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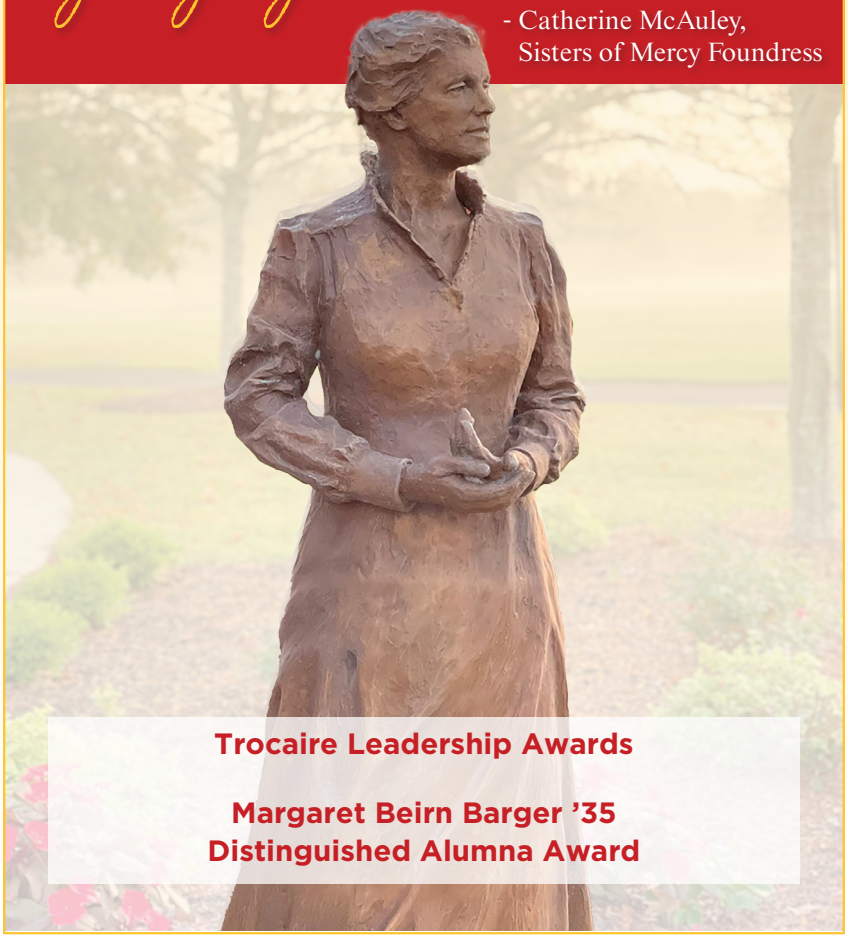
Trocaire Alumnae Awards Celebration

"We should be shining lamps, giving light to all around us."

- Catherine McAuley,
Sisters of Mercy Foundress



Trocaire Leadership Awards

Margaret Beirn Barger '35
Distinguished Alumna Award

Thursday, May 7, 2026

About the Alumnae Awards

Celebrate the impact of Mercy!

Trocaire Leadership Awards: Service to the World

Trocaire is the Gaelic word for compassion or mercy. The Trocaire Leaders embody the success and spirit of a Gwynedd Mercy education. They inspire and motivate others, exhibit outstanding leadership in their professional lives and throughout the community, and are committed to personal growth, social responsibility, and global awareness. During the School's 150th Anniversary Celebration, eight women from various fields were honored with the inaugural Trocaire Leadership Awards. Each year since then, women are honored in their fields.

Margaret Beirn Barger '35 Distinguished Alumna Award: Service to the School

This annual award is named for Margaret Beirn Barger, a 1935 graduate of the Academy of the Sisters of Mercy, who had a life-long dedication to the Alumnae Association. Margaret served as the backbone of the organization for more than 50 years. In the past, this award was given to graduates who represented commitment to the works of Mercy. Today, this award recognizes alumnae who epitomize the qualities of loyalty, service, dedication, and devotion to the School, all demonstrated by Margaret.

