Dear Mount Mercy Alumnae and Friends,

In all the years of writing my letter for the Horizons, I have never written one which anticipated the environment in which it will be read is so unpredictable. First and foremost, I hope you are reading this letter with you and your family being in good health. One of my mantras during this unprecedented time is to be most thankful for everyone’s health and put everything else into the “inconvenience category”. Not to oversimplify matters but more of a survival mechanism.

It seems like only yesterday, we gathered our students in the gym on Friday, March 13, 2020 to prepare them for the possibility of implementing our distance learning due to this new COVID-19 virus. The image seared in my mind from that day is this: After the students received all their instructions, they were asked if they had any questions. In the second row of the bleachers, a hand went up. I was anticipating the students would have so many questions, on how all this chaos was going to affect them. Emily Rhoeds ‘21 reaffirmed my faith in our students with her passionately asked question, “What are we going to do to make sure the Sisters at the convent are kept safe?” There you have it. The answer to the question: “What Makes a Mercy Education different?”

The following Monday, our students began teacher-led distance learning. Our administration, faculty, staff, students, and parents dug deep and all stepped up to the new challenges put before us. Our students never missed a day of school and successfully completed their full academic year. Three cheers to all for this wonderful accomplishment! We were thrilled to be able to provide a beautiful and elegant graduation ceremony befitting of a Mount Mercy Graduate. Following all the mandated guidelines, our graduates received their diplomas in a magnificent outdoor setting on the beautiful grounds of the Avanti Mansion. We hope it gave our students and families the closure they needed and deserved.

As you are aware so many of our events were canceled or rescheduled. It was challenging yet exciting to transfer our McAuley Gala to a virtual format. The Gala was successful due to our generous donors. We are also happy to report that we exceeded our goal with our Annual Fund. Once again, thanks to our wonderful supporters. In addition to this generosity I want to thank from the bottom of my heart all the people who participated in our Giving Tuesday. This event focused on helping our families experiencing special challenges during these times. In particular, the calls I received from people who wanted to make a special contribution to ensure all seniors were able to graduate regardless if they were behind on their tuition, touched me deeply. We really are a family. Our Alumnae and benefactors are extraordinary.

Our last Horizons featured a loving goodbye to our Principal Margaret Staszak. When regulations allow, we hope to have a retirement recognition for Margaret. We are very pleased and excited to welcome our new Principal Michele Melligan. This edition of the Horizons will introduce Michele to you.

This letter is being written during the summer and we are working diligently putting together a comprehensive school reopening plan. I take comfort in knowing everything humanly possible is being done to have our school return to our new normal.

I leave you with hope for the future. Dramatic doesn’t quite capture the changes we have all experienced over the last several months. What does remain constant is that God is in control of everything. That is something that will never change. We look forward to welcoming our students, teachers, staff and families back for a new year.

May God continue to bless you and your families.

Peace,

Margaret M. Cronin '78
President
Mount Mercy Academy Names Michele Sixt Melligan ’92 as the Academy’s 16th Principal

President Margaret (Peggy) Cronin ’78 and The Mount Mercy Academy Board of Trustees are pleased to announce the appointment of Mount Mercy Academy’s 16th Principal Michele Sixt Melligan. A principal search committee composed of representatives from the school’s various constituents, worked tirelessly to secure the best candidate for this critical position. Michele is a Mount Mercy Alumna from the class of 1992, and officially took on her new role as of July 1, 2020.

Michele holds her master’s degree from Canisius College along with her Education Administrative Certification. Michele has been involved at Mount Mercy through her work as Executive Director of Empower Girls Buffalo. She brings with her 20 years as a school counselor in the Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda UFSD. Michele’s expertise in the social/emotional education of our students will be invaluable during this post-COVID-19 school environment. Her passion for faculty and staff development will ensure our academic excellence.

Please join us in welcoming Michele!

