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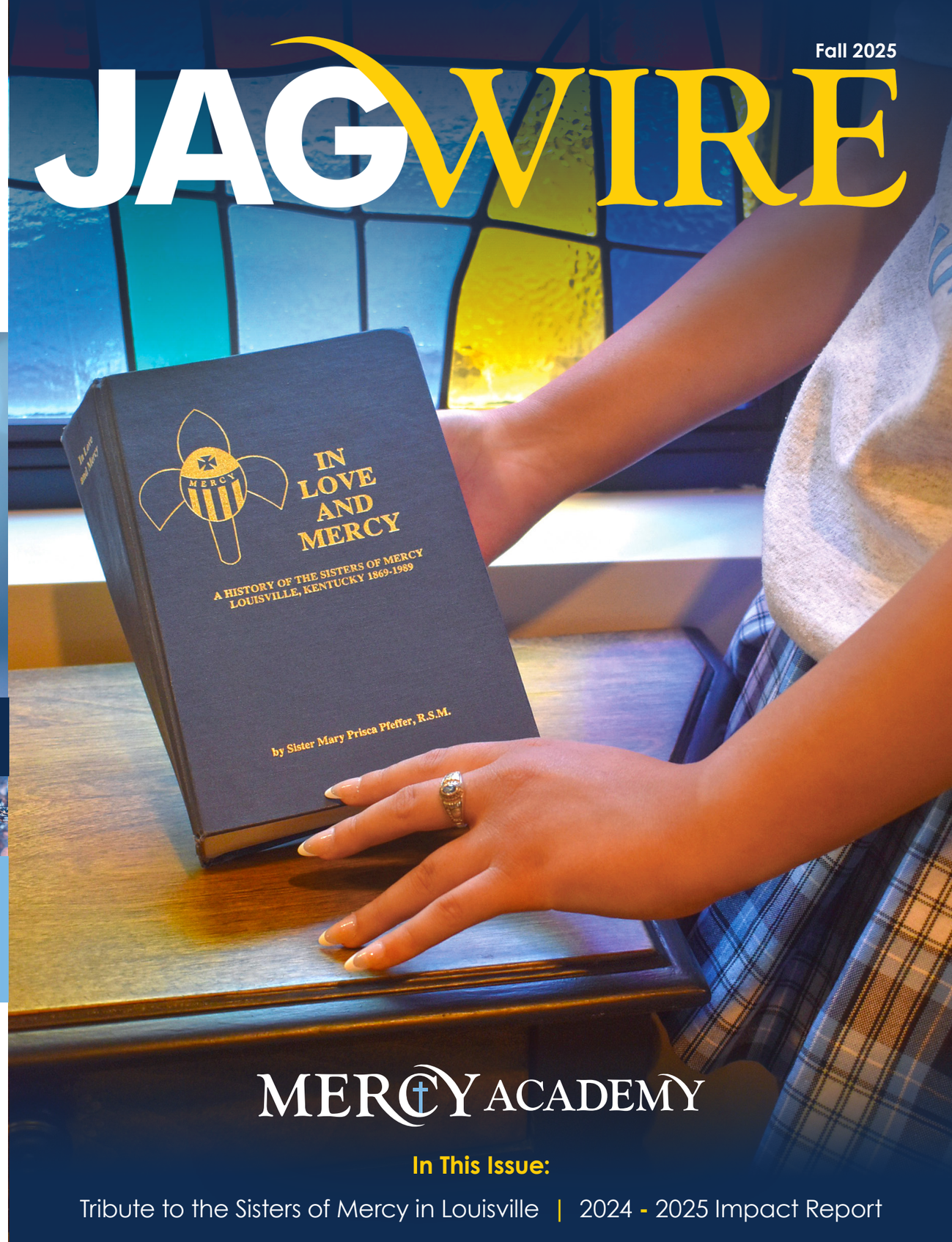
This event will feature dinner, live music, silent and live auctions, wheel of chance, raffles and

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1885 - 2025

Celebrating 140 Years of Educating Young Women

1885

The Academy of Our Lady of Mercy's first graduates receive their diplomas at the original Second Street location.

1901

Mercy moves from 535 South Second Street to 1176 East Broadway, where it stays for over 100 years.

1922-1924

Mercy's tuition averages $8.00 a year.

1947

Mercy has tryouts for its first basketball and volleyball teams. At this time, they are the Mercy Meteors.

1958

St. Catherine's Convent is built and attached to the original school.



1970

A junior high school was added and remained until 1979.

1985

Mercy celebrates its centennial. In honor of 100 years, a gold accent color is added to the school colors of columbia blue and white.

1988

The Mercy Missiles become the Mercy Jaguars.



2000

Mercy is named a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

2007

Mercy moves to its new campus at 5801 Fegenbush Lane.

2016

Mercy is the first all-girls school to be STEM-accredited.

2025

Mercy launches its 15 million dollar BOLD Capital Campaign, with priorities including construction of a new 12,000 square foot STEAM Innovation Center, purchase of adjacent land, and growth of the tuition assistance program.

