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Dear Mercy Family,

The beginning of a new school year and the season of fall; it has always been my favorite time of the year. This year we are pleased to announce the start of a major new beginning. The launching of the Mercy Education System of the Americas started on July 3, 2017. This system has been in planning for more than five years. The system includes fifty-eight Mercy education ministries in Argentina, Belize, Guam, Honduras, Jamaica, the Philippines and the United States.

Mount Mercy Academy is proud to be included in the formation of this empowering new initiative. Mercy Education System of the Americas will promote, support and advance our Mercy education ministries in their calling to be grounded in Mercy and Catholic identity into the future. Most importantly, by linking us with all the other Mercy education ministries, Mercy Education System of the Americas will broaden educational opportunities for all of our students.

At a forum convened on March 9, 2017 in Atlanta, leaders from all our Mercy education ministries, including myself and our Board Chair Kathleen Mehltretter, gathered for the very first time, expressly to set the stage for this collaboration. Even with a full agenda, many forum participants made time to express their enthusiasm for the Mercy Education System of the Americas and the opportunity it presents: the potential to connect across all borders by sharing the Mercy values and addressing the critical concerns uniting us.

It is important to note that our day-to-day operations will not change, and local administration and the local Board will remain in place. While all Mercy educators are united by their dedication to the Mercy charism and the vision of Catherine McAuley, the time is right to formalize a system that encourages and enables educators to share resources and best practices as they help their students prepare for an accelerated culture and a truly global society.

"Give me a lever and a place to stand and I will move the world." Archimedes

The new Mercy Education System will become our lever. We are part of something bigger that will give us added support and strength as we navigate our future.

As always we continue to keep you and your families in our prayers.

Blessings,

Margaret M. (Peggy) Cronin ’78
President, Mount Mercy Academy

On the Cover: The Circle of Mercy is a family tradition! This passionate and dedicated family has been supporting Mount Mercy Academy for many years. Pictured are Molly Lempko ’14, grandmother Sheila Ryan Lempko ’55, Class of 2017 graduate Brigid Lempko, grandmother Jean Jordan Canney ’58 and mother of the graduate, Cathleen Canney Lempko ’84. Truly Mercy Girls for a lifetime!
“It’s difficult trying to move on thinking of all the great times we’ve had together here at Mercy, but at the same time, it’s also exciting thinking of all the amazing new memories we will be making elsewhere as we grow older. I’m so grateful that I have been able to make these memories with such an amazing group of girls that have all been lights in my life.” – Colleen Finn ’17
Dear Friends,

It’s autumn and the members of our Mount Mercy June 2017 graduating class have all started their first semester of college, well-prepared and eager to begin an exciting new phase of their academic career. At the time of their commencement, our newest graduates exhibited remarkable academic accomplishments, spiritual growth and social development, leading them to confidently cross the stage in possession of an outstanding number of college scholarships, college acceptances, and college program acceptances. These exceptional achievements helped Mount Mercy maintain an academic ranking in the top 10% of all high schools and districts in Western New York, as published in the June 2017 issue of Business First Magazine. Such excellence has become repeatedly familiar at Mount Mercy Academy.

It is undeniable that MMA can truly stake its claim as the premier all girls’ high school of the Southtowns. There is a rightful and renewed sense of pride, vitality and strength at Mount Mercy, where new academic programs, including Women in the Humanities, STEAM, and our exclusive and very successful Science Academy continue to allow for greater student involvement and opportunity. Recently, four of our Mercy students, after attending a student leadership conference in Philadelphia with many other Mercy high school students from across the country, met with me to present their plan for a school wide fundraiser to help rebuild a school for girls, originally founded by Sisters of Mercy in Cameroon, which was destroyed by Boko Haram. I was immensely impressed with their very professionally developed proposal, the timeline, plan of action, and the sincerity with which they imparted their strategy to bring educational opportunities to underprivileged girls their age halfway around the world. The beautiful spirit of our students truly touched my heart, as I clearly sensed their commitment to implementing the Critical Concerns of the Sisters of Mercy. Those critical concerns - to practice nonviolence, to deepen our response to racism, to reverence the Earth, to embrace our particular concern for women, and to stand in solidarity with immigrants, are woven throughout the curriculum and regularly acted upon through the spiritual life of the school. It is gratifying to see our students embrace these important interests in a small but mighty manner.

In September, we welcomed another enthusiastic, eager, special group of young women beginning their academic journey as freshmen at MMA. What awesome opportunities lie ahead for them! The benefits of a Mercy education will prepare them not only for college and career, but for life beyond. With the encouragement and instruction from our excellent and knowledgeable faculty, and the ongoing financial support of our generous champions, donors, and friends, we will look to another successful year ahead at our beloved Mount Mercy Academy.

Yours in Mercy,

Margaret Staszak ’75
Principal, Mount Mercy Academy

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Barry University
Baylor University
Bentley University
Bryant & Stratton College
Buffalo State College, The State University of New York
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Chatham University
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Cleveland State University
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Duquesne University
D’Youville College
Edinboro University
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Erie Community College
Fairfield University
Fordham University
Gannon University
Hawaii Pacific University
Hilbert College
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Iona College
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John Carroll University
Kent State University
Kueka College
Lake Erie College
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LeMoyne College
Medaille College
Mercyhurst University
Mount Holyoke College
Nazareth College
Niagara University
Notre Dame College, Ohio
Penn State Erie, The Behrend College
Pennsylvania State University
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Quinnipiac University
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Siena College
Slippery Rock University
St. Bonaventure University
St. John Fisher College
St. Joseph’s University
Syracuse University
The College at Brockport, State University of New York
The College of Saint Rose
The State University of New York at Fredonia
The State University of New York at Geneseo
The State University of New York at Morrisville
The State University of New York at Oswego
The State University of New York at Plattsburgh
The State University of New York at Potsdam
The University of Alabama
Trocaire College
University at Buffalo
University of Akron
University of Arizona
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rochester
Utica College
Villa Maria College
Xavier University
Samantha Budzinski
Class of 2017 Valedictorian

“As our time here at Mercy comes to an end, we say goodbye to the place that has been our second home for the past four years. We say goodbye to our amazing faculty and staff and we say goodbye to all the friendly faces we have come to know. However, at the same time, we have many new opportunities ahead of us that we will be able to take advantage of because of everything we have learned here at Mercy, not only in the classroom but outside the classroom as well.