KATHLEEN A. LINHARDT, ESQ. ’88, CHAIR, BOARD OF TRUSTEES & MARGARET M. CRONIN ’78, PRESIDENT

GET TO KNOW PRINCIPAL MICHELE SIXT MELLIGAN ’92

WELCOME BACK! TELL US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOURSELF. I am a South Buffalo native and live right down the street from where I grew up. I take pride in my roots of South Buffalo and the friendships I’ve made along the way (particularly at MMA). My husband Michael and I chose to live and raise our three daughters (Maggie, Riley and Abbey) here because of the tight community and the morals and values that we have established as a result of our upbringing. We intend to instill those same values in our girls. This community is truly a special place to live and the friendships last a lifetime.

HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE COMING BACK TO LEAD YOUR ALMA MATER? I am right back where I belong…HOME. The welcome that I have received from faculty, students, parents, and community members has been overwhelming. I am beyond impressed with the diligence from staff members who have been working around the clock to ensure that we are prepared for the start of school regardless of the uncertainty that it entails. Mount Mercy has a remarkable team who are truly dedicated and have gone out of their way to help create our plans for the reopening of school. Subcommittees and various teams dedicated their time and talents to develop three separate plans that are inclusive of in person learning, a hybrid model and distance learning. Regardless of what the future holds, our staff is prepared and more importantly whole heartedly invested in meeting the needs of our students academically as well as socially and emotionally. They have invested countless hours making sure that Mount Mercy is addressing all facets in the growth and development of our students in order to achieve success. There are also many familiar (not old) faces that have embraced my return to Mount Mercy Academy. I am elated to be back!

HOW DO YOU FEEL YOUR MERCY EDUCATION HAS HELPED PREPARE YOU FOR THIS ROLE? Catholic Education (particularly in an all-girls school) has an impact that never leaves you. You grow up differently and have a unique perspective on life. I feel that I have brought my Mercy Education with me on my journey and along the way has impacted a positivity that is embedded in day to day life. In addition, Mercy students are taught to have gratitude, aim as high as you can go, and be kind to others. What more can you ask for in an education?

WHAT MOTIVATED YOU TO WANT TO BECOME THE NEXT PRINCIPAL OF MOUNT MERCY ACADEMY? Never in my wildest dreams would I have imagined I would be in this position. However, I truly believe that God puts you exactly where you need to be at exactly the right time. This is where I am meant to be…there is no other explanation other than Divine Intervention!

WHAT ARE YOU MOST EXCITED ABOUT IN THE NEW POSITION? In these uncertain times, I feel that this is the perfect opportunity for change and possibilities. I hope to open doors that have never been knocked on before and be part of the start of a new era at Mount Mercy Academy.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR LEADERSHIP STYLE? Instead of having a book but rather it’s about building quality relationships with people. Great leaders create great leaders. I hope to instill confidence, ambition, and passion in the students and staff to use their own experiences to guide them to grow professionally and personally.

TELL US A LITTLE MORE ABOUT EMPower GIRLS BUFFALO. Empower Girls Buffalo was developed to build confidence in girls and young women to be able to live happy, healthy lives physically as well as socially and emotionally. Empower Girls is an educational program that provides the skills necessary for girls and women to discover the best version of themselves. There are several components that help guide girls to live their best lives through wellness and well-being. The components included nutrition education, exercise and physical activity, relaxation or mindfulness techniques including yoga, journaling, etc…building healthy relationships with others including friendships and peer interactions including team building and coping skills and finally self-appreciation with confidence-based activities. The program was implemented throughout WNY in various settings including schools of all cultures, wellness centers, community-based organizations and other venues.

WHAT ARE YOUR INITIAL GOALS FOR THE NEAR FUTURE FOR THE ACADEMY? Due to the COVID pandemic, my goal will be to navigate through the trials and tribulations that will come as a result. Obviously, this will not be the “typical” start to the school year and therefore I will need to set the example that regardless of what life throws at you, we must overcome unforeseen obstacles. I am not afraid of change or challenges, in fact we grow from them and together, we will persevere through the difficulties that lie ahead.


