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Dear Alumnae,

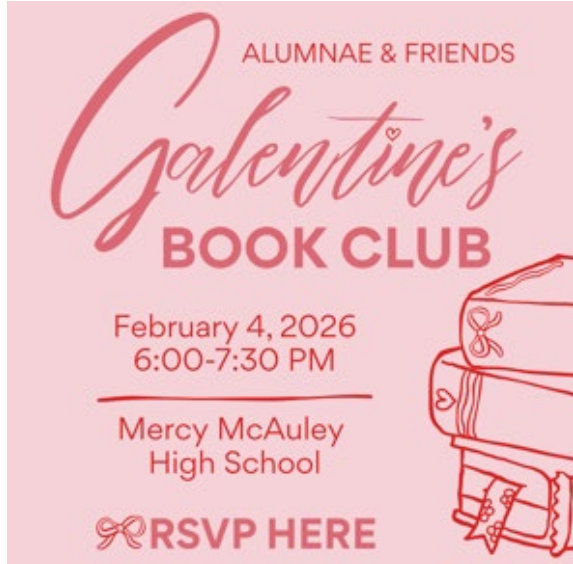
A new year brings renewed hope and excitement for the days ahead as we welcome the promise of new beginnings. As I sit down to reflect on things to come, I'm reminded of a quote from Catherine McAuley that is regularly heard and seen at Mercy McAuley. "We should all be shining lamps, giving light to those around us." In this season of hope and excitement, I hope you shine brightly to those around you.

Blessings to you in the new year!

In Mercy,

Maura Gettler Korn '08

UPCOMING EVENTS



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](#).

ON THE ROAD TO NAPLES, FLORIDA!

We're packing our bags and hitting the road!

On March 5, 2026, Mercy McAuley's President, **Brigitte Foley will be traveling to Naples, Florida**. We look forward to taking the spirit of Mercy McAuley on the road and visiting with you! If you have plans to be in southwest Florida in early March and would like to learn more, let us know [HERE](#).



MOONLIGHT GALA

Save the date for an evening of fabulous fun! Alumnae and friends are invited to join us at Mercy McAuley High School for the annual **Moonlight Gala on Saturday, March 14, 2026**. Discounted **early bird tickets** (\$125/person) are available now through February 23, 2026. Early bird tickets can be purchased online [HERE](#).

Don't miss this evening of raffles, games, auction items, cocktails, dinner, and fantastic fun! Questions? Contact Mercy McAuley's Gala Coordinator, Jenn Hollstegge, at hollsteggej@mercymcauley.org.

ALUMNAE NEWS



VOLUNTEER AT MERCY McAULEY

Love volleyball, volunteering, and Mercy McAuley? Volunteer at the upcoming **Grade School Volleyball Tournament** at Mercy McAuley! Volunteers are essential to creating a positive experience for our athletes, teams, and guests. Opportunities include scorekeeping, admissions, concessions, refereeing, and general tournament support. Referees should be experienced and knowledgeable in the rules of volleyball.

The tournament takes place January 9-11. Learn more and sign up to volunteer online [HERE](#).

NEW YEAR, NEW ADDRESS?

Did a new year include packing boxes and opening new accounts? If the new year found you with a new address, email, or phone number, be sure to update your contact information with Mercy McAuley. Don't miss out on your exclusive alumnae news including upcoming events, reunions, alumnae spotlights, and more.

Take a moment to update your contact information [HERE](#) to continue to receive your alumnae emails and mailings.



BIG DAY OF GIVING FEBRUARY 2026

Mercy McAuley's Big Day of Giving is quickly approaching! Join fellow supporters in celebrating and strengthening a Mercy education on **February 12, 2026**.

We are especially grateful for a \$50,000 anonymous matching gift, meaning your donation will be doubled! And because our Big Day of Giving takes place during Valentine's week, gifts made at select levels will include the opportunity to send a Valentine to someone special! Keep an eye on your inbox this February for more details.

ALUMNAE SPOTLIGHT



"This is a place that makes dreams come true that you hadn't even dared to dream for." **JACKIE HART FEIST, MOTHER OF MERCY '09** and current Mercy McAuley English teacher, was recently nominated and selected for Mercy Education's Rising Leaders Program, a year-long program that provides leadership training and support to outstanding teachers and staff in Mercy Education schools. For Jackie, her passion for Mercy Education didn't begin when

she received her offer letter nor when she received her acceptance to Mother of Mercy; rather, the love of all things Mercy was something that Jackie was born into. Countless hours were spent in the gym with her mom, Nancy, as she coached the varsity volleyball team. In fact, it was on that court that Jackie learned to take her first steps. Those steps took her to the stage, where she quickly grew her

passion for theater (even bringing home a Cappie for her performance as Nana in *Peter Pan*...not bad for a canine role). Now at Mercy McAuley, Jackie hosts a "one woman show, five days a week, always a sold-out crowd." A big hit in the classroom, Jackie guides and nurtures the young minds of Mercy McAuley through exciting classes including Global Literature, Dystopian Literature, and Creative Writing. Her enthusiasm is often heard throughout the hallways and she can be found cheering at pep assemblies, leading students in song, and hosting the annual Christmas assembly. Her time isn't just spent in the classroom; you'll also find her emceeding the annual Moonlight Gala (a role she was truly born to do). For Jackie, teaching at Mercy McAuley is so much more than the time spent at the front of a classroom.

"Every day is filled with joy. I am incredibly humbled and honored to have been nominated for the Mercy Education Rising Leaders Program. This community has always been a homecoming for me, and I'm thrilled to take my love for Mercy Education on the road!"

ALUMNAE UPDATES

FIND CATHERINE! Congratulations to the December Find Catherine winner, **KATHLEEN MERRILL CRAVEN**, McAULEY '77! 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.



Teresa Anderson Huwel
Mother of Mercy 1966
December 3, 2025



Patricia Espel Duddy
McAuley 1974
December 15, 2025



Brenda Baumgartner Pulskamp
Mother of Mercy 1956
November 5, 2025



Mary Isler Brunsman
Mother of Mercy 1958
December 13, 2025



Nancy Burbink Todd
McAuley 1969
December 20, 2025



**Sr. Mary Joan Terese
Niklas, SND**
Mother of Mercy 1955
December 16, 2025



Janet Creager
Mother of Mercy 1956
December 19, 2025



Cathy Schnapp Doerger
Mother of Mercy 1962
December 23, 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 2015 - January 9 | 5:30 PM

Classmates hope to see you on Friday, January 9, for a 10th reunion celebration! Mercy McAuley tour at 5:30 PM and reunion at Brink Brewing at 7:00 PM. Learn more [HERE](#).



CLASS OF 1985 - April 25 | 5:30 PM

Classmates are gathering at West Side Brewing on Saturday, April 25, for a 40th reunion celebration! Additional details including RSVP information can be found [HERE](#).

Upcoming Reunions

QUICK LINKS:

[Information Update](#)

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JANUARY 28

Catholic Schools' Week
All-School Mass
10:30 AM

MARCH 27-29

Mercy McAuley
Spring Musical:
Anything Goes



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