MERCY EXTENDS A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Teresa Kleinhenz Riggs '76
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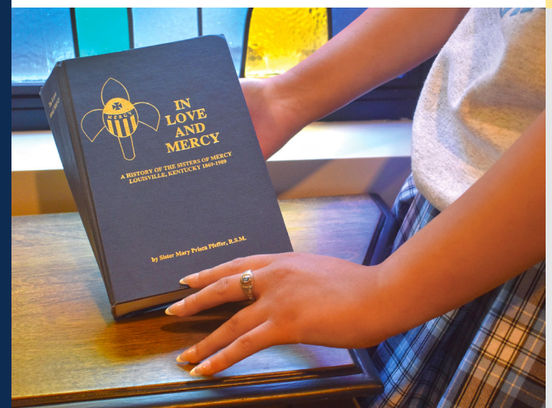
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Tribute to the Sisters of Mercy in Louisville

Mercy Academy celebrates the legacy of the Sisters of Mercy as the last two sisters depart Louisville, leaving behind a lasting spirit of compassion and leadership.

Farewell to the Sisters of Mercy in Louisville



On October 2, 1869, a small group of Sisters of Mercy came to Louisville to care for the sick at the old Marine Hospital in Portland. This group, led by Mother Mary Ignatius Walker, started a tradition of service lasting over 155 years.

This fall, that tradition of service started a new chapter. Sister Paulanne Diebold '63 and Sister Justina Heneghan, the last two Sisters of Mercy residing in Louisville, have moved to the McAuley Convent in Cincinnati, OH.



"There's a beginning and an end to everything," Sister Paulanne told *The Record*. "We just happened to be the end," added Sister Justina.

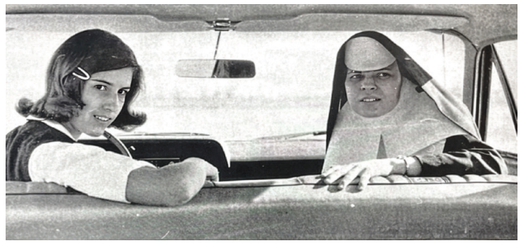
They noted it is not a sad ending - it is a celebration of the years the Sisters have served Louisville and the impact they have had on so many. To mark the occasion, a Mass of Appreciation was held on August 10 at Good Shepherd Church in the Portland neighborhood - the same neighborhood where the Sisters began their ministry 156 years ago.

> "IN THE YEARS TO COME, THE SISTERS' LEGACY IS OURS TO CONTINUE."
>
> *– Becky Wise Montague '91*

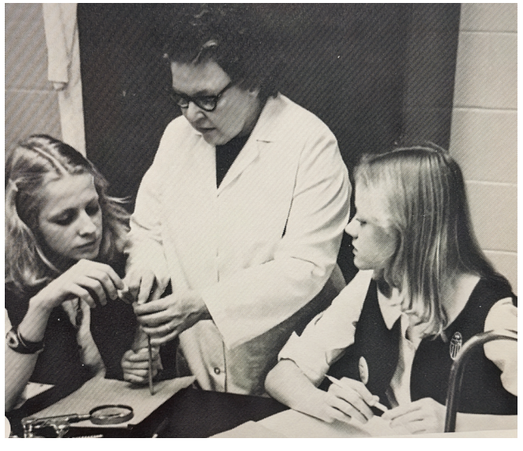












Over the years, the Sisters of Mercy have served Louisville in many capacities. Many had Sisters as teachers in their elementary schools, and others saw their ministry in healthcare or social services. Wherever there was a need, the Sisters sought to fill it.

Even as the Sisters leave Louisville, their legacy continues in Mercy Academy and Assumption High School. Mercy's President, Becky Wise Montague '91, shared, "while we are heartbroken to see them leave Louisville, we are grateful for the generations of sisters that have made us all Women of Mercy."

For Mercy students today, the Sisters' presence is strong. Teachers use the Sisters' Critical Concerns to shape their lessons, and student experiences with leadership and service continue these essential ministries in our community.

We hope you will join Mercy Academy in reminiscing and celebrating the Sisters for all they have accomplished in the Louisville community! We are so grateful for their years of ministry and wish them well in this next chapter.



I really believe that using our gifts and talents to help others is our way of giving back for all the blessings we have received in our lives.

— *Joe Bergamini*



Joe Bergamini Faculty *Wellness* Room

Beloved educator and past Mercy parent **Joe Bergamini** has spent 52 years in high school - 4 years as a student at St. Xavier, 42 years as a teacher at St. Xavier, and 6 years as a math tutor in Mercy's Sister Prisca Achievement Center. Mr. Bergamini is known for his genuine kindness toward every person he meets - often demonstrated with his trademark handwritten notes.

At the annual end of year Faculty Luncheon, we surprised Mr. Bergamini with the news that a room in the Dr. Sheri Kalbfleish Innovation Center will be named in his honor.

The Joe Bergamini Faculty Wellness Room will be a space where teachers can take a break from the demands of teaching and a place where nursing mothers can have a private space when they return to Mercy after their maternity leave. Director of Advancement Leslie Hibdon said, "Every interaction with Joe is like being wrapped in warmth and comfort. That's what we want this room to feel like for our faculty." The room will also have a feature wall that will be wallpapered with a collection of notes Mr. Bergamini has written to his friends and colleagues over the years so that each person who enters can experience his kindness firsthand.