Trocaire Alumnae Awards Celebration

Welcome

Jenny Prior Schlegel ’90,
Alumnae Associtiaton Awards Committee Chair

Denise Corkery Marbach ’72, President

Keynote

Corinne O’Connell ’93, Chief Executive Officer, Habitat for Humanity

Presenation of Awards

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Margaret Beirn Barger ’35 Distinguished Alumna Award

Special Recognition of Melva Exner, Esq. ’77
as an Alumnae Association Board Emerita Member

Closing

Erin Reimel Clements ’12,
Director of Alumnae Engagement

Reception in the Connelly Commons

2025-2026 Honorees

Trocaire Leadership Awards

Kristin Wilkinson ’71
Arts & Media

Karin Risi ’90
Business & Entrepreneurship

Elizabeth McHugh, Esq. ’85
Government & Legal

Sandra Myers Gomberg, DNP ’81
STEM

Rosemary Murphy Gulati ’57
Philanthropy & Nonprofit

Margaret Beirn Barger ’35 Distinguished Alumna Award: Service to the School

Sr. Cathe Shoulberg, R.S.M. ’65

Keynote Remarks

Corinne O'Connell '93

Chief Executive Officer of
Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia

Driven by her conviction that every door of opportunity opened brings all of us closer, Corinne O'Connell has accumulated nearly three decades of nonprofit affordable housing expertise. She has called Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia "home" since 2009.

As CEO, Corinne has led Habitat Philadelphia's strategy to increase affordable homeownership production, including multi-family and mixed-use developments, as well as scale its critical home repair program that has preserved owner-occupied homes. Under Corinne's leadership, the organization has also advanced its place-based strategy that works alongside residents to strengthen social capital. She launched its social enterprise, Habitat ReStore, a home improvement outlet that generates revenue through the sale of donated home goods and building materials while advancing Habitat's mission.

This morning, 5,236 Philadelphians woke up in homes built and repaired by Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia. Corinne leads with possibility – that it is possible to build and repair so that every Philadelphia family has a safe, stable and affordable place to call home.

Corinne is a graduate of Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School and Saint Joseph's University and holds a master's degree in Nonprofit Leadership from Seattle University. She serves on the U.S. Council of Habitat for Humanity International and has been recognized as one of the *25 Most Admired CEOs* by the Philadelphia Business Journal. She has received an honorary degree from Chestnut Hill College. In 2012, Corinne received Gwynedd Mercy's Trocaire Leadership Award for her nonprofit work and in 2021, she was the school's Commencement speaker.

Kristin Wilkinson '71

2026 Trocaire Leadership Award: Arts & Media

Kristin Wilkinson has composed, orchestrated and conducted music for film scores, TV shows and numerous record productions. She was nominated for a Golden Globe award for Best Musical Score on the movie *All The Pretty Horses* (with Marty Stuart and Larry Paxton). She won the Premiere Video Award for her film score for *Prancer Returns* and her original songs have appeared in the films *The Great Debaters* and *Soul Surfer*. She has orchestrated and performed on many TV specials including the Country Music Awards, Grammy Awards, ACM Awards, American Idol, and multiple late-night shows. Kristin handles all of the arranging and orchestrating on ABC's highly rated "CMA Country Christmas." She was a 2019 Grammy nominee in the "Best Arrangement with Vocal" category, and 2021 ACM nominee for "Instrumentalist of the Year." In 2024, she was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame as a "Nashville Cat."

Kristin's orchestrations, vocal arrangements, and songs have appeared on countless chart-topping recordings across all genres. Artists as diverse as Taylor Swift, Alison Krauss, Lady Antebellum, Ben Folds, Brandi Carlile, Lionel Richie, Neil Young, Regina Spektor, Roy Orbison, Sheryl Crow, Dolly Parton, Chris Stapleton, Linda Rondstadt, Willie Nelson and Keith Urban have called on her to enhance their records. Kristin has been a top call studio violist appearing on thousands of recordings since 1980. Among them: Johnny Cash, Ray Charles, Ariana Grande, Lainey Wilson, Ed Sheeran, Willie Nelson, Whitney Houston, Elton John, Garth Brooks, Greta Van Fleet, Dua Lipa, Jelly Roll, and many other contemporary hit makers. One of her latest projects has been with the Zac Brown Band, orchestrating several songs for their latest album and premier performance at the Sphere in Las Vegas.

Kristin is a student of country music and has been mentored by, learned from, and worked with the greats: Owen Bradley, Chet Atkins, Buddy Spicher, and Bill McElhiney. Today, Kristin is honored to support and encourage the next generation of Nashville musicians as an adjudicator for USA Artists, a current Board Member of The Recording Academy, a member of the Class of 2017 Leadership Music, and through creating ongoing internship opportunities for young music professionals.

