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Golden Guild Edition



Dear Alumnae,

Another Mercy Day celebration nears and we are thrilled to welcome the Class of 1976 to the Golden Guild! If Mercy Day and Golden Guild have you puzzled, we're here to tell you all about it!

It was on September 24, 1827, that Catherine McAuley opened the first House of Mercy on Baggot Street in Dublin, Ireland. Mercy organizations across the globe celebrate the legacy of Catherine McAuley within their communities on this anniversary. For us, this means festivities for our students and our alumnae throughout Mercy Week. This includes a special all-school Mass and Golden Guild induction and celebration for the Class of 1976. Our tradition of inducting 50th anniversary alumnae into the Golden Guild now includes thousands of graduates from both Mother of Mercy and McAuley High Schools.

Mercy Day festivities, service projects, and celebrations will occur throughout countless communities this September 24. We hope you take a moment to make a difference this Mercy Day in honor of the legacy of Catherine McAuley!

In Mercy,

Maura Korn
Maura Gettler Korn '08

Emma Wessel
Emma Wessel '20

UPCOMING EVENTS

JILL'S WALK

Alumnae, friends, and family are invited to join us for the 18th annual Jill's Walk this month.

Sunday, September 13

9:00 AM

Mercy McAuley High School

Jill's Walk is an annual event which honors Jill Hungler Schlotman, McAuley '01, and other loved ones who have lost their battles with cancer. There is no registration fee for the walk; participants are asked to contribute any amount they would like.

Find additional details or make a donation [HERE](#).

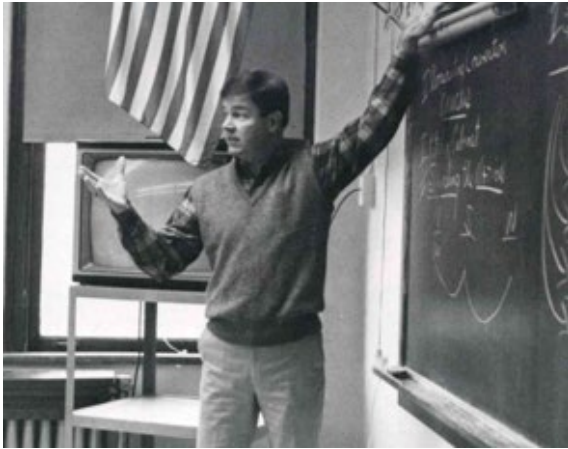


JILL HUNGLER SCHLOTMAN MEMORIAL WALK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9:00 AM

Mercy McAuley High School
6000 Oakwood Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45224



LIFETIME IMPACT CELEBRATION

Molly Breyer Vance (Mother of Mercy '96) and Justine Weber DiNapoli (Mother of Mercy '02) invite you to join us at the Retired Teachers' Lifetime Impact in Education Celebration.

Tuesday, September 22

6:30-8:00 PM

Mercy McAuley High School

During this special evening, we will honor former teachers and Mother of Mercy retiree Mr. Dick Horton as he receives the Lifetime Impact in Education Award. There will be light bites and

refreshments as well as time to catch up with former teachers! Alumnae and friends are invited to celebrate, please [RSVP HERE](#).

Questions? Contact **Greg Vehr in the Advancement Office at vehrg@mercymcauley.org**.

GOLDEN GUILD

It's time to celebrate the Class of 1976 as they are inducted to the Golden Guild! New inductees and current Golden Guild alumnae are invited to join us for a Golden Guild Induction Ceremony and an all-school Mass celebrating Mercy Day.

Thursday, September 24

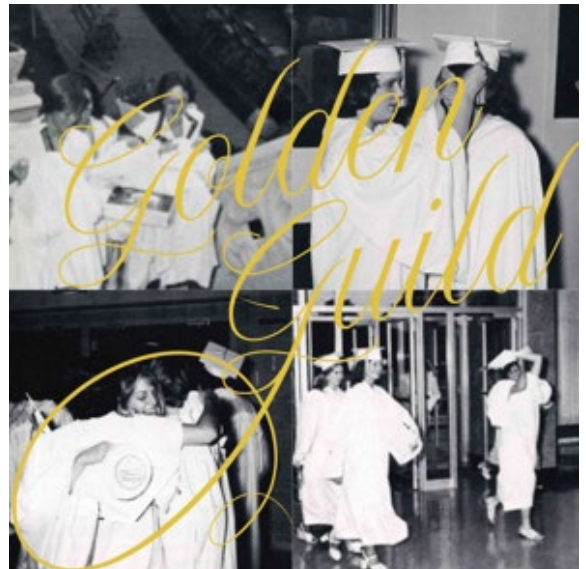
1:30 PM

Mercy McAuley High School

Following the ceremony, enjoy a reception with light bites and a toast to the Class of 1976. Tour the school, visit the Legacy Center, and connect with classmates.

