MOUNT MERCY ACADEMY ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

22nd ANNUAL



Catherine McAuley Distinguished Alumna Award
Spirit of Mercy Award
Sister Sally Walz, RSM Memorial Award
Mercy Devotion Award
Athletic Excellence Award

Thursday, November 9, 2023 The Columns Banquet Facility





MISSION STATEMENT

Mount Mercy Academy, a distinctly Catholic college-preparatory high school, is dedicated to educating young women for academic excellence, compassionate service, Christian leadership, global awareness and lifelong learning. Rooted in Catherine McAuley's vision for women and those who are poor, Mount Mercy affirms the uniqueness and dignity of individuals and fosters faith with a commitment to the challenges of building a just society.

Tonight's Program

COCKTAIL HOUR

WELCOME

Bonnie Kane Lockwood '73 - Mistress Of Ceremonies Michele Sixt Melligan '92 - Head of School Mary Waters McDonald '81 - Mercy Honors Co-Chair

INVOCATION

Sr. Peggy Gorman, RSM '60

"A STUDENT'S PERSPECTIVE"

Vayana Stoyanova '24 - Mount Mercy Academy Senior

SPIRIT OF MERCY AWARD

Marjorie S. Ryan

DINNER AND DESSERT

CATHERINE McAULEY DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA AWARDS

Molly Mulvaney Hayes '97 Meghan Crotty Quinn '02

SR. SALLY WALZ, RSM MEMORIAL AWARD

Patricia Keane Marren '82

MERCY DEVOTION AWARD

Tina Scarpello Webster '91

ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

Jessica Turner '02

CLOSING REMARKS

Anne Marie Kuwik '84 - Mercy Honors Co-Chair

BENEDICTION

Sr. Mary Ellen Twist, RSM '60

A very special thank you to the 2023 Mercy Honors Committee

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Congratulations to all our Honorees!

Spirit of Mercy Award

The Spirit of Mercy Award is an annual presentation of Mount Mercy Academy to men and women who exhibit the Spirit of Mercy in their professional and personal lives. On this occasion these recipients are honored for their outstanding commitment and dedication to their community. These persons are truly ministers of mercy who "...act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with their God." (MICAH 6:8)

Catherine McAuley Distinguished Alumna Award

The Catherine McAuley Distinguished Alumna Award is presented to an alumna of Mount Mercy Academy who has distinguished herself as a woman of faith, knowledge, integrity and compassion – a woman whose accomplishments in all areas of her life – her family, her community, her career – reflect the legacy and mission of Catherine McAuley, the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy.

Sister Sally Walz, RSM Memorial Award

The Sister Sally Walz, RSM Memorial Award is presented to a woman, strong in Faith, who is distinguished in her family and career, a woman who shares her talent with the Mount Mercy Academy community. A volunteer who brings the generosity of time and talent that marked Sister Sally's life. This award is given to an alumna who, like Sister Sally, has "an expansive heart that is always welcoming and a generosity of time and talent for what needs to be done."

Mercy Devotion Award

The Mercy Devotion Award is presented to a faculty or staff member at the Academy who has served as an inspiration for and has earned the respect and admiration of students and colleagues over the years.

Athletic Excellence Award

The Mount Mercy Academy Athletic Excellence Award honors individuals who have accomplished outstanding athletic achievements during their time at Mercy. In addition to athletics, recipients have represented themselves in leadership, good character and commitment both professionally and in their community.



MARJORIE S. RYAN

Marjorie Stanton Ryan graduated from South Park High School in 1956. Marge worked as a stenographer with RJ Walsh/Equitable Insurance before marrying Tom Ryan in 1959. Together they raised six children: three girls Mary Lynn 1979, Karen 1980, and Maggie 1983 and three boys Kevin, David and Tom Jr. All of her children went to Mount Mercy Academy and Bishop Timon-St. Jude respectively. Marge was active in the Bishop Timon-St. Jude parents' guilds. According to one of her acquaintances she takes the motto "Strong in Faith" to a whole new level by walking the walk.

Marge is a founding member of "South Buffalo Alive" (a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in the South Buffalo neighborhood) and helped start the South Buffalo Garden Walk, The Parade of Circles and the lighting of the Christmas Tree on the corner of Potters and Abbott. Marge convinced the community Catholic School Choirs to sing carols for this event.

Gardening is Marge Ryan's passion, she inherited this from her grandmother and mother. When Marge's younger children were in high school, she started to look for a positive way to spend her "free time," and decided to plant and clean up area gardens. She started beautifying the neighborhood's gardens on her own, her example was contagious, with many in the community planting gardens. She started the Garden Walk when she noticed so many beautiful gardens and would ride her bike from South Park Avenue to Seneca Street and got the community to sign up for the walk. While her daughters attended Mount Mercy Academy, she became friends with Sister Marie Bernard and helped tend the Mercy Convent and Trocaire College Gardens.

She still actively helps to maintain: Mount Mercy Academy, Trocaire College, The Fireman's Memorial, Morgan Park, the traffic circles on McKinley and pocket parks around Abbott and South Park. She transformed an abandoned lot on South Park next to the Dudley Library. The Tim Russett's Children's Park has been a place for South Park area residents to enjoy some beautiful green space for many years. On many Sundays, when the weather is warm you can go by there and find Marge with her gardening hoes and rake and broom tending to this oasis in the heart of our neighborhood.

Marge Ryan also served on the Olmsted Conservancy Board for years and continues to work with the City of Buffalo, Mayor, Council Members and Parks Department. She was instrumental in starting the stone memory gardens in Cazenovia Park by the Baseball fields, and Buffalo In Bloom (an all-volunteer program of Buffalo Green Fund dedicated to beautifying public spaces through horticulture).