Kristin has been married to musician Larry Paxton for 40 years. They have three children, Leah, Becky, and Andrew; as well as three grandchildren and one grand-dog. When she is not working, you can find her on the tennis court, working out, or at their beach house in FL.

Karin Risi ’90

2026 Trocaire Leadership Award: Business & Entrepreneurship

Karin is an accomplished business leader with more than 30 years of experience in the financial services industry. She currently serves as an Independent Director on the Boards of HarbourVest Partners and SEI, bringing expertise in strategy, governance, and client experience.

Karin spent 28 years with Vanguard, where she served as Managing Director and helped lead the firm’s growth and transformation into one of the world’s largest and most trusted investment organizations. Karin was honored as one of Barron’s 100 Most Influential Women in Finance for five consecutive years.

Beyond her professional achievements, Karin is deeply committed to giving back. She is Board Chair Emerita of Unite for HER, a nationwide nonprofit supporting breast and ovarian cancer patients. She is a highly engaged Trustee of Episcopal Academy — chairing the Investment Committee and serving on the Finance and Strategic Planning Committees — and has contributed her time and support to The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, The Barnes Foundation, Villanova School of Business, and Vanguard Charitable.

Karin was a founding leader and executive sponsor for Vanguard’s Women’s Initiative for Leadership Success, and she continues to advise and counsel leaders through her work with HarbourVest and SEI. Throughout her career, Karin has been passionate about developing and inspiring the next generation of female leaders, an enduring value rooted in her years at Gwynedd Mercy Academy.

Elizabeth McHugh, Esq. ’85

2026 Trocaire Leadership Award: Government & Legal

Elizabeth McHugh is an attorney with the Defender Association of Philadelphia, in the capital habeas unit. Elizabeth’s current practice focuses solely on representing death-row inmates in their post-conviction appeals.

After graduating from Gwynedd Mercy in 1985, Elizabeth attended Saint Joseph’s University and Temple University School of Law. In law school she developed a passion for trial advocacy and criminal law and had the opportunity to represent clients facing criminal charges through a clinical program with the public defender’s office. This experience solidified Elizabeth’s commitment to public defender work and in 1995 she accepted a position as an Assistant Public Defender for the Defender Association of Philadelphia where she has represented indigent criminal defendants for the last thirty years.

During her career with the Defender Association, Elizabeth has represented thousands of clients. She loved presenting her cases to a jury and ultimately was selected to work in the Defender Association’s Special Defense Unit, where she handled complex criminal trials and high publicity cases.

Elizabeth has always enjoyed teaching and training young lawyers to be effective advocates. In 2004, she became the Defender Association’s clinical instructor at her alma mater, Temple Law School, the same program she participated in as a student. She continued teaching and mentoring law students as a member of the adjunct faculty at Temple Law School, teaching trial advocacy and criminal law until 2011.

In 2009, Elizabeth switched the focus of her practice from trial work to representing death-row inmates across the country, including Texas, Pennsylvania, and Kentucky, as well as the federal death row. Elizabeth works to overturn her client’s death sentence and/or conviction by uncovering evidence that the jury did not hear, such as her client’s history of mental illness, abuse, intellectual deficits, or poverty. One of Elizabeth’s proudest moments was when she helped convince the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to overturn the death sentence of the last woman on Pennsylvania’s death row because the jury never heard that her client suffered from borderline intellectual functioning, mental health issues and childhood abuse. By far, the biggest challenge Elizabeth has faced in this work is providing comfort and dignity to her clients who lost their legal fight and were executed.

Sandra Myers Gomberg, DNP, RN ’81

2026 Trocaire Leadership Award: STEM

Sandra Gomberg, DNP RN, is a healthcare executive whose career has focused on disruptive innovation in health care delivery and improving access to quality equitable healthcare for individuals, communities and populations. Dr. Gomberg holds both bachelor’s and master’s degrees in nursing from the M. Louise Fitzpatrick College of Nursing at Villanova University and a Doctor of Nursing Practice, Executive Leadership from American Sentinel University.

