NOVEMBER ALUMNAE NEWS

CIRCLE OF MERCY MOMENTS

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Dear Alumnae,

With thankful hearts, we will gather this month to remember alumnae who have passed on this year. As a community of students, alumnae, friends, and family, we will join hands in prayer at the annual all-school Memorial Mass on November 24. This special day of remembrance embraces those who came before us and fills us with gratitude for these women during this season of giving thanks. We are thankful for our community of alumnae year-round and most especially in this season.

Wishing you and your families a blessed Thanksgiving,

Maura Gettler Korn '08

Emma Wessel '20

UPCOMING EVENTS

GIFT GATHERING PARTIES



Let's get together! Alumnae and friends are invited to join us for evenings of fun and community at the upcoming Moonlight Gala Gift Gathering Parties. Help us build our Moonlight Gala baskets with contributions of items from our Amazon Wish List, gift cards, or your favorite bottle wine or high-end bourbon. Attend one or all! Please RSVP online **HERE**.

November 11, 6:00-9:00 PM, at Fretboard Brewing Co. (Blue Ash)
December 3, 5:30-9:00 PM, at Brink Brewing Co.
January 20, 5:30-9:00 PM, at West Side Brewing

Can't attend but would like to support the Moonlight Gala? Consider making a gift from our Amazon Wish List.



MEMORIAL MASS

Alumnae and friends are invited to join us for a special all-school Memorial Mass at Mercy McAuley. During Memorial Mass, we honor and remember Mother of Mercy, McAuley, and Mercy McAuley alumnae who have passed away this year. A full list of alumnae condolences can be found HERE.

Tuesday, November 24, 2026
10:30 AM Mass
Reception to follow
Mercy McAuley High School

Please RSVP by November 19 **HERE**.

CHAMPIONS NIGHT



Join us this month for a Mercy McAuley home basketball game as we celebrate Mother of Mercy, McAuley, and Mercy McAuley winning athletes and teams! Learn more and register online by November 18 **HERE**.

Wednesday, November 25, 2026
5:30 PM Reception Opens
6:45 PM* Champion Signage Presentation
7:00 PM* Varsity Tip Off
7:45 PM* Basketball Alumnae Recognition
Mercy McAuley High School
6000 Oakwood Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45224
**Presentation and game times are estimates, please plan to arrive early.*

The following champion athletes and teams will be celebrated:

Kylee Heidemann - 2022 Golf State Champion Athlete
Mercy McAuley Volleyball - 2023 Volleyball State Champion Team
Mother of Mercy, McAuley, and Mercy McAuley Basketball Alumnae



WINTER WONDERLAND

Oh what fun! Mark your calendars for Mercy McAuley's annual holiday favorite, Wolves Winter Wonderland. This festive celebration for your little ones includes children's activities, pictures with Santa, breakfast, writing letters to Santa, Christmas carols sung, and more.

Saturday, December 12, 2026
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Mercy McAuley High School

Registration cost is $25.00 per family and can be completed online **HERE**. This event is recommended for children under the age of 10.

ALUMNAE SPOTLIGHT





"Female athletes finally were told 'YES, it is your time to shine.'" **AMANDA KAY, MOTHER OF MERCY '06,** helps make pathways for women in an arena that has been blocked to them for decades as Vice President with Cincinnati Cougars, Cincinnati's women's professional tackle football team. As members of the Women's Football Alliance, the Cincinnati Cougars were established in 2022 and saw quick success winning the Division 3 National Championship in 2024 and moving up divisions to pro in 2026. With a master's degree in Non-Profit Leadership and a passion for supporting non-profits with incredible missions, Amanda was introduced to Cincinnati Cougars and quickly found a home with the team. "I was not a football follower growing up. In fact, my Mother of Mercy record will show no involvement in sports and my only earned C in gym class. What resonates with me is that this team is centered on women achieving the things that people have told them they cannot do. I loved my Mercy experience for the same reason- we were supported, given opportunities, and were heard in a space that empowered young women."

The team gives opportunity to women who have had to sit in the stands a chance to don the helmet and gear up for time on the field. "One of the things I love about this team is that it is inclusive in nature. It isn't just about speed and agility but about strength, too. The diversity of our team is our greatest strength; with women in their teens to their 40's and a range of backgrounds, athletic experience, and occupations, it's a place for women who haven't necessarily found their space previously." From non-athlete to the loudest cheerleader, Amanda looks forward to seeing this "last frontier in women's sports" continue to gain momentum in recognition, fundraising, and celebration of female athletes.

ALUMNAE UPDATES

FIND CATHERINE! Congratulations to the October Find Catherine winner, **GERMAINE TENKOTTE OVERMAN,** McAuley '76! 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!



The Mercy McAuley Parent Pack invites Mercy McAuley moms, grandmas, alumnae and friends to a fun **LADIES BUNCO NIGHT** next Saturday!

Saturday, November 14
6:45 PM
Mercy McAuley High School

Tickets are $25, which includes delicious appetizers, drinks, Bunco instruction and game play, door prizes and more! Additional games of chance will be available for cash purchase as well. All guests must be 21 or older. Learn more and register online **HERE**.

Do you remember every word to *Fruit Cake*? Rehearsals for the **MOTHER OF MERCY ALUMNAE CHORUS** are underway for the upcoming Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 15. Program coordinators, Mary Beth Ellis Hunter '95 and Melissa Hornsby Brogan '97, invite all alumnae to join. Learn more about their upcoming Sunday rehearsals at St. Catharine of Sienna Church (Westwood) on their group Facebook page, **MOMAC Mother of Mercy Alumnae Chorus**.



Providing our students with a Mercy McAuley education is not possible without the support of our generous community. Because tuition only covers a portion of the student experience, the **MERCY McAULEY FUND** helps bridge the gap ensuring that these experiences are possible. Gifts support every aspect of student life from enriched classroom resources and technology upgrades to extracurricular programs and tuition assistance. Support Mercy McAuley this year with a gift to the Mercy McAuley Fund! Gifts can be made online **HERE**.

Did You Know? As an Ohio taxpayer, you can claim a dollar-for-dollar nonrefundable tax credit on your state income tax if you make a qualified donation to Mercy McAuley through the **SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATION (SGO)**. You can learn more **HERE**!

Our Heartfelt Sympathy

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



Marilyn Angst Matho
McAuley 1966
October 2, 2026



Pauline Gardner
McAuley 1967
October 14, 2026



Joan Brendel Johns
Mother of Mercy 1950
October 1, 2026



Theresa Gaynor Nimeskern
McAuley 1975
October 20, 2026



Michelle Felix Harrell
McAuley 1973
September 30, 2026



Kathleen Makin Barth
Mother of Mercy 1982
Ocotber 9, 2026

A list of alumnae who have passed this year can be found online **here**.

CLASS REUNIONS

CLASS OF 1968

Planning is underway for your 60th reunion! Would you like to join the planning efforts? Learn more HERE.

CLASS OF 1986 - November 21 | 6:00 PM

Cheers to 40 years! Classmates are gathering this month for an evening of fun and friendship. Learn more HERE.

CLASS OF 1996 - November 20 | 7:00 PM

It's time to celebrate 30 years! Don't forget to RSVP by November 6 for this evening of fun and celebration. Learn more HERE.

CLASS OF 2001 - November 7 | 6:30 PM

Your 25-year reunion is this weekend! Have you RSVP'd? Classmates look forward to rebooting the memories! Learn more HERE.

CLASS OF 2011 - November 21 | 6:00 PM

Classmates hope to see you for a 15-year reunion celebration this month! Learn more HERE.











READY TO BEGIN PLANNING YOUR REUNION?

Connect with our Alumnae Office at alumnae@mercymcauley.org or 513-681-1800.

Upcoming Reunions

QUICK LINKS:

Information Update

Alumnae Owned Businesses

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PENCIL IT IN...

DECEMBER 11
6:30 PM Art Show
7:00 PM Christmas Concert

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