Be BOLD With Mercy!

As the first all-girls STEM-certified school in the nation, Mercy Academy is proud of our STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) leadership and our long legacy of making BOLD moves to equip, enable, and empower our students for the future. **The Dr. Sheri Kalbfleisch Innovation Center** will further enhance our performance-based, innovative curriculum.

We are excited to announce that we have secured **$4.7 million** in pledges out of our **$5.7 million goal**. We need the support of our entire Mercy community to break ground and make this **BOLD** dream a reality for our students. No gift is too small!

To learn more about the Mercy BOLD Campaign, visit **www.mercyacademy.com/BOLD**.

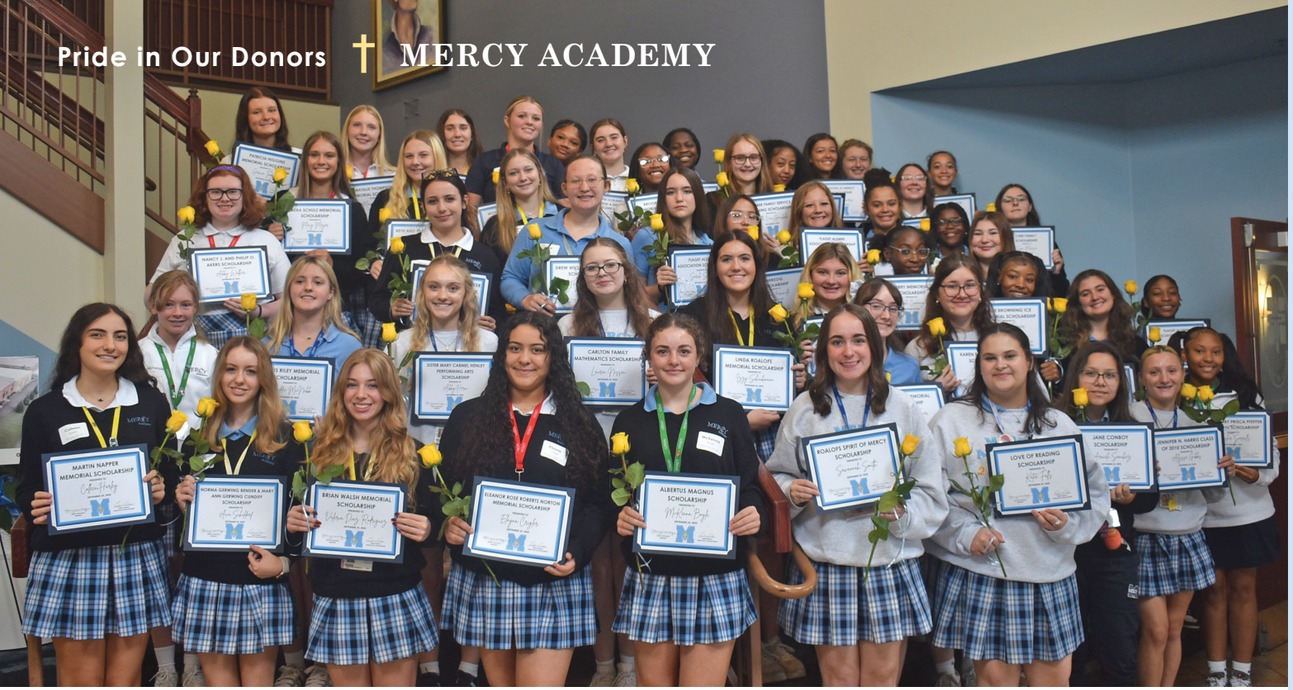


Going Geothermal

The Dr. Sheri Kalbfleisch Innovation Center will be a 12,000-square-foot STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) center with state-of-the-art spaces for student learning. With construction set to begin in 2026, this new building will demonstrate Mercy's commitment to environmental sustainability.

Designed to be Zero Energy Ready, the Innovation Center will utilize a geothermal system, reducing our environmental impact and lowering operational costs. Geothermal energy taps into the Earth's natural, stable temperature to efficiently heat and cool buildings. Additionally, this geothermal system will be a real-world learning opportunity, with the architect and design team guiding Mercy students through the process.





Mercy Day *Scholarships*

Establishing a Mercy Day Scholarship is a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one while providing tuition assistance to a current Mercy student. If you would like to establish a Mercy Day Scholarship, please contact Leslie Hibdon at **(502) 671-2010** or **lhibdon@mercyjaguars.com**.

