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Mount Mercy Academy students get prepared for life after school.

Mount Mercy Academy's Dawn (Mansell '85) Robertson has been teaching Business classes at MMA for over 14 years for the Career and Computer Development department. The department has offered a Personal Finance/Life Skills course for many years. This year, MMA decided to make the course mandatory for all sophomores and any upper class woman who wishes may take it as an elective. There are currently over 40 students enrolled in the course this semester.

The course's most recent focus was on the interview process. Mercy girls were required to fill out a job application, complete a resume, and cover letter. Michele (Sixt '92) Melligan from Empower Girls Buffalo joined the class as a guest speaker and gave the girls tips on business etiquette, interviewing and transitioning from student to professional, along with conducting mock interviews. As a final assessment, students were required to go through a formal job interview conducted by another teacher, the Principal or President of Mount Mercy Academy. The students were required to set up a time and place for the interview, dress in appropriate attire, experience getting interviewed by a professional and follow up the interview with a thank you note mailed to the interviewer.

President of Mount Mercy Academy, Peggy Cronin '78, volunteered to interview many of the course participants. "I was so impressed with how professional, mature and polite all of the girls were. Most being sophomores here at Mercy, I was glad to see the majority seemed so well-prepared for my interview questions," said Cronin.

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