

CIRCLE OF MERCY MOMENTS

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Dear Alumnae,

Spring has sprung! Birds are chirping, the sun is shining longer each day, and the halls of Mercy McAuley are filled with conversation about prom dresses, award ceremonies, and end of year celebrations. For many, spring is a fresh start and a season of renewal. But for our soon-to-be newest alumnae the countdown of “lasts” has begun. With only seven weeks left until graduation, their eyes are set on what comes after their high school days. For us seasoned alumnae (we are certainly not old!), we know what comes...the continuation of the lifelong friendships built in classrooms, on fields, and at lunch tables; the bonds of sisterhood growing year over year; and holding tight on the memories of cherished traditions like the raffle, school dances, all-school Masses, and the many student activities that sculpted our high school experiences.

Our next class of alumnae may quickly realize that this season isn’t an ending, but rather a beginning to the beautiful connection we Mother of Mercy, McAuley, and Mercy McAuley alumnae share. It reminds me of a note Catherine McAuley wrote on Easter morning to a cherished friend, “The blessing of unity still dwells amongst us and oh what a blessing, it should make all else pass into nothing.”

Wishing you a happy spring and Easter season,

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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](#)!**



THANK YOU, ALUMNAE!

The 2026 Moonlight Gala was a record-breaking evening for Mercy McAuley! The room was filled with an incredible group of supporters, including numerous alumnae who came out to show their support. Our Mission Moment raised an inspiring \$61,000 to directly support Mercy McAuley's student mental health services, including the ARDU Program. Guests were deeply moved by remarks from alumna Terri Lunsford '25 who shared, "I can confidently say my story of success simply does not exist without the ARDU program."

Thank you to the many alumnae who came together to make the entire Gala a success; our committee, Gift Gathering party hosts, and

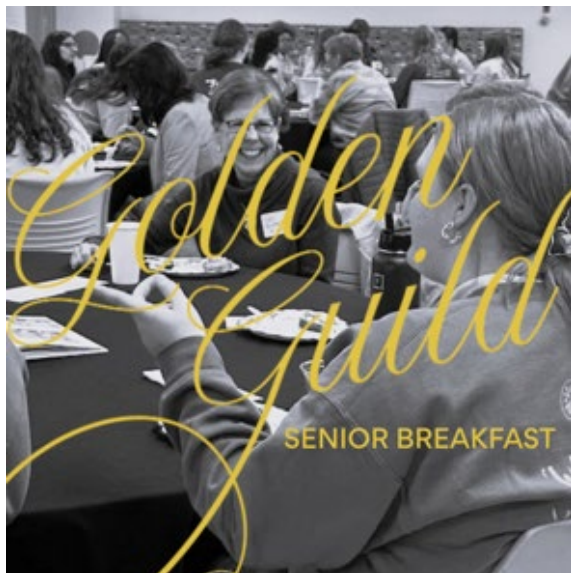
those who invited others to attend all played a vital role in making the evening truly memorable! **You can still support our Mission Moment [HERE](#).**



UPCOMING EVENTS

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: DIAPER & CLOTHING DRIVE

The **Alumnae Council** is **partnering up with two Mercy McAuley student organizations, St. Vincent de Paul Club and Life Club, for a special Diaper & Clothing Drive this month.** Needed items include new or clean gently used spring and/or summer clothes in sizes newborn to 2T and diapers of all sizes. Donations can be dropped off or mailed to Mercy McAuley High School, Attn: Alumnae Office, 6000 Oakwood Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45224. Drop off April 7-10, during the following times: **Tuesday-Friday 8:00 AM – 3:45 PM and Wednesday, April 8, from 5:00-6:30 PM.** Donations will go to Hopple Street Neighborhood Health Center and Pregnancy Center West. *Learn more about this drive in our Alumnae Spotlight below!*



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.

ON THE ROAD: COLUMBUS, OHIO

Join us on **Wednesday, April 29, from 5:30-7:30 PM at Brick House Blue (Dublin) in Columbus, Ohio** for a special evening of connection and conversation with Mother of Mercy, McAuley, and Mercy McAuley alumnae. Enjoy time to network, hear about the exciting things happening at Mercy McAuley, and learn how you can be part of shaping our future through the capital campaign.

Whether you're reconnecting with old friends or making new ones, we would love to see you there! **Learn more and RSVP online [HERE](#) by April 22.**



ALUMNAE SPOTLIGHT



That's me!

Supporting others through service isn't just an occasional activity for **LILLY FINAMORE, MERCY McAULEY '24**, but a daily action driven by her passion for helping others. Lilly began volunteering at the Hopple Street Neighborhood Health Center as a child, tagging along on Christmas toy drives with her dad who would delight the children of the Center as the jolly man in the red suit. Her involvement at the Center grew as she did to include Thanksgiving food drives, stocking a food pantry, working fresh produce days in the summer, and

supporting clothing drives. As Lilly entered Mercy McAuley, she filled her schedule with her studies as a Women Lead Medicine and National Honor Society student, competed as a multi-sport athlete, and served as a senior retreat leader and as a Student Ambassador. But her plans for service to

those around her didn't falter with her busy schedule, rather she focused her service at the Center on the little ones that came in the door with their parents.

Now, as a student at the University of Cincinnati, Lilly gathers classmates to organize, sort, and pack clothing bags for the children of the Center. Receiving contractor bags filled to the brim, Lilly's basement acts as an organization station for these clothing packages for infants and children. Seeing the need for families to be able to quickly receive much needed clothing, Lilly's solution was to organize these packages with selected outfits ranging in color and style...always thinking about the child who would receive it that day hoping they would find an item that they loved and felt proud to wear. Clothing packages are flying off the shelves at "Lilly's Closet," as the Center has affectionately dubbed this project, as the need for clothing rises. However, in recent months donations have dropped and there is less supply to fill a growing need.

That's when Lilly decided to make a call to her alma mater to partner on a clothing drive this spring. "What you donate goes directly to a family, it doesn't sit on a shelf or get donated elsewhere. I wanted to start this drive because there is a serious need in our community." Living in the spirit of Catherine McAuley, Lilly's outreach to the children within our community has made incredible impacts and inspired many to support her call to action.

ALUMNAE UPDATES

FIND CATHERINE! Congratulations to the March Find Catherine winner, **MARIE GILMAN KOCH, McAULEY '08!** 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!

KNOW A FUTURE WOLF? Grade schoolers are invited to join the Mercy McAuley Wolves for summer learning and fun at our **SUMMER SPORTS & ENRICHMENT CAMPS**! From sports and theater to arts and HSPT prep, there is something for everyone! For more details and to register, click [HERE](#).

Our Heartfelt Sympathy

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



Mary Anne Bennett Meyer
Mother of Mercy 1967
March 6, 2026



Carole Hemsath Beck
Mother of Mercy 1956
March 13, 2026



Marjorie Binder Schewene
Mother of Mercy 1950
March 1, 2026



Sandra Hudepohl Newrath
Mother of Mercy 1973
March 2, 2026



Jeanette Dehler Lavanier
Mother of Mercy 1955
March 1, 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

It's your reunion month! Classmates hope to see you next month for a 60th reunion celebration at Aston Oaks. Learn more [HERE](#).



CLASS OF 1976 - September 19, 2026

Save the NEW date! Classmates are gathering for a 50th reunion celebration at Nathanael Greene Lodge. Additional details coming soon! Learn more [HERE](#).



CLASS OF 1976 - October 10, 2026

Mark your calendars for a 50th reunion celebration this October! Additional details coming soon. Learn more online [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

Alumnae Owned Businesses

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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