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A Newsletter For Mercy High School Alumnae

A Christmas Carol



The cast of *A Christmas Carol* take their final bow.

On December 9 and 10, the Mercy/Xavier Drama Club performed the classic *A Christmas Carol*. The show was directed by Michele Miano '03, to full houses.

The lead role of Scrooge was played by Tomas Virgudula, with supporting roles by Tim Rhone, Andy Williams, Lauren Cunningham '11, Meg Rayder '11, Bryan Wills, and Katie Corbett '11. Everyone did an outstanding job in the ensemble too. "Being part of the whole production was really fun. It was a lot of hard work too, but it was worth it," said ensemble

member Samantha Noel '10.

After a touching storyline that followed Tiny Tim and the infamous Scrooge, the show wrapped up with an uplifting, heart-warming ending that left everyone in high spirits.

Jen Faenza '12, a cast member, said, "A *Christmas Carol* is one of my favorite plays, so being able to be a part of it was a lot of fun. The entire cast did a great job both nights of the show, and it seemed the audience enjoyed it too."

The only admission fee was a non-perishable food item to be donated to charity. Huge boxes of canned goods showed the incredible generosity of all the guests. "It was really amazing how many food items people brought. Most of the students brought more than they even needed to, so that was really cool," said Claire Kimball '12. *M*

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Standing on the Shoulders

Like all alumnae with valid email addresses on file here at Mercy, Andrea Lee Charlier '92 (a.k.a. Amora Corvo) received an invitation to *A Christmas Carol*. She replied:

It's kind of funny you sent this. I started the co-ed Mercy Xavier Drama Club when I went there. At the time they only had the coed musicals which I felt was not cool or fair. I went to Sr. Mary and Ms. Grasso and put together our first Mercy-Xavier production of "A Murder Is Announced" and "Love, Death and The Prom." It was a great start and I see it has blossomed into something even greater.

Since 1965 when Mercy's first students arrived, the school has grown to meet the needs, interests and skills of our student body. Mercy would not be what it is today were it not for our alumnae. The e-mail from Andrea is a perfect example. Perhaps now you will understand why *Standing on the Shoulders*, by Joyce Johnson Rouse, is a song often sung at Mercy masses, events and activities. It goes, in part:

We are standing on the shoulders
of the ones who came before us
They are saints and they are humans,

they are angels, they are friends
We can see beyond the struggles
and the troubles and the challenge
When we know that by our efforts
things will be better in the end.

I am standing on the shoulders
of the ones who came before me
I am honored by their passion
for our liberty
I will stand a little taller,
I will work a little longer
And my shoulders will be there
to hold the ones who follow me. *M*

Sisterhood in Action

Sisterhood is a tradition at Mercy. Students in their Junior year adopt a Freshwoman little sister. As alumnae, you are asked to “adopt” a specific class year of students for their four years here and support them with your annual fund contributions. Donated funds are spent on class-specific needs such as curriculum/classroom support and preserving Mercy traditions and activities.

“This support of a specific class sounds like a great idea – a special way to connect with a specific group of students – watch them grow and take pride in their development.” A. A. ‘87

The Class of 2013 is supported by ‘69, ‘73, ‘77, ‘81, ‘85, ‘89, ‘93, ‘97, ‘01, ‘05 and ‘09. The following class update was written by Courtney Perales, Class of 2013.

The Class of 2013 has begun to adjust to their daily routine at Mercy. Over the last few months, our class has truly come together and created an upbeat and constructive foundation to support us as we traffic the halls of Mercy for the next four years. The girls have, without a doubt, set high expectations for the remainder of the year, especially as they become more involved in local volunteer programs, athletic teams, social events, and clubs.

In September, our class was officially welcomed into the Mercy community during the Freshwomen Pin Ceremony. This significant event was the first milestone in our history as Mercy students.

In November, Freshwomen experienced their first Walk-a-thon, raising the most money and walking first. This was an impressive accomplishment and positive first impression on faculty, staff and upper classwomen.

Freshwomen have also exhibited our ability as students in classes. Teachers have responded with consistent plaudits for our efforts to reach and exceed our potential. This can only foreshadow a truly successful group of developing individuals who will thrive and expand our unique gifts. The Class of 2013 is also becoming the respectful, intuitive, and ambitious young women that Mercy is commended for modeling and nurturing through to graduation.



The Class of 2013 was welcomed in September with this bulletin board, complete with tidbits of advice from upperclasswomen ranging from the practical (You’re gonna need a big purse!) to the essence of Mercy (Our name is Mercy. Our spirit is compassion.)

The Class of 2012 is supported by ‘68, ‘72, ‘76, ‘80, ‘84, ‘88, ‘92, ‘96, ‘00, ‘04 and ‘08. Here are some reflections on the year so far written by Angela Pollard, Class of 2012.

The sophomore class of 2012 has grown considerably since our Freshwoman year. We had the chance to practice Mercy hospitality as we welcomed several new students into our class, including one student from Germany. Our class also expanded our leadership abilities. Many students participate in the Mercy Ambassador Program and other extracurricular activities in the school. Our class officers are active members of the Mercy community, encouraging all students with their enthusiasm for school events, such as Walk-a-thon, mixers and community service.

We sophomores fully enjoyed our trip to New York City in November. We saw the Radio City Rockettes perform their legendary Christmas show and enjoyed some New York shopping. We, along with other classes, also attended the Father/Daughter Dance in November, having fun with our friends and fathers. In the Mercy tradition, service to the less fortunate carries on and many of us participated in the annual pie baking before Thanksgiving break. Hundreds of apple and pumpkin pies were donated to a local food pantry. The Mercy values of hospitality, charity and compassion continue to live through the sophomore class.

Your Participation is Key!

We know a difficult economy has affected us all. Your participation in this year’s Annual Fund is incredibly important as Mercy works to balance the costs of a quality education with the very real needs of our families. Your gift of any amount will help. Your participation will help make a difference.

The Class of 2011 is supported by '67, '71, '75, '79, '83, '87, '91, '95, '99, '03, and '07. This class update was written by Julia Kelly, Class of 2011.



Harmony was the theme of the Junior Ring Ceremony this year.