Scholarship Name:

- Adams Family
- Albertus Magnus
- Beth and Frank Craven
- Brian "Big Dog" Walsh Memorial
- Brooke Nicklies Memorial
- Carlton Family Mathematics
- Cebe Family
- Dr. Stephanie & Stephen A. Heitz Family
- Drew Wilson Memorial
- Eleanor Rose Roberts Norton Memorial
- Emily Convery Memorial
- Flaget Alumni Association
- Head Sisters
- Helen Dillon Mazzoli Memorial
- Herzog
- Jane Conboy
- Jennifer N. Harris Class of 2010
- Joe Nash Memorial
- Julie Browning Ice Memorial
- Karen Ramser Filcik
- Kitty Yocum Darst
- Kramer Family Service Learning
- Laura Schulz Memorial
- LaVerne Schlaug Gregory Memorial & Susan and Terry Meagher
- Lily Strange Memorial
- Linda Roalofs Memorial
- Love of Reading
- Margaret Kotich Merker Memorial
- Martin Napper Memorial
- Mary Alice Gregg Byerly 1922 Memorial
- Mary Jean Schulz Memorial
- Montgomery & Blazis
- Nancy J. and Phillip O. Akers
- Nancy Kundert Ackerman Memorial
- Natalie Thompson Memorial
- Norma Gerwing Bender & Mary Ann Gerwing Cundiff
- Norma Russell Ragsdale Memorial
- Patricia Ann "Patsy" Hartigan
- Patricia Higgins Memorial
- Perry Memorial
- Roalofs Spirit of Mercy
- Schlosser Family
- Scott "Scooter" Kremer Memorial
- Sheri Applegate Memorial
- Sister Mary Carmel Performing Arts
- Sister Mary Prisca Pfeffer Memorial
- Sisters at Mercy
- Travis Riley Memorial
- Tricia Banta Amburgey "Carpe Diem" Memorial
- Twyla Gollar Memorial
- Walsh Family



We Celebrate the *Life* of...

Mercy Alumnae:

1947 Ruth Dooley Mueller

1947 Betty Fitzmayer Stevens

1948 Pat Roos Goss

1950 Mary Agnella Leis, RSM
Past Faculty

1952 Anna Mudd Beisler
Daughter-in-law: Karen Alpiger H'23, Past Faculty
Granddaughter: Christine Alpiger Sala '01
Granddaughter: Liz Alpiger Morris '03, Past Faculty

1952 Sally Connelly Kustes
Granddaughter: Lauren Bickel Pierson '98

1952 Betty Kipfer Kiefer

1953 Shirley Jean Pearson Richardson

1953 Ruth Vollmer Schmuckie

1954 Mary Ann Loew Chiodi
Sister: Doris Loew Dunworth '54
Cousin: Mary Lynn Schum Hartman '73

1954 Shirley Bourke Dietz
Daughter: Anna Maria Dietz Pitts '93

1955 JoAnn Haury Morris
Sister: Joyce Haury Fussenegger '61
Niece: Kristi Haury Hamilton '93

1955 Barbara Schank Stewart
Sister: Mary Virginia Schank Wilson '60
Sister: Beatrice Schank Orkies '62
Sister: Suzanne Schank Dugan '65
Sister: Kathleen Schank Cashon '67
Sister: Ann Schank Wallace '73
Niece: Penny Wilson Luckett '81

1956 Mary Ann Gatewood Arnold

1956 Shirley Hazenbuhler Badgett
Daughter: Phyllis Badgett Watts '74
Daughter: Vickie Badgett Mondun '76
Daughter: Lorri Badgett Moss '77
Daughter: Sherri Badgett Meier '79
Great-Granddaughter: Jessie Foster '21
Great-Granddaughter: Abbey Watts '29

1956 Rosemary Augustine Orozco

1960 Margo Kenney
Sister-in-Law: Mary Jean Gonyea Kenney '62
Sister: Mary Lynn Kenney Hall '71
Sister: Chris Kenney '75
Niece: Sherry Kenney '92
Niece: Melissa Kenney Shepherd '92
Niece: Abby Hall Blanco '07
Great-Niece: Lily Lisetta Shepherd '27
Great-Niece: Alaina Kenney '29

1962 Pharol Soete Reesor

1964 Peggy Hutchison Klein
Sister: Nancy Hutchison Aronovitz '59

1968 Linda Herbig Patton
Sister: Karen Herbig Banta '65
Sister-in-Law: Carol Roberts Herbig '71
Niece: Shannon Banta Dauenhauer '85
Niece: Kelley Banta Christopher '86
Great-Niece: Elizabeth Dauenhauer '17
Great-Niece: Abby Amburgey '18

1973 Debbie Scherle-Hobbs

1975 Chris Kenney
Sister: Margo Kenney '60
Sister-in-Law: Mary Jean Gonyea Kenney '62
Sister: Mary Lynn Kenney Hall '71
Niece: Sherry Kenney '92
Niece: Melissa Kenney Shepherd '92
Niece: Abby Hall Blanco '07
Great-Niece: Lily Lisetta Shepherd '27
Great-Niece: Alaina Kenney '29

1975 Beth Wolf
Sister: Barbara Wolf Carter '75

1982 Marilyn Milliner-Kearney

1986 Donna Hayes Robinson
Aunt: Joan Winters Mason '53
Sister: Dawn Hayes Isaac '81
Sister: Dana Hayes Ballinger '83
Sister: Diana Hayes Welch '88
Niece: Maria Welch '21

1995 Carol Hawkins
Sister: Holly Hawkins Cloyd '98



Family:

Leonard Allgeier
Wife: Carolyn Vittitow Allgeier '59
Sister-in-Law: Carol Flynn Allgeier '65
Sister: Pam Allgeier Hollinden '75
Sister: Karen Allgeier Schmackers '79
Daughter: Dana Allgeier Stich '81
Niece: Kim Phelps '81
Niece: Lori Allgeier '91
Niece: Jenna Hollinden '12

