Mount Mercy Academy to Hold Its Annual McAuley Gala

On Saturday April 29th, Mount Mercy Academy will hold its 21st annual McAuley Gala. The event, Mount Mercy’s major fundraiser, will be held at the Orchard Park Country Club at six in the evening. This year’s theme is *Homecoming: Celebrate the Past, Embrace the Future.* The Gala raises money for student scholarships and educational advancements.

The evening will begin with passed hors d’oeuvres and an open bar and conclude with a three-course dinner. In addition, there will be a silent auction and a live auction. There will be between seventy-five and one hundred Silent Auction items, including golf foursomes, spa treatments and overnight stays in Ellicottville. A few of the Live Auction packages include visits to vacation homes in Ireland and Florida, family fun at the Great Wolf Lodge and trips to Baltimore and Toronto.

This year the event’s co-chairmen are Mary Clare Keenan and Jane Michalek Harrington and Michael Gluc. Keenan is the managing partner of the Keenan Law Firm and is a 1979 graduate of Mount Mercy. She also serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Grassroots Gardens of Western New York. Harrington, a 1992 graduate of Mount Mercy is a partner at Michalek & Harrington Law Firm. She practices law with her father and her husband. She is also the proud mother of two future Mount Mercy graduates, junior Olivia and freshman Grace. Gluc is the president of Northeastern Appraisal Associates Commercial.

The guest auctioneer for the evening will be Kevin O’Connell, the chief meteorologist at Channel 2 WGRZ.

Tickets are one hundred and fifty dollars and may be obtained at www.mtmercy.org or by contacting Jennifer Hemmingway at 716-825-8796 extension 306 or at jhemmingway@mtmercy.org.

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