Dr. Gomberg provides governance, leadership, and operating consulting and advisory services to organizations and to companies at all levels of maturity embarking on the innovation within the greater healthcare and related industry segments. Dr. Gomberg is currently serving as Strategic Advisory Board for Cognitio Analytics, GalenusRX and Gratia. Dr. Gomberg is a co-founder of Stel Life, a remote patient monitoring technology company.

Previously, Dr. Gomberg served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Aria Jefferson Health System and community physician enterprise in Northeast Philadelphia and Chief Executive Officer and President of Temple University Hospital Inc., the flagship academic hospital, community physician enterprise, psychiatric hospital, and air ambulance-transport company. Dr. Gomberg has served as a clinical specialist for a multistate regional home care service and chief executive of an 800 bed, three-facility long term care enterprise. Dr. Gomberg has held numerous board positions in non-profit and for-profit organizations including Medicaid and Medicare Managed Care Plans.

Dr. Gomberg served as the chief executive of the City of Philadelphia’s COVID-19 response and Mass Vaccine Initiative where she lead the City’s multi-agency command structure with FEMA and the Department of Defense to provide over 300,000 Moderna, Pfizer, and J&J vaccines in 90 days to vulnerable Philadelphia residents. She has served as a consultant to the World Bank’s team design of the Bank’s global vaccine procurement and distribution model. Following her work with the City of Philadelphia around the pandemic, Dr. Gomberg continues to advise the Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual Disabilities and Managing Director’s Office focused on the complex intersection of serious mental illness, substance use disorder, and homelessness.

Dr. Gomberg is a member of the Board of Consultors of the M. Louise Fitzpatrick College of Nursing, Villanova University. She has been an adjunct faculty member in the Doctor of Nursing Practice program at Villanova’s M. Louise Fitzpatrick College of Nursing since 2013, teaching core healthcare innovation, finance, policy, quality, ethics, and epidemiology courses. Her doctoral research studied technology readiness among older adults. She has earned numerous awards, honors, and accolades for her professional and civic duties. Also, she has written or contributed to many articles, papers, and textbooks within the fields of nursing and healthcare administration.

Rosemary Murphy Gulati ’57

2026 Trocaire Leadership Award: Philanthropy & Nonprofit

Rosemary Murphy Gulati was born in 1939 to Daniel A. and Mary R. Murphy of Fort Washington. She was the first born of five girls in her family She attended St. Anthony of Padua grade school in Ambler, PA. She then joined the Class of 1957 at Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School, then known as the Academy of the Sisters of Mercy. She chose to attend Chestnut Hill College and commuted to campus. She majored in English with a minor in Education and served as Editor-in-Chief of the college newspaper.

Upon graduation, she was hired as an elementary teacher by the School District of Philadelphia. During her tenure, she pioneered a class for socially and emotionally disturbed students that proved successful and was added to Pennsylvania’s educational program. She later transferred to the Cheltenham School District where she pioneered the Open Classroom concept and successfully trained sixteen student teachers over the years.

She left the teaching profession at that point to spend more time with family, and she started volunteering with the American Cancer Society, a tenure that lasted eighteen years. She oversaw fundraising events and introduced Daffodil Days to the community. Eventually, she served as President of the Upper Merion Unit. She received a Volunteer Achievement Award from the Philadelphia Unit of the ACS. In addition, Rosemary received the Women of the Year Award from the Upper Merion Business and Professional Women’s Organization in 1987.

She used her fundraising experience to become Director of Development for the Montgomery County Association for Retarded Citizens, now called The ARC of Montgomery County. Later, she joined one her husband’s companies, Fidelity TeleAlarm, to market a Swiss emergency call system for the elderly. This position afforded her the opportunity to travel to Switzerland on a regular basis. By that point, Rosemary had reached retirement age and happily retired in 2004.

Rosemary married Jack David Gulati in 1973. They have three sons, David, Charles and Michael, and eleven grandchildren.

Jack and Rosemary have received recognition from some of the organizations they support. They received honorary Doctor of Law degrees as a married couple from Chestnut Hill College in 2015. The Salvation Army recognized them with the Spirit of Reading Award in 2017.

In 2004, Rosemary and Jack became snowbirds, spending six months in Bonita Springs, Florida and six months in Reading, Pennsylvania. They continue this lifestyle until the present day and enjoy warm weather year-round.