As I entered Mercy on the first day of school in September, I was struck by the presence of freshwomen in their regulation-length uniform skorts and Sr. Mary-appropriate shoes and I wondered: did I ever look like that? And then I realized: I'm an upperclasswoman now!

In our Freshwoman year, upperclasswomen seemed so much older even though there was only an age gap of two years. Now, we're juniors. We are the role models for younger students which is not only a great responsibility but also a wonderful honor.

Junior year hasn't been a cakewalk, but it definitely has its upside. First came our Little Sisters and the Freshwomen Pin Ceremony. As Juniors and Big Sisters, we gave our younger 'siblings' their class pins and the trademark Mercy yellow rose to welcome them to the community.

Less than a month later came the Junior Ring Ceremony and a beautiful Mass centered on the theme of "harmony" followed by a scramble to get 112 ring-turns before the Junior Ring Dance. The "Black and White Masquerade" theme helped make the dance a success.

As we enter December, the college hunt begins. Juniors and their parents are meeting with guidance counselors to plan for the future. Life is a whirlwind of ACTs, SATs and GPAs. Meanwhile, we continue to work hard while participating in sports, extracurricular activities, and community service. I am glad that we have the Mercy community to help us when we need support!

The Class of 2010 is supported by '70, '74, '78, '82, '86, '90, '94, '98, '02, and '06. The following class update was written by Jane McGuinness, Class of 2010.



Four Mercy seniors have been named Commended Students in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program. These students are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Pictures from left: Jane McGuinness, Beata Fogarasi, Kelly Conklin and Erica Oates.

Three years have passed and now the members of the Class of 2010 are the seniors of Mercy High School. Senior year has proven to be a busy one for the members of the class. We have spent the last months anxiously filling out college applications, writing essays, addressing envelopes and making frequent visits to the Guidance Department.

Although we are planning for our futures, we are also taking the time to enjoy our last fall here at Mercy: our last Walk-a-thon; our last magazine drive; our last pig race and our last Father/Daughter dance. We fill these months with memories and prepare to put them in our yearbook as we pick our quotes, pictures and informal yearbook pictures. Despite the never-ending stream of activities, we take the time to enjoy the little things: white socks, early dismissals, late arrivals and senior sweatshirts.

We continue our class theme of "unity" into our senior year. As part of our Frosty the Snowman-themed Christmas decorations, the senior class constructed a large Christmas tree from the handprints of every member of our class with our names and Christmas wishes written on them. As the leaders of the student body, we are glad for the opportunities to spread our unity to the Mercy community as a whole.

We have much more to look forward to before graduation. We are excited about our Prom and Valentine's Dance as well as our class trip. Joined as a community of sisters, we hope to make many more memories in the coming months - memories that we will take with us as we move out into the world.

MISSION STATEMENT

Mercy High School, a Catholic diocesan high school for young women, is committed to providing an educational experience that responds to individual needs. In the tradition of the Sisters of Mercy and their foundress Catherine McAuley, each student is challenged to grow, to realize her full potential, and to provide service to others within an atmosphere that fosters a spirit of community and compassion. Founded by the Diocese of Norwich, Mercy gives preference in admission to young Catholic women residing in the diocese; however, enrollment is open to all who qualify regardless of religion, race, or nationality.

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ALUMNAE SPOTLIGHT

Have news? Please share via email to bmiller@mercyhigh.com or online at www.mercyhigh.com.

Thomas Jefferson Discovery

Amanda Daddona '05 and Matt Davis were processing the Rockwood archive at the University Library when they found an original letter written by Thomas Jefferson among the many boxes of unsorted early material of the Bringham family. The letter was written during the time Jefferson was president. Dated Feb. 24, 1808, it was posted from Washington and is an eloquent tribute and expression of condolence on the death of John Dickinson: "a more estimable man, or truer patriot, could not have left us."

Amanda said she was astonished when she discovered the Jefferson letter. "It has been quite an adventure going through these documents. "Deborah Bringham bundled some letters together and wrote little notes that explained their significance, almost like she knew we'd be doing this one day. The whole reason I am interested in history is because of my earlier studies of Thomas Jefferson, so I couldn't believe it

when I found this letter."

The letter by Jefferson was known to exist and is included in inventories of Jefferson's correspondence. However, because the letter was in private hands, the location of the original was unknown until this discovery.

ITowns Cover Girl

Erin Loprinze '93 is an outreach member at Vista Vocational & Life Skills Center in Westbrook.

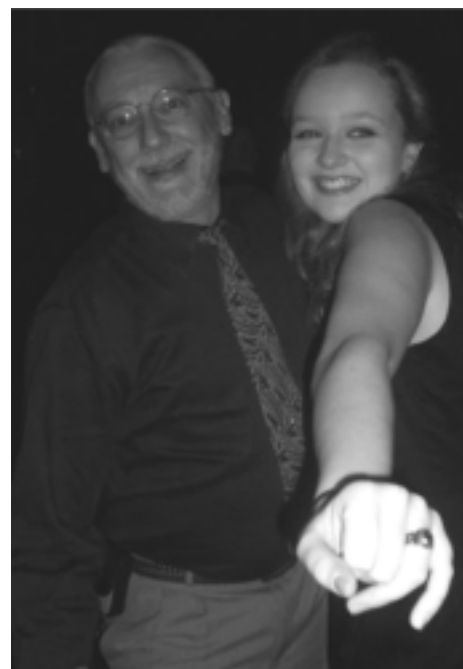
At 15, she was diagnosed with a brain tumor, underwent surgery, lost the use of her dominant right hand and had to relearn everything with her left. She thought creating art was no longer possible, but in 1995, she enrolled in an art therapy course at St. Joseph College and was introduced to creating art through alternative and nontraditional methods with a focus on expression. Her work was featured on the cover of the ITowns section of the Hartford Courant on Sunday, September 6, 2009. Congratulations, Erin, on your many achievements! *M*

Father/Daughter Time

The Father/Daughter Dance is a long-standing tradition at Mercy and this year was no exception. On November 20, Mercy dads dusted off their dancing shoes and took their daughters out for a fun evening.