All alumnae from the classes of 1976

and previous are invited to join us to celebrate. [LEARN MORE AND RSVP HERE](#).



ALUMNAE NEWS



CAREER FAIR

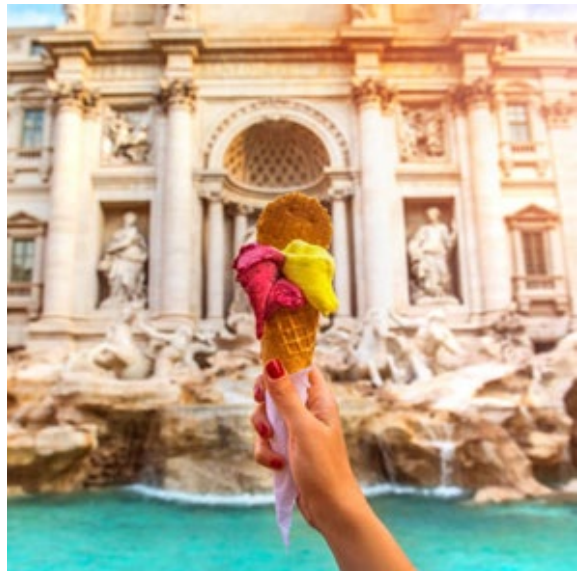
Calling all alumnae! We're looking for passionate alumnae who are interested in showcasing their professions and careers with the young minds at Mercy McAuley High School during the upcoming Career Fair on **Friday, November 13, from 12:15-2:45 PM**. The Mercy McAuley Career Fair will include a variety of professions and careers for current students to explore.

If you have an interest in sharing more about your career, trade, or occupation during special events including a career fair and club meetings, let us know [HERE](#).

TRAVEL TO ITALY!

Dreaming of gelato, gondolas, and Renaissance masterpieces? Mrs. Lisa Chase Heiert '94 invites alumnae and friends to join her for an unforgettable trip to **Italy in Summer 2028** as we explore the historic sights and exceptional food and wine of Italy, specifically in Tuscany and Umbria. Interested in learning more? Attend the informational meeting on **Tuesday, September 29, at 7:00 PM**, in the Mercy McAuley Cafeteria Annex or via Zoom for itinerary, costs, and further details.

RSVP [HERE](#) by **September 28** if you plan on attending the meeting in person or virtually.



GIVE WITH DOUBLE THE IMPACT

Do you follow us on social media? If not, you might have missed this exciting video! Our \$10 million capital campaign, Our Path. Our Pack., is making tremendous progress! Thanks to the generosity of over 450 alumnae and benefactors, we have already raised over \$6.7 million of our \$10 million goal. In [this video](#), a few of these benefactors share the reasons they're supporting this transformational campaign and the importance of our community coming together to achieve this vision.

Make your gift or pledge to the campaign by Mercy Day on September 24, and your gift or pledge will be doubled thanks to matching funds provided by a generous donor! This means your gift or pledge will have twice the impact. Learn more and make your gift or pledge [HERE](#).



READY TO LEARN PICKLEBALL OR IMPROVE YOUR GAME?

Join us for **Pickleball Clinics** this October at Mercy McAuley, led by Mercy McAuley Tennis Coach Mauricio Vela! Whether you're just getting started or looking to sharpen your skills, we have clinics for junior high girls, current Mercy McAuley students, and adults.

Coaching focuses on proper mechanics, footwork, shot selection, doubles strategy, and building confident, consistent play. Participants will learn fundamentals, improve rallying skills, and gain a solid understanding of game tactics in a fun, structured environment, including match play with coaching and feedback.

Learn more and register [HERE](#).



ALUMNAE SPOTLIGHT



That's me!

Fifty years goes by in the blink of an eye and strengthens the bonds of sisterhood created in the halls and classrooms of high school. As we prepare to welcome a new class into the Golden Guild, we sat down with current member, **BETH ROSS POHLMAYER (McAULEY '75)**, as she reflected on her high school days and years as an alumna. Beth heard the call (or felt the push, depending on who you ask) to support her 50th reunion last fall by joining the Reunion Planning Committee. "As plans for the 50th celebration progressed, I felt a greater connection

from past to present - scanning through yearbooks, learning more about the history of Mercy schools, being on familiar school grounds, and getting in touch with classmates I hadn't seen in years. We bonded as naturally as we did in 1975, regardless of the time that had passed."

Time hasn't dulled memories of lunches with friends in the cafeteria, the inspiration of Mrs. Heile's creative writing class, the fun of participating in skits for underclassmen, and planning road rallies as part of the Safety Council team. Rather, they've reinforced the values of Beth's Mercy education. "I found McAuley to be a place where I could be my full self; where scholastics, confidence, and hard work were encouraged." Throughout her studies in speech and hearing therapy at Miami University, to being a mother of three boys, and then as a businesswoman making her mark at Procter & Gamble in Consumer Relations and Workplace Communications, Beth's Mercy education bolstered her over the years.

