Mount Mercy Hosts Its Annual White Coat Graduation Ceremony

At a recent honors assembly Mount Mercy Academy held its annual White Coat Graduation Ceremony. This prestigious ceremony honors the graduates of the school's Academy of Science and Healthcare. Fifteen students from the Mount Mercy Class of 2016 earned their White Coats by successfully completing the program. Anne McGillicuddy, Director of Volunteers at Mercy Hospital presented and helped the students into their white coats.

Students must complete several steps throughout their four years of high school in order to graduate the Academy of Science and Healthcare and receive their white coats. During their first two years the young women must be members of the Healthcare Career club and attend at least four field trips. Students then apply to the Mount Mercy Science Academy and after successfully completing the selection process they are then inducted into the Science Academy. During their junior year students must complete an eight week long rotation program at Mercy Hospital and then complete a 30 hour internship before the end of their senior year. In addition, the members of the Science Academy must write a paper and make a presentation about their experience.

Fulfilling the requirements this year are Alyssa Derwin, Alanna Gilson, Brigid Keane, Megan Miller, Emily Ogden, Rebecca Pinterpe and Emily Roche of Buffalo; Zulmary Cruz and Brianna Sullivan of Lackawanna; Margaret Dedloff of Gowanda, Megan Fabian and Sarah O'Shei of West Seneca; Lily Krasner of Orchard Park; Catherine Rogers of Cheektowaga and Jessica Teibel of Williamsville.



Picture Identification: Front row L to R: Lily Krasner, Brigid Keane, Megan Miller, Emily Roche, Sarah O'Shei, Emily Ogden, Rebecca Pinterpe, Alyssa Derwin. Back Row: Brianna Sullivan, Catherine Rogers, Jessica Teibel, Mrs. Anne McGillicuddy of Mercy Hospital, Alanna Gilson, Megan Fabian, Margaret Dedloff.