Prior to the dance, Middletown was sprinkled with Mercy girls formally dressed. At Mercy, the cafeteria was set with tables and refreshments while the old gym featured songs that dads would remember from their younger years. Kate Corbett '11 said, "The songs were old but it was still really fun."

Nicole Lemelin '11 writes, "Overall, the night was pretty fun for everyone. Those girls who thought that their dads were going to be an embarrassment were pleasantly surprised to see that they were not the only ones with dads trying to bust some crazy moves." *M*



Katie Corbet '11 and her father at the Father/Daughter Dance in November.

Get Inspired!!

Inspire Kindness

Under the guidance of faculty member Gianna Iannucci, Mercy students have initiated a new club named Random Acts of Kindness. These young women already understand that we cannot rely on others to make the world a better place – each of us has to do our bit.

Be inspired and join us! Perform a random act of kindness and tell us what you did via email to bmiller@mercyhigh.com. Our students will collect the stories you provide and use them with their own to inspire additional, random acts of kindness in our community. Here are some examples of simple ways you can spread kindness – It's contagious!

- Buy a lottery ticket for a stranger.
- Give a compliment to/about your waiter, check out girl, etc.
- Let someone have your place in line at the grocery store.
- Send a thank you note to a person who helped you in the past.
- Help an elderly neighbor.

There are a myriad of ways in your every-day life to lift another's spirits and perform simple, random acts of kindness. Kindness is contagious. Help us spread the cheer!

Inspire Hope

Please join Team Mercy at the *Komen Race for the Cure* in Hartford. Scheduled for June 5, this event remembers those lost to breast cancer and raises funds for research and patient support. Watch www.mercyhigh.com for more information this spring.



Inspire Giving

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With A+ BonusBucks, points accrue with each purchase when the Stop & Shop Card is used. At the end of each month, these points determine your school's cash total which is automatically credited to its account each month.

To register your card, go to www.stopandshop.com. Click on "Our stores" and select "Register my card" from the drop down menu.

It's a simple process that can make a huge difference to Mercy and it doesn't cost you a dime! Please encourage your friends and relatives to register their cards as well. You do not need to live in Middletown to participate. You just need a neighborhood Stop & Shop.

Thank you in advance for helping our community!

Inspire Friendships

Reunions are a wonderful way to reconnect and renew friendships with your Mercy classmates. Reunions for classes ending in a "0" or "5" will be held this calendar year. Committees for most have been formed and have begun planning. Watch newsletters, email and www.mercyhigh.com for information as it becomes available.

We still need volunteers to help organize a 35th reunion for the Class of 1975. Please contact Barbara Miller at bmiller@mercyhigh.com if you are interested in helping and want more information about what is involved. ^M



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The businesses listed below were generous supporters of Mercy High School. Please patronize them in appreciation of their support of our school. Be sure to say thank you on behalf of Mercy!

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Do I Need a Will?

Written by Lisa P Podolski Staron, Esq. '00
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The simple answer is yes – everyone should have a Will. A Will, even in its simplest form, tells the world exactly how you want your assets distributed when you die. Whether you wish to benefit your family, friends, or to leave a gift to a nonprofit organization or charity of your choosing, your Will can accommodate those desires. It is also the best place to name Guardians for your minor children and the only place to name Executors to oversee the settlement of your estate.

Dying without a Will – known as dying “intestate” – means that your assets are distributed according to a schedule established by the state where you reside. Unfortunately, the laws of intestacy very rarely result in the distribution that a person would have wanted or anticipated. For example, in a typical case of a married couple with minor children, one might presume that if the husband died without a Will, his wife would inherit 100% of his assets. However, Connecticut law would only allow the surviving spouse to inherit the first \$100,000 plus one-half of the remainder – the minor children would take

the other one-half. This can result in additional expenses and court supervision of the children’s inheritance.

What about Wills for young and/or unmarried people? What if you think you don’t own anything of value? Remember, things like your car, bank accounts, life insurance and investments, if any, all comprise your net worth. No matter how seemingly insignificant your possessions, it’s important to make the matter of settling your death as easy as possible on your family. A simple Will can give you peace of mind knowing your affairs are in order at a time when your loved ones are grieving and most vulnerable. *M*

Four Ways to Leave a Legacy in Your Will

Written by Ed Lang, Esq.,
Father of Samantha Lang '97
Member of Middlesex County Legacy Group

A gift in your Will, known as a bequest, is not only philanthropic, it’s also savvy estate planning. Here are some popular ways to give a gift in your will that can provide remarkable estate-tax savings:

- Unrestricted bequest. By making an unrestricted gift of a given sum of money or other asset, you allow your charity of choice to apply the funds to their most pressing needs.
- Percentage or remainder. You may choose to leave your charity of choice a percentage of your estate or the balance remaining after bequests are distributed to your other heirs.
- Life-income plans. Establish a charitable remainder trust in your will, which pays an income to your beneficiaries for life or a term of years. After that, the remainder is given to your charity of choice. Aside from benefitting a charity, life income plans provide major estate tax savings.

- Permanent endowment. You can establish a permanent endowment through your will to support an area of interest in perpetuity and specify how your charity of choice should forever use the income. The fund can be established in your name or in memory of a loved one.

Note: If you have or would like to include Mercy in your estate plans, please contact Barbara Miller, Director of Alumnae and Development at 860-347-8957 or via email to bmiller@mercyhigh.com. *M*

Inspire Legacy

The Middlesex County Legacy Advisors are estate, tax and financial planning professionals whose collective goal is to provide local community-based educational presentations, outreach efforts and networking opportunities to aid and inspire people to make charitable bequests and planned giving arrangements a part of their estate planning.



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2010 McAuley Awards

Sr. Mary is pleased and honored to announce the recipients of the 2010 Catherine McAuley Award which will be presented on Saturday, April 24. For their dedication and service to this Mercy community, we celebrate, congratulate and express our gratitude to:

Mr. Steve Brickey has been a dedicated member of the Mercy faculty for many years serving as teacher and administrator. He is loyal to the school and is committed to Mercy students and faculty. His spirit of hospitality is evident by the warm welcome he gives to alums when they return to school for a visit.