HOW WILL YOUR EXPERIENCE AS A COUNSELOR COME INTO PLAY AS SCHOOLS REOPEN FOLLOWING THE PANDEMIC? Besides having a background in counseling, I think one of the greatest things you can do for students, staff, parents and the community is to listen. It is so important to allow others to feel that their voice is being heard. Hopefully, the pandemic has allowed many of us to sit back and reflect on our own values and examine what is really important. That said, I am confident that we all have one goal in common- to ensure that the girls of Mount Mercy Academy are safe, healthy, happy, thriving academically and kind to themselves and one another!
The Class of 2020 was celebrated and recognized for its accomplishments these past four years, as Mount Mercy Academy reimagined its 2020 graduation ceremony at the Avanti Mansion on June 28th, 2020. Abiding by NYS guidelines, the ceremony took place outdoors under a tent at the Avanti Mansion with the graduates and a limited number of guests in face masks while proper health and social distancing guidelines were adhered to. Even though it looked different from ceremonies in the past, nothing could take away from the beauty and spirit of the day!

Fifty-two members of the Class of 2020 received their diplomas from Margaret Cuthbert Staszak ‘75, Mount Mercy principal. President Peggy Cronin ’78, senior class moderator Mary Colby and senior counselor Jessica Bakkila also took part in the graduation.

Salutatorian Olivia Larson welcomed and addressed the audience to open the ceremony. Allysyn Pajek, the valedictorian, delivered the valedictory address. She thanked the faculty, her parents, friends and classmates for a memorable four years and congratulated her classmates on all of their accomplishments. Madeline Fecio, the Baccalaureate speaker, also had the opportunity to address her class and guests.

Olivia Larson was presented the Frances Warde Leadership Award and Hope Willert was presented with the Catherine McAuley Service Award.

The graduating class of 2020 from Mount Mercy Academy earned over $11 million in merit-based college scholarships and grants.

Congratulations to the Class of 2020! We are proud of you and cannot wait to see all the amazing things you will accomplish in the upcoming years!
Allysyn Pajek and Olivia Larson named Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the Class of 2020

Allysyn Pajek finished her four years with the highest cumulative average earning the right to be the Valedictorian for the Mount Mercy Academy Class of 2020. Allysyn was active in athletics and music at Mount Mercy. She was a member of the varsity volleyball, bowling and tennis teams and a four-year member of Pure Magic, the school’s show choir. She was also a member of the McAuley Chapter of National Honor Society and a McAuley Scholar. In addition, she was a member of the school yearbook staff, a member of the Health and Science Academy, and the STEAM club. Allysyn plans to attend the University of Notre Dame in the fall to study Biological Science and Spanish.

Olivia Larson completed her years at Mount Mercy with the second highest overall average in the class and was named the Salutatorian for the Class of 2020. Olivia was the president of student government, a member of the McAuley Chapter of National Honor Society and a McAuley Scholar. She was the co-editor of the school yearbook for two years, was a member of mock trial, and was a student ambassador. In addition, she has established a non-profit, For Every Little Handprint. Olivia will attend Cornell University in the fall and plans to major in Finance with a second major or minor in Real Estate.
The Circle of Mercy Continues.

Mercy’s 2020 Legacy Families

Erin Jackson ’20 and mom Grace Gannon Jackson ’82
Rebecca Long Larson ’87 and daughter Olivia Larson ’20
Elizabeth Lang ’20 and mom Cathleen Bell Lang ’87
Elizabeth Higgins ’20 and mom Danielle Skrzeczkowski Higgins ’89
Margaret McDermott Ashe ’81 and daughters Tierney Ashe ’20 and Mallory Ashe ’17
Lisa Wolentarski Pajek ’89 and daughter Allysyn Pajek ’20
Jenna Shalloe ’20 and mom Lisa Picone Shalloe ’88
Brigid Burke ’20 and mom Jennifer Beale Burke ’86
Morgan Bentkowski ’20 and her sister Madalyn Bentkowski ’19

Missing: Jillian Kotwica ’20 and mom Marianne Forys Kotwica ’80
Sisters Elizabeth Hughes ’17 and Kathleen Hughes ’20

Sheila Makey Nowak ’90 and daughter Evelyn Nowak ’20

Hannah Dierolf ’20 and mom Diane Cawl Dierolf ’83

Kimberly Moore Wreland ’84 and daughter Bridget Wreland ’20

Jacqueline Gallagher O’Neill ’86 and daughter Nina O’Neill ’20

Christina Seggio Fecio ’93 and daughter Madeline Fecio ’20

Rose Marie Sheehan McHugh ’74, daughter Megan McHugh Freedenberg ’95, granddaughter Chloe McHugh-Freedenberg ’20, and mother Rosemary Wright Sheehan ’53

