



Mercy
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Welcome to Pack Progress – Special Edition!

Thanks for your patience! This issue arrives a bit later than usual so we could include some truly exciting news that we know will matter to you. Trust us... it was worth the wait.

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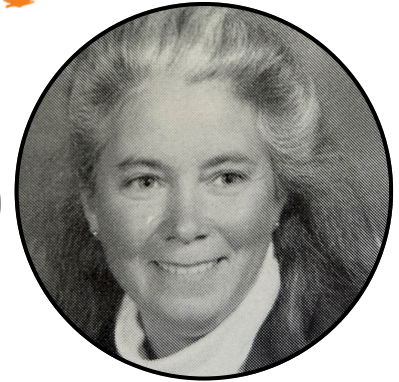
Breaking News! Naming of Art Wing!

We are thrilled to announce that the Art Wing will be named in honor of two beloved art teachers whose passion and dedication shaped legions of McAuley and Mother of Mercy artists. The Jane Kramig and Joan McGuire Art Wing will house state-of-the-art 2D and 3D art classrooms, expanded storage areas and a professional gallery space where students can exhibit their work. Renovations will also include new windows and air conditioning. These enhancements will elevate the artistic experience for every Mercy McAuley student.

Jane Kramig taught at McAuley from 1976 to 2013. Joan McQuire taught at Mother of Mercy from 1979 to 2013. Naming the Art Wing for Jane and Joan ensures their legacy will inspire creativity and nurture talent for years to come.



Jane Kramig



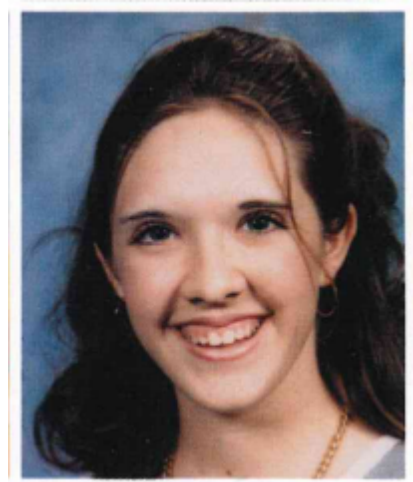
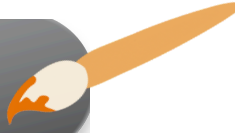
Joan McGuire



Recognizing Lessons Far Beyond “Art”

In celebrating Jane Kramig and Joan McGuire, we honor two teachers who gave their students even more than lessons in Art. For generations of students at Mother of Mercy and McAuley, the art room was a place of discovery, confidence, and creativity—thanks to the dedication, passion, and talents of Mrs. Kramig and Ms. McGuire. Over the course of their careers, they guided thousands of young women in exploring their talents and finding their artistic voice. They created classrooms where students felt encouraged to take risks, express themselves, and grow.

**Give to Honor
Jane and Joan**



**NATALIE AS MS. MCGUIRE'S STUDENT
AT MOTHER OF MERCY**

Mercy McAuley's current art teacher, Natalie Fischer (Mother of Mercy '98), says, *“Ms. McGuire played a huge role in shaping my path as an artist & educator. I always enjoyed art, but it wasn't until my parents enrolled me in a summer art class with her that I truly fell in love with it. Ms. McGuire taught me how to slow down, pay attention, and really look closely at the world around me.”*

Her classroom was a safe and supportive space, but she also held us to high standards. She pushed me to keep improving and gave me the confidence to believe I could. Today, I strive to create the same kind of safe, challenging, and inspiring environment for my students. I'm grateful that I get to do that every day at Mercy McAuley.”



**MRS. NATALIE FISCHER,
CURRENT MERCY
MCAULEY TEACHER**

Share your stories of Jane Kramig and Joan McGuire

We want to hear about your experiences in art classes taught by Jane or Joan. What lessons did you take away? How did they influence you after high school? Did they inspire you to choose a career in art or a hobby you still pursue? Please contact and share with Lori Rochford at rochfordl@mercymcauley.org.

Mercy McAuley in the Sun!

President Brigitte Foley recently returned from Naples, Florida, where she met with alumnae, current and past parents, grandparents, and friends of Mercy McAuley. A warm thank you to our generous hosts – Board Chair Mary Beth Salyers and Chris and Marla Nieman Kiley.

The group heard the latest updates about Mercy McAuley and Our Path. Our Pack., while celebrating capital campaign momentum.



Capital Campaign Q&A with Brigitte Foley



Q: What are the projects planned for completion during Summer 2026?

A: Taking advantage of the summer break for students, renovations will be completed for the remaining nine second floor classrooms, including new air conditioning and windows. In addition, all older windows on the front façade will be updated. This includes windows for the Administrative Offices and the classrooms above that space on the first and second floors.

Q: Can new Our Path. Our Pack. gifts be designated to specific projects?

A: Yes. New gifts to Mercy McAuley's capital campaign may be designated to the planned renovation of the Theater, the Art Wing or the Athletic Complex. Indicate your intent with your online gift, on your check and on any paperwork submitted with your one-time gift or pledge.

Q: If I want to honor Jane Kramig or Joan McGuire with my gift, what do I do?

A: You may designate your gift "in Memory of" Jane or Joan when you submit your one-time gift or pledge payment. All gifts made in their memory will be designated towards the Art Wing.

If you have any questions about Our Path. Our Pack. contact Lori Rochford, Capital Campaign Coordinator, at rochfordl@mercymcauley.org or call 513-681-1800, Ext. 1134.