Sr. Jean Dwyer, c.n.d., is an outstanding educator who served as administrator of three different schools before becoming a member of the Mercy High administration in 1991. After retiring as vice-principal, Sr. Jean continued her commitment and dedication to Mercy in her role as an assistant in the Mercy Library/Media Center.

Mr. Jack Gastler has given of his time, energy and leadership by serving on the Mercy Board of Trustees and in leadership positions during the school's capital campaigns. Jack appreciates the value of a Catholic, Mercy education for young women and has supported Mercy with generous individual and family gifts. Jack and his wife Debbie '74 have hosted gatherings of board members and donors in their home, exhibiting true Mercy hospitality.

Mrs. Debbie Holzinger was very active in the Home School Association for the four years her daughter (Michele '03) attended Mercy, serving two as President. During her tenure, parent participation and general goodwill increased. Following Michele's graduation, Debbie chaired the Safe Graduation Committee for many years and has been a stalwart supporter of the Yellow Rose Auction. In addition, Debbie and her

husband, John, are founders of the Spirit of Catherine Scholarships.

Sr. Corinne (Corky) Raven, RSM, a member of the West-Midwest Community of the Sisters of Mercy, has been the Director of the Network for Mercy Education since it was established in 1999. She has presented workshops to faculty and Board of Trustee members at Mercy, Middletown. She is highly respected throughout the Mercy world as a leader in Mercy Education.

Dr. Brenda Speight Ricard '82 has been loyal and supportive of Mercy High School. She is a generous contributor, has participated in Career Day programs, served as a co-chair during the most recent accreditation process, and has initiated and hosted alumnae reunions in the Boston area. Brenda also served on the Mercy High School Board of Trustees and is beginning her second term on the Mercy Northeast Education Sponsors Council. M



Mercy faculty joined in the fun on Halloween by dressing in school uniforms. Seated left to right are: Meg Malafronte, Lynn Currello, Sylvia Garstka and Ann Derbacher. Standing from left to right are: Terri Corigliano, Daria Fitzgerald, Sr. Mary, Lynn Naumann, Lorra Carey, Charleen Miele and Ginny Sullivan.

Class Briefs

CLASS OF 1967

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CLASS OF 1969

Diane Eick Russell lives in Middletown with her husband and has two grown children. She earned a BA degree from ECSU and her MA degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. She is a retired VP of Human Resources. • deick@snet.net

Rosemary Hampp DeFilippo lives in Bethany with her husband and has three grown children. She earned degrees at George Washington University, SCSU, and her JD degree from Franklin Pierce Law Center. She is a self-employed attorney with the DeFilippo Law Firm. Rosemary enjoys weekend getaways, football, spending time with her children, reading, yard work and decorating her home. “I used to be very active in local politics, but now find my private time more enjoyable. I am an adjunct professor at SCSU teaching Business Law and Real Estate Law. I have fond memories of the Friday Mass. Mercy gave me a philosophy to live by, it’s not just what you do, but what footprint you leave behind while doing it. Where has the time gone? 40 years. That makes us pushing 60 soon. Oh my. I’m still in touch with at least two of my Mercy friends.” • Defilippolaw@aol.com

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Barbara Satagaj Greer lives in Portage, MI with her husband. She has three grown children, and enjoys gardening, reading and spending time with friends. She has great memories of “looking out the classroom windows and watching the Xavier boys pull in and wait patiently (sometimes) for their sisters and/or girlfriends.” • Bgreer0226@sbcglobal.net

Deborah Yaglowski Moravecek lives in Rocky Hill with her husband. She has two grown children. • Deborah.Moravecek@att.net

CLASS OF 1974

Gail Bish Duda and her husband live in Middletown. She earned her BS in Occupational Therapy from Quinnipiac and is an Occupational Therapist at Connecticut Valley Hospital. She has two grown children. • gmduda@snet.net

Joan Bowen Kowaleski and her husband live in Portland, ME. She graduated from Middlesex Community College and enjoys music. Joan has fond memories of Sister Roberta McGrath, chorale, and all her friends. • Jbowen1@maine.rr.com

Jo-Ann Gagnon Johnson and her husband live in Mystic. She has three grown children. Jo-Ann graduated from the St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing and

earned her BSN from CCSU. She is the Program Manager—Employee Health at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital. • jojoconn@sbcglobal.net

Sandra (Sandy) Gourd earned her BS degree in Business Management from the University of Phoenix and lives in Littleton, CO. She is a self-employed Hypnotherapist. • sgourd@msn.com

Francine Miceli Hegel lives in Middletown with her husband and has two daughters. She graduated from Middlesex Community College and is an Administrative Clerk I for the Superior Court for Juvenile Matters. “I enjoy making my own jewelry, spending vacations at Cape Cod every summer and I am an avid Red Sox fan. I am the proud grandmother of a three year old boy, Logan Patrick. Being a grandmother is one of the best life experiences I could receive. We have a lot of fun spending time together!” • Specbear9@yahoo.com

Maryjo Myjak Gargano earned her BSN from St. Anselm College and her MBA from the University of New Haven. She is a Clinical Professor in the Department of Nursing at SCSU. She lives in Branford with her husband and three children. She enjoys skiing, boating and travel, and is involved in the American Red Cross Disaster Action Team, the Shoreline Medical Reserve Corps and Branford Stingray Swimming. • Mjism56@yahoo.com

Liz Zawisza Cleverly lives in Rockport, ME with her husband and earned a BS in Education degree from UCONN and a MSW from the University of Maine, Orono. She is a LMSW-CC for PenBay Healthcare. She enjoys sailing, hiking, kayaking and showshoeing. “I was self-employed as professional yacht crew for ten years, with two trans-Atlantic crossings. I worked and traveled in Australia, the Caribbean, Honduras and the Western

Mediterranean. I have fond memories of hanging “Slinky’s” out the 2nd floor window of Physics class. Also, “Unroll that skirt, young lady!” Who can forget Xavier’s undefeated football team, playing on the field hockey team and the *Bravo!* musical. There are many great memories of faculty too! Sr. Eugenie Guterch, for believing in me during a very difficult time, Sr. Laura Marie for helping me find scholarship money for college, Miss Maher, for putting up with me for all those years in sports, Sr. Pat McKeon for three years of math from Algebra to Pre-Calc, Sr. Jonathan Horton – I really loved her Biology class, Mrs. Ubaldini, Mrs. Garstka, Mrs. Garofoli... the list goes on! Mercy helped me to develop my self-confidence by providing many opportunities to learn leadership skills, and to provide me with academic challenges that prepared me for higher education. I hope you are all well and happy... Please feel free to drop me a line at my email address. • Liz.cleverly@umit.maine.edu