Charlene Blake
Daughter: Dana Blake Caudill '85
Granddaughter: Erin Carrico Tyree '02

David Carby
Daughter: Beth Freeman, Current Faculty
Granddaughter: Madeline Freeman '25
Granddaughter: Claire Freeman '27

Roger Cebe
Sister: Susie Cebe Hoffman '70
Daughter: Jennifer Cebe Kisiah '80
Daughter: Stephanie Cebe Philpott '83

Madonna Cecil
Daughter: Andrea Cecil Graves '82
Daughter: Emily Cecil McGarry '84

Stephanie Dumstorf
Daughter: Stephanie Dumstorf Barnett '79
Daughter: Julie Dumstorf Kathman '84

William Frederick
Daughter: Beth Frederick Townley '77
Daughter-in-Law: Rita Roberts Frederick '80
Granddaughter: Ashley Frederick Streetman'04
Granddaughter: Kristen Frederick '07
Granddaughter: Grace Townley '10

Regina Greenberg
Daughter: Sarah Greenberg '97

George William "Bill" Hardy
Granddaughter: Erica Hardy Wood '03
Granddaughter: Rachel Madison Hardy '10

Alma Herp
Granddaughter: Abby Herp '16

Donald Kennedy
Daughter: Christine Kennedy Chapman '90
Granddaughter: Brooke Gordon '16

Linda Kennedy
Daughter: Christine Kennedy Chapman '90
Granddaughter: Brooke Gordon '16

Norma Manford
Granddaughter: Haley Manford Ricks '08

Gerard Mattingly
Past Coach

Bill Motsch
Wife: Diana Powell Motsch '60
Step-Granddaughter: Liz Greer Ramirez '15

Mary Lou Nopper
Granddaughter: Tori Allen Sweet '16

Paulie Pfister
Sister-in-Law: Judy Bickett '62
Wife: Mel Bickett Pfister '70
Sister-in-Law: Barbara Muller Pfister '73

Betty Prell
Daughter: Michelle Prell Harper '83

Xander Rothrock
Step-Sister: Callie Culver '26

Bill Stewart
Sister-in-law: Mary Virginia Schank Wilson '60
Sister-in-law: Beatrice Schank Orkies '62
Sister-in-law: Suzanne Schank Dugan '65
Sister-in-law: Kathleen Schank Cashon '67
Sister-in-law: Ann Schank Wallace '73
Niece: Penny Wilson Luckett '81

David "Tom" Stickler
Daughter: Terri Stickler Pennie '81
Daughter: Carla Stickler Blair '87
Granddaughter: Maggie Stickler '20
Great-Granddaughter: Layla Stewart '27

Dennis Sullivan
Daughter: Jill Sullivan Fulton '01

Karen Walker
Daughter: Abby Walker '28

Jim Willett
Wife: Carol Floyd Willett '63
Daughter: Karen Willett Wright '86
Daughter: Sandy Willett Raisor '88
Daughter: Jill Willett Owen '92
Granddaughter: Amber Willett '16
Granddaughter: Megan Willett '19
Granddaughter: Haylee Willett '27

Jack Wimsatt
Sister-in-law:
Mary Virginia Schank Wilson '60
Sister-in-law: Beatrice Schank Orkies '62
Sister-in-law: Suzanne Schank Dugan '65
Sister-in-law: Kathleen Schank Cashon '67
Sister-in-law: Ann Schank Wallace '73
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Darlene Yann
Daughter: Melanie Yann Gossett '89
Daughter-in-law: Katie Roalofs Yann '92
Granddaughter: Jada Yann '22

Obituaries in the JagWire are based on information provided by members of the Mercy community. Please send information regarding the death of an individual to the Advancement Office by calling (502)671-2010 x2302 or by sending the information to Candace Cox at ccox@mercyjaguars.com.

FINANCIAL RESULTS FY 2024 *(ending June 30, 2025)*



REVENUE

- Tuition & Fees $8,046,457 82%
- Fundraising & Donations $1,143,222 12%
- Net Investment Return $130,744 1%
- Student Services $147,198 1%
- Other Revenue $370,601 4%

TOTAL REVENUE: $9,838,222



EXPENSES

- Instruction & Administration $5,832,355 60%
- Operations $1,356,715 14%
- Scholarships & Financial Aid $1,258,123 13%
- Debt Service $373,821 4%
- Student Services $872,941 9%

TOTAL EXPENSES: $9,693,955

**Including Grant Income*

SOURCES OF SUPPORT

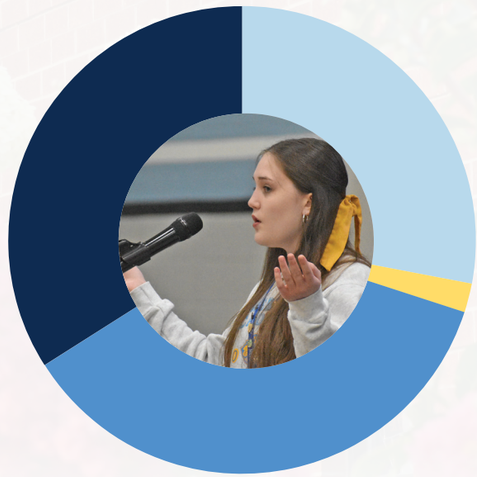
GROSS FUNDRAISING AND DONATIONS: $1,567,603