Whether you are celebrating your first year out of high school, your 50th, or more, the joy to be found in the connection of sisterhood continues. "If you think you might be interested in attending an alumnae event, go! It's a great way to connect with old friends, make new ones, and see for yourself the good things happening at Mercy McAuley today."

ALUMNAE UPDATES

FIND CATHERINE! Congratulations to the August Find Catherine winner, **JULIE DePAUW**, McAULEY '10! 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!



CROSS COUNTRY ALUMNAE RACE

Last month, alumnae, current students, Mercy McAuley faculty and staff, and even some future Wolves gathered for a friendly competition during the **2026 Alumnae Cross Country Race**.

The Alumnae Team took home first place. Congrats to **May Humpert '24** for crossing the finish line first! Thank you to those who joined.

We look forward to seeing you again in 2027!

Our Heartfelt Sympathy

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



Cheryl Baglan Myers

Mother of Mercy 1963
August 13, 2026



Evelyn Maifeld Cook

Mother of Mercy 1964
July 28, 2026



Sheila Blauvelt Stitzel

McAuley 1983
August 1, 2026



Joanne Martin Eagle

Mother of Mercy 1968
July 30, 2026



Joyce Brossart Gerhardt

Mother of Mercy 1959
August 14, 2026



Elizabeth Nemann Strack

Mother of Mercy 1947
August 8, 2026



Susan Coyle

McAuley 1977
August 3, 2026



Celeste Peetz Hermes

Mother of Mercy 1956
August 23, 2026



Lucille Heyob Muth

Mother of Mercy 1955
August 23, 2026



Helen Poland Potter

Mother of Mercy 1945
July 12, 2026



JoAnn Hinkle Kohus

McAuley 1971
August 22, 2026



Ida Ruhl Tergerson

McAuley 1965
August 15, 2026



Rita Jobst Kotz

Mother of Mercy 1952
August 10, 2026



Beverly Schnell Marks

McAuley 1964
August 6, 2026



Margaret Kramer Parr

Mother of Mercy 1953
July 17, 2026



Maureen Sullivan

Mother of Mercy 1959
August 4, 2026

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

CLASS REUNIONS

It is officially reunion season! Is your class gathering in the next few weeks? Check out the upcoming reunion announcements below. Additional details can be found by clicking the "Upcoming Reunions" button.



CLASS OF 1956 - September 20 | 12:30 PM

Classmates look forward to celebrating your 70th reunion at LaRosa's on Boudinot. Invitations were mailed last month. Learn more [HERE](#).



CLASS OF 1966 - September 19 - 20

Have you RSVP'd for your reunion weekend? Classmates look forward to celebrating your 60th reunion at Clovernook Country Club & Mercy McAuley! Learn more [HERE](#).



CLASS OF 1971 - October 16 | 11:00 AM

Save the date, it's time to celebrate your 55th reunion! Classmates hope to see you on Friday, October 16, at Snows Lakeside Tavern. Learn more [HERE](#).



CLASS OF 1976 - September 19 | 6:00 PM

RSVPs were due August 17, will you be there? Classmates look forward to celebrating your 50th reunion at Nathanael Greene Lodge. Learn more [HERE](#).



CLASS OF 1976- October 10 - 11

Have you RSVP'd for your 50th reunion celebrations? Classmates hope to see you in October! Learn more and RSVP [HERE](#).



CLASS OF 1981 - September 19 | 7:00 PM

Let's get together! Classmates look forward to celebrating your 45th reunion at Ron's Roost. Learn more [HERE](#).



CLASS OF 1986 - October 2 | 7:00 PM

It's time to celebrate your 40th reunion! Mark your calendar for a reunion at Clovernook Country Club. Learn more [HERE](#).



CLASS OF 2001 - November 7 | 6:30 PM

Let's reboot the memories, reconnect with old friends, and celebrate where life has taken us since 2001. Be sure to RSVP for your 25th reunion! Learn more [HERE](#).



CLASS OF 2006 - September 19 | 4:30 PM

RSVP today! Classmates are gathering to reminisce and make new memories at your 20th reunion. See you at Mercy McAuley and HighGrain! Learn more [HERE](#).



CLASS OF 2006 - October 17 | 7:00 PM

Cheers to 20 years! Classmates are gathering in October to celebrate, reminisce, and enjoy an evening of fun! Learn more and RSVP [HERE](#).



CLASS OF 2021 - October 17 | 5:30 PM

Mark your calendars! Classmates hope to see you on October 17 for a 5-year reunion. Learn more and RSVP [HERE](#).

Are your classmates already in conversation about celebrating a milestone reunion? Be sure to share your reunion details with our Alumnae Engagement Office at alumnae@mercymcauley.org or 513-681-1800 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...

SEPTEMBER 25

Raffle Kickoff

OCTOBER 25

Open House

NOVEMBER 24

10:30 AM

Memorial Mass



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