

Mercy Alumni Newsletter

January 30, 2025

Dear Mercy Alumni,

As we ended 2024, we were deeply saddened by the unexpected passing of [Sister Peggy Kirby, RSM](#) on December 11th. Sister Peg served as our beloved Director of the McAuley Learning Support Program and was a cornerstone of our Mercy Tech community for the past 22 years, inspiring all of us through her dedication, kindness, and unwavering commitment to the mission of Mercy. On the same day, God called home [Sister Virginia Kauffman, RSM](#). Sister Virginia worked at Mercy for 12 years until 2017 assisting Mr. Donahue in the admissions office. May they rest in God's eternal love.

As we begin 2025, we hope that you will **save the date** for an **Alumni Meeting & Social** to be held at the school on **Wednesday, March 12, 2025 from 6:30-8pm**. Light fare and libations will be provided. You

Mercy Gives Back



will have time to connect and network, hear from our new President Howie Brown about what's happening at Mercy, and learn about ways to get involved. (While this meeting will be in-person, there will be online access as well.) **An email invitation will follow. We hope you will join us!**

We still have a few openings for alumni in certain professions who would like to share their career journeys with students on **Career Day, Friday, February 21, 2025**. If interested, please contact Molly Corrigan at mcorrigan@mercyccte.org. Since our last issue, here are some highlights of what's been happening at Mercy:

- Whitley Kels '10 took her 10th grade Business students to her spin class studio, [SpinwithWhit](#), to learn about entrepreneurship. She took her seniors to [Neumann University](#), her alma mater, to learn about their Business program.
- The Class of 2026 and several faculty members received blessings from Deacon James Mahoney of the [Miraculous Medal Shrine](#) during the students' junior retreat.
- Students of the Culinary & Pastry Arts Program, taught by Cathie Pastor '06, toured [The Restaurant School at Walnut Hill College](#).
- The Class of 2028 have chosen their career paths! They celebrated their choices and met their new teachers at the [CTE Selection Assembly](#).
- Congratulations to Business student Aminata Diasse '27 for winning the semi-final rounds at the [Philadelphia Financial Scholars citywide business pitch competition](#)! She will advance to the final competition at the P4 hub in February.



In honor of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, students came to school on their day off to do service. The pictures above show students who helped pack 4,000 boxes at the Share Food Program for elderly community members.



- Congratulations to all of the "Students of the Semester" awardees who were honored based on their academic achievements, respect, kindness, improvement, and effort!

We would like to direct your attention to some new changes to the Mercy Alumni website, including the **NEW [Mercy Alumni Survey](#)**, which has replaced the previous Alumni Update Form. This form helps us to have accurate contact information and provides space for you to share life updates (i.e. a new addition to the family or an education or career milestone) and to note how you want to be involved with Mercy.

We hope this year brings you much success and fulfillment. We look forward to building connections, making memories, and contributing to the legacy of our alumni community!

Best wishes,

The Alumni Relations Team
Sister Susan Walsh, RSM and Morgan Morris
alumni@mercycte.org
215-226-1225



The Mercy school community held a bake sale with proceeds benefiting the victims of the Southern California fires.



DO YOU PAY TAXES IN PENNSYLVANIA?



Individuals and businesses can have their PA tax dollars redirected to Mercy to be used for financial aid. This program provides 70% of the financial aid needed to keep Mercy affordable for our students' families. It's not hard to participate. Check out [our website](#) to learn more, or contact Director of Advancement Nancy Green at 215-226-1225 ext. 146 or ngreen@mercycte.org.

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](#). You'll see exciting updates about the school, our wonderful students, and our community partners!

MERCY ALUMNI PAGE

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. Stay tuned for future updates!



DESIGNER BAG BINGO

Saturday, April 5, 2025 from 1-4pm (Doors open at noon)

Save the date for our annual Designer Bag Bingo! Tickets will be available soon to purchase. Can you donate a raffle item? Contact Morgan Morris at mmorris@mercycte.org or 215-226-1225 ext.

Mercy Alum Spotlight



Christian Adams '21

Christian (Chris) Adams is the newest Mercy alum to join the staff after graduating from the IT Solutions program in 2021 with certifications in IT Fundamentals and TestOut PC Pro. He is

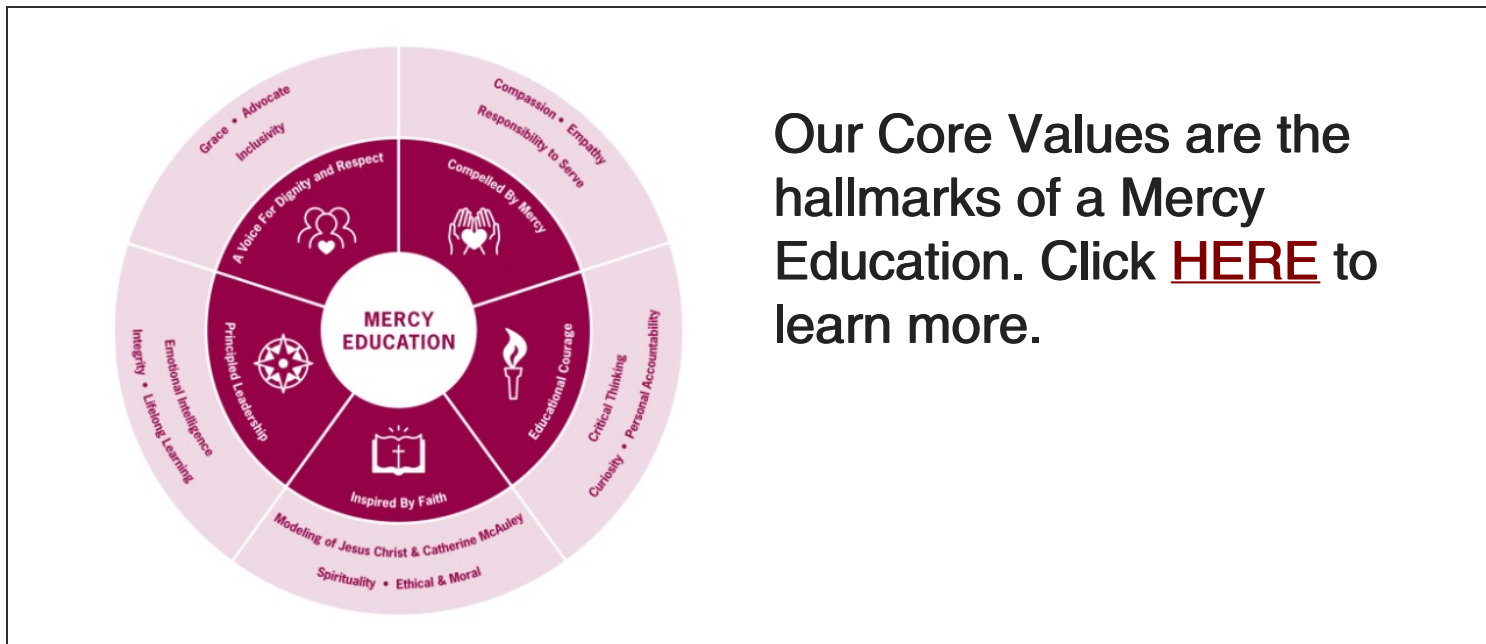
working alongside Director of Technology and IT Solutions Instructor Sean Carchidi as a teaching assistant for the IT Solutions program. He also provides technological support around the school.

After graduation, Chris attended Penn State Abington, but then left to join the workforce alongside his brother, Jordon Adams '18, at Topsy's Cafe & Catering and then at Das Good Cafe where Jordon worked as a sous chef.

When asked why he chose to return to Mercy, Chris said: "When he was my teacher, Sean and I always had a trusting and professional relationship, so working with him doesn't feel out of the norm. Working together now just feels like a full circle moment."

Welcome (back), Chris!

*Want to be featured in the next Mercy Alumni Update?
Send a recent photo with your update to alumni@mercyccte.org.*





Mercy Education
Educación de la Misericordia

Courageous Action. Selfless Spirit.™
Acción valiente. Espíritu altruista.™

Middle States
Accreditation



[Visit our Website](#)



Mercy Career & Technical High School | 2900 W. Hunting Park Ave. | Philadelphia, PA 19129
US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!