

CIRCLE OF MERCY MOMENTS

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Dear Alumnae,

It's almost time to break out your favorite green gear in preparation for St. Patrick's Day! Did you know that our Mercy Education roots are also founded in Ireland? Mercy McAuley students explore the teachings and life of Catherine McAuley with the guidance of Sister Ann Gorman through "Tea Class," a special nod to Catherine's final words, "Get a good cup of tea when I am gone and comfort one another." However, for many of us alumnae, we didn't spend much of our instructional time learning about Catherine McAuley and the Sisters of Mercy, so I'd thought I'd share a little of our Irish history with you.

Catherine opened the House of Mercy on Baggot Street in Dublin in 1827 at the age of 49. Catherine and her companions focused their efforts on supporting and educating women and children, a mission that continues today. Prior to her death in 1841, the Sisters of Mercy were founded and their mission expanded beyond Ireland. The Sisters of Mercy landed in Cincinnati in 1858, and the rest is as you say it, "history." Don your green proudly this month in honor of Catherine McAuley's legacy!

In Mercy,

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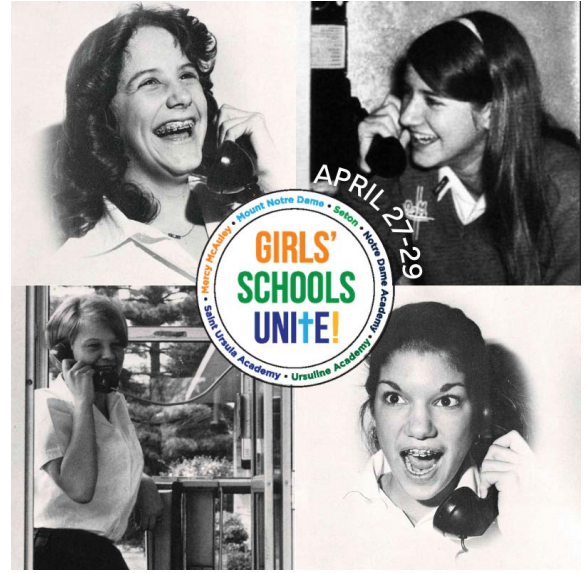
Maura Gettler Korn '08

ALUMNAE NEWS

ANSWER THE CALL! BE AN AMBASSADOR

Love your alma mater? We need your help! Mercy McAuley is proud to participate in the annual Girls' Schools Unite, a unique 3-day campaign (April 27-29, 2026) that 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! Girls' Schools Unite 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 (even if you can't make it but are interested!) for the information meeting by March 10 [HERE](#).



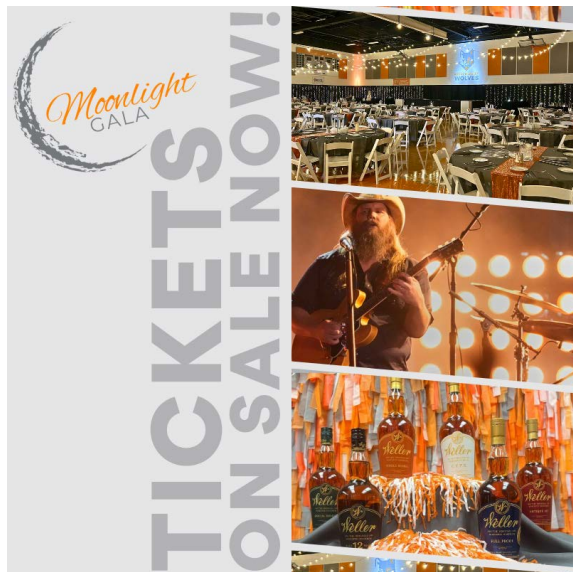
ANYTHING GOES FRIENDSHIP FRIDAY

Mercy McAuley's Spring Musical *Anything Goes* will be "setting sail" and the cast and crew are formally inviting YOU, our alumnae, to come aboard for this adventure! Alumnae are invited to join us on **Friday, March 27, at 7:30 PM**, for a night celebrating the friendships that last through the years.

Friendship is a key theme of this musical and we are celebrating alumnae friendships with a special Friendship Friday. Join us for the performance and participate in a special lobby display by sending in your friendships "then and now." Submit "then and now" photos of your high school friendships that continue today below. **Learn more and submit your photos [HERE](#) by Thursday, March 19.** As thank you, a special buy one, get one free ticket promo code will be emailed to you.