Buffalo's very own Marge Ryan rocked the Mayor's socks off, earning a big kudos for being a top-notch citizen and doing her part to make our city a beautiful place to live. Congressman Brian Higgins even gave her a snazzy proclamation to mark her amazing contributions!

Mount Mercy Academy is honored to give Marge Ryan The Spirit of Mercy Award for her commitment and dedication to our community. The gardens that she tends give a sense of peace to all who notice the beauty in them. Thank you, Marge, for sharing your gardening passion with us all and helping make the the world a more beautiful place.



MOLLY MULVANEY HAYES

Molly Mulvaney Hayes is a 1997 graduate of Mount Mercy Academy. After graduating from Mount Mercy Academy, Molly earned her Bachelor's degree from Mercyhurst College and, thereafter, a Master's degree in School Counseling from The State University of New York at Plattsburgh. She continued her education receiving a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Special Education from the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Molly started her career in Anchorage, Alaska working as a Behavior Health Coordinator for Head Start. She had the opportunity to travel to several rural villages, learning a great deal about the different cultures in Alaska. Her position expanded into many roles in the system, including working as a Developmental Specialist with the Infant Learning Program, Elementary School Counselor, Preschool Special Education Teacher, Teacher Coach and Adjunct Professor at University Alaska Anchorage School of Education.

Molly joined King Tech High School in Anchorage, Alaska in 2021 after spending many years as an Early Childhood Special Education Specialist. Prior to her arrival, her Principal (Dr. Kern McGinley) was developing plans to rebuild the Early Childhood Education Program that was experiencing a decline in student enrollment and nationally, the K-12 public education system was experiencing a significant teacher shortage. Thus, the goal for rebuilding the King Tech Early Childhood Education Program was the focus of inspiring young people to become educators in their community.

The strength of any program is dependent upon the strengths of the teacher and in this instance, such individual was Molly who helped to move the early childhood education program forward. Molly is a strong and inspiring teacher who was needed to fulfill the mission and was referred to King Tech by many colleagues from the Anchorage School District. She has all the qualities and characteristics of an educator capable of leading the early childhood education program. As her Principal states, "I presented Molly with the lofty goal, and she reached for the baton, running purposely, charting and trailblazing the new direction of the early childhood program."

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The University of Alaska Anchorage hired Molly as an Adjunct Professor where she has taught Child Development and other courses. Her efforts have helped students understand that they are capable of college level work, with many of her students looking at college from the first-generation lens. In addition to the higher educational standard delivered, Molly is a role model for King Tech students because she is kind, compassionate, intelligent, and an inspiration. As a result, their program enrollment has tripled in numbers with a large percentage of students returning to complete the certificate and enroll in the University toward completing the Teacher Certification Program.

Molly's work at King Tech extends beyond the classroom as a Department Chair providing leadership that helps move the school forward. She also serves as a mentor for teachers who are new to teaching. Molly's efforts are continuously focused on self, student, and school improvement.

Molly has lived in Anchorage, Alaska for almost 20 years. It is where she met her husband, Jonny Hayes. Ironic enough, Molly and Jonny knew each other through family connections since they were young. They have two daughters, Adele 12 and Greta 10. They enjoy being active in their community and schools. Molly has served as the Parent Teacher Association Vice President for the past 6 years at her daughters' elementary school. The Hayes girls come "home to Buffalo" for a month every summer to soak up sunshine, family and friends.

Molly loves connecting with her girlfriends, many that have been in her life since their days at Saint Martin's School and Mount Mercy Academy. A few fellow classmates have said that "there is no better friend than Molly she is never without a smile, she is loyal, compassionate, and always laughing, always looks for the silver lining with everything and everyone. That's the reason everyone felt they were in an expansive friend group with Molly."

Mount Mercy Academy is proud to bestow the Distinguished Alumna Award upon Molly Mulvaney Hayes, Class of 1997. Her personal and professional accomplishments are consistent with the values of integrity and compassion that are taught at Mount Mercy Academy. Catherine McAuley would be proud of Molly's career and her commitment to serve as a role model to her students.



MEGHAN CROTTY QUINN

Meghan Crotty Quinn is a Mount Mercy Academy graduate, Class of 2002. Meghan is married to Kevin Quinn (Bishop Timon-Saint Jude, Class of 2002). They are the proud parents of their daughter Keira (Mount Mercy Academy, Class of 2027), daughter Colleen, and son Rory. Meghan is the daughter of Anita Durkin Crotty (Mount Mercy Academy Class of 1963) and Patrick Crotty.

While at Mount Mercy Academy, Meghan took advantage of the multiple opportunities afforded to her in leadership, academic studies, athletics and service. During high school, Meghan enjoyed athletics and ran cross country, indoor track, outdoor track and played freshman basketball. In Meghan's freshman year, Mount Mercy Academy's cross-country team won The Monsignor Martin High School Athletic Association Championship and won the All-Catholic Championship in 3 of her 4 high school years she excelled as a runner. Additionally, she enjoyed leading in her freshman class skit for Miss Mercy. Meghan showed early leadership strength when she was Vice President of her sophomore class and Secretary of her senior class. Meghan was acknowledged as a member of the National Honor Society and enjoyed participating in the Yearbook Club.

Outside of school, Meghan participated in Irish dancing with Rince na Tiarna, winning multiple regional and national team titles. Her experience went far beyond the stage performance. Senior dancers learned leadership and public relations skills as they led other dancers by organizing and presenting shows in nursing homes, educational institutions, and other venues. Meghan learned the value of teamwork and friendship during her time at Mercy and keeps close connections with many of her friends today.