Mercy has empowered us to strive for excellence in all that we do and I know that is something that this class will take with them as we go out into the world.”

Colleen Finn
Class of 2017 Salutatorian

“I’d like to thank all of my teachers for always being so helpful, supportive, and patient toward myself and all of my classmates. I also have to thank my friends for always helping me out, making me laugh, and being there for me. I have to thank my parents, who made it possible for me to attend MMA. I truly appreciate the financial sacrifices you made for me.

Lastly, I’d like to thank the entire Class of 2017 for being so amazing over the past four years. The bond we have as a class is so unique and special, like something I have never seen before. It is something that I will treasure for the rest of my life.”

Clare Smokowski
Class of 2017 Baccalaureate Reflection

“Mount Mercy gave each of us an opportunity. The opportunity to recognize who we were at the beginning of our time at Mercy and discover who we wanted to become by the end. In my own experience, I was determined to use the extraordinary gift of a Mount Mercy education to become the best version of myself. I sincerely believe that today I am a transformed person from the young freshman who first stepped into Mercy four years ago. For the better, I have changed into a true woman of Mercy.”
THE CIRCLE OF MERCY IS TIMELESS …

Kathleen Crowley Bamrick ’79 and her daughters, Anne Bamrick ’17 and Mary Bamrick ’16

Julianna Diamond ’15 and her sister, Lindsay Diamond ’17

Koessler Sisters! Claire ’17 and Louise ’16

Mercy family! Emma English ’14, 2017 graduate Jillian English, Mary Shalloe Keatton Ward ’74. Ellyn Shalloe and mother of the graduate Kate Shalloe English ’27

Kathy Whelan Gall ’83 and her daughter Emily Gall ’17

Thomas sisters! Karen ’15, Class of 2017 graduate Kelly and Laura ’08

Margaret Heitzhaus Martello ’89 and her daughter Lindsey ’17

Cheryl Beyers Robinson ’78 and her daughter Emmaline ’17

Martiana Stachowski Lawicki ’81 and her daughters, Samantha ’17 and Christen ’08

Class of 2017 graduate Alyssa Srstice with her Mary Alumni friend Diana Srstice Jones ’95 and Melissa Srstice ’92

2017 Graduate Erin Stoklosa and her sister Madeline ’15

2017 Graduate Emily Stockton and her sister Madeline ’15

Margaret Hetzhuahamary ’88 and her daughter Lindsey ’17

2017 Graduate Deanna Siracuse with her Mercy alum aunts, Deanna Siracuse Jones ’95 and Melissa Siracuse ’92

Kathy Whelan Gall ’83 and her daughter Emily Gall ’17

Koessler Sisters! Claire ’17 and Louise ’16
IS TIMELESS...

Class of 2017 graduate Erin Murphy and her mom, Marti DiFlavio Murphy ’87

Holly Gasuk McLaurent ’83 and her daughter, Caitlin ’17

Marie Cichon Haettich ’86 and her daughters, Kate ’17 and Morgan ’14

Jayne Higgins Griffin ’82 and her daughters, Molly ’17 and Kelly ’12

Tierney Ashe, Class of 2020, Kaitlyn Ashe ’17 and their mom, Margaret McDermott Ashe ’81

Molly Coyle O’Neil ’91 and her daughters, Grace ’17 and Madeline ’15

Mercy Class of ’82 Alum Mary Laskas May and her daughters, Marian ’17 and Hannah ’14

Jennifer Shea McKeone ’85 and her daughter Clare ’17

Class of 2017 graduate Molly McLaughlin and her mom, Carol Clare McLaughlin ’81

Mercy family! Audrey Welsby, Class of 2018, Grace Welsby ’17 and their mom, Heidi Emhof Welsby ’86

Class of 2017 graduate Erin Murphy and her mom, Marti DiFlavio Murphy ’87

Kathryn Marabella, Class of 1983 and her sister, graduate Alison Marabella ’17

Mercy family! Audrey Welsby, Class of 2018, Grace Welsby ’17 and their mom, Heidi Emhof Welsby ’86

Holly Gasuk McLaurent ’83 and her daughter, Caitlin ’17

Tierney Ashe, Class of 2020, Kaitlyn Ashe ’17 and their mom, Margaret McDermott Ashe ’81

2017 graduate Julia Ahr and her mom, Kristen Collier ’95

Mercy Class of ’82 Alum Mary Laskas May and her daughters, Marian ’17 and Hannah ’14

Jayne Higgins Griffin ’82 and her daughters, Molly ’17 and Kelly ’12
Not many high school students would choose to take classes over the summer. For most, summer classes are seen as consequences for not doing well during the school year. However Mount Mercy seniors Julia Acosta and Alexis Sandor, both of Buffalo, voluntarily completed an application for the Roswell Park Junior Robotics Surgery Program and were two of the 60 applicants who were selected for the program.

