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## MOUNT MERCY ACADEMY ANNOUNCES ITS GRADUATION SPEAKER

Mount Mercy Academy is proud to announce that MaryLynn Ryan, a 1979 alumna and the Vice President and Bureau Chief of the Southeast region for CNN/U.S., will be the keynote speaker at the Academy's Graduation Ceremony. The 112<sup>th</sup> graduation ceremony will be held at the Mercy Center Auditorium on Wednesday May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.

A graduate of Canisius College, Ryan 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 has also directed news stories and served as an executive producer for the program *Street Sweep*. Ryan was the deputy managing editor at HLN and currently oversees the network's news coverage for Atlanta, Miami and Dallas. 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 Ryan and her CNN team.

Prior to joining CNN, Ryan 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.

Mount Mercy Academy is honored to have MaryLynn Ryan, one of its many distinguished Alumnae, return home to address the graduating class of 2017.

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