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Mount Mercy Academy's McAuley Gala winner visits CNN Headquarters

During the McAuley Gala this past spring, we won the bid on a VIP behind the scene tour of CNN with Mercy Alumni Mary Lynn Ryan, Vice President / Bureau Chief Southeast Region for CNN. Mary Lynn gave us an unbelievable tour that far exceeded our expectations. We highly recommend bidding on this package in the future Galas. It was a package worth every penny and minute spent. Mary Lynn truly treated us as VIPs introducing us to correspondents, reporters, producers, and various talents in many departments that create and provide the global news coverage. Mary Lynn is responsible for the news coverage of the Southeast (Washington to Texas area), a very news active area. We sat in the background of *The Daily Share* on HLN hosted by correspondents Yasmin Vossoughian and Ali Nejad. Many of our friends and family saw us on that show. It was not only fun but very interesting to see what the correspondents do before and between the news clips.

Mary Lynn regularly mentors students in the industry and continues to give back to her roots in Buffalo, specifically Mount Mercy Academy. During a delicious lunch, she also provided wonderful insight to Beth as to what to look for in colleges to gain experience needed for job searching. Mary Lynn fondly remembered her time, experiences, and friends at Mercy, in particular, her "big sister" Peggy Cronin. After a full day with Mary Lynn and the CNN staff we left with a much greater appreciation for the coverage and reporting of the global news, and a new friend.

-Bob & Meg Hughes

Parents of Elizabeth Hughes, Class of 2017

Save the date for this year's McAuley Gala on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at the Orchard Park Country Club, hosted by Channel 2's Kevin O'Connell. Join Gala co-chair couples Margaret (Whalen '99) and Michael Brady and Meg & Bob Hughes as Mount Mercy's McAuley Gala presents, **Buffalo in Black & White!** Contact Leanne Maloney for information on the McAuley Gala or to be invited to this year's event at lmaloney@mtmercy.org or 716-825-8796 ext. 306.



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