Building on her early leadership experience, Meghan has developed an ability to organize and lead events where people participate fully and enthusiastically. Her respectful approach encourages trust and openness leading to excellent communication, creative exchanges and solid results. This ability to motivate encourages people to bring their best and focus energies on success for the project and "highs" for the participants. When necessary, Meghan can be challenging and takes a clear, strong stand for what she believes to be right.

Following high school, Meghan attended John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio. During her time at John Carroll University, Meghan participated in the inaugural "Ireland Peacebuilding Program" where she spent six weeks living at Queen's University in Belfast, Northern Ireland. As part of the program, students met with members of government and political leaders, former paramilitaries, victims, police and peacemakers to learn first-hand the history of Northern Ireland. Meghan graduated in 2007 with her Bachelor of Science in Accountancy and Bachelor of Arts in Human Resource Management from John Carroll University.

After graduation, Meghan returned to Buffalo to start work in Public Accounting. She earned her license and title of Certified Public Accountant in 2009. In 2010, Meghan began her career in banking at M&T Bank. Meghan currently works for HSBC Bank USA, NA as a Senior Vice President in the Commercial Banking division. She is a Senior Credit Manager Team-Lead supporting international clients in the Great Lakes Region of the United States. In addition to client management, Meghan is part of HSBC Bank USA, NA Credit Training Program which hires and develops talented young professionals who are beginning their careers. Meghan is a two-time Sutherland Club Champion, an award given to the top 100 performers in United States commercial banking as recognized by their peers.

In her community, Meghan is the Treasurer of South Buffalo Roots (a local organization responsible for the South Buffalo Irish Festival, South Buffalo Porchfest and Music in the Park series). In addition to these free events, the organization supports several South Buffalo community organizations and initiatives, including the South Buffalo Community Table, Buffalo Irish Center, Buffalo Refuse, South Buffalo Sports organizations, local school fundraisers, 11-Day Power Play, Kids Escaping Drugs, Feed the Front Line and many others. Meghan is also active in the Rince na Tiarna Parent Association.

Meghan volunteers at her children's school, Notre Dame Academy, where she is one of the Varsity cross-country coaches and was the Junior Varsity girls' basketball coach. She is active in the Parent Teacher Organization. Meghan is a recipient of The Irish Echo's 40 under 40 Award in 2021 and also received its Business Ambassador Award. Such recognitions are a unique honor to her as a champion of the Irish-American arts and culture.

Meghan enjoys spending time with family and friends and cheering on the Buffalo Bills. Meghan and her husband Kevin gained fame as the couple who brought the Bills Flag to the Rio Olympics in 2016. Meghan is proud to say she is a homeowner on the greatest street in South Buffalo, Britt Avenue. Each year, Meghan organizes the neighborhood children to sing Christmas Carols on December 23rd. A neighbor of Meghan's stated: "Meghan exemplifies what it means to be a good neighbor. I have had the privilege of being her neighbor and friend for 15 years. Most recently, Meghan opened her home during the Christmas Eve blizzard to many of our neighbors and we were all able to celebrate during a tough time for our city. Meghan truly lives the spirit of Mercy every day in all that she does to help others."

Mount Mercy Academy is proud to honor Meghan Crotty Quinn, class of 2002 with the Catherine McAuley Distinguished Alumna Award. Meghan has distinguished herself as a woman of faith, knowledge, integrity, and compassion for others. Her accomplishments in all areas of her life, her family, her community and her career truly reflect the mission of Catherine McAuley, the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy.



PATRICIA KEANE MARREN

Patricia ("Pattie") Keane Marren grew up in South Buffalo on Britt Avenue. Pattie began her education at Saint Martin of Tours Grammar School and graduated from Mount Mercy Academy in 1982. She is the youngest of four children including her brother, the late Timothy, and sisters Nancy Keane Bundt, Class of 1975, and Kathy Keane Connors Klun, Class of 1977.

Pattie's parents, Margaret and Thomas Keane, instilled a hard work ethic and the importance of giving back to others. Pattie is a strong woman of faith who is a compassionate volunteer and has influenced the lives of many in her community and beyond.

Pattie and her husband of 34 years, Daniel ("Dan") Marren, reside in West Seneca and Sarasota, Florida. They have two children, daughter Katherine ("KC"), Class of 2011, and Thomas, Canisius High School Class of 2015. Pattie is extremely proud that her daughter continued the family tradition of attending Mount Mercy Academy.

After graduating from Mount Mercy Academy, Pattie attended the State University College at Buffalo where she obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Information Technology, along with a minor in Business. During her college years, she worked as an intern at Standard Oil/Carborundum and in retail sales. She graduated in 1986 and started working as a Programmer at Goldome Realty Credit Corporation. Pattie then transitioned to Marine Midland Bank (now HSBC Bank USA, N.A. a/k/a "HSBC") as a Programmer.

In 1994, while working and expecting her first child, Pattie earned her Master's Degree in Business Administration from Canisius College. As a valued employee, she earned the title of Vice President at HSBC in 1997. Pattie worked at HSBC until 2015 and, during her time there, she received an Outstanding Employee Award and multiple quarterly awards for her exemplary work ethic. She was chosen to represent the organization at the HSBC Americas Meeting (North, Central and South) and was also selected to travel to India to train and share information with overseas bank employees. Pattie successfully led the annual "Take Your Child to Work Day" and was an active volunteer and organizer of the HSBC Bank USA, N.A. United Way and Annual Day of Caring Campaigns.