CLASS OF 1979

Maria Barbagallo Rosano lives in Middletown with her four children. She graduated from the Stone School of Business, studying Fashion Merchandising and Retail Management. “I have owned and operated my home day-care for the past 20 years. I have great memories of Miss Johnson, and because of her, I still love to read. And Mr. Brickey’s classes were always interesting! I still feel very proud to say “I am a Mercy High graduate!” • mbrosano@sbcglobal.net

Betsy Bartman Feery lives in Newington with her husband and two children. She earned her BA degree from Bates College and is VP, Change Consultant at Bank of America. She enjoys reading and traveling. Her Mercy memories include “setting the tone Hmmmmmmm, tennis, Xavier (!) and ‘Be Religious Kiss a Mercy Girl.’” • Mydogsassy1@aol.com

Lia Bischoff Brassord earned her BA degree from Smith College and is the Senior Assistant Director of Admissions

there. She lives in Amherst, MA with her three children. “Anyone with kids applying to college, I’d be happy to share my expertise! So many Mercy memories, too many to list! Spirit Week, of course. Sunbathing at lunch time with skirts pulled up and socks pulled down. Friday football games at Palmer Field, walk-a-thon, folk songs at Mass. Also, Sr. Eugenie Guterch, who was our Student Council Advisor, and all the faculty, really, they were so friendly and supportive. Mercy game me wings! Just thinking about you all makes me smile! What a great group of girls, the Class of ’79. I was fortunate to know you for even a short period of time. (in the scheme of things, now 30 years later!)” • lbrassor@smith.edu

Pam Burdick Rizy lives in Cromwell with her husband and two children. She earned her BS in Management degree and is a Realtor/Notary with Prudential CT Realty. “I love my job so I work six to seven days a week. I love to go shopping, watching HGTV or the food channel and watching the kids participate in their activities. I am a PTO volunteer and church volunteer. I am on the Board of Directors for Jensen’s FunDay in Cromwell – “doing fun things for little people with great love” with all proceeds benefiting Sir Jensens Court playground at Pierson Park in Cromwell. I have great memories of the school musicals, and how Sr. Mary always remembered your name. My son Kevin is a Senior at Xavier and daughter Rebecca will be attending Mercy next year.” • prizy@prudentialct.com

Kerry Combs earned her BS degree in Chemistry from Boston University and MS in Organic Chemistry from UMass Amherst. She is a Senior Research Associate Medicinal Chemistry at Galenea Corp. and lives in Beverly, MA. “I spend a lot of my free time mountain biking and cycling (races, rides, events). I have been able to travel around to different events throughout USA and Canada. I enjoy other outdoor activities (hiking, camping, trail running). Other interests include gardening, reading, movies, working out and volunteer trail maintenance. I have

great memories of our senior English teacher Mrs Wheatley. Looking back, she really loved what she taught. We had the Wesleyan course with her and she always tried to elevate our class discussions. She would have made a great college professor. I also have great memories of all my friends and classmates. Too many memories to choose a favorite! Also, I fondly remember Father McGrath’s cheery announcements over the PA.” • Kcombs2@gmail.com

Lourde Defrancisco Golembeski and her husband live in Killingworth with their two sons. She earned her BS degree from SCSU and is a Teacher for Regional School District #17. She enjoys gardening, travel, reading and enjoying the company of friends and family. She is a member of the Killingworth Women’s Organization, and has fond memories of Sr. Eleanor’s bold presence and “don’t mess with me” attitude. “That is something you appreciate later in life.” • lourdegol@comcast.net

Gail Evans Motz graduated from the University of Dayton and lives in West Chester, OH. • Gail.motz@gmail.com

Lucy Giardina Gennuso earned her BS in Management degree from CCSU and lives in Middletown with her husband and two children. (Monica, Mercy ’10) She is the Insurance/Benefits Coordinator for the Middletown Board of Education. “I admired and appreciated Mrs. Muhlanger, my Spanish teacher. She never lost her temper even when the class would get out of hand. I learned a lot in her class and have always had a love for the language because of her. I would like to say a special hello to my friends at the lunch table in the cafe. Hope you are all doing well!” • Macfan09@sbcglobal.net

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Lynn Parkinson Faulkner graduated from the University of Maine and lives in Springfield, ME with her husband. She has six children and is a former children's mental health case worker. She is an independent Avon leadership trainer/recruiter. She keeps busy raising her two grandsons, reading, breast cancer awareness, her kids sporting activities and her grandchildren. She belongs to the PTA, a grandparent support group and fundraising committees at school. She has a nationally accredited home daycare, ran the City of Bangor's Girl Scouts training for adults, served as a Hannaford Store Manager, a Children's Case Manager and is raising children and grandchildren. Mercy memories for Lynn include "Sister Eleanor telling me to remove the war paint from my face and asking me to kneel to see if my skirt was long enough. Also, the Washington senior class trip. I have always felt I had a much more rounded education than those of my peers who went to public high school. I would love to hear from anyone!" • Cmmj77@hotmail.com

Darlene Schufer Ganley lives in Colchester with her husband and daughter. She is the Vice President of Timwood Homes, Ltd, and enjoys traveling, gambling and lying in the sun. "I've been employed with the same company since 1984. When the owner retires, the business becomes ours. What an awesome opportunity! I have fond memories of Miss Pender and Sr. Karen. They were both so kind and real. I loved the smirks from Sr. Eleanor. I also enjoyed Spirit Day/Week, and sleeping over with a bunch of girls and Sr. Karen. Mercy gave me the business knowledge I needed to succeed. Those high school days were truly the "good ole days!" Thanks for the memories!" • Dar921@sbcglobal.net

CLASS OF 1980

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CLASS OF 1981

Mary O'Donnell Huribal graduated from the Ona M. Wilcox College of Nursing and is a RN. She lives in Easton and is currently a stay at home mom, caring for her husband and four children. • mhuribal@aol.com