After completing an application which included information about academics, community service, short answer questions and two essays, as well as securing recommendations, the two seniors took part in a five-week program.

Roswell Park trained the students in the Fundamental Skills of Robotic Surgery (FSRS), the method used to train robot-assisted surgeons at Roswell Park Cancer Institute. Students in the program explored much of the FSRS curriculum and participated in sessions “that support and enhance their passion for the medical field, led by experts in visual arts, education, engineering, and creativity. Finally, students attended presentations on ethics, compassion, leadership and teamwork through the program’s unique “Press On!” curriculum.”

Teaching Assistants led sessions for the students that discussed a wide-range of health-related topics such as health myths, advances in surgery, case studies and public health cases such as Love Canal in Niagara Falls. Sandor and Acosta also took a class on creativity where they discovered that creativity was something that could be learned. In order to enhance this valuable skill, the students spent a day at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery where they learned to look at things from a different perspective. The program also allows the participants to spend time in the ATLAS Lab at Roswell Park, where they learned how to suture, do hand ties, practice peg transfers and cut with laparoscopic instruments. They also had the opportunity to use ROSS which is a Da Vinci practice simulator. The program culminated with the students able to spend time in the operating room using the Da Vinci Surgical System, practicing the skills that they had learned in the lab.

In addition to the science aspect of the program, they also spent time with an experienced high school guidance counselor and had the chance to complete the basic college application through the Common App. “This part of the program was extremely helpful,” Acosta commented. “Now I can go into my senior year with my college application basically completed.”

“I feel prepared to start senior year and I’m thankful that I won’t have to stress about completing the common app during the first few months of school,” Sandor added.

Acosta enjoyed the entire program but her favorite parts were making new friends who share similar interests and goals and practicing suturing open cuts and wounds on the world-renowned Da Vinci Surgical Robot. Sandor said “I enjoyed being able to actually go into an OR and use the Da Vinci Surgical System just like a surgeon would. It was a surreal experience and has seriously changed the way I think about surgery. It is absolutely incredible how advanced these robots have become and it is only going to get better from here.”

Both students felt that the program was extremely beneficial. “Participating in the Junior Robotic Surgery Challenge helped me to further my educational goals by confirming that I want to pursue a career in the medical field,” Acosta remarked. “The program furthered my goals by making me want to push myself harder in my education so I will be accepted into the college and program of my choice.”

Sandor had the following insights about her experience, “Attending this program gave me better insight to all the possible careers there are in the medical field. It made me realize that you don’t have to be a doctor to make a change in someone’s life and that there are so many people needed to make a surgery go as planned. Teamwork and trust is very important in this field. Even outside of the OR, there are tons of people needed to make a hospital run as it should.”

This program was a logical next step for the two students who are members of Mount Mercy’s Academy of Science and Healthcare. The Academy of Science and Healthcare offers a unique career internship program for students to experience different professions first hand. Students have the opportunity to interact with professionals in the field of their choice as well as have exposure to many other careers. Mount Mercy has teamed up with administration and staff at Mercy Hospital to create a vivid learning experience for the students who begin interacting with the professional community as freshmen through the Health Care Career Club and continue through the Academy of Science & Heath Care.

Congratulations to Alexis and Julia!
Mercy Excellence in Art

Mount Mercy Academy was so excited and proud to announce that Mercy Class of 2019 student Roisin Lynch placed second in the 36th Annual Congressional Art Competition. Congressman Brian Higgins invited local high school students to participate in the annual competition, “An Artistic Discovery.” This nationwide art competition exemplifies the significance of art education in our nation’s schools by highlighting the work of our nation’s most gifted young artists. As an added but not surprising announcement Roisin placed first winning The People’s Choice Award. This was given to the artist receiving the most on line votes. Congratulations to Roisin and Mount Mercy Academy Art Teachers Jacqueline Welch and Jenny Hallinan Licata ’03.

SCHOLAR ATHLETES!

Mount Mercy Academy is extremely proud to have students chosen to be part of the All Western New York Scholar Athletes team for both the winter and spring sports seasons. To be nominated for the team, students must have carried a 90-plus average for the previous six semesters and been a starter or significant player in their sport. All of the senior athletes from all Western New York public, private and Catholic schools are eligible. What an amazing accomplishment for these recent graduates. Named a 2017 WNY Scholar Athlete for the winter season was Anne Bamrick for her academic achievements and Varsity Basketball, and the same for Kelly Thomas for her accomplishments in Varsity Bowling. For the spring season Brianna Gawronski was selected for her success in the classroom as well as in Varsity Lacrosse. Mount Mercy congratulates these amazing young women!
Success Continues . . .

Mount Mercy Alumna Graduates from Clarkson University in Three Years

It has become more and more commonplace for college students to take more than four years to graduate from college. However, thanks to the opportunity that Mount Mercy provided for her to take AP and college level classes, Julia O’Sullivan was able to graduate from Clarkson University in just three years. The 2014 Mount Mercy Academy graduate entered college as a sophomore, thanks to the college credits she earned while attending high school.

O’Sullivan graduated from Clarkson with academic distinction and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering with a minor in Environmental Engineering. In addition, she was inducted into Omega Chi Epsilon, the Chemical Engineering honor society, in the fall of 2015 and served as vice president of the Clarkson chapter from April of 2016 to April of 2017.

While attending Mount Mercy, O’Sullivan took advantage of the opportunities to earn college credit while still in high school. As a sophomore she took AP World and as a junior, AP US History, AP English Language and Composition, Spanish IV through Hilbert and college chemistry through ECC. Her senior year, O’Sullivan took AP English Literature and Composition and AP Psychology and received credit through Trocaire College for a statistics class.