Since her children were young, Pattie has been an avid volunteer for many years supporting activities at their schools, parishes, and sports organizations. She assisted in fundraising events and organizational activities of the O'Sullivan School of Irish Dance Parents Organization. In addition, she assisted in fundraising and social events associated with the Cazenovia Hockey Association and Canisius High School.

Pattie's devotion to Mount Mercy Academy is extensive. While their daughter attended Mount Mercy Academy, Pattie and her husband Dan were active supporters who were always involved and willing to participate in many events. They served as the McAuley Gala Co-Chairs in 2011. Pattie held two terms as a Treasurer and Board Member of the Mount Mercy Academy Alumnae Association. Sharing her financial expertise, Pattie was an active member of the Mount Mercy Academy Board of Trustees.

One of the many places you can find Pattie is at Dog Ears Bookstore. Pattie has a strong presence there and is a passionate literacy volunteer and a member of its Board of Directors.

She also is a volunteer for the Town of West Seneca Development Committee and the Colden Food Pantry.

Over the past several years, Pattie has faced several medical challenges, including her post-glioblastoma brain surgery, the outcome which left her with limited physical ability. These limitations have not slowed Pattie down. In fact, they helped intensify her desire to help others. She is a passionate volunteer serving as a subject for the Physical Therapy Programs at Daemen University, University of Buffalo, and University of Texas. Pattie provides important first-hand feedback to physical therapy students relative to modalities and methods of treatment and efficacy. She has helped others with disabilities learn how to drive, dress, and engage in daily activities that many of us take for granted.

While a patient at Roswell Park Cancer Institute ("RPCI"), Pattie met with the Administration to convey improvement ideas for easier access for all patients. Her Neuro-Oncologist, Dr. Ajay Abad, has credited Pattie as being a major force behind enhanced parking changes for improved safety for all patients, particularly those with disabilities and visitors of the RPCI medical campus.

Her husband Dan states that "she NEVER thinks of herself...she always tries to do what is best for someone else...she is selfless, kind, compassionate, generous and just an amazing, giving human being."

Mount Mercy Academy is proud to honor Pattie Keane Marren with the Sister Sally Walz, RSM Award for her consistent, humble dedication to her family and community. This award is given to an alumna who, like Sister Sally, has "an expansive heart that is always welcoming and a generosity of time and talent for what needs to be done." Pattie has made a significant impact on the lives of others through the examples she sets as a leader and volunteer.



TINA SCARPELLO WEBSTER

Tina Scarpello Webster learned her work ethic from her parents, Joe & Patti Scarpello. She attended St. Ambrose School and Mount Mercy Academy, where she graduated from in 1991. Her sisters CherylAnn ('82) and Joelle ('94) are also Mercy graduates. Her parents owned Mr. Scarps restaurant on Seneca Street, where Tina and her sisters spent most of their childhood. Her father Joe passed away in 1988 from cancer while she was a freshman at Mount Mercy Academy. She attributes her strong work ethic to her mom who took on two jobs to support their family. Her mom Patti's sacrifice to make sure her daughters received an education strong in faith makes Tina's love of Mount Mercy Academy a true mission in life.

Tina attended Erie Community College. Tina primarily focused on customer service in her early career. She lived in Charlotte, North Carolina working for US Appraisal/Transunion as an operations manager. Tina missed her friends and family and returned to Buffalo, New York where she worked for KeyBank and worked as a social director at some fine South Buffalo establishments. Tina married Kevin "Web" Webster in 2011, they have made their home in South Buffalo and have a fur baby named Barb.

Tina owes her career at Mount Mercy to Margaret Staszak and her daughter Janelle Kennedy. In 2004, the Timon cheerleading coach left the position, and the cheer team needed a coach. Janelle, having had Tina as her coach during middle school, called her about coaching the Mercy girls. Tina jumped at the chance! Fast forward a few years and while she was meeting with Margaret Staszak, the Mercy principal at the time, about some cheer business, Mrs. Staszak said "I think we have the perfect job here for you!". And Margaret was right!

In 2013, Tina started working at Mount Mercy Academy part-time in Alumnae and Special Events. Her dedication to Mount Mercy Academy has since brought her many roles, that include: Recruitment Manager, Director of Admissions and Communications, producing the Horizons newsletter, acting as a class moderator, club facilitator, running summer camps and recruitment events, Open House, Shadow Days, acceptance packages, Orientation, family tours, producing social media posts, website content and updates, marketing and many community ads.

Tina is always willing to do whatever is asked of her or needs to be done regardless of whether it fits into her job description. The ability to provide girls with the same experience and opportunities that so many women have had before them is what drives Tina to do whatever it takes.

Tina's positive can-do attitude is a trait she picked up from her years as a cheerleader, she started cheering at the age of five. Tina volunteered as a cheer coach with the South Buffalo Football Association for over 25 years and served as a board member for that organization. Volunteering for SBFA is something Tina is most proud of. Tina helped establish the Brian Bauer Memorial Golf Tournament (proceeds go scholarships for students at Mount Mercy Academy and Bishop Timon-St. Jude). She has coached the Mount Mercy Academy and Bishop Timon-St. Jude cheerleading teams for close to 20 years and coaches at Buffalo Envy All Stars, where she has been since 2010. Buffalo Envy's owners are three women, who like Mount Mercy Academy, all strive to empower and inspire girls and young women. Similarly, such empowerment and inspiration is Tina's own heartfelt mission and how she has dedicated her life.