Sr. Cathe Shoulberg, R.S.M. ’65

Margaret Beirn Barger ’35 Distinguished Alumna Award: Service to the School

The youngest of Kit and Charley Shoulberg’s five children, Sister Cathe attended Saint Helena School in Blue Bell from PreK through Eighth Grade! That was the start of her Mercy Journey, which has continued to be a thread running through her life. Upon eighth grade graduation, it was a wonderful and seamless transition to the Academy of the Sisters of Mercy, where she was immediately attracted to the “Mercy Spirit” through the kindness, compassion, and understanding of the faculty, staff, and classmates.

After high school, Sister Cathe enrolled at Gwynedd Mercy College to begin taking education courses as she had been accepted into the Cadet Teaching Program of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. So, in September 1965, with nine college credits to her name, she taught sixty-five second grade students at St. Stanislaus in Lansdale. What followed was taking summer and night classes to complete her college education. In 1967 she responded to God’s call to religious life, a seed solidly planted through her lived experience at GMAHS, and entered the Sisters of Mercy.

She taught first grade at St. Jude School in Chalfont; St. Michael School in Levittown; St. Alphonsus School in Maple Glen; St. Joseph School in Sea Isle City; and St. Matthias School in Bala Cynwyd. During that time, Cathe completed her master’s degree from Arcadia University with a Masters of Education. Upon completion of her Masters, she pursued further studies in administration at Villanova University and participated in theology workshops at the University of Notre Dame.

In 1983, Cathe began a five-year tenure in administration at St. Elizabeth School in Whitehall. What followed, in September 1988, her dream job of serving as principal in her beloved school where it all began, St. Helena School in Blue Bell! Cathe served in that position for thirty years.

During that time, she had the honor of serving on the Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School Board of Trustees for nine years. Cathe also had the privilege of assisting in the Development Office during the campaign “A Place to Soar,” which provided an amazing opportunity to spread the good news of GMAHS and reconnect with old friends and make new ones. Additionally, Sister Cathe, has served as a volunteer Baby Cuddler at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, and was on the Board of Trustees at Mercy Suburban Hospital.

Presently, Cathe is a supervisor to pre-student and student teachers from Gwynedd Mercy University. In September, she began giving one day a week to GMAHS as a “TA” which gives her immense joy to be with GMAHS students on a regular basis. In the words of Catherine McAuley, foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, “Mercy is not just a feeling, but a commitment and a virtue that should be actively practiced.” Sister Cathe strives to uphold that virtue every day!

Melva Exner, Esq. ’77

Special Recognition as an
Alumnae Association Board Emerita Member

Melva Exner became a Mercy Girl when she entered Gwynedd Mercy Academy in first grade and eventually, she went on to become the Chair of her alma mater’s Board of Trustees and one of our school’s most dedicated alumnae.

Gwynedd was a family affair for the Exner sisters: Melva Exner, Esq. ’77, Susan Exner Sobczak ‘80, and Laura Exner Mahon ‘83. After graduating from Gwynedd in 1977, Melva obtained her bachelor’s in management and marketing from Saint Joseph’s University in 1981 and her law degree from Temple University School of Law in 1984. She became the Vice President of Legal Affairs and Corporate Secretary at AgustaWestland Philadelphia Corporation, the U.S. subsidiary of an Italian aircraft manufacturer. Eventually, she opened her own law office, focused on domestic and international business, aviation transactions, contract drafting and negotiations, insurance and risk management, compliance, and corporate governance.

Melva married her husband, Tim Moynahan, in 1984 and they had two children, Michael and Caitlyn Moynahan ’11. Continuing in the Gwynedd family tradition, Michael and Caitlyn are both graduates of Gwynedd Mercy Academy Elementary and Caitlyn is a 2011 graduate of Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School. She is also affectionately known as G-Mom to her two little grandsons, Jack and Patrick.

For 40 years, Melva demonstrated dedication and service to her alma mater. From 1985 through the mid-1990s, Melva was active in the Alumnae Association, working on various events and fundraising initiatives. She served on the school’s Advisory Board from 1998 until 2001, volunteering both her legal and business skills. Melva actively participated on the Alumnae Board from 2006 to 2025, acting as President, Vice President, and Committee Chair. Melva strengthened the Alumnae Association through her professional and personal skills, often remembering many small details and being able to form connections with alumnae across all ages with her self-deprecating humor that put everyone at ease. In her various roles, she assisted in raising significant funds for the Alumnae Association’s Legacy Scholarship.

