

CIRCLE OF MERCY MOMENTS

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Dear Alumnae,

During this cold month of February, it is the warm embrace of friendship that warms our hearts! The bonds of sisterhood that begin in the hallways and classrooms of our high school days carry us through the decades. It is your legacy of friendship and sisterhood that continues to make an impact at Mercy McAuley! Galentines, we are so appreciative of you!

In Mercy,

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Maura Gettler Korn '08

ALUMNAE NEWS



BIG Day of Giving 2.12.2026



BIG DAY OF GIVING

We are just ten days away from Mercy McAuley's BIG Day of Giving on **Thursday, February 12!** Our community, many of them proud alumnae, will come together for one powerful day to celebrate the collective impact of generosity and strengthen a Mercy education.

To make this day even more meaningful, a generous anonymous donor will match every gift, dollar for dollar up to \$50,000, doubling your impact.

Gifts of \$75+ will be recognized as part of our Hearts for Mercy McAuley circle and receive a handwritten Valentine thank you card. Give [HERE](#) on February 12 and help us share the love!

GIRLS' SCHOOLS UNITE AMBASSADORS

Mercy McAuley is proud to participate in the annual Girls' Schools Unite campaign! This unique 3-day campaign, April 27-29, 2026, brings six local all-girls Catholic schools together in friendly competition to raise awareness and financial support for all-girls Catholic education in Greater Cincinnati. This year, the challenge is for these all-girls' schools to come together with one common goal, to collectively reach 5,000 total alumnae donors.

To reach this goal, we need your help! Ambassadors are asked to help spread the word to their fellow alumnae through social media, phone, and email. **Share your interest in being a Girls' Schools Unite Ambassador [HERE](#)!**



ALUMNAE TRAVEL: IRELAND

Dreaming of a getaway? Alumnae and friends are invited to join us next summer in Ireland!

Current Mercy McAuley teacher and McAuley alumna, Lisa Chase Heiert '94, will lead alumnae and friends on this week-long tour of the beautiful Dublin, Cork, and Galway in conjunction with EF Tours. Lisa is hosting an **information meeting on Wednesday, March 11, at 6:30 PM**, at Mercy McAuley and via Zoom. Learn more about the itinerary, costs, and exciting trip details. Please RSVP for the information meeting by March 10 [HERE](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS

ON THE ROAD TO NAPLES, FLORIDA!

Sunshine awaits!

Our bags are packed and we're hitting the road. On **Thursday, 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! Meet with fellow alumnae, parents, and friends for an evening of connection and updates on Mercy McAuley. If you have plans to be in southwest Florida, we hope to see you there! Learn more and RSVP [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.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Ready to think spring? Mark your calendars for the annual Mercy McAuley Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, March 21, 2026, from 1:00-2:30 PM!** All children are welcome and those ages 1-9 years old can participate in the egg hunt.

Hop over to Mercy McAuley for an afternoon of free fun including festive crafts, activities, candy, and more...just bring your Easter basket! Learn more and RSVP now through Wednesday, March 18, online [HERE](#).

Questions? Contact Event Manager, Katie Koch, at kochk@mercymcauley.org.



ALUMNAE SPOTLIGHT



MMHS students joined me for a tour!



That's me!

A youthful passion for math and science paved the way for **McAULEY ALUMNA, OLIVIA ROLL '15**.

Encouraged by a grade school teacher at John Paul II, Olivia set her sights at a very young age to embark on a

career in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). While at McAuley, Olivia participated in the Women in Engineering program and was exposed to the world of engineering through unique opportunities, including a special visit to Proctor & Gamble in which during a tour of their labs and research departments that everything “clicked.” Pursuing her engineering dreams, Olivia graduated in spring of 2020 from the University of Cincinnati with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering. Now, she is the Portfolio Selector for Givaudan and proudly works with flavor chemists and application teams to develop flavors and finished products for the food and beverage industry. From milk shakes and coffee to hydration beverages and ready-to-drink cocktails, Olivia has a key role in selecting the flavor experience of items we consume every day (including her personal favorite, a Bananas Foster Milkshake!).

“The path to landing in this field was filled with both luck and determination. My knowledge and excitement in STEM came directly from my experiences at McAuley. I have a curiosity that was not only fostered in the classroom but embraced.” In a field that has so few women, Olivia confidently takes on each day with assuredness, excitement, and pride.

Did you know February 11th is International Day of Women and Girls in Science? We celebrate Olivia and all alumnae who are shaping the future through science!

ALUMNAE UPDATES

FIND CATHERINE! Congratulations to the January Find Catherine winner, **ELIZABETH STILLE PETER**, MOTHER OF MERCY '76! 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!



CALLING ALL MERCY McAULEY 2019-2025

ALUMNAE, we need your help! Mercy McAuley is thrilled to be a recipient of a significant STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education grant from The Charlotte R. Schmidlapp Fund. As we look to expand STEM opportunities at Mercy McAuley, we need your help! We want to ensure these programs are designed to best prepare our students for success in college, careers, and beyond.

Your input as a recent graduate is invaluable and we ask you to take 5 minutes to **complete the survey [HERE](#) by February 9.**

Our Heartfelt Sympathy

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



Patricia Bleh Bocock
Mother of Mercy 1971
January 5, 2026



Lois Grzanke Kist
Mother of Mercy 1954
January 17, 2026



Gloria Brune Schrader
Mother of Mercy 1958
January 20, 2026



Karen Kahles Rosen
Mother of Mercy 1969
January 25, 2026



Diana Butscha Wolery
Mother of Mercy 1967
Deceased



**Margaret Nieberding
Sohmer**
Mother of Mercy 1955
December 23, 2025

*Not
Pictured*

Michelle Curnyan Fix
Mother of Mercy 1979
January 22, 2026



**Patricia Oehler
Rutenschroer**
Mother of Mercy 1964
January 14, 2026



**Joan Diesman
Ambrose Schuit**
Mother of Mercy 1948
January 10, 2026



**Dianne Schwab
Bronnert**
McAuley 1965
January 9, 2026



Joan Franks Harms
Mother of Mercy 1952
January 2026



**Mary Anne Wanstrath
Broe**
McAuley 1965
January 9, 2026

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.

Upcoming Reunions

QUICK LINKS:

Information Update

Alumnae Owned Businesses

Make a Gift

Our Path. Our Pack.

PENCIL IT IN...

MARCH 27-29

Mercy McAuley
Spring Musical:
Anything Goes

April 15:

Golden Guild &
Class of 2026 Breakfast



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