Jacqueline Gallagher O’Neill ’86 and daughter Nina O’Neill ’20

Maura Kull ’20 and mom Maggie Henesey Mackert ’94

Grace Harrington ’20 and mother Jana Michaels Harrington ’92

Rose Marie Sheehan McHugh ’74, daughter Megan McHugh Freedenberg ’95, granddaughter Chloe McHugh-Freedenberg ’20, and mother Rosemary Wright Sheehan ’53

Patricia Michaels Lyons ’68 with granddaughter Molly Shanahan ’20 and daughter Sheila Lyons Shanahan ’92

Theresa Baker ’98 and daughter Madison Baker ’20
Mount Mercy Goes Virtual: Students Did Not Miss a Day of Class!

This past March, in-person learning at Mount Mercy came to an abrupt end due to the COVID-19 pandemic throughout the United States and worldwide. Schools all around Western New York scrambled to move to online-learning platforms with little notice. Mount Mercy Academy was able to quickly adapt and move to virtual classrooms; students and faculty did not miss one day of school! Every student at Mount Mercy has their own Chromebook, which helped make a smooth transition to distance learning.

“From the last day of classes, March 13th, Mercy students made a seamless transition into distance learning. Teachers had been introducing individual learning through use of students’ Chromebooks since September, so by Monday March 16, students had assignments, Zoom sessions and projects and were ready to finish the school year virtually,” stated assistant principal Catherine Luhr.

In Advanced Placement English Language and Composition, students had virtual roles and read the play Our Town together via Google Meet. “It wasn’t the same as being physically together but I think the girls enjoyed the “normalcy” of the activity and being together for that hour reading their roles and discussing the play,” said AP English teacher Pat Burns. Science teacher Jill Whalen, PhD often posted fun and entertaining videos to keep her students engaged. Theology teachers Mary Colby and Sister Jenny Wilson RSM brought the seniors together virtually for the Senior Retreat, a favorite annual activity. The virtual retreat allowed a time of reflection and sharing together, even when they could not be together in person.

One of the final projects for the Advanced Music Ensemble was to create a virtual choir for the song “Circle of Mercy.” The final rendition was outstanding, highlighting the many voices of our talented students and Director of Music, Elizabeth Sanderson. It can be found on the Mount Mercy website under the Student Life tab at https://www.mtmercy.org/music-department.

Mount Mercy is proud of the way the students, faculty and staff were able to adjust and finish out the 2020 school year. “I was so proud of how our school community transitioned into distance learning. This unpredicted situation brought out the best in our administration, faculty, staff, students, and parents. We left the school building on Friday, and students began their classes Monday. Everyone dug deep and worked together. I commend everyone for ensuring our students continued to receive excellent educational instruction to complete their full academic year,” added President Peggy Cronin ’78.

Juniors Recognized by Prestigious Colleges

The Class of 2021 is off to an amazing start! Each school year, members of the junior class are nominated for awards from specific colleges. Select students are awarded a scholarship to that college that is contingent upon their attendance at the particular institution. These nominations are based on a number of factors, including academic achievements, courses taken, leadership qualities, and community involvement. Congratulations to this year’s recipients!

The University of Rochester’s George Eastman Kodak Young Leaders Award: Angelina Larivey ’21

The University of Rochester’s Xerox Award for Innovative and Information Technology: Gianna Lauciello ’21

The University of Rochester’s Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award: Emily Rhoads ’21

The Clarkson University School Leadership Award: Megan Quinn ’21

The Clarkson University School Achievement Award: Megan Jozwiak ’21

Rochester Institute of Technology Computing Medal Award: Rheanna Welsh ’21

Rochester Institute of Technology Creativity and Innovation Award: Claire Muller ’21

Niagara University St. Vincent de Paul Medal: Megan Reilly ’21

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Rensselaer Medal: Madeline Lickfeld ’21

Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award: Kathryn Bednarz ’21

The St. Michael’s College Book Award: Hannah Vattes ’21

The Elmira College Key Award: Emma Lewis ’21

Randolph College Book Award: Lara Groves ’21

Keuka College’s George H. Ball Community Achievement Award: Victoria Trzaska ’21

Chatham University Rachel Carson Healthy Planet Award and Scholarship: Catherine Zak ’21

LeMoyne College Heights Award: Olivia Jarosz ’21

Russell Sage College Student Sage Award: Mary Snyder ’21

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Buffalo News Salute 2020 Seniors

Olivia Larson, Allysyn Pajek, Madeline Fecio and Tierney Ashe were featured in a special “Salute to Seniors” by The Buffalo News.

Olivia Larson: “I plan to study business with the hopes of going into real estate development and expanding the charity I founded, For Every Little Handprint. I want to create change in our world as a business leader and enjoy being a force for good through philanthropy.”

Tierney Ashe: “I loved the friendships that I’ve made throughout high school. I know that I will have lifelong friends and a family here at Mercy...I hope to change the lives of children who are not as lucky to receive the same opportunities that I have been given.”

Allysyn Pajek: “I love that there was always someone to help me when I needed it and guide me along the way. Whether it was a student or a teacher, everyone cared and wanted to be there for one another. They encouraged me to challenge myself, and it ended up working out really well.”

Madeline Fecio: “I think what I will miss most about high school is the community I found there. At a small school like Mercy, there’s a bond that develops between every single person, even those you rarely interact with. It feels like home, and I know I’ll miss the familiarity of seeing each student and teacher every day and knowing not only their names, but something about who they are.”

Bebak and Mahar Win Art Awards

Melanie Bebak ’20 and Mia Mahar ’20, earned awards for artworks created for the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest. They received certificates and monetary awards at the Auxiliary Level (Harvey D. Morin Post #2940) and at the Erie County Council VFW Auxiliary Level. Melanie received 1st place for the local auxiliary. In addition, Mia also won Best In Show at the All High at the Department of Visual and Performing Arts at Daemen College. Congratulations Mia and Melanie!

Wellness Wednesday sponsored by the Guidance Department

The Guidance Department along with Impact Fitness Systems hosted a Wellness Wednesday in March. Instructors rotated students among various stations, demonstrating proper form and different types of exercises. The girls received quite a workout!

Mock Trial Team Moves On to Semifinals

The Mount Mercy Mock Trial Team made the semifinals of a competition sponsored by the New York State Bar Association. Twenty-four teams competed in the competition and Mercy made it to the round of eight before the competition was suspended due to the pandemic.

Health Care Club Participates in “Stop the Bleed”

Members of the Mount Mercy Academy Health Care Club traveled to ECMC to participate in “Stop the Bleed”, a program developed by the Department of Homeland Security. The program provides training to lay responders to be of assistance in case of emergency situations involving serious injury.

Winter Sports Round-Up

Our Winter Sports Teams had successful seasons. We congratulate the athletes on their outstanding performances and hard work. The spring seasons were unfortunately canceled due to the pandemic. We wish our outgoing student-athletes well in their future endeavors.

Varsity Basketball: The team finished 11-14 on the season with wins over Nardin, Nichols, Kenmore West, Mount St. Marys, Buffalo Seminary, Springville, Emerson and Olmsted. Hannah Fredo ’21, a First Team All-Catholic pick, was awarded the Most Valuable Player Award. Emily Kessler ’21 was the recipient of the Coach’s Award by Coach John Glose. Catherine Zak ’21 was named the Most Improved. Kessler was an Honorable Mention All-Catholic.

JV Basketball: The JV team defeated Holland, Kenmore East, Nichols and Olmsted to finish the season 5-12. Coaches Emily Benes ’15 and Mary Colby named Aubrey Monaco ’22 as the recipient of the Coach’s Award and Lucy Duggan ’23 as Most Improved.

JV Bowling: The JV team had a successful season, also finishing in second place with a record of 48-16. The team notched wins over O’Hara, Buffalo Seminary, and Nardin, to name a few. Annie Bernard ’22 earned the Coach’s Award and Rhea Welsh ’21 was chosen as the Most Improved.