Cheerleading has always been a large part of Tina's life; her mom was a volunteer coach, as well as both her sisters. Tina loved being a cheerleader but found her calling in coaching. Tina mentors young people about hard work, sportsmanship, and sacrifice. She recognizes the importance of providing them with a safe space to learn and grow. According to a fellow coach, "Tina is passionate in all she does, her positive energy is genuine and the compassion she has for others is inspiring."

Tina Scarpello Webster enthusiastically shows her commitment and dedication to empowering young women with her mentorship and friendship. Michele Melligan, Mount Mercy's Head of School, said "Tina is a true example of what the heart of Mount Mercy Academy is meant to be." Mount Mercy Academy is proud of Tina and honored to bestow her with its Mercy Devotion Award.



JESSICA TURNER

Jessica Turner Class of 2002 is the recipient of the inaugural award for Athletic Excellence for her athletic abilities, leadership and motivation demonstrated at Mount Mercy Academy and Niagara University's basketball court and campus. These traits have been applied to the corporate world where she has worked in a variety of positions and has earned the title of Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) at New Era Cap Company.

Jessica is a Buffalo native and attended Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Grammar school prior to entering Mount Mercy Academy. During this time, her father instilled the love of basketball in Jessica and her sister Heather (2008) and her brother Aaron. The love of basketball provided the foundation and motivation to become the athlete that she proved to be while at Mount Mercy Academy and at Niagara University. Jessica played on the Varsity Basketball team that won the Monsignor Martin High School Athletic Association Championship in her senior year. During her years at Mount Mercy Academy she was named to All-Catholic League Selection three times

After graduating from Mount Mercy Academy, she attended Niagara University where she was part of the Division I Basketball team. While at Niagara University, Jessica served as Vice President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and was selected as an Arthur Ashe Junior Sports Scholar. This award is to honor students of color who have excelled in the classroom and on the athletic field. To be considered for this award, colleges and universities nominate deserving students not only for their athletic talent but also for their commitment to community service and student leadership. This award was inspired by tennis great Arthur Ashe Junior. Jessica earned a Bachelor Degree of Science from the College of Hospitality, Sports, and Tourism Management.

Jessica applied the athletic training and education gained as a student-athlete to the business world as a member of New Era Cap Company. Her first position was in customer relations. Jessica was named the first Hot Market Operations Manager and this was her first position in marketing. From there she worked to develop and re-launch the non-licensed business programs for additional revenue. She is a founding member of the New Era Cap Company Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Council (DEI). Jessica is the first person to hold the title of Director of DEI. Through her advice and guidance, Jessica continues to enhance the culture at New Era Cap Company and their involvement with the community and corporate partners.

In 2016, she received the David C. Koch Award which is presented to employees who are passionate about the New Era Cap Company products, provide customer service and continuously go above and beyond which is reflective of the New Era brand's values.

In addition to her work responsibilities, she is a mentor with the Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholars and is a member of the Volunteer Foundation at New Era Cap Company. Jessica is also a volunteer with the Festival of Trees, Feedmore WNY, the Special Olympics and the Willie Hutch Jones Education and Sports programs. Jessica supports activities sponsored by the Juvenile Arthritis Foundation. Jessica is the proud mother of Maya and Kellan. Her children are her best motivators and supporters. Jessica wants all women to have the confidence to show others their authentic selves.

Mount Mercy Academy is proud to honor Jessica Turner, class of 2002 with the inaugural Athletic Excellence Award. She has set an exemplary example for our students and her fellow alumnae of how to apply her athletic skills to her profession. This award reflects the leadership and commitment to her career, family and community.

Mistress of Ceremonies



Bonnie Kane Lockwood, Class of 1973, has graciously accepted our request to host our Mercy Honors awards dinner. Bonnie has been a very dedicated Alumna and we are so thankful that she has joined our team to help in honoring such a wonderful group of people. Bonnie is a Mount Mercy Academy Distinguished Alumna, receiving the award in 2012. She followed in the footsteps of her parents, Donald and Patricia '47 Kane, in her commitment to community service. Her mother was a Spirit of Mercy recipient in 1989 and a Distinguished Alumna recipient in 2001.

As the first woman elected South District Councilmember, Bonnie served on the Buffalo Common Council from 1994-1998. In 1998, she joined the City of Buffalo administration in the Department of Strategic Planning working on grants and resource management. Prior to her election, Bonnie served as legislative assistant to then Councilman Brian Higgins.

Following the election of Brian Higgins to Congress, she enthusiastically rejoined his staff in 2005 as Director of Special Projects. She served as one of the Congressman's principal staffers in his historic and successful battle to secure a \$279 million settlement from the New York Power Authority which continues to fund the revitalization of the Buffalo Waterfront.

2021 ushered in retirement as she became "Bon-Bon" to three beautiful grandchildren, all South Buffalo residents. Bonnie and John, her husband of 44 years, now focus their energies on McKenzie and Declan Reid, and Iris Patricia Lockwood. Her daughter Megan '01 (Jason) Reid and her daughter-in-law, Bridget Allman '00 (Brian) Lockwood are both proud Mercy graduates.

Unexpectedly but proudly, 2023 brought a new addition to her resume as the first female elected Governor of New York State, Kathy Hochul, tapped Bonnie to be the Director of her WNY Office. In this position, Bonnie serves as the Governor's representative and primary point of contact for municipal leaders, businesses, non-profits and community leaders on project developments, advocacy, funding requests and grant opportunities. In September, Bonnie was named by City & State as one of 2023's Upstate Power 100.

We are grateful to have Bonnie return, not only as a past honoree, but now as our Mistress of Ceremonies for Mercy Honors this year. Her loyalty and support as an Alumna and member of our community are proof that the Circle of Mercy truly is timeless. Thank you Bonnie!