TOTAL NUMBER OF DONORS: 2,891



GIFT DESIGNATIONS

- Mercy Fund : 12%
- Scholarships & Endowments: 17%
- Walkathon: 8%
- Benefit Off Broadway : 18%
- Restricted Gifts : 45%



SOURCES OF SUPPORT

- Alumnae: 34%
- Faculty, Staff & Friends: 36%
- Parents & Grandparents: 28%
- Corporations & Foundations: 2%

**Data reflects gifts received July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025*



Address to the Graduating Class of 2025

Kyndall Wintergerst-Weston '25

When I say Mercy Academy, what comes to mind? It may be Mercy cookies, friends, yellow roses, tea cups, or jaguars—all of which are staples of our wonderful community. Personally, I think of our carpet. The dark, slightly multicolored, somewhat stained, but definitely loved carpet. We have walked on this carpet, spilled drinks on this carpet, and sat on this carpet for the last four years. It has been the foundation of our Mercy experience, our feet treading across it day in and day out.

Carpet is not a typical high school design choice, but here at Mercy, it serves a very specific purpose. The Mercy carpet is meant to make our school feel more like a home. When we first walked through those red doors, we did not have a concrete sense of what the Mercy community entailed, but we were greeted by the cushion of the carpet. Whether we consciously acknowledged it or not, Mercy has been a home since day one.

Home is a four-letter word that can look like a thousand different places, but at Mercy, it is a carefully cultivated aspect of our experience. Through retreats, service projects, dances, sports teams, theatre productions, and classes, Mercy has been a home for all 136 of us—a place where we found friends, dove into passions, and tried new things. Mercy Academy has taught us what a supportive community looks like and, more importantly, how each and every one of us can contribute to the betterment of that community.

As Mercy graduates, we have the tools to recognize and uplift those who are struggling, fight injustice with advocacy, serve our community, and lead with compassion. With those tools, we are now leaving home. Just as we first stepped onto the carpet four years ago, unsure of what lay ahead, we now step forward once more—this time, beyond the walls of Mercy, beyond the comfort of the familiar, in search of new homes.

Leaving is never easy. It means saying goodbye to the places and people who have shaped us—to the laughter-filled hallways, Mercy Walks, WJAG broadcasts, and mentors. Leaving means stepping away from the Mercy carpet, from the foundation we've walked on for four years. Our Mercy home is rooted in faith, dedicated to education, diverse, compassionate, and willing to serve others. If these words sound familiar, it is because they are part of our Mercy Creed, which we have recited each and every day. The values of our Mercy home are instilled within us, and while we have said that creed for the final time, we are taking those ideals with us to our new homes.

Because Mercy is not just a place—it is a home. And a home is not merely a place. Home is the people who uplift us, the values we carry, and the love we spread. Mercy has given us a foundation, but we will each build new homes—on college campuses, in workplaces, in new cities, and with new friends. And no matter where we go, we will always have the Mercy sisterhood to come back to—a home that lives in our hearts.

Your gift to Mercy Academy supports the development of young women like the Class of 2025 - a class of 136 compassionate, well-educated leaders who will carry Mercy values with them into the world.

Support the **Mercy Fund**

The Mercy Fund is at the heart of our tuition assistance program. It is made possible by the generosity of our alumnae, parents, faculty, staff, and friends of Mercy who donate on an annual basis.

Growth of the Mercy Fund is essential to continuing the mission of the Academy and the Sisters of Mercy. Each year, we distribute over $1,000,000 in tuition assistance to our families, making a Mercy education possible for half of our student body.

Mercy would not be possible without the support of those who have gone before us. Please help us continue this tradition of generosity and invest in our students today!

Donate Online:
www.mercyacademy.com/donate



Tax-Smart *Giving*

Individuals aged 70 ½ and older can make tax free Qualified Charitable Distributions directly from their IRA to Mercy Academy.

We can help:

Contact Director of Advancement, Leslie Hibdon, at **502-671-2010** or **lhibdon@mercyjaguars.com** to learn more about how a Qualified Charitable Distribution can benefit you and Mercy Academy.

REUNION Weekend

Congratulations to the **Class of 1975** on their 50th Reunion and induction into the Mercy Society!



Mercy Academy Class of 1975

50-Year Reunion



Class of 1960



Class of 1965



Class of 1970



Class of 1980



Class of 1985



Class of 1990



Class of 1995



Class of 2000



Class of 2005



Class of 2010



Class of 2020



CAREER *Exploration* CONFERENCE

We are excited to host our 4th Annual **Career Exploration Conference** for Mercy students on **April 14, 2026,** and would love to have you be part of our day!

Students will be given a wide variety of professionals to network with as they advance their career search and explore the multitude of opportunities. This conference will include panels of experts, like yourself, paired with others in similar fields as well as a traditional career "fair" style area for students to explore career options.