Melva was a member of the Board of Trustees for GMA Elementary from 2009 to 2015. She also served on various GMAHS Board of Trustees Committees, including the Advancement and Facilities Committees, before she was appointed to the Board of Trustees in 2022, where she served on the Mission & Governance and Facilities Committees. Melva was then elected Chair of the Board of Trustees in July 2023 and served in this role up until her death on December 7, 2025.

Melva was honored to receive the Margaret Beirn Barger ’35 Distinguished Alumna Award in 2017, which recognized her qualities of loyalty, service, dedication, and devotion to Gwynedd. She loved all the friends she made through her service to our school and especially cherished the relationships she built with many Sisters of Mercy over the years.

Melva’s loss has been felt by the entire Gwynedd Mercy community, and the Alumnae Association Board is proud to honor her legacy by naming her Board Member Emerita.

Thank you, Melva, for all you that have done for our alma mater and those you love.

Thank you to our sponsors!

At the heart of the Awards Celebration is the Alumnae Association's Legacy Scholarship, which provides four years of tuition support to an incoming student with a Gwynedd Mercy family connection. All proceeds from the Trocaire Alumnae Awards Celebration will strengthen this scholarship and ensure talented young women can access a transformative Mercy education for generations to come.

Legacy Sponsor

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Caitlyn Moynahan '11, Director of Admissions at Barnett College of Public Health at Temple University

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Caitlyn Moynahan ’11, Director of Admissions at Barnett College of Public Health at Temple University

The Exner Moynahan Family ’77, ’11

Congratulations to Rosemary Murphy Gulati '57

Trocaire Award for Philanthropy

We are proud of your accomplishments.

THE Gulati Family FOUNDATION

"The simplest and most practical lesson I know... is to resolve to be good today, but better tomorrow."

– Cathereine McAuley to Mary de Sales White, February 28, 1841

Congratulations to our empowered Trocaire honorees.
Your todays have made the world's tomorrows better.

Denise Corkery Marbach '72
President

Congratulations

Kris Wilkinson
and all Trocaire honorees

Class of 1971

Mercy Girls forever

Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School

Trocaire Alumnae Awards Celebration

Honoring the legacy of Mercy and the women who continue to make a difference in our world.

Congratulations to this year's award recipients and best wishes for an inspiring evening.

Monica Feliciani DiRenzo '72

The Villanova School of Business and
Fitzpatrick College of Nursing congratulate

KARIN RISI
'94 VSB '99 MBA

&

SANDRA MYERS GOMBERG
'85 BSN, '90 MSN, DNP, RN

On their exceptional leadership and service!

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Legacy Sponsor

Denise Maggetti Nowak '77 & The Nowak Family

My late husband Greg and I were both beneficiaries of full scholarships to high school. He received an academic scholarship to Holy Ghost Prep, and I received a music scholarship to Gwynedd Mercy for piano studies. I accompanied the glee club and chorale, played French Horn in band and piano in the jazz band while I was a student at GMA.

I'm the eldest of six, so my parents would not have been able to send me to Gwynedd without that scholarship. When I graduated and started working and earning money, I was very aware of the importance of giving back, as was my husband.

I worked at a nonprofit for years and wasn't making a lot of money, but I always knew that it was not about how much you give, but that you participate. I knew it was always important to give something.

Over the years, I've stayed connected to GMA through our late class rep and dear friend, Melva Exner - she's the one who reined us all in. I tried to be present for all the gatherings, whether big or small.

My husband and I have always valued education on all levels. He was an attorney and had the opportunity to teach on the job as well as at his alma mater, Cornell University. Educating others and giving back to those who need it was always a priority for us.

It is my pleasure and privilege to continue to support my alma mater with a legacy scholarship ensuring deserving students can access a transformative Gwynedd education.

In memory of my husband Greg and dear friend, Melva.

