

CIRCLE OF MERCY MOMENTS

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Dear Alumnae,

The season of holiday festivities is officially here...days have grown shorter, snow has fallen over Cincinnati, and our favorite Christmas tunes are on the radio. During a season that is often filled with much hustle and bustle, I hope you find moments to pause and reflect on who and what brings you joy. For each newsletter, I search our archives for photos that reflect the celebrations and events of the month. It is these photos of classmates gathering to celebrate the Christmas season that I see one of the greatest gifts to receive is friendship. What joy it is to be a friend, thank you for being ours!

I wish you a very warm Christmas season filled with friendship, blessings, joy, and peace.

In Mercy,

Maura Gettler Korn '08

UPCOMING EVENTS

WOLVES WINTER WONDERLAND

Ready to celebrate the holidays? Join us with your little ones this upcoming holiday season at Mercy McAuley's **Wolves Winter Wonderland** on **Saturday, December 13, from 10:00 AM -12:00 PM!**

This festive celebration includes children's activities, pictures with Santa, breakfast, writing letters to Santa, Christmas carols sung, and more.

Registration cost is \$25.00 per family and can be completed online [HERE](#). This event is recommended for children under the age of 10.



GALENTINE'S BOOK CLUB

Grab your galentine and mark your calendar for the Alumnae & Friends Galentine's Book Club on **Wednesday, February 4, at 6:00 PM** at Mercy McAuley! Join us for an engaging book club led by retired McAuley English teacher and Mother of Mercy alumna, Mrs. Lynne Heile '65. A teacher dedicated to inspiring her students, Lynne made literature come alive for many alumnae. Lynne will lead an exciting discussion on ***The Women* by Kristin Hannah**.

"*The Women* is the story of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on the story of all women who put themselves in harm's way to help others." Join us for a discussion and snacks but BYOB (bring your own book and beverage!).

Learn more and RSVP online [HERE](#).

ALUMNAE NEWS

SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATION

Ohio alumnae, don't miss this! You can claim a dollar-for-dollar tax credit (up to \$750 for individuals and up to \$1,500 for joint filers) on your Ohio income tax when you give to Mercy McAuley through the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO).

It's one of the easiest, most beneficial ways to support our students and lower your tax bill. Make your end-of-year gift and take advantage of this credit today! Learn more about making a gift to Mercy McAuley through the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's SGO [HERE](#).

MERCY McAULEY CAREER FAIR

What a special opportunity it is for alumnae to share their careers and professions with current students! These alumnae shared their expertise across many fields with students at the Mercy McAuley Career Fair last month. We are thankful to these women for taking time out of their busy schedules to share their passion for their fields of work!



ALUMNAE SPOTLIGHT



Michael Gomez Photography



“All the world’s a stage, and all the men and women merely players.” Does this *As You Like It* quote drum up fond memories of studying Shakespeare in English class? For **MERCY McAULEY ALUMNA DANIELLE NISSEN ’19**, reciting Shakespeare is just another Thursday! Currently performing with Cincinnati Shakespeare Company, Dani’s passions for acting and Shakespeare’s prose collide. Her resume boasts performances including *As You Like It* and *Romeo and Juliet* with tours through Nashville, Indianapolis, New York, and right here in Cincinnati. For Dani, bringing centuries-old stories to a modern audience has become a sort of professional mission. “Shakespeare may feel daunting or unable to be understood, but these are stories about people. We change and we grow, but feelings and frustrations are the same, century over century.” These stories translate so well to a modern audience, that Dani’s current role in an 80’s take on *Love’s Labour’s Lost* with Cincinnati Shakespeare Company has elements inspired by Ally Sheedy’s character from the John Hughes classic, *Breakfast Club*.

Dani’s interest in what many may dread in English class began at a young age. “Words and storytelling have always been near to my heart. I have dreamt of being an actor for many years, but my first dream was to be an author.” It was with encouragement from Mr. Greg Bouman during Dani’s senior year at Mercy McAuley that she began to foster the idea of a career performing Shakespeare. Bringing her talents and expertise back to her alma mater, Dani directed Mercy McAuley’s Theatre production of *Emma* in 2023.

“Live performance is a dance between the audience and the actors on stage and is unique to every performance.” The world may be a stage, but Dani lives for creating a world within a theater for audiences and fellow performers. Written words and those moments, storylines, and interactions are what drive her each and every day.

ALUMNAE UPDATES

LOOKING FOR GIFTS? Now is a perfect time to grab legacy gear for the stocking and under the tree! The Mercy McAuley Spirit Shop is open during select times now through Monday, December 22. Additional details and a schedule of open hours can be found online [HERE](#).

FIND CATHERINE! 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!

Our Heartfelt Sympathy

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



Hilda Beckmann Farwick
Mother of Mercy 1952
October 30, 2025



Judith Otto Walters
McAuley 1966
November 1, 2025



Rosemarie Constantino Cates
Mother of Mercy 1967
November 1, 2025



Shirley Simon Rice
Mother of Mercy 1950
October 28, 2025



Mary LaCortiglia Brock
Mother of Mercy 1960
November 6, 2025

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

CLASS REUNIONS

Ready to start planning your 2026 reunion celebration? Be sure to share your reunion details with our Alumnae Engagement Office at alumnae@mercymcauley.org or 513-681-1800 x1149 so we can help spread the word.



CLASS OF 1966 - April 18, 2026 | 12:30 PM

Save the date! Classmates hope to see you this spring for a 60th reunion celebration at Aston Oaks. Learn more [HERE](#).



CLASS OF 1976 - September 12, 2026

Mark your calendars, your 50th reunion is next fall! Classmates are busy planning a celebration on Saturday, September 12, 2026. Learn more [HERE](#).

Upcoming Reunions



Class of 2010

QUICK LINKS:

Information Update

Alumnae Owned Businesses

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PENCIL IT IN...

DECEMBER 8

All-School Mass

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
10:15 AM

DECEMBER 12

Art Show

6:00-7:00 & 8:00-9:00 PM

Christmas Concert
7:00-8:00 PM





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