Please let us know if you can be part of this day by filling out the Career Conference Form at the QR code. If you have questions, please reach out to Angie Laemmle at **alaemmle@mercyjaguars.com**.



Circle of Mercy Alumnae Award

Each year, the Alumnae Association honors a Mercy graduate whose life is a reflection of the Mercy Creed. Congratulations to the 2025 Circle of Mercy Alumna Award recipient **Peggy Hagerty Duffy '85**!



ALUMNAE UPDATES



Congratulations to **SR. MARY LOUISE BURT '50** on her Jubilee! She is celebrating her 75th year as a Sister of Mercy.

LONNIE WILLIAMS ALI '74 is the Mayor's Spirit of Louisville Awardee for the 2025 WLKY Bell Awards. Congratulations, Lonnie!





We are excited to announce **TERESA KLEINHENZ RIGGS '76** as our new Board Chair! Teresa has been a part of Mercy Academy's Board of Directors for seven years, serving as the Board Treasurer.

KATHY ROGERS BLANTON '92, her daughter Meredith, and **STACY NIX GOFF '92** cheered on Mercy's Volleyball team in the semi-finals at George Rogers Clark High School. Meredith is wearing her mom's "vintage" walk-a-thon t-shirt!



DR. MEGAN CHURCH-NALLY '01 received the David Hoch Memorial Award for Excellence in Service from the Community Campus Coalition for her work with service-learning. Congratulations, Megan!



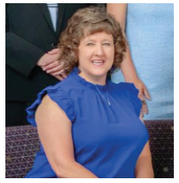


JILL SULLIVAN FULTON '01 welcomed Sullivan Claire to her family on December 31, 2024. She joins her big brother, whose adoption will be finalized soon.



MARY HOLTHAUSER HEICKEN '65 shared her golf accomplishments, a sport she's taken up since retiring in 2002. Mary won the Super Senior Low Grass in The Kentucky Women's Senior Golf Tournament, and she was the senior winner of the 50th Anniversary Jefferson County Golf Tournament. Most recently, she had a hole-in-one at Iroquois Golf Course. Mary also shared that it is never too late to develop a new skill, and to further your accomplishments.

JOHANNA SCHNERINGER WHEATLEY '86 was featured in *The Voice-Tribune*, highlighting Women's Leadership at Republic Bank.





The **CLASS OF 1989** gathered to celebrate their "35th + 1" Reunion in May.

LEADERSHIP LOUISVILLE

Congratulations to **JENNIFFER MILLER BREITENSTEIN '89** and **MEGAN ATKINS THOBEN '07** for their selection as members of the Leadership Louisville Class of 2026!

OLIVIA THOMPSON BARTLETT '08 began a new job as the Theatre and Music Director at Emergence Studio of Performing Arts. She will be directing her first musical, Annie, this winter!





MONICA BOTNER '08
welcomed Aurora Zahara to the world on January 7, 2025.

LAUREN MARTIN LEONHARDT '10 welcomed Nolan Alan to the world on April 17, 2025.



COURTNEY AUBREY '09
welcomed Lily Jean to her family on February 4, 2025.





BRANDI RATTERMAN UTLEY '11 won her third Emmy as a producer for WDRB news. The award celebrates WDRB's Thunder Over Louisville Coverage.



JEN HARRIS NEUTZ '10
was featured in *Louisville Business First* for her boutique, Darling State of Mind.

JEWELL DOBSON FORESTER '11 welcomed Cecilia Jane to her family on August 11, 2025.





PAIGE STEWART COVERT '12 and Cody Covert - April 12, 2025.

KRISTEN FANTE BLANKENSHIP '13
welcomed Remington Wayne to her family on June 10, 2025.



CASEY FURLONG SWANSON '14
and Jacob Swanson - April 3, 2025.



We would love to update your classmates on what is going on in your life. Please submit updates at **mercyacademy.com/jagwire**.



MELISSA KNIGHT HART '14
welcomed Nolan Austin to the world on December 10, 2024.

ALYSSA CLARK COUCH '16 welcomed Blaire Renee to the world on June 5, 2025.



TAYA SENN '17
graduated from Sullivan University with her Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (MSPAS).





JENNA METZMEIER '22
studied abroad in Dublin, Ireland over the summer with her university, the University of Tennessee Knoxville. She visited the Mercy International Center on Baggot Street, seeing the famous red door and Catherine McAuley's burial site in the garden with yellow roses.



KATHRYN GROSS '15
ran in the Boston Marathon this past April.



ASHLEY CRAVENS '16
graduated summa cum laude from UK College of Pharmacy on May 9th. She started her residency at Baptist Hospital East over the summer. Congratulations, Ashley!

MERIDETH JEWELL FREY '15 was promoted to Associate Head Coach for University of Kentucky Volleyball.



JESSIE NALLEY '16
completed her Master of Physician Assistant Studies and is now a Physician Assistant at Gastroenterology Health Partners.



EMMA SCHURFRANZ BEZDICEK '19 and Matthew Bezdicek - May 24, 2025.





LILY SUMNER '25
was a recipient of the WLKY Bell Award Youth Service Honor. Congratulations, Lily!