“I did not fully understand, until I talked to my advisor at Clarkson, how the transfer credits from MMA were actually a great advantage for me. I thought I was only able to graduate a semester early but my advisor said that all the credits from MMA would allow me to graduate a full year early. My credits transferred in many of my elective requirements and therefore I was able to focus more on my major classes,” O’Sullivan remarked. “I was able to graduate in 3 years which saved me an entire year of tuition. This amounted to about $65,000.”

Not only did the education she received at Mount Mercy enable her to graduate in three years, it also helped her make a smooth transition into college. O’Sullivan believed that the Honors, AP and college level classes she took helped her prepare for college. She took more challenging courses while in high school and since her work was held to a higher standard, it allowed her to have an easier transition to the course work she received in college.

O’Sullivan credits the college chemistry course she took through ECC while at MMA as the greatest advantage for her college studies. She was able to skip a general education class that everyone else took because of the transfer credit and go directly into Organic Chemistry. This allowed O’Sullivan to be ahead in the classes required for her major. She acknowledges that the college chemistry class she took while in high school had a large influence on choosing chemical engineering as her major.

When asked whether she felt she was at a disadvantage after attending an all-girls high school and entering a male-dominated field, O’Sullivan felt she was well-prepared for the challenge. “Engineering is male dominated but within the chemical engineering major this trend was not as drastic. I lived on an all female floor during my freshman year and this aided in my transition to college because it was a small group of girls who had similar interests in the STEM fields,” O’Sullivan commented.

This August O’Sullivan will begin classes at the University of Buffalo Law School. She hopes to pursue Intellectual Property law, or more specifically patent law, when she completes her J.D. degree. O’Sullivan believes that her Chemical Engineering degree will give her an advantage in this field.

O’Sullivan also credits her involvement in extra-curricular activities as having had a huge impact on her career and education choices. Her desire to pursue law was inspired by her participation in mock trial.

“The people at MMA, both the teachers and my friends, were large factors in my academic decisions and they were very resourceful. They helped me a great deal when making certain decisions,” O’Sullivan concluded.
MaryLynn Ryan, a 1979 alumna and the Vice President and Bureau Chief of the Southeast region of the United States for CNN, is the keynote speaker at the Academy's Graduation Ceremony. A graduate of Canisius College, MaryLynn has been with CNN since 1995. She began as a producer for TalkBack Live and was part of the Emmy Award winning team that covered the Olympic Park Bombing. She led CNN's coverage of the Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill Disaster and Hurricane Katrina. This coverage led to two George Foster Peabody Awards for MaryLynn and her CNN team. Prior to joining CNN, MaryLynn worked at all three of the Buffalo television stations, as well as two Cleveland stations. She won an Emmy at WKYC in Cleveland as the best newscast producer. She was inducted into the Buffalo Broadcasting Hall of Fame in 2012. MaryLynn was inducted into the Mount Mercy Academy Sports Hall of Fame in 1991. During her time as a student, she excelled in varsity basketball, softball and volleyball. MaryLynn was also honored by Mount Mercy Academy at our annual Mercy Honors Awards Dinner in 2002. She was presented the Catherine McAuley Distinguished Alumna Award. MaryLynn gave our graduates wonderful words to take with them. She shared “The legacy of Mercy is probably not something you have thought about very much at this point in your life... but as time goes on you will understand the power of being a “Mercy Girl” from Buffalo! You all proudly wear the ring of blue with seven pearls that is a rite of passage and responsibility for the women of Mercy for the past 101 years. Tonight you as you receive your diplomas... you become a member of an elite club of women forever bonded by their experiences at 88 Red Jacket Parkway.”

MaryLynn continued “I am here because of the women of Mercy that helped shape me, all the Sisters and teachers and coaches who ran this school. They were tough but fair. And because of the female journalists who went before me to pave the way in a male dominated field. Where I was once just a token woman producer, I now see the newsrooms filled with women making big crucial decisions every day.

To you graduates, I say... continue what you started here at mercy... continue to break the remaining glass ceilings... and have your voices heard. Keep volunteering and doing things out of your comfort zone. And always fall back on the sisterhood of the Mercy girls... you should all be there for each other and the rest of us are here for you as well.”

Mount Mercy Academy is honored to have MaryLynn Ryan, one of its many distinguished Alumnae, return home to address the graduating class of 2017. Thank you MaryLynn!
As a Catholic school based on the values of Catherine McAuley and the Sisters of Mercy, Mount Mercy Academy establishes scholarships and financial supports to ensure every student achieves academic excellence. Thanks to donors like you we are able to offer new and returning students the opportunity to receive an education that prepares them for the future.

Academic excellence goes far beyond achieving good grades. It is the maximum development of each student’s intellectual capacities as well as their dedication and skill in service to humanity. Mount Mercy focuses on teaching the whole person, allowing her to explore her interests and abilities while living the Mercy mission.

Contributions made by alumnae like you empower young women who are the future of our community. Often our alumnae will say that Mount Mercy gave them a strong academic base which enabled them to succeed. Our community is led by women who graduated from our school who are doctors, lawyers, scientists, corporate executives, and the list continues to grow. You can help continue the legacy of our school by donating to our Annual Fund or establishing a Scholarship to share the experiences you had with the young women of our future.

Thank you to those of you who continue to support Mount Mercy Academy. Your generosity will provide a life-changing educational experience for the young women who attend our school.