Cheerleading: Coach Tina Webster ’92 honored three seniors from the cheerleading team. Krista Stephany ’20 was named the Most Valuable Cheerleader, Olivia Kwiecinski ’20 earned the Coach’s Award and Molly Shahanan ’20 was selected as the Most Improved.

Varsity Hockey: The Monsignor Martin Team closed the season with a 10-3-1 record. Grace Harrington ’20 finished out her four-year career as a standout performer. Isabella Fedele ’23 and Trinity Kehoe ’23 also played on the team and have a bright future.

Service at Mercy Continues

Service continues to be an important part of the curriculum at Mount Mercy. Our students continued to support the WNY community throughout the pandemic through various projects such as writing positive cards to those struggling with mental health and helping deliver food to those in need. Emily Lewandowski ’18 and teacher Mary Colby spent one morning at FeedMore WNY packing food boxes.
In an uncertain time, one thing remains certain: when you give to the Mount Mercy Annual Fund, you are making a direct investment in the lives of young women which will pay dividends throughout their lives. We’ve all gone through a spring and summer of anxiety and the “new normal” of an ongoing national health emergency. As we begin a new academic year, you can make a definitive statement of hope and provide a solid foundation for the education of our Mercy Girls through your commitment to the 2020-2021 Annual Fund. The alumnae and friends of Mercy have been challenged to raise $170,000 to support the young women of Mercy.

Contributions to the Annual Fund Appeal provide much-needed financial support for tuition assistance, which offsets the cost of a Mercy education. It is the generosity of our Annual Fund donors which enables families to provide their daughter with the life-long benefits of a Mercy education. Your gift will impact each Mercy Girl as she faces new academic challenges, it will help build confidence through leadership opportunities, and it will empower her with service opportunities in the community.

Many students rely on your gifts to empower their futures and reach their highest potential. The Annual Fund is a means to provide the certainty of a Mercy education in an uncertain time.

To make a gift to the Annual Fund Appeal, please use the envelope enclosed in this issue of Horizons or visit our website to donate online at www.mtmercy.org/annualfund. For additional information or if you would like to support Mount Mercy in another way, please contact the Director of Institutional Advancement at development@mtmercy.org.

Mount Mercy Awards Its First Tammy Mink Scholarship by Pat Burns

Mount Mercy Academy is pleased and grateful to announce the establishment of the Tammy Mink Scholarship. The scholarship is being awarded annually to a deserving graduate to help her achieve success in her future.

The Tammy Mink Scholarship, honoring the late Tammy Mink, is being sponsored by her husband Ed Hughes and his parents, Mary and Joe Hughes. Mink demonstrated a life-long passion for art and was a gifted painter. The Hughes family hopes that deserving young women with similar interests and backgrounds to Mink will have an easier time achieving their goals.

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Patricia (Patty) Farrell Establishes the Collins Sisters Scholarship at Mount Mercy
by Pat Burns

Many wish that they could find a suitable way to honor and memorialize their mothers once they are no longer with us, but never seem to find a suitable outlet to do so. However, Patricia (Patty) Farrell, class of 1981, has chosen a special way to honor not only her mother, but her mother’s two sisters.

Farrell has established the Collins Sisters Scholarship at Mount Mercy, her alma mater. The scholarship honors Farrell’s mother Ella Collins Farrell as well as her two aunts, Sisters of Mercy: Sister Mary Victorine (also known as Sister Margaret Collins) and Sister Patricia (Patsy) Collins.

The Collins sisters, along with their five brothers, were raised by two parents who were Irish immigrants and very devout. This piety was passed on to the children, especially the three sisters. Two of the three daughters entered the convent while Ella Collins met and married Neil Farrell. Ella and Neil Farrell raised eleven children together and sent all eleven to Catholic schools. They went to Saint Teresa’s for grammar school and the six girls, including Patty, graduated from Mount Mercy Academy and the five sons all graduated from Bishop Timon.