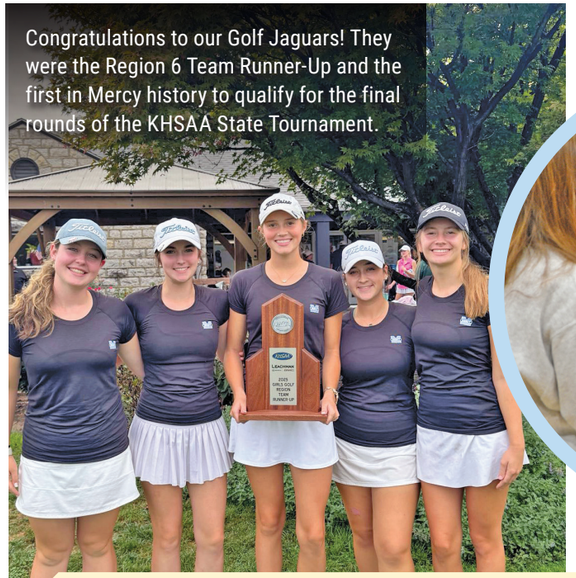


Come cheer on the Jags! Check out our Facebook page to stay updated on our athletic events each week.

As a part of **Spirit Week**, we celebrated our fall sports athletes at our annual **Glow Pep Rally**! We also welcomed 80 eighth graders into the building as shadows to see our spirit and sisterhood firsthand.



Congratulations to our Golf Jaguars! They were the Region 6 Team Runner-Up and the first in Mercy history to qualify for the final rounds of the KHSAA State Tournament.





We celebrated the **Feast of the Assumption** as a school community.

Caroline Cronen '25 won second place at the district level of the VFW Auxiliary Patriotic Art Contest in the 3D Art category.

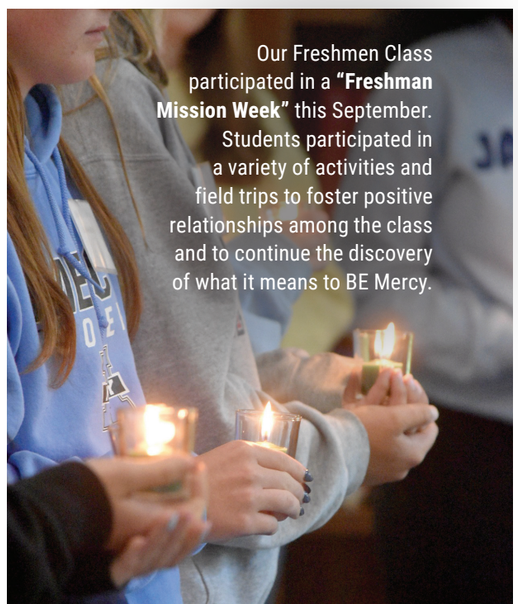


Welcome New Faculty & Staff!

From top to bottom: **Todd Toepfer** - Math Teacher, **Sydney Hyde** - Science Teacher, **Ryan Foster** - Director of Technology, **Danielle Timmerberg** - Theology Teacher, and **Christina Ashley** - Math Teacher.



Our Freshmen Class participated in a **"Freshman Mission Week"** this September. Students participated in a variety of activities and field trips to foster positive relationships among the class and to continue the discovery of what it means to BE Mercy.





We inducted 70 new members into the **National Honor Society**, recognizing students' achievements in leadership, service, and academics.



Several student athletes attended the **KHSAA HYPE Student Leadership** conference in Lexington.

Our Jaguars traveled the world this summer! One group of Mercy students toured France, visiting Paris, Strasbourg, and the French Alps. Another group explored Japan, combining STEM and cultural learning in Tokyo, Odaiba, and Tsukuba.





Dallas Zulu '26 was named the Community Winner of this year's Congressional Art Competition for Kentucky's 3rd District! Her art will be displayed in Congressman Morgan McGarvey's district office.



Do you know a student in 7th or 8th grade? Encourage her to visit Mercy Academy!

Eighth graders are invited to shadow Mercy anytime, and seventh graders may begin shadowing in January 2026. This is the best way to experience Mercy's warm, welcoming atmosphere firsthand! During a shadow visit, students will attend classes with a current Mercy student, meet teachers, enjoy a complementary lunch, and get a glimpse of the Mercy sisterhood.

For more information on shadowing and prospective student events, visit www.mercyacademy.com/visit.



SHADOW AT MERCY



T-Shirt Design by:
Carissa Baerveldt '26

$117,353.45!!

The 2025 Mercy Walk raised an extraordinary **$117,353.45**, making it the seventh consecutive year of raising more than **$100k**! All proceeds from the Walk go to Mercy's tuition assistance program, allowing more young women to attend Mercy Academy. We are so grateful for everyone who contributed!

TOP FUNDRAISERS:

Our top three fundraisers collectively raised over **$9,000** for tuition assistance!
First place: Jenna Hawkins '26, **$5,466.30**
Second Place: Abby Helfrich '27, **$2,590.67**
Third Place: Mica Ramazani '28, **$1,813.46**

GO-GETTERS:

The "Go-Getter" award recognizes the students with the most individual donors.

First Place: Kiyah Walton '27 - 23 Donors
Second Place: Allie Childers '29 - 19 Donors
Third Place: Allie Richardson '29 - 17 Donors





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