CLASS OF 1982

Robin Santos Doak and her husband live in Georgetown, ME where she is a self-employed Freelance Writer. She graduated from UCONN and has three grown children. Her favorite memory of Mercy is graduating! She also has fond memories of Mrs. Garstka and Mrs. Wheatley, who both encouraged her to pursue writing. • Robin.doak963@gmail.com

CLASS OF 1984

Mary Buckley Beatson lives in Plymouth, MA and wants to know... "where are you, Heidi and Betsy?" • mbbatson@aol.com

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Kate Carretta Seichter, her husband and two sons live in Wallingford. She earned a BS degree from Wheaton College and a MA and 6th Year from SCSU. She is a Social Studies Teacher in Wallingford. She enjoys traveling, gardening, reading and teaching. Kate was a Peace Corps volunteer from 1991-1993 and in 2005 received a grant from the State Department of Education to travel to China. She has great memories of the Mercy walk-a-thons, and Sr. Eleanor, for being very feisty and loving life, and Mrs. Garstka who encouraged her love of literature. "Mercy gave me confidence in myself." • Kate.seichter@yahoo.com

Mary Elizabeth Dreisbach Peterson lives in Bethlehem, CT with her husband and has 3 step-children. She earned her Bachelors degree from UCONN in Mechanical Engineering and Metallurgy, and her Masters in Metallurgy from

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. She is a Professional Engineer/Contracts and Estimating Manager for EDAC Technologies—EDAC Aero Division. She is a State of Connecticut Licensed Professional Engineer and is pleased to have started an Engineering consulting business with her husband (a P.E. registered in CT and NY). Mary enjoys local and Connecticut history; house renovation, restoration and landscaping; also, doll and bear collecting. • Mary833@hotmail.com

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Mary Hansen Marcuccio lives in Southington with her husband. She is Founder/Spokesperson/President of Parents 4 A Change, a Connecticut non-profit company that provides support to families in crisis with an adolescent/teen abusing opiate drugs. She would like to re-establish contact with some friends from high school, especially Holly, Kim, Terry, Lucinda. She can be reached at parents4achange@yahoo.com

Deborah LaCaprucia Copp and her husband live in Las Vegas, NV with their two children. She earned a BS degree from ECSU and her RN from the Wilcox College of Nursing. Deborah is a RN/CLC at Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital Nellis AFB. • debcoprn@yahoo.com

Katherine Mularski Leverette is living in Fleming Island, FL with her husband and three sons. She earned her Aerospace Engineering degree from the University of Florida and is an Engineer at Andromeda Systems, Inc. She loves yoga and is an avid reader. Katherine keeps busy as a Boy Scout Troop committee member and St. Catherine's Church M.O.M.S. group board member. She fondly remembers the good friends she made at Mercy. "The wonderful education I received at Mercy has been a great asset in my life." • levtile@bellsouth.net

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Sandra Russo-Driska and her husband live in Middletown, have a son at Xavier and a daughter who will be a freshman at Mercy next year! “As City and Town Clerk of Middletown, I serve on and with many local organizations and love serving the public. I am also the Head Cheer Coach for St. Sebastian CYO...something I love! I have fond memories of Mrs. Wallack. She was strong, independent, and always looked great! Also, cheering for Xavier and the Friday night home games. Mercy prepared us completely. When I left Mercy...I could have entered the “real world” and succeeded with the skills I received there. Having a daughter that is now ready to go to Mercy that is coinciding with our 25th year reunion is unreal! I am proud of her and our time together at Mercy, the friends I made, and the experiences we had!” • Sandra.russo.driska@cityofmiddletown.com

Jill Vernali earned her BS in Finance from CCSU and is an Accountant at Canberra Industries, Inc. She lives in Wallingford. • Jill_veralni@yahoo.com

CLASS OF 1989

Michele Bailey Chaudhry earned her BA degree from Providence College, her MSW from Tulane University School of Social Work and her Masters of Public Health from Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. She is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker in private practice. She lives in Cranston, RI with her husband and two children. • Michele.chaudhry@gmail.com

Joelle Buongiorno Calandra and her husband live in Southington with their two children. She graduated from Wesleyan University with a degree in Economics and is a self employed Real Estate Professional. “Mercy gave me a great sense of community and taught me how important that was to be successful in life. Sr. Eleanor was right up there, with her “Joella” routine. Thanks for all the great memories. These last few months on Facebook have been great. I love seeing you all again and well, I could do without all the pictures!” • jcalandra@snet.net

Erin Courcey-Ellis graduated from Mount Holyoke College and is the Managing Director/Head of Sales for the Americas for The Bank of New York Mellon. She lives in Fairfield with her husband and enjoys pilates, cooking, movies, music, reading, swimming and sailing. • erin_courcey@hotmail.com

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Julie Jenkins Festa earned her BA degree in Biology from Salve Regina University and her Associate in Dental Hygiene from Tunxis Community College. She is a Dental Hygienist with Dr. Scott Woodford, DMD. Julie lives in Old Saybrook with her husband and child. • Jfesta15@comcast.net

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Elizabeth Loffredo Burns earned her BS degree in Biology from Santa Clara University and her BS in Nursing from SCSU. She is an RN for CareCentrix and lives in Middletown with her husband and son. She enjoys yoga, reading and being with family and friends. “I still remember Sister Eleanor. She was so strict with me and

taught me to be humble. A favorite memory of Mercy is the social time in the parking lot before and after school with the boys! Mercy taught me that friendships can last a lifetime, many of my best friends are from Mercy still today! I wish my classmates all the best life has to offer!” • Eml_associates@yahoo.com

Sarah Lucey Mik lives in Wallingford with her husband and three children. She earned her BS degree from Merrimack College, BS-ED from CCSU and Master in Arts in Learning from Sacred Heart University. She is a Physical Education/Health teacher at Cheshire High School, where she is also the Varsity Girls Basketball Coach. She enjoys the beach, reading, and playing with her children. “I have great memories of the friends I made at Mercy from all the different towns, the sports, hanging out in the convent on game days and the Mercy mixers. Also, Coach Rich... great coach/teacher... loved hanging out in his office. I’m glad Facebook has brought a lot of us together once again!” • smik@cheshire.k12.ct.us

Nichole Madore Marchand graduated from Briarwood College and is a Senior Project Manager for Aetna. She lives in Rocky Hill with her husband and two children. • mmmichole@att.net

Kristina Peterson Vanderoef is an LPN, having graduated from E.C. Goodwin. “So sorry I missed you all for this reunion... I am out of state for most of August. Hope to see you all at the next one! I can’t believe its been 20 yrs.; I still feel 16. Although my daughter will be 16 this year. OK, now I feel old! Hope all is well with everyone! Hope you had a great time!” • Fairymoon4@yahoo.com

Jennifer Soboleski Kawecki and her husband live in Old Saybrook with their four children. She earned her BA degree from Seton Hall University and is currently a stay-at-home mom. “I enjoy spending time with my family; at the beach, bike riding, playing sports or traveling. I also enjoy running or playing tennis with friends.” Jennifer is a member of the PTA at

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CLASS OF 1990

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CLASS OF 1991

Erika Ganswindt Mills and her husband live in New York City. She earned her BA degree from Bucknell University. •
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CLASS OF 1993

Beth Biega Lastrina is proud to announce the birth of her baby girl, Katelyn Mary Lastrina, born in Grand Cayman on August 28, 2009.



CLASS OF 1994

Angela Cardella Green lives in Cromwell with her husband and two daughters. She earned her undergrad and graduate degree from SCSU and is a Special Education Teacher, employed by ACES. •
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Kristen Hussey Stegmaier earned an Associate Liberal Arts degree from Capital Community College and a BS in Psychology with a minor in Sociology from CCSU. She is working on her Masters in Criminal Justice with a concentration in victimology at the University of New Haven. Kristen and her husband live in Newington where she is currently a stay-at-home mom, caring for her six children, including infant Peyton. "I have so many Mercy memories but one that sticks out was the strict uniform policy and how we always tried to get away with the boxers under those skirts. Mercy made us into such wonderful educated women. The small community helped us focus and ready our self for the world. I can't wait to catch up after all of these years to see where we all are!" •
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Meagan Leahy Ribera earned a double major in Education/Psychology with a minor in Gender Issues from St. Michael's College. She went on to earn a Masters in Education with Reading Certification from CCSU and is currently a stay-at-home mom. She lives in Cromwell with her husband and two children. "I love being a mom and spending time with my little ones. They are truly two amazing miracles and Bob and I are blessed with a beautiful family." •
Ribera8@sbcglobal.net

CLASS OF 1997

Gerry Annino Baird earned both her BS degree in Science and her Master of Social Work from SCSU. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, employed by Clifford Beers Clinic. "Steve and I were married on August 22, 2009 in my grandmother's back yard in Clinton CT. It was an amazing day with friends and family. We had an Irish Band called the Highland Rover's Band play and we danced all night long! My family and friends know how to party. Steve and I enjoyed our honeymoon in the Dominican Republic. We reside in Clinton and have been in our home for a little over a year." •
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CLASS OF 1998

Jessica Mathias Semprebón and her husband Shane welcomed their son, Jack Guiseppe Semprebón on August 29, 2009 in Naples, FL, weighing 6 pounds 8 ounces. •
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CLASS OF 1999

Margaret Adamczyk Antonitis graduated from Assumption College with a BA degree in English and Classics and earned her M.A.T. Latin and Classical Humanities degree from UMASS Amherst. She is a 6/7 Latin Teacher at Hartford Classical Magnet School. Margaret and her husband live in Meriden. •
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Sara Bialobrzeski Russell writes "I got married on Aug 18th, 2009 to my wonderful husband in Disney World. I still love to dance, scrapbook and spend time with my family." Sara earned her Geography degree from SCSU and lives in Wallingford. She is a Retail Manager at the L.L. Bean Outlet. • Sara_bial@hotmail.com

Laura Gagnon married Jonathan Legnon on September 19, 2009 at St. Patrick Church in East Hampton, CT. The ceremony was followed by an evening reception at Wadsworth Mansion in Middletown. Laura's sister, Danielle Gagnon '03, was her maid of honor and Meghan Wrinkle '99 and Emily Cantin '01 were among her bridesmaids. Laura and Jonathan honeymooned for two weeks in London, Paris, Salzburg, and Vienna. After earning her B.A. and MBA from Clark University and J.D. from Syracuse University College of Law, Laura was admitted to the state bars of New York and Connecticut. Laura is an associate at Pricewaterhouse Coopers in New York City. Jonathan, a 2003 graduate of Assumption College, is a senior analyst at Capital One Auto Finance in Melville, NY. The couple resides in Port Washington, NY. • WPLa22@hotmail.com

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Taylor Navitsky Hickey earned a BA in Communications from Albertus Magnus College and lives in East Hampton with her husband. She had fond memories of sitting in front of the lockers with friends each morning, taking funny pictures. Also, great memories of Mrs. Psoter being helpful and fun! Taylor appreciates that Mercy has helped her to become more outgoing and outspoken. • Tayjay114@yahoo.com

Tamara Uptgrow earned her undergrad degree from the College of New Rochelle and her graduate degree from the University

of New Haven. She is a Case Manager for Harbor Health Services. Tamara lives in West Haven and has great memories of Mrs. Ubaldini. "She taught me more than any teacher I ever had and she showed me that I can succeed at any subject, even the subjects I disliked. The first paper I wrote in undergrad was about her, and I got an A on that paper, of course!" • tuptgrow@aol.com

Minetta Volpe and her husband live in Guilford with their daughter. She earned her Bachelors degree from Bryant College and is a Gift Set Buyer and International Jewelry Buyer for Cooking Enthusiast and Uno Alla Volta. "My favorite Mercy memory is of the ski trip we took senior year! Thank you for a great 4 years and a lifetime of memories!" • Minetta914@hotmail.com

CLASS OF 2000

Mellisa Pensa lives in Portland, OR with her husband. She graduated from the College of William and Mary, earned her MD from UCONN School of Medicine and is currently working on her MPH at Portland State University. • mapensa@gmail.com

CLASS OF 2003

Lauren Brown and Tricia Brown, '06, enjoyed a comfortable cup of tea while visiting the Mercy International Centre on Baggot Street during their family vacation to Dublin, Ireland. Currently, Lauren is at the University of Connecticut School of Law and Tricia is a senior at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts. • Brown.lauren.a@gmail.com



Danielle Gagnon was married on November 21, 2009 to Alexander Hild. The couple lives in Staten Island, NY where Danielle is a 1st grade teacher for the New York City School District. She earned her Elementary and Special Education degree from Syracuse University and completed the Literacy Specialist Program at Columbia University. • dfg2106@columbia.edu

CLASS OF 2004

Kimberly Burdick McMahon graduated from WCSU and is a Paralegal for Kane, Hartley & Kane. She and her husband live in Colchester. • Kimberly_mcmahon@hotmail.com

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Kristine Millane McNelly graduated from the University of Colorado, Boulder-Leeds School of Business. She works in Human Resources for Whole Foods Market. "My high school sweetheart and I got married in March 2009 and we are now in the process of buying a house in the Boulder, CO area. I have great memories of the Walk-a-thon and Mrs. Montemerlo. Sorry I cannot share in the reunion festivities, I will see you all at the 10 year reunion!" • kristie@millane.com

CLASS OF 2005

Amanda Coombs lives in Northford, graduated from the CT School of Dog Grooming and is a Dog Stylist at The Muddy Puppy Grooming Salon in Wallingford. "It is a great job and I spend all day with dogs, which is my special interest. I love animals, especially dogs. I also love hockey, it is such an amazing sport to watch with my Mercy friends. We have stayed close for all these years. I have so many great Mercy memories but my favorites would have to be the walk-a-thon and cake auction. The walk-a-thon was always so much fun, eating all that food

then walking it all off on those crazy roads with insane hills. The cake auction was also a huge joy with the class colors we got to pick. (Hot pink!! Go class of 05!!) My favorite teacher was Mr. Link for sure! He was a down to earth teacher, always up front and real. I listened to everything he had to say and enjoyed having him as a chorus teacher. I can't forget Mr. Harley who was a great math teacher. I was always terrible in math but with Mr. Harley teaching, I never failed, I always did well. At Mercy I learned that it is ok to speak your mind and not have to worry about what other people think. A teacher never put you down for an opinion and it made you feel good. I am engaged to my fiancé, Jeremy, and we are planning to be married in June, 2010. It is very exciting and can't come soon enough!" • technoaddikt@yahoo.com

Amy del Prado joined the Ernst and Young staff in Houston, TX. Amy will be an auditor in their Assurance Division. She graduated from Cornell University with a BS in Hotel Administration in May 2009 and she is currently working on her Masters Degree in Accounting at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, IN. • Amd83@cornell.edu

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IN MEMORIAM

We are always saddened to hear of the loss of one of our alums or a member of the Mercy community. Each spring, Mercy hosts a Memorial Mass to celebrate the memory of these women. This school year, it will be held on May 4. If you would like to attend this mass, please call the Alumnae Office at (860) 347-8957 or email alumnae@mercyhigh.com.

Please remember the following Mercy women in your prayers:

Kelley Mason '04, sister of Christine Mason Gerardi '98.

Also, please remember in your prayers our lost family members.

Mary Bergan, mother of Susan Bergan Conciatori '68 and Mary Beth Bergan O'Connell '76, mother-in-law of Maria Campanelli Bergan '73 and grandmother of Rebecca Kent '98 and Mae Bergan '08.

Henry Bernacki, father of Maureen Bernacki '73

Chester H. Bladek, father of Jeanne Bladek Janoch '73 and Patricia Bladek Brown '81, and father-in-law of Marianne Calamari Bladek '73.

Joseph S. Carta, father of Patricia Carta Cunningham '68.

Loretta M. Connor, mother of Pat Connor '71.

Eileen Day, mother of Desiree Day Wirthlin '80.

Thomas S. Dolan, Sr., father of Cathy Dolan Jenkins '85 and Carren Dolan Rogan '86.

Marie Ann Douglas, mother of Susan Douglas Healey '78 and Janet Douglas Whaley '81.

David Ewing, father of Kristin Ewing Payne '85 and Catherine Ewing Greaves '92.

Thomas M. Gaffey, son of Kathleen Gracey Gaffey '80.

Frances Higgins, mother of Barbara Higgins Richardson '69.

David L. Jettinghoff, father of Diane Jettinghoff '70 (deceased), Carol Jettinghoff Skultety '73 and Susan Jettinghoff Nettis '75.

Bernard F. Kowaleski, father of Mary Kowaleski Masse '78 and Linda Kowaleski Candels '81.

Catherine Meacham, mother of Kerryellen Meacham Hart '96.

Mary Meglin, mother of Barbara Meglin Cooper '67 and Linda Meglin '70.

Rose Mielczarski, mother of Gail Mielczarski Waskiewicz '78.

Ruth Montgomery, retired Mercy High School faculty member.

Francis 'Ray' Natale, father of Kimberly Natale Mazzotta '88.

Timothy E. Reilly, father of Erin Reilly '00 and Kelly Reilly '06.

Theodore Samolik, father of Jeanne Samolik Anger '74 and grandfather of Bonnie Daley '05.

Russell Siena, father of Catherine Siena Duncan '67.

Walter Taylor, father of Barbara Taylor Edmond '72 and Patricia Taylor Rondini '75.

James Tonina, father of Patricia Tonina Murrone '78, Maureen Tonina Thompson '80, and grandfather of Kristen Murrone '07 and Kelley Murrone '10.

Sebastian (Mike) Tosto, Sr, father of Rosette Tosto Sankner '68 and grandfather of Patricia (Trish) Sankner Caron '95.

Richard (Dick) Warner, husband of Suzanne Dobbin Warner '71.

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- March 27 Discover Mercy, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- April 24 Catherine McAuley Awards Dinner
- May 4 Alumnae Memorial Mass
- May 18 Spring Concert & Education Raffle Drawing
- May 25 Senior Breakfast
- June 5 Komen Walk for the Cure, Bushnell Park
- June 10 Mercy Golf Classic

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