Neil and Ella were married for over fifty years before Ella passed away in late 2018. They enjoyed a happy life together and despite the many sacrifices it entailed, they were determined that their eleven children would receive a Catholic education. Patty Farrell credits this education, particularly her years at Mount Mercy, with making her the person that she is today. The education provided her not only with academic strengths but also gave her a huge social foundation. She credits the school with instilling confidence, values, a voice and a social conscience.

Farrell also felt blessed to have been provided the opportunity to be a Mercy girl and to form lifelong friendships with her classmates. She felt that establishing the Collins Sisters Scholarship provided her with the perfect vehicle to pay it forward and help a deserving student, who would not be able to attend otherwise, to enroll at Mount Mercy. The scholarship is awarded to a student who is hard-working, positive, possesses a joyous spirit and demonstrates a financial need.

Although Farrell states that her mother and her aunts would be or are embarrassed by having a scholarship named for them, she feels it is fitting to honor the three women who served as role models not only to Patty and her siblings but to the entire community. Her mother never wanted a spotlight to be shined on her, ever! The Collins sisters devoted their lives to service to family, children, the sick and the economically disadvantaged. She feels that the three sisters cherished and lived out the Beatitudes each and every day of their lives, as well as following the teachings of Mother Catherine McAuley, the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy.

Ella Collins Farrell did not have the opportunity to attend Mount Mercy, graduating from South Park High School, but she was well connected to Mount Mercy through her sisters and her six daughters, as well as two granddaughters and other family members who did graduate from Mount Mercy. Ella Farrell lived her life with grace, dignity, joy and great faith. She attended church daily and her faith was communicated to her children regularly. No matter what chaos raising eleven children might have caused, she was always calm and patient. She had a great love of children, especially her own as well as her thirty grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren. She loved to dance and listen to music and along with her two sisters, she was very interested in her Irish heritage. The three Collins sisters had a good sense of humor and liked to laugh. In addition to loving to laugh, the sisters also loved to eat ice cream.

Sister Mary Victorine, who graduated from Mount Mercy in 1937 and passed away in 1997, served in both the fields of education and pastoral care, although she is better known for the pastoral care she provided at Mercy Hospital. She worked at the hospital for years providing support for the dying and their families, ensuring that no one was alone during this difficult time. She provided a hand to hold and a shoulder to cry on and had a great sense of peace about death. She served as a calm angel of mercy. Like her sister Ella, Sister Mary Victorine had a great sense of humor and liked to tell jokes. She loved picnics and outings on or near the water and had many friends. Farrell mentioned that evidence of her positive influence on so many people was seen at her funeral which was standing room only.

Sister Patsy graduated from Mount Mercy in 1953 and although she is now 84 years old, she is still serving others, working in pastoral care. Earlier in her career Sister Patsy was a teacher and a principal in many grammar schools in South Buffalo, as well as throughout Western New York. She still has contact with many of her former students, as they send her wedding and birth announcements and keep her updated on their lives, clearly showing the profound influence she has had on many throughout the community. Sister Patsy’s students loved her, but she also loved them and is extremely proud of the women and men they have become. Like her two sisters, Sister Patsy loves to laugh and is very funny. She is a great listener and is there for her very large extended family.

Farrell mentioned that her mother and her two aunts were well-known for the cards and notes that they sent. ‘They never missed a birthday, despite the great number of relatives they had to keep track of!’ When told by her niece about the scholarship, Sister Patsy asked Farrell why she would do that! Clearly she is not aware of the far-reaching effects of her ministry.

Patricia (Patty) Farrell, the group vice president and managing director of Wealth Advisory services for the Buffalo and Rochester markets of Wilmington Trust, is an active supporter of Mount Mercy. She has served on the Alumni Board of Directors and is a past honoree at Mercy Honors. She has returned to Mount Mercy for career days with the students and supports her alma mater financially.

“I am so thankful for the example set for me by my mother and my aunts. I am grateful for their love and attention. May this scholarship live on as a reminder of the true meaning of Mount Mercy,” Farrell concluded.

If you would like to donate to the Collins Sister Scholarship, please send your check made out to Mount Mercy Academy with the Collins Scholarship in the memo section. You may also donate directly through our website.
2020 McAuley Gala a Virtual Success!