UPCOMING EVENTS



MOONLIGHT GALA

An evening of fabulous fun is just a couple weeks away! Alumnae and friends are invited to join us at Mercy McAuley High School for the annual **Moonlight Gala on Saturday, March 14, 2026**. Limited tickets remain; don't delay in purchasing your Moonlight Gala ticket [HERE](#).

Whether your joining us in person or in spirit, you can participate in the fun! Live raffles including the Weller Rainbow, Chris Stapleton Tickets, and the coveted Golden Paddle are available for purchase now and do not require attendance to win. **Explore raffles online [HERE](#).** Questions? Contact Mercy McAuley's Gala Coordinator, Jenn Hollstegge, at hollstegge@mercymcauley.org.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Hop into fun at Mercy McAuley! 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.

Join us 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.



GOLDEN GUILD SENIOR BREAKFAST

Let's do breakfast! The **Golden Guild Senior Breakfast** is a well-loved tradition that brings our Golden Guild alumnae (Classes of 1975 and previous) to campus to treat our next group of alumnae, the Class of 2026, to a special breakfast. We invite you to join us for breakfast and conversation with our Class of 2026 at Mercy McAuley on **Wednesday, April 15, at 9:15 AM.**

This special pot-luck breakfast is provided by members of the Golden Guild, and our graduating seniors always love sampling your favorite breakfast recipes! Please RSVP [HERE](#) and indicate if you can bring a breakfast item to share.



ALUMNAE SPOTLIGHT



Navigating hardship through art is daily practice for **MOTHER OF MERCY ALUMNA, GINA KOLKS ROELL '95**. For nearly 20 years, Gina has guided young people through a variety of diagnoses with the transformational power of art as an Art Therapist with Cincinnati Children's Hospital. From painting, clay work, drawing, and 3D printing, it is incredibly impactful for children to be able to step away from the hospital experience to create art. "Finding the right words to express themselves can be difficult. Art allows children to create words from something tangible." Art Therapy is more than just a career for Ms. Gina, as the kids affectionately call her, it is truly a passion. "It is wonderful to know that I am part of their story and that I was there to help them find a voice and a space to be themselves."

Gina knew from a young age that she wanted to find a career in which she could make a difference in someone's life. It was with a nudge from her Mother of Mercy Guidance Counselor, Mr. Beischel, that Gina was encouraged to consider blending her interests and consider a career in Art Therapy. Her experience in the halls and classrooms of Mother of Mercy set the baseline for how she navigates her group Art Therapy classes. "Mercy showed me that everyone can have a voice and find space, comfort, and safety. It was a place where I could belong as who I am." And it is those experiences that Gina now implements for children under her care. Art Therapy is more than just craft time! Gina's work sets children on a path of hope for tomorrow.

ALUMNAE UPDATES

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!

THANK YOU ALUMNAE!

In this season of love and friendship, your support of our BIG Day of Giving has our hearts bursting! Thanks to the generosity of alumnae and friends, **\$104,292** was raised to support tuition assistance, campus improvements, and the best possible experience for Mercy McAuley students. A special thank you to our matching gift donor, whose generosity allowed gifts to be doubled, making an even greater impact.

From the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU for supporting our mission and our students!

BIG Day of Giving
2.12.2026



THANK YOU!

\$104,292 RAISED!



Our Heartfelt Sympathy

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



Lora Blum
McAuley 1997
January 16, 2026



Patricia Hardewig Wheeler
Mother of Mercy 1964
February 12, 2026



Teresa Dorsey
McAuley 1979
January 27, 2026



Sarah Korn Pulskamp
Mother of Mercy 2000
February 12, 2026



Donna Durant Hoobler
McAuley 1964
February 26, 2026



Patricia Kroeger Herbers
Mother of Mercy 1954
February 20, 2026



Barbara Duwel Hollenbach
McAuley 1969
January 29, 2026



Marilyn Mathews Pellman
Mother of Mercy 1958
February 6, 2026



Barbara Egan Macke
Mother of Mercy 1961
February 1, 2026



Darla Oldendick Koopman
Mother of Mercy 1982
February 8, 2026



Beverly Erb Martin
Mother of Mercy 1961
February 26, 2026



JoAnn Schulte Wessendarp
Mother of Mercy 1958
February 8, 2026

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

CLASS REUNIONS



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

Have you RSVP'd? Classmates hope to see you next month for a 60th reunion celebration at Aston Oaks. Learn more [HERE](#).

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](#)

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[Make a Gift](#)

[Our Path. Our Pack.](#)

--PENCIL IT IN...--

APRIL 27-29

Girls' Schools Unite

MAY 8

Spring Concert &
Art Show

MAY 12

May Crowning
All-School Mass



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