Legacy Sponsor

Denise Maggetti Nowak '77 & The Nowak Family

Thankful and grateful to those who gave me the opportunities and love of music

Denise Maggetti with parents,
Louis Dominic & Elise
Madeleine Schreiner Maggetti
June 11, 1977

Denise Maggetti with piano
teacher, Sr. Virginia Beirn, SND
at St. Albert the Great School
piano recital
Huntingdon Valley, Pennsylvania
June 1966

Denise Maggetti
with Daniel Forlano
June 11, 1977

Music teachers at GMAHS:
Sr. Jeannette Goglia, RSM
Eleanor Roberts
Daniel Forlano
Anthony DiToro

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Thank you for all that you do for us and for the world.

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Reunion 2026

October 16

REUNION CELEBRATION
All alumnae are invited, with special recognition for classes ending in 1 and 6.

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Sister Cathe,

We thank you for building a legacy of excellence at Saint Helena School.

Congratulations
to this year's incredible
Trocaire Award Recipients
and all you do
to inspire Mercy.

Tony and Kate Daniels Imbesi '92
and Patriarch Foundation

Trocaire Leadership Award Recipients

2024

Elizabeth Arnold '77
Arts & Media

Theresa Regli '92
Business & Entrepreneurship

Hon. Jeanne Jourdan '57
Government & Legal

Tracey Danella Spause '02
Philanthropy & Nonprofit

Jennifer Patterson, Ph.D. '94
STEM

2023

Maisha Palmer Kelly '95
Education

Marlena Ventresca Parker, Colonel Retired '86
Government & Legal

Nicole Lovecchio '97
Philanthropy & Nonprofit

Sister Maureen Christi Donahue, RSM
Religious Vocations & Volunteers

Meghan Bishop, MD '03
STEM

2022

Kelley Malott DeConciliis '99
Business, Entrepreneur, Engineer

Erica Weiler-Timmins, PhD, ABPP '89
Education

Lt. Col. Dianna DiToro, DPT, USMCR '97
Government & Legal

Alison McGrorty-Crotts, MD, MPH '04
Healthcare, Science & Technology

Mackenzie Dougherty Driscoll '04
Philanthropy & Nonprofit

2021

Allison Zaucha '10
Arts

Julie Eble, PhD '71
Business, Entrepreneur, Engineer

Karalyn McGrorty Derstine, EdD '01
Education

Mary Ott, PhD '75
Government & Legal

Clare Cherney, MD '75
Healthcare, Science & Technology

Sheila Nolan, MD '90
Healthcare, Science & Technology

Kate Daniels Imbesi, Esq. '92
Philanthropy & Nonprofit

Sr. Virginia Hasson, RSM (posthumous)
Religion, Vocation, Volunteer

2019

Elissa Gore '68
Arts

Eileen Maguire Maginnis '75
Business, Entrepreneur, Engineer

Maura McLaughlin, PhD '90
Healthcare, Science & Technology

Lori Fanelli Butrus '79
Religion, Vocation, Volunteer

2018

Catherine Wilson, PhD '90
Education

Lisa Heilbronn, PhD '72
Government & Legal

Angela Amarhanov '08
Philanthropy & Nonprofit

Sr. Rosemary Herron, RSM
Sr. Susan Walsh, RSM
Religion, Vocation, Volunteer—Religious

2017

Melissa Maddonni Haims '90
Arts

Ann McKernan Robinson '54
Business, Entrepreneur, Engineer

Julie Tippens, PhD '97
Healthcare, Science & Technology

Rev. Marianne Robbins '75
Religion, Vocation, Volunteer—Layperson

2016

Susan Baumher Mitchell, Faculty
Education

Sallyanne Harper '72
Government & Legal

Kristina Wahl '93
Philanthropy & Nonprofit

Sr. Monica Sheehy, RSM '63
Religion, Vocation, Volunteer—Religious

2015
Jen Creed Rego ’94
Arts

Carolyn Fontaine Davis ’97
Business, Entrepreneur, Engineer

Joely Esposito, PsyD ’88
Healthcare, Science & Technology

Andi Land Healy ’80
Religion, Vocation, Volunteer—Layperson

2014
Diane Dewhirst ’75
Government & Legal

Kristin M. Risi, PhD ’87
Education

Teresa Araco Rodgers ’91
Philanthropy & Nonprofit

Sr. Cathe Shoulberg, RSM ’65
Religion, Vocation, Volunteer–Religious

2013
Margaret Walsh Huddy ’57
Arts

Joan Murray Reynolds ’48
Business, Entrepreneur, Engineer

Mary Ellen Miller, PhD, RN, Past Parent
Healthcare, Science & Technology

Ann Diehl Casey ’50
Religion, Vocation, Volunteer—Layperson

2012
Mary Higgins Fletcher ’77
Government & Legal

Sr. Mary Klock, RSM ’48
Religion, Vocation, Volunteer—Religious

Kathy Myers, PhD
Education

Corinne O’Connell ’93
Philanthropy & Nonprofit

2010-11
Maureen Grogan Colburn ’93
Education

Peggy Dolan, Past Parent
Philanthropy & Nonprofit

Rosemary McCarron Flannery, Esq. ’39
Government & Legal

Frances Galante ’75
Arts

Maureen O’Connell, PhD ’91
Religion, Vocation, Volunteer—Layperson

Kathleen Roeder, MD ’60
Healthcare, Science & Technology

Barbara Boyle Sullivan ’54
Business, Entrepreneur, Engineer

Sr. Antoinette Zimmerman, RSM ’57
Religion, Vocation, Volunteer—Religious

Margaret Beirn Barger ’35 Distinguished Alumna Award

2024 Kathleen Kirk Bellwoar ’81
2023 Anna Skoien Lall ’02
2022 Kristin Kane Ford ’00
2021 Michele Corkery Hanes ’72 and Marita Sommar Osborne ’66
2019 Nancy Pannepacker McKeaney ’64
2018 Cory Clark Shay ’95
2017 Melva Exner, Esq. ’77
2016 Karen McKeaney ’88
2015 Cathy Cunneff Seese ’46
2014 Eileen Cairnes Samtmann ’60
2013 Carol Chiodo ’75
2012 Cindy Antoni Conaway ’71
2010 Linda Galante, Esq. ’72
2009 Sr. Mary Trainer, RSM ’57
2008 Denise Corkery Marbach ’72
2007 Mary Jane Leaming Wahl ’56
2006 Sr. Peggy Mahoney, RSM ’64
2005 Alice Anne Goldkamp Bossow ’60
2004 Jean Hepburn Lembach ’50
2003 Kathleen (Toots) Cattie Fee ’61
2002 Ann Diehl Casey ’50
2001 Isabelle (June) McCullough Bottke ’51
2000 Mary Elizabeth Cunningham ’50
1999 Kathleen Roeder, MD ’60
1998 Sr. Mary Klock, RSM ’48
1997 Joanne Becker Rovno ’57
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2025-26 Alumnae Board

The Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School Alumnae Board, in conjunction with the Advancement Office, plans a variety of events throughout the year to help our Alumnae connect with each other and their Alma Mater. It is with greater support from our Alumnae that we build a sense of community and foster the legacy of Mercy and our lifelong sisterhood.

Learn all about our past Alumna Awardees and nominate an alumna at gmahs.org/awards.

Visit our Alumnae Awards installation in the school's glass corridor.

Special thanks to the Trocaire Awards Celebraton Committee:

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CATHERINE McAULEY LEGACY SOCIETY

Founded in 2013 and named for the Sisters of Mercy's foundress, the Catherine McAuley Legacy Society recognizes alumnae, parents, and friends who help secure Gwynedd's future through legacy gifts by including Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School in their will, trust, or estate plans. Membership reflects donors of every income level, and new members are always welcome. To learn more, please contact Jeannine Hartz, Advancement Officer, at 267-946-0951 or jhartz@gmahs.org

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"Our charity must be in our hearts and from our hearts."

Catherine McAuley, Sisters of Mercy Foundress

GWYNEDD MERCY ACADEMY
HIGH SCHOOL

Alma Mater

Hail to thee our Alma Mater!
School of schools all hail to thee!
We, thy children, here assembled
dedicate our hearts to thee.
Come, girls, your school now calls for you
to honor the Red and the Gold.
Give her your vow to go forth now,
her standards to uphold.

Dear Alma Mater Mercy,
we, your children stand
to pledge our lasting loyalty
in ever faithful band.

Let all in ardent chorus
her merits to uphold.
Strong and high her colors fly
as Mercy's Red and Gold.
So rise and cheer unto the sky
to honor the school you hold so dear.
Revere her name of widespread fame,
and sing year after year.

Dear Alma Mater Mercy,
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Written by Dorothy L. Hutton Trainer '28

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