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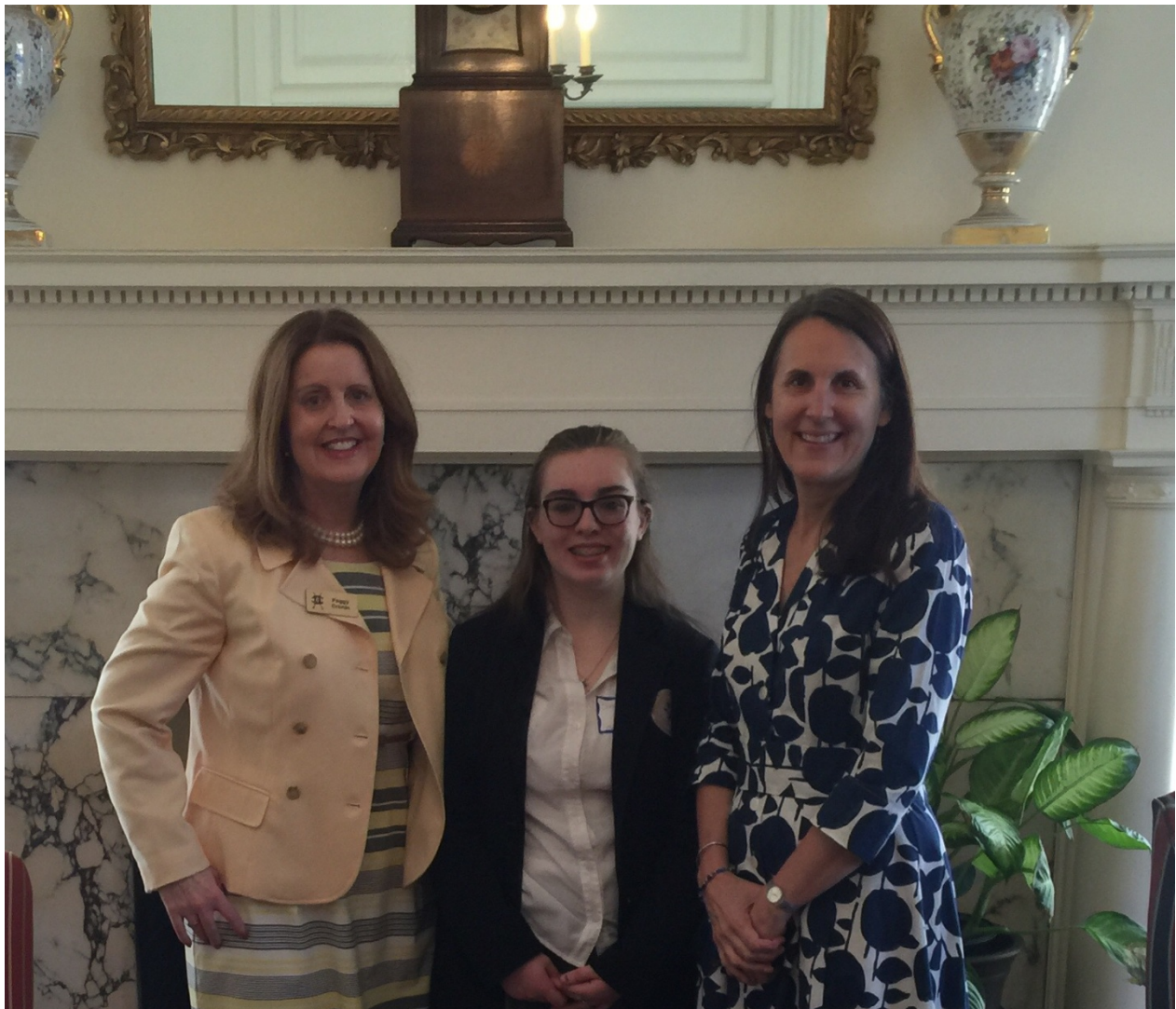
### Mount Mercy Student Honored for Award-Winning Essay

Mount Mercy Academy junior Shea Halpenny of Lackawanna was recently honored by the Twentieth Century Club for her award-winning essay on architect Louise Bethune Blanchard. The contest was to write an essay about a woman who has made a difference in Buffalo. The contest was open to students throughout Western New York and this year the group had more entries than ever before.

Halpenny presented her essay and then answered questions from the audience. Bethune was the first female architect. She designed the Hotel Lafayette and the former Buffalo Meter Company Building. She created these designs in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

Following the presentation Halpenny and President Margaret Cronin joined the club for a luncheon in the Presidential Lunchroom.

Photo Caption: Shea Halpenny of Mount Mercy is pictured with Mount Mercy President Margaret Cronin on the left and Donna Fernandes, Director of the Buffalo Zoo on the left.



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