PAST RECIPIENTS <u>Catherine McAuley Distinguished Alumna Award</u>

2000

Maureen Leary Fecio '66 Nancy Wutz Ware '74

2001

Patricia Doyle Kane '47* Kathleen Grisanti Lillis, M.D. '78

Kathleen Kaczmarek Mehltretter, Esq. '72 Major Madonna M. Higgins, D.V.M.,

2002

Catherine M. Gogan, D.D.S. '77 Marylouise Nanna, Hon. '55* MaryLynn Ryan '79

2003

Denise Mahoney Dunford, FNP '71 Margaret Hempling McGlynn '77 Patricia A. Moore '70

2004

Kathleen Daley Dust '73 Joan Klipfel Lillis '53 Assunta Campanile Ventresca '68

2005

Margaret Whalen Keane '67 Sally Maloney, RSM '53 Carol J. Filsinger Voelker, Ph.D.,Ed.D. '48*

2006

Patricia A. Farrell '81 Marilynn Mahoney Fleckenstein, Ph.D. '61 * Patricia Meegan Kubanet '74 2007

Margaret Flanagan Barrett '73 Mary Beth Hess Farruggio '69 Pamela M. Krawczyk '77 Margaret Ouinn Popiolkowski '69

2008

M.V.P.H. '78

Eileen Kraus Scott '68

Patricia Lyons Van Dyke '47*

2009

Marianne Matuzic Myles '71 Julia Hall '81 Mary Bendyna, RSM '79

2010

Sharon Green '69 Marguerite C. McDonald Garrison '77 Elizabeth Carey Ras '87 Sally Walz, RSM '56*

2011

Mary M. McCafferty '80 Margaret A. O'Donnell, RSM '48

2012

Bonnie Kane Lockwood '73 Tracy O'Grady '85 2013

Mary Kelleher Crabtree '80 Nancy Hoff, RSM '61 Molly McBride Scala '80

2014

Cheryl Meyers Buth '84 Kathleen Pace Murphy, Ph.D. '77 Honorable Mary F. Weir '79

2015

Kate M. Callahan, Ph.D. '70 Ann Muldoon Galli, PMP '76 Sheila Walsh, RSM '56

2016

Marie Porter Cannon '83 Lisa M. Mendonza, MD, FAAFP '89

2017

Catherine Flanagan-Priore, Ph.D. '92 Nora Meaney-Elman, B.S., M.S., M.D. '71 Cheryl Ann O'Connor '73

2018

Catie Burke Gavin '93 Stephanie Hnatiw '66 Colleen Mattimore, MD, FAAP '77 Sharon Porcellio '75

2019

Mary Ann Murphy '80 Erin Sobkowski '95

*Deceased

2022

Mary Kate Zebracki Loftus '95 Elizabeth Beiring Kim, Ph.D. '83 Kelly O'Connell Kinderman '95 Lauren Dunford Kuwik, M.D. '00

PAST RECIPIENTS Spirit of Mercy Award

1988

Robert H. Chambers* Betty A. Kane '49 Mary Clare Powers, RSM*

1989

Maureen A. Canney '52 Mabel Dimmers '15* Patricia Doyle Kane '47* Colleen E. Lambert '57* Mary Alice Muldoon '30*

1990

William E. Gangloff Kathleen G. Kearns '53* Mary Peter Wiles, RSM '23*

1991

Rev. John O'Connor* Arlene McKenna Rola '48* Heather A. Schwabl '91*

1992

Rev. Joseph Bayne, OFM Conv.* Sheila Kimmitt, RSM '33* Jean Marie Stackpoole

1993

Rev. John Alderson, OFM Martin & Mary Catherine Wilson Kennedy '64 Richard & Joan Pfeiffer* 1994

M. Natalie Bailey, RSM*
Paul* & Sheila Ryan Lempko '55
Rev. Msgr. Dino Lorenzetti*

1995

M. Victorine Collins, RSM '37*
William I. Cotter*
Henry & Patricia Clark Demicke '56

1996

Meghan Barrett Periera '96 M. Annunciata Kelleher, RSM '43* Jane Krawczyk Patricia Plunkett '48

