an agency of the archdiocese that administers the federally-funded free school breakfast and lunch programs. Kenneth's design will appear on placemats at Catholic schools throughout the archdiocese, and we are so proud of him! Congrats also to Madison Belton-Higgins '25 and Aanisa Jones '26 who received Honorable Mentions for their designs!
- Mercy was a 2024 co-sponsor for the [National Apprenticeship Week Elevate You event](#) at the Lighthouse Sports Complex.
- Eleventh and twelfth grades networked with industry professionals, colleges, and universities during our fall [Career Day](#).
- The tenth grade class went on a [field trip to St. Rita's Shrine](#) where they participated in activities and starred in a play depicting St. Rita's life.
- The Class of 2024 returned to Mercy to collect their yearbooks and connect with former classmates. Graduates from classes of 2018, 2020, and 2021 were also invited back to retrieve



The flag football team, coached by Ms. Whitley Kels '10, cleaned litter and debris from Fernhill Park in October.



The soccer team helped local elementary school students practice their skills.

yearbooks.

As always, feel free to reach out to the Alumni Relations Team: Sister Susan Walsh, RSM or Morgan Morris by emailing [alumni@mercycete.org](mailto:alumni@mercycete.org). We would love to hear from you.

Wishing you a joy-filled Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!



Students spread Christmas cheer during our [Deck the Halls of Mercy](#) event.



## CONTACT US!

Contact your Alumni Relations team at [alumni@mercycete.org](mailto:alumni@mercycete.org) or call 215-226-1225 to speak with Sister Susan Walsh, RSM or Morgan Morris.

We're here to assist you!



## DO YOU PAY TAXES IN PENNSYLVANIA?

Individuals and businesses can have their PA tax dollars redirected to Mercy to be used for financial aid. Nearly 70% of the money made available for families to attend Mercy is through this amazing program. It's SO easy to participate!



## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETING!

**Wednesday, March 12th  
6:30-8:00 pm**

This meeting will give Mercy alums time to connect and network, hear



Check out [our website](#) to learn more.

To make an immediate impact on the life of a current Mercy student, please contact Director of Advancement Nancy Green 215-226-1225 ext. 146 or [ngreen@mercycte.org](mailto:ngreen@mercycte.org)

about events happening at Mercy, and learn about ways to get involved.

While this meeting will be in-person, but there will be online access as well. More details to come!



### **FOLLOW OUR PRESIDENT HOWIE BROWN**

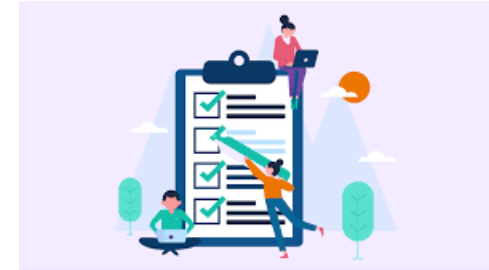
Want to learn more about what our new President is up to at Mercy? Make sure to [follow him on Instagram](#). There, you'll see exciting updates about the school, our wonderful students, and our community partners!



### **CAREER DAY**

**Friday, February 21st, 2025**

This event is an opportunity to share your experiences with current students, answer questions, and provide advice about the world after high school. If you would like to participate, please contact Director of Career Services Molly Corrigan at [mcorrigan@mercycte.org](mailto:mcorrigan@mercycte.org) or fill out [this form to register](#).



### **NEW ALUMNI SURVEY**

Life moves quickly, and we want to stay in touch. Whether it's a new career milestone, a recent move, or a new addition to the family, we'd love to hear exciting updates from you since graduation.

New address or contact info? Take a moment to fill out our **NEW [Mercy Alumni Survey](#)!** **This will now replace the previous Alumni Update Form.**

You can also email Advancement Associate Morgan Morris at [mmorris@mercycte.org](mailto:mmorris@mercycte.org)

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## **Mercy Alum Spotlight**



JaCyra Moore '14 and Principal Christian Aument

Since graduating from Mercy in 2014, **JaCyra Moore** has been committed to creating a safe environment for students to learn as a teacher and aspiring educational administrator.

JaCyra graduated from Mercy from the Cosmetology program and immediately started college at Delaware State University studying education with a concentration in mathematics. She previously

taught at KIPP Philadelphia Preparatory Academy and now works at Global Leadership Academy Charter School West.

This fall, she returned to Mercy as an intern for her Master's program in Educational Leadership and Principal Certification at Lincoln University. When asked why she chose to return to her alma mater, she notes:

**“It was an amazing opportunity to come back to Mercy, where the foundation was set. It is truly a full circle moment to come back to the place that has instilled so many leadership qualities in me. Completing my internship at Mercy helped me realize that I was made to do this work. I will cherish the experience and these connections forever.”**

Principal Christian Aument says the following about her decision to return:

**“As an educator, I’m incredibly proud when former students choose to dedicate their lives to teaching. As an administrator, JaCyra’s decision to pursue a career as an educational leader is particularly inspiring. JaCyra possesses all the qualities of a remarkable future administrator. We at Mercy Tech are excited to see her future successes and congratulate her on this next chapter.”**

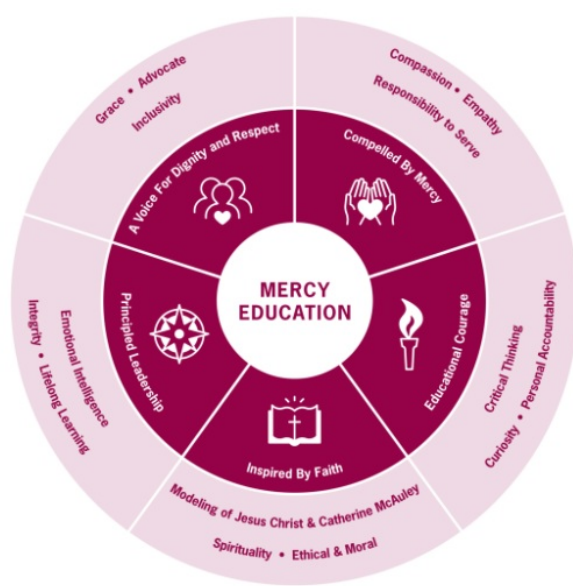
JaCyra just graduated from her master's program and plans to pursue assistant principal and principal positions with the School District of Philadelphia.

Congratulations, JaCyra!

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