This report provides a listing of women and men who are committed to the mission of Mercy High School. It also provides highlights of the activities and the student outcomes that are directly impacted by their generosity and investment. This report serves as a reminder that it’s only through the support of these generous alumnae, parents and friends that our faith-based, college preparatory education is possible.
It has been another eventful year for Mercy High School as we continue our momentum providing an all-girl education for any deserving student who wants to attend. Our recruitment efforts yielded a freshmen class of 113, we dedicated two state-of-the-art science laboratories, and our FIESTA 2019 was one of the largest attended events in our history with $400,000 raised for the Negotiated Tuition Program. Academically, our 66 graduates received more than $6 million in college scholarships and were accepted at 59 higher education institutions. Also our extracurricular activities, performing arts agenda and leadership efforts afford every student an opportunity to excel.

It is only through the generosity and support of you, our donors, that we can administer an education that gives an opportunity for each girl to reach her full potential. As you know, when it comes to the annual operating costs for Mercy we depend on the support of our donors to cover the gap between tuition and the true cost of a Mercy education. You have also stepped up by supporting new initiatives. This year we were able to develop a new leadership and empowerment program for our girls called Kaleidoscope. Not only were we able to leverage current community resources and partners to make this happen, individuals and businesses donated to completely fund this effort.

The budget charts continue to show that we are operating in the black. As our brand slogan says, we have ‘Faith in her future.’ We also have faith in our donors who realize what a wise investment Mercy High School is. Your generosity gives young women the priceless gift of education. As a result of your donations, we have successful alumnae in leadership positions, powerful professions, families and communities, and whatever paths they have chosen, using their Mercy education to change the world.

Wishing you blessings as the summer ends,

Sr. Delores Hannon, RSM
President
Fiscal Year
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

FY ’19 Operating Revenue

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*Unaudited figures
The William and Catherine Callaghan Society
Lifetime Giving of $1,000,000 or more