When the traditional gathering of friends and alumnae at a live venue became impossible due to the global pandemic, the 2020 McAuley Gala was reimagined and presented in June as a virtual internet auction. However, as they say on Broadway, “The show must go on!”, and an exciting array of gifts and experiences were auctioned online.

Alumnae and friends of Mount Mercy bid and donated $100,000 to support Mercy education. Over $15,000 was donated through the Call from the Heart toward that total. This year’s Call from the Heart was dedicated toward increasing financial aid, particularly for any Mercy Family financially impacted by the ongoing national health emergency.

We are so grateful to our Gala Chairs, Committee, Sponsors, and of course, all our bidders and donors who made this special event a success. It is the combined efforts, time, talents, and generosity of the Mercy community which make our events so special. More importantly, special events help raise the dollars needed to provide the best education possible in the tradition of Mercy. Thank you for your support!

We are especially thankful to our Gala Chairs, alumnae Brianna Wilson ’08, Merrissa Wilson ’04, Lauren Wilson Smith ’02, and Donald and Rebecca Long Larson ‘87, parents of Olivia ‘20, for their dedication to making the Gala a success.

Thank you for your hard work and commitment to the Mercy Community.

THANK YOU TO OUR 2020 MCAULEY GALA COMMITTEE:
Kim Angle, Jane Michalek-Harrington ’92, Rebecca Long Larson ’87, Don Larson, Wendy Lewandowski, Leanne Maloney ’05, Kelly McDonald Pineau ’06, Lauren Wilson Smith ’02, Margaret Slusarz Vattes ’97, Brianna Wilson ’08, and Merrissa Wilson ’04.

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Alumnae Gift Gathering Party

We would like to thank all the sponsors and attendees of the Annual Alumnae Gift Gathering Brunch at Curly’s Grille. Money was raised and beautiful gifts donated by our generous alumnae in support of the 2020 McAuley Gala “On Broadway.” We appreciate your continued generosity!
Though many events this past spring were canceled or postponed due to the pandemic, we thank those Alumnae who supported and attended events, either in person or virtually. Stay updated on future events by following the Mount Mercy website www.mtmercy.org and Facebook page for announcements for upcoming events and reunions.

MEAT RAFFLE

Thank you to the Alumnae Board for hosting the sold-out Meat Raffle in the Mount Mercy gymnasium to help raise funds for the Annual Alumnae Scholarship. The Alumnae Scholarship is a four-year scholarship awarded to the student that scores the highest mark on the entrance exam. We thank the Alumnae board, our alumnae and guests for their participation and support of this fun event!

Babies

Cabrini Capri was born on March 31, 2020 to Megan Cervellera Rechan ’05 and Ronnie Rechan, Jr.

Anna Kay was born to Keri Cardinale Schopp ’95 and Philip Schopp on June 8, 2020.

Mairen May was born on June 4th, 2020 to Catherine Long-Roth ’95 and Matthew Roth.

Oliver James Sperber was born June 28, 2020 to Peggy Shea Sperber ’04 and Matt Sperber.

Mercy Alumnae on the Front Lines

Many Alumnae have been serving on the front lines during these unsettling times. We salute and thank the doctors, nurses, first responders, pharmacists, researchers (and more!), who have given their time and resources to battle COVID-19. Thank you!

Weddings

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If you have good news to share, please send an email to: ALUMNAERERELATIONS@MTMERCY.ORG

Mercy Marketplace

Join us in Supporting the Mercy Community Through the Mercy Marketplace

The Mercy Marketplace is a site dedicated to promoting small businesses within the Mercy Community. Are you or someone you know a Mercy alumna, a Mercy parent or a friend of Mercy with a small business? Provide us with information about your business that we can pass along to all friends of Mercy.

We pray each day for those whose names are inscribed in our Memorial Books. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

January 2, 2020 to July 10, 2020

**In Memoriam**

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DECEASED ALUMNAE / MEMORIALS
We remember alumnae of whose passing we’ve learned since January 2, 2020-July 10, 2020.

Deceased Alumnae / Memorials

Elizabeth J. “Betty” McDermott ’48
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Norine McMahon Mischel ’46
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Margaret Justinger Allman ’44
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