“Mercy has pushed me to challenge myself to come out on top and try new things. Without the continued support from my teachers, I wouldn’t have challenged myself to take many AP and honors courses”

– Olivia Harrington, Class of 2018
“Attending Mount Mercy Academy is one of the best decisions I could have made. Since day one they have challenged me academically, to strive and succeed. For the past two years at Mount Mercy, I received so much help from all the teachers. They are always open to help me with any questions I have. Most of the teachers have even taken time whenever they can to help me do well with upcoming tests and quizzes. With their help I have been on both honor rolls, and have been a scholar athlete.”

- BELLA LONGO, Class of 2019
The 2017 Mercy Honors Dinner will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at The Creekside Banquet Facility, Cheektowaga, NY. Each year we recognize deserving honorees with awards for achievements in their careers, community involvement and dedication to Mount Mercy. The evening is always nothing short of inspiring as we recognize the amazing accomplishments of our respected honorees. We hope that you join us to celebrate our deserving awardees and Mount Mercy Academy.

Alumnae, family and friends are invited to attend the Mercy Honors Dinner to learn more about, and honor our Alumnae and community members. You can also choose to honor a recipient by placing an ad or an individual patron in our event program book. You can view the 2016 event program on the Mercy Honors page on the Mount Mercy Academy website. All proceeds benefit the Alumnae Scholarship Fund at Mount Mercy Academy.

Again this year, Mount Mercy Academy will honor our recipients with two different awards. The Catherine McAuley Distinguished Alumna Award and the Spirit of Mercy Award.

The Catherine McAuley Distinguished Alumna Award honors alumnae of Mount Mercy Academy who have distinguished themselves as women of faith, knowledge, integrity and compassion. This is a woman whose accomplishments in all areas of her life - family, community, career - reflect the legacy and mission of Catherine McAuley, the Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy.

The Spirit of Mercy Award honors persons who exhibit the Spirit of Mercy in their professional and personal lives, most notably for their commitment and dedication to their community. They are truly ministers of Mercy who “live justly, act in tenderness and with humility journey with their God” (Micah 6).

We want to give a special thank you to our 2017 Mercy Honors Chairwoman Mary Waters McDonald ’81. Her efforts ensure the success of this very special event. For further information, to make reservations, or to be a patron, please contact Tina Scarpello Webster ’91 at twebster@mtmercy.org. Online reservations as well as patron and business ads can be submitted through our website at www.mtmercy.org by looking under the Alumnae tab and clicking on Mercy Honors.

**Peter and Diane (Pascuzzi ’81) Clancy**

**Spirit of Mercy Award**

Peter and Diane are an integral part of the South Buffalo culture. Over the years, they have been committed to volunteering their talents and extensive amounts of time to worthy causes such as the South Buffalo Community Table and Dog Ears Bookstore. In addition, Peter has been an active member of the South Buffalo Lackawanna Lions Club since 2006. He also devotes time and energy to the South Buffalo CREW (Concerned Residents Engaged in Work). Diane has volunteered with the Big Brother/Big Sister Program for well over a decade. The Clancys have been actively involved in their parish, St. Thomas Aquinas for many years, including helping at social events, reading at mass, maintaining landscaping and a willingness to help whenever needed. The Clancys have dedicated their lives to making our community a better place.

**Dr. Nora Meaney Elman ’71**

**Catherine McAuley Distinguished Alumna Award**

Nora has established and runs a successful solo primary care medical practice. She has provided high quality care to her patients for 27 years. She has always had a strong focus on wellness which she imparts to her patients. Recently, Dr. Meaney-Elman’s practice was accredited by the NCQA (National Committee for Quality Assurance) as a “Patient Centered Medical Home”. Only one in six primary care physicians nationally, practice in a NCQA PCMH. Additionally, Nora has served on committees for Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital and the Kaleida Health System. In June 2016 Nora went on a medical mission in Peru with the Global Health Ministry of Catholic Health East. She traveled 22 hours to the impoverished town of Chulucanas just south of the Ecuadorian border to provide primary care to patients who had no other source of health care.
LISA M. KIRISITS, CPA, MBA
Spirit of Mercy Award
Lisa is the Managing Director of Kirisits & Associates, CPAS, PLLC. Within her business, she does a great deal of work for non-profit organizations. Lisa is dedicated to volunteering in the Buffalo community, serving on numerous boards including Trocaire College, Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, WNY Women’s Fund and the YWCA of Western New York, just to name a few! In addition, Lisa has been a committed supporter of Mount Mercy Academy. She has served on the Board of Trustees Finance Committee for over 20 years, longer than any other person. Along with her husband Fred, a long time music teacher at Mount Mercy, she has served as a past chair of our McAuley Gala. To support Mount Mercy’s music program, Lisa has worked various concerts, helped fundraising efforts at Bills games and even hosts celebrations for our students at her home.

CHERYL O’CONNOR ’73
Catherine McAuley Distinguished Alumna Award
Cheryl is the Executive Director of HomeAid Northern California. HomeAid builds communities where homeless families and individuals are provided housing, training and resources to help them regain self-sufficiency. Cheryl, a person of extreme faith, mercy and charity, is extensively committed to serving the homeless. HomeAid Northern California has completed 38 shelter projects with $22,000,000 of real estate serving over 7,500 homeless and provided $9 million in donations to these projects. As Chairwoman of the Home Builders Association, Cheryl initiated mandatory green building standards with Build It Green, which became the California Green Energy Code. Her achievements are extraordinary and she has been honored by several organizations. Cheryl was the recipient of the Building Industry Association Bay Area Lifetime Legend Award and Chairman’s Award and was inducted into the California Home Builders Hall of Fame in 2016. Cheryl also serves on several Boards including STAND! For Families Free of Violence, BIA Bay Area and HomeAid America.