1997

Jane A. Bigelow '62*
M. Celeste O'Bryan, RSM*
Melissa A. Prorok

1998

Peggy Conlon, RSM Msgr. David M. Lee Denise McKenzie '68

2000

Kathleen V. Collins '68 Marion V. Grimes

2001

Margaret Victori Bogucki '77 Joan Sherry, RSM 2002

Nancy A. Hartung '53* Thomas J. Sullivan

2003

Fred Kirisits
Frances Stearns Smith '40*

2004

Margaret Ann Coughlin, RSM '59* Marianne Rathbun Russo '51

2005

Kathryn C. Neeson '64 Rev. William R. Bigelow

2006

Donna M. Carroll '67 Rev. John J. Mattimore, SJ

2007

Mary Monica Riordan, RSM '42*

2008

Anne Elizabeth Courtney '43* Catherine M. Kanick, RSM '54

2009

Joanne M. Schwartzott '54 Deanna Kwiatkowski Russo '93

2010

Dr. Linda Perrone Rooney '63

2011 Cathleen Cronin Fitzgerald '75 Frank Lewandowski

> 2012 John Glose Barbara A. Ryan '68

2013 Eleanor Donovan Gilson '78 Maureen Myers '71 Gary* & Linda Tatu

2014 Erik T. Bohen Mary Hembrow Snyder, Ph.D Thomas G. Sellers

> 2015 Ellen E. Koessler John* & Debbie Martin Thomas P. McDonnell

2016 Anita Durkin Crotty '63 Michael & Cathleen Canney Lempko '84

2017 Peter & Diane Pascuzzi Clancy '81 Lisa M. Kirisits, CPA Joan Meaney Ulsher '86

2018 Karen Connors Erickson '63 Robert "Bob" Hughes 2019 Douglas Lum Mary Travers Murphy

2022 Suzanne Fox Overdorf '60 Terry O'Dea Michalek '71

Mercy Charism Award

2012 Anne McGillicuddy Nancy Preskop David Zapfel

<u>Sister Sally Walz, RSM Memorial</u> <u>Award</u>

2016 Maureen O'Connor Oakley '73 2022 Vincenetta Ventresca O'Donnell '61*

> <u>Mercy Devotion Award</u> 2011

Jean M. Campbell

2012 Catherine Adair Luhr

> 2016 Robert A. Fix

2019 Kate Coughlin Lynch '76

*Deceased





From the Class of 1973 as we celebrate our fifty years as Mercy Graduates, our hats are off to Molly Mulvaney Hayes, Meghan Crotty Quinn, Marge Ryan, Pattie Keane Marren, Tina Scarpello Webster, and Jessica Turner as we recognize each of these women for their outstanding accomplishments and their passionate response to our community. A special shout out to Tina Webster, who truly exemplifies devotion to Mercy through her zeal for helping students and alumnae alike, inspiring loyalty and dedication to Mount Mercy. Congratulations and our very best wishes to all!



"We must strive to do ordinary things extraordinarily well."

Catherine McAuley

Congratulations to our 2023 Mercy Honors Awardees who have truly lived out this maxim of Mother McAuley and made a difference in our world.

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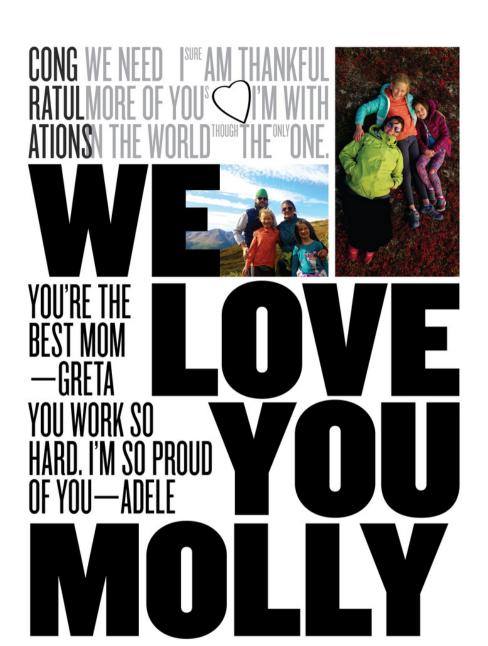


Congratulations to all of the honorees on this special honor!



Congratulations Tina Webster! Love.

Bud and Marge ('66) Webster, Brian & Allison Webster and Family, Sean & Jen Webster and Family and Colleen ('11) & Jason Fiedler and Family



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Congratulations to tonight's awardees -a distinguished group of women who emulate the
Spirit of Mercy and continue to lead our community
with compassion. Thank you to the Mount Mercy
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purpose; make a positive difference in someone's life."
— Roy T. Bennett

Congratulations

to

Tina Scarpello Webster

Your dedication to Mount Mercy, your cheerleaders, your family and friends, and your community has always been inspiring!

We are so proud of you!

With Love, Mom and Mark Cheryl, Wally, Hailie and Caiden Joelle, Mark, Kyle and Ryan

This is why you've always been the favorite!







CONGRATULATIONS, PATTIE KEANE MARREN!

2023 Sr. Sally Walz, RSM Memorial Honoree





Your positive attitude and resilience
inspires us and
makes us proud to have you as our
friend!

Love always,
Joanne, Mary Clare, Grace, Ann, Kathy,
Sharon
MMA Class of '82 – the Best Class



PATRONS

Congratulations to all our Honorees!

Cristel Meja, RSM
Eileen O'Connor, RSM
Anne Sullivan Lalley '68
Denise Hillery '81
Linda Sieckmann-Dugan '76
Mary Denise Mahoney Dunford '71
Lauren (Dunford) Kuwik '00
Martin & Mary Catherine Kennedy '64
Mary Goodspeed '64
Maureen Canney '52



Mount Mercy Academy Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 9th, 2023

Breakfast with Santa & Winter
Market

Saturday, January 27th, 2024

Alumnae Gift Gathering Brunch

Saturday, February 10th, 2024

Alumnae Basketball Game

Friday, April 19th, 2024

Annual McAuley Gala



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Thank you for your commitment to Mount Mercy and the community!

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Meg- We love you to the 9 moons and back-Liz, Shannon, Meg, Kath, Katie, Carolyn, Julie, Lauren, Michelle, and Hilary



Congratulations to all the 2023 honorees!

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Best wishes and good luck to everyone at Mount Mercy
Academy as they host their 22nd
Annual Honors Dinner. A special congrats to Molly Mulvaney
Hayes, Meghan Crotty Quinn,
Marjorie S. Ryan, Patricia Keane
Marren, Tina Scarpello Webster,
and Jessica Turner as they are honored for their exceptional commitment to this community!

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Congratulations

To All the Honorees
Especially Our Lifelong Friend

Patricia Keane Marren

Whose *Strong Spirit* has made a lasting impact on our lives and the lives of many others!

Ann and Rick Galli





Congratulations Tina on this honor! You are truly an inspiration to young women throughout our community! Your dedication to Mount Mercy is unparalleled. I am truly proud of all that you do! Love,

Webby





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Congratulations

to the Mount Mercy Academy
Mercy Honors Award Honorees and
all the best to the
Alumnae Association on the
22nd Annual
Mercy Honors Dinner.



Susan Manley Swarts Class of 1965



Congratulations Pattie Keane Marren Class of 1982 Well deserved!



Doug & Kathy Lum

Tina: You Rock! Love, Shecky

Tina, You are the most deserving person for this award! Your love, passion and dedication to Mount Mercy is evident in the way you spread Mercy love everywhere you go! We love you and send a huge CHEER of congratulations to you! Rah rah!!! Love, Leah & Janelle



CONGRATULATIONS to the Winners of This Year's MERCY HONORS AWARDS

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PATTIE: You are our hero! Congratulations on a well-deserved award! We love you!

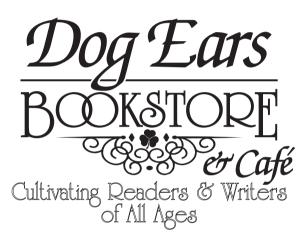


Love, Dan, KC, Fred, Tom and Maria

Congratulations Patti on this well deserved award!

Mark Marren

Congratulations!



We are a better organization because Pattie is here.

We are a better family because Pattie is with us.

And we are truly better people because we know Pattie.

Congratulations Pattie Keane Marren

You are amazing!

Congratulations! to Tina Scarpello Webster

(T, Scarps, Scarpucci, Scarpooch, etc.)

Well in the end we can all call a friend, that's something that I know is true. And in a thousand years and a thousand tears I will find my original crew. - OAR

We are so proud of you! And honored to be your lifelong friends. We love you!

Love your original crew...
Col & Chaser, Julie & Rick, Lori & Sully,
PJ & Maureen, Cheri & Steve, Amy, Joe
& Stine, PJ & Meg, Sean & Audra,
Kathleen

We are so proud of our Mol doll!

With our love and support always,

Julie, Molly, Suzanne, Maura, Kerry, Liz, Kelly, Amy, Becky and Maureen









Most especially to our great friend

Tina Scarpello Webster

We are grateful for your friendship and for the positive influence you've had on so many Mercy girls.

We admire your dedication and spirit of giving to all things Mercy.

THANK YOU!

The best team is one that not only works together,
but laughs together too!

Love, the 3rd Floor

In Loving Memory of Vincenetta Ventresca O'Donnell, '61 Love.

Mary Campanile '76
Ann Campanile Smith '71
Sue Campanile Ventresca '68



Congratulations to the 2023 Mercy Honors Award Honorees!

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Congratulations, Pattie!

Big heart, humble, kind, generous with your time and talents.

YOU make a difference in the lives of many!

We love you!!

Dan, K.C., Fred, Tom, Maria, Nancy, Mike, Kathy, Glenn, Marlene, Doug, Michael, Katherine, Melissa, Rich, Pattie, Billy, Patrick and Sara

XOXO

Congratulations Molly & the rest of the honorees on your outstanding achievements!



Dan, Donna, Michael, Maggie, Ken & Elizabeth, Aunts, Uncles, & Cousins.
Also Johnny, Adele, & Greta Hayes



Congratulations to the 2023 Mercy Honors

honorees!

Marjorie S. Ryan
Meghan Crotty Quinn '02
Molly Mulvaney Hayes '97
Patricia Keane Marren '82
Tina Scarpello Webster '91
Jessica Turner '02

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Molly Lynch '09
Maureen Myers '71
Eileen Hanley-Noworyta '71
Nancy Maloney Schreier '68
Jenny Stutz '02
Hannah Vattes '21
Margaret Slusarz Vattes '97

Always spreading kindness...from Brookside and beyond. Congratulations Molly! We are so proud of all you've accomplished!



Love, The Dunford and Kuwik Families

To our 2023 Honorees We are absolutely honored to celebrate each of you!

Congratulations!

Mercy Honors Co-Chairs Mary McDonald & Anne Marie Kuwik

Many thanks to our awesome Honors Committee

Ann Galli Mary McCafferty Michele Nostrant Laura Ortiz Maureen Myers Joanne Cullen



Thank You to our patrons and guests for the support of this event



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Congratulations to Meghan Crotty Quinn

2023 Catherine McAuley Distinguished Alumna Honoree

Congratulations to all the honorees. Thank you for all you do for our communities and Mount Mercy. Your example and the values you live are inspirational to all of us.

We are grateful to you and proud of you!

Kevin, Keira '27, Rory and Colleen Quinn Mom (Anita Durkin '63) and Dad (Pat Crotty)

Joan Quinn

Ray, Shannon (Shannon Quinn '98), Gavin,

Charlie, and Owen Krug

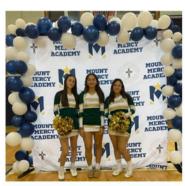
Among your many qualities are your generosity, warmth, and ability to bring people together. You live the words of Catherine McAuley ...

"Be sure you have a comfortable cup of tea for them." Ever since, the comfortable cup of tea has been a symbol of the warm and caring relationships which were at the heart of Catherine McAuley's Mercy vision.



We are so happy and excited for your success.
You are the best!

Love, all of your Mercy Girls







Congratulations

Patricia Keane Marren '82 on receiving the Sister Sally Walz, RSM Memorial Award!

From the Class of 1982



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TINA SCARPELLO

WEBSTER

OF 1991

on your

MERCY DEVOTION

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We join Mercy in their admiration of your selflessness and dedication to your school, and community.
We couldn't be prouder

to have you as a trusted colleague,

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Friend.