DR. CATHERINE FLANAGAN PRIORE ’92
Catherine McAuley Distinguished Alumna Award
Catherine is a Pediatric Psychologist at Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo in the Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Division. Dr. Flanagan-Priore is a dedicated doctor who works with families affected by a pediatric cancer or other blood disorder diagnosis. She has developed several intervention initiatives in the hopes of reducing rates of pediatric medical traumatic stress in the children and families she works with. Catherine also works extensively with families who have lost a child to cancer. In addition to her work at Women and Children’s Hospital, Catherine has also opened her own practice focusing on working with children and adolescents who are dealing with mental health issues. She has served as the president of the Psychological Association of WNY and has been honored for her amazing work by numerous organizations. Some of those include the New Era Cap/PUNT Foundation Champion for Children Award and the Psychological Association of WNY – Morton D. Brooks Award.

JOAN MEANEY ULSHER ’86
Spirit of Mercy Award
Joan is a retired Major from the US Army where she served as an Army Patient Administration Officer. After retiring, Joan volunteered with Homes For Our Troops building and finishing homes for wounded Veterans. She has also manned a call center for the American Red Cross helping U.S. Military bases with notifications and facilitating assistance to family members of fallen service members. Joan is a dedicated volunteer at CityChurch in San Antonio. By serving up to 30 hours a week, Joan is a steady presence in her church community helping members with spiritual growth, prayer, and assistance with programs. In addition to being the administrative assistant to the Pastors, Joan volunteers her time and resources in renovating and maintaining church buildings. She has completed three major church renovations at her own expense. Joan also served as the Project Manager on a Mission trip to help the Casa Hogar Orphanage in Chihuahua, Mexico.
Currently on the Mount Mercy Academy website it states, “Become a Mercy Girl and make friendships that will truly last a lifetime.” Another slogan for the school has been “Mercy Girls for Life”. A group of 1961 graduates are living proof that these maxims are true. Although these alumnae had attended reunions in the past, the group decided after their 45th reunion they needed something more. So these women began meeting about once a month and have been doing so for over eight years.

In May of 2009, the women who had comprised the planning committee for the 45th reunion of the Class of 1961 were having breakfast when as it often does when Mercy girls get together, talk turned to classmates. Peggy Crotty Kelly, Marge Pinto Meyer, Sandy DeVinney Mineo, Arline Schwartz Engasser, Kathy McGee Pierce and a few others were chatting about classmates, when Kathy Pierce said she had run into Vincy Ventresca O’Donnell and maybe she would like to join them for breakfast. Peggy Kelly encouraged her to ask and that began the years of lunches and dinners. Ironically this group never really had their 45th reunion because it was scheduled during the infamous October storm of 2006. It is apparent that this group does not need a formal reason to have a reunion of friends and classmates.

In 2011 the Class of 1961 held their 50th reunion and many of the women on the organizing committee were part of the unofficial group that began in 2009. The women also had a 55 year reunion last year that was well-attended and included several classmates who had moved out of state.

As the months passed, the gatherings increased in number by a classmate or two. Members of the initial group would invite classmates that they came into contact with and gradually a data base of email addresses began to grow. Notices of future gatherings would be sent out to all the women whose email addresses were known. Currently there are 70 women who receive notices of the get-togethers and other email communications.

With interest and attendance in the meals growing, the group decided to set an official meeting time. The second Wednesday of the month is the time that is set aside for the “Mercy Girls” to meet to eat, laugh and talk. There are a plethora of family restaurants to choose from, so it is never difficult to find somewhere to meet. The group prefers to be by the water when it is nice, so they can often be found by the lake or the river in the spring and summer. The only prerequisites for selection is being able to accommodate the group, no matter how large it might be that month and the restaurant must allow the group time to linger after lunch until it is time for the facility to set up for dinner. An email is sent out to everyone on the list and then reservations are made and then the fun begins. The number of attendees varies from 10 to 26. Classmates from out of town make an effort to attend when they are back in the area for a visit.

After every lunch Vincy O’Donnell writes a little recap of who was there, what they talked about, who wants prayers, if someone is sick among their classmates, and any other pertinent information. Vincy keeps the emails upbeat and funny. She commented that the recipients love it and they look forward to the recap and photos she sends every month by email on the day of the lunch. Vincy has a 3-ring binder which is full of those recaps, all eight plus years of them!

After so many years, the people, interests and shared experiences are bound to change and often people who were once friends lose touch. However, the common denominator of Mount Mercy Academy and the experiences shared while there keep this group connected.

“What we have in common is Mount Mercy Academy, the four years we spent there, the friendships we forged there and the values we lived then and now. This new grouping finds us with much in common...careers, children, grandchildren, retirement, illness,
death of loved ones and sadly even the deaths of some of our classmates,” Vincy commented.

The classmates have traveled down varied paths since they walked the halls of Mount Mercy Academy together. Some have worked in business, nursing, education, social work and raising families. Many are helping raise their grandchildren. Despite these different experiences, the bonds remain strong.

Vincy elaborated, “No matter what we did for the 40 or so years after graduation from the Mount, we were able to pick up where we left off the last time we saw each other. That is a special credit we owe to MMA and, of course, our families. Our bonds are special and precious, and we intend to keep strengthening them for as long as we are able. And, when the day comes that we are not able, we will have a bus drive around to the various nursing homes to gather us again!”

As the years have passed by, the members of the Class of 1961 have reformed and strengthened their bonds. “In these past eight plus years, we’ve come to know each other again…and better! We still have our high school memories, but now we are adding more current moments. We haven’t traveled together…yet…but we talk about it,” Vincy concluded.

In 1957 the Mount Mercy Class of 1961 became Mercy Girls and these women truly made friendships that have lasted throughout their lifetimes.

In this past May Mount Mercy’s Class of 1967 celebrated their 50th year reunion. The celebration was on Wednesday, May 24th in conjunction with the Class of 2017 graduation ceremony. The golden anniversary girls reunited in the halls of MMA and immediately started catching up on the last 50 years. The ladies walked next door to Mercy Center where the class of ’67 took on the role of honor guard for the 2017 graduating class. As the procession of new Mount Mercy alumnae passed through on their way into the auditorium there was lots of clapping, compliments, laughing and even tears as the women remembered their own graduation day. It was truly a moving and amazing moment for both the Class of 1967 and the Class of 2017. Some of our reunion ladies were so happy to see former students they had taught in early grades graduating from their same alma mater. The Circle of Mercy is truly timeless!

After the graduation procession, the Class of ’67 headed upstairs to the beautiful Mercy Center Chapel. Once there, they gathered for a reunion class picture before heading out to continue their celebration.

The class had a fantastic party at the Buffalo Irish Center. The ladies had a wonderful time, they enjoyed dinner & drinks and received their 50 year class pins. The night was very special, everyone had a wonderful time, and in true Mercy girl fashion, lots and lots of laughs were shared! Congratulations, Class of 1967! Mount Mercy Academy thanks you for generosity…because of your support of the 50 year reunion a sizable contribution was made to the Mount Mercy Academy Alumnae Scholarship Fund.
Kudos to Elizabeth Carey ’87! She was recently named Director of Public Relations and Corporate Communications at AAA Western and Central New York. Elizabeth will continue to be AAA’s media spokesperson, as well as develop and implement strategies to strengthen the AAA brand, and promote many business lines to members and the community. She will also lead internal communications efforts. Congratulations Elizabeth!

Huge congratulations to Nancy Wutz Ware ’74! In July, Nancy was named one of the 2017 Power 100 Women by Buffalo Business First. These honorees are the 100 most powerful women in many areas, such as business, education, healthcare and media in all of Western New York. Nancy is the President and CEO of EduKids Inc. She founded the child care company in 1989 and now operates 14 nationally accredited centers in Western New York. EduKids offers education and child care for half day, full day and before and after school programs for children ages six weeks to 12 years old. Visit their website for more information edukidsinc.com. Congratulations Nancy on this well deserved honor. Mount Mercy Academy is proud to have you as one of our distinguished alumnae!

Mercy Alums doing amazing things! Sara Mehltreter Drury ’01 was recently granted tenure at Wabash College in the Rhetoric Department. Wabash College is a small liberal arts college for men in Crawfordsville, Indiana. Her teaching and research focuses on political communication, and particularly on how local and state communities can better use productive discourse to address public problems. In addition to her faculty role in the Rhetoric Department, Sara also is the Director of Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse, an initiative devoted to creating conversations to improve local communities. Sara has had the opportunity to work on a number of projects during the last few years, including the “Brookings Supports Breastfeeding” grant in South Dakota, which encouraged maternal health through public engagement and deliberation, a “Quality of Place” grant from Indiana Humanities, and most recently, a National Science Foundation grant on “Encouraging Science Communication” for productive scientific citizenship.

In 2017-2018, Sara will be spending a year in Edinburgh, Scotland, as a Visiting Research Fellow at the University of Edinburgh’s Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities. She learned about the University of Edinburgh’s work in deliberations a few years ago, and is excited to collaborate with researchers there on communication, community engagement and deliberation. Sara will be joined in Scotland by her husband, Jeff, who is also an associate professor at Wabash College. Sara and Jeff have recently created Mount Mercy Academy’s Catherine Luhr Scholarship, named in honor of the work Ms. Luhr does for all Mercy girls. This scholarship is awarded to a talented young woman involved in oratory and debate or Mock Trial. Anyone wishing to support the scholarship can do so by earmarking their gift to Mount Mercy for “The Catherine Luhr Scholarship.” Sara is pictured here in front of the institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, University of Edinburgh. Congratulations Sara on all your incredible accomplishments. We can’t wait to hear more as your success continues!

Congratulations to Jenna Kersten ’13! She was recently the subject of an article in the Siena College alumni magazine. Jenna, along with a professor, designed an entire English course around how refugees are portrayed in literature. Jenna, who graduated with a degree in English with minors in German and international studies, said her passion for social justice was enhanced when she spent a semester in Berlin during her junior year of college. She developed the English course “Literature and the Refugee Crisis: Narratives of Home”. The class examined themes relating to home, identity, exile and displacement in works of fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

While at Siena, Jenna also created a community outreach project in which she interviewed refugees from various nations who had settled in the Albany area. Her classmates helped transcribe these interviews into personal narratives to fit on the back of a small card. On the front of the card, the refugee whose story was told created a painting. These were displayed and sold at a fundraiser to raise money for the Refugee and Immigrant Support Services of Emmaus (RISSE).

Jenna is heading back to Germany this September as a Fulbright scholar, to teach English at the elementary or high school level. After that, she will apply to graduate school, possibly for a master’s in teaching English as a second language or in the interdisciplinary field of migrant studies or human geography. Her long term goals could involve teaching or working in the non-profit sector. Congratulations on your success Jenna! We look forward to hearing about more amazing work you know you’ll continue to do!

After graduating from MMA, Katie Gordon ’02 attended Niagara University, graduating in 2006 with a bachelor’s degree in hotel and restaurant planning. She moved to the Washington, D.C., area where she worked as Restaurant Manager and as the Banquet Manager at the Chevy Chase Club, a country club located in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Katie also worked as Director of Catering for the Bethesda Country Club. She then joined the team at Ridgelows Catering as the Operations Manager as well as an Account Manager traveling with the major events team coordinating the corporate hospitality catering for the U.S. Golf Open. She returned to the Buffalo area in 2015 to be closer to her family and worked briefly at the Saturn Club until opening her own restaurant, Homegrown Bistro, at 2411 North Buffalo Rd., Orchard Park, New York. Katie and her staff take dietary restrictions very seriously, especially for those who require a gluten-free diet. The bistro’s focus is on locally sourced and minimally processed foods. The restaurant is open daily for breakfast and lunch. For further information on Homegrown, visit its website homegrownOP.com. Congratulations Katie! Mount Mercy wishes you much continued success.

Congratulations to Kelly Diamond Anderson ’95! As highlighted in Buffalo Business First, Circuit Clinical recently hired Kelly in the position of Operations Coordinator. She is responsible for ensuring all portions of clinical operations are completed tactfully and swiftly. Circuit Clinical is a clinical research network that brings leading edge clinical study opportunities to healthcare providers and their patients. Congrats Kelly and Best Wishes in your position!
BARRETT
Congratulations to Kendra Hejna, Class of 2007 on her recent marriage to Michael Barrett, a 2006 Bishop Timon grad. Their beautiful wedding was held on May 27, 2017 with a ceremony at St. Thomas Aquinas Church and a reception at Lucarelli’s.

Kendra’s sister Karissa Hejna Czora ’09 served as her Matron of Honor and Mother of the Bride is MMA alumna Karen Keough Hejna ’82.

Look at these beautiful ladies from Mercy’s Class of '07 helping Kendra and Michael celebrate! Congrats to the newlyweds!

WALLACE
It was a perfect sunny day for the wedding of Emily Smaldino ’04! Emily married Jayce Wallace on June 24th 2017. The beautiful ceremony at Immaculate Conception Church was followed by a reception at Knox Farm in East Aurora. Several Mount Mercy alumnae were in attendance celebrating with Emily & Jayce! Congratulations to the happy couple!

WEDDINGS & BABIES

FINN MICHAEL
Congratulations to the growing Krist family! Corrine Kelly Krist ’98 and her husband Eric welcomed their third son, Finn Michael on April 13, 2017. Finn joined two older brothers, Liam David, age 7 and Noah Walter age 4. Welcome to the world Finn!

MICHAEL ROBERT
It’s a boy! Congratulations to Heather Whalen Castiglia ’08 and her husband Frank on the birth of their new son. Michael was born on May 31, 2017 weighing in at 7 pounds, 7 ounces. Welcome Michael and congrats to mom and dad!

LENNON ELLORY
Look at these four beautiful future Mercy Girls! Congratulations to lucky parents Michele Wade ’98 and her husband J.T. Bausch on the birth of their fourth daughter, Lennon Ellory. Lennon made her debut into the world on July 7, 2017. Her big sisters, Jaycie age 6, Gretchen age 4 and Daniella age 2, were so excited to meet their sister! Congratulations to this growing family!

ELLIOIT LIAM
Another handsome baby boy for Kristin Trometer Vogel ’99 and her husband William! Congratulations on the arrival of Elliot Liam, who made his debut into the world on February 20, 2017 weighing 5 pounds 7 ounces and 19.5 inches long. Elliot joins his big brother Jaxson, age 2. Congrats Vogel family!

QUINN PATRICK
The Cannan family is growing! Congratulations to Peggy Klavoon Cannan ’06 and her husband Sean on the birth of their new son! Quinn Patrick was born on May 17, 2017. Eager to meet her new baby brother was the Cannan’s oldest daughter, Reagan Kelly, age 2 1/2. Welcome Quinn and congrats Peggy and Sean!
Mount Mercy's Pure Magic Show Choir, Handbell Choir and Women's Choir took home the Triple Crown at Disneyland in California this past April. They won Gold Medals in all of their performances!

Jane Michalek Harrington '92, who served as a McAuley Gala Co-Chair, and her husband Jeff at the event.

Enjoying the McAuley Gala are Lauren Dunford Kuwik '00, former MMA teacher Sister Cristel Mejia RSM, Suzanne Scarcello Shatzel '97, Julie Beale Scarcello '96, long time Mount Mercy Main Office coordinator Mrs. Colleen Shanahan and Meghan Crotty Quinn '02.

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The Wilson family supporting the Annual McAuley Gala.

The winning men’s team at the MMA Golf Tournament was presented the Hooper Award in memory of Kathleen Suchan Hooper ’66. This was a repeat win for Bob Hughes, Mike Lempko, Jim Fredo and Pete Canney. Congrats!

The winning women’s team from the Mount Mercy Academy Golf Tournament. These friends of Kathleen Suchan Hooper ’66 were there honoring her memory.

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Beautiful Mercy students all dressed up and enjoying the Junior/Senior Prom last May.

Mount Mercy students decorated eggs for Easter with the Sisters at the Mercy Center.

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We apologize!
Every effort has been made by Mount Mercy Academy and the Institutional Advancement staff to ensure accuracy in our publications.
We apologize for any errors or omissions. Please note the following inaccuracies from the Annual Report in our last issue of Horizons:

Page 29 – McAuley Gala Gift Donations – Kate Daley Dust ’73 contributed gift donations in support of the 2017 McAuley Gala. Kate’s name was inadvertently omitted from this list.

Page 29 – The Elaine Rider Bonacci and Deacon Anthony C. Bonacci Scholarship is not building to endowment. This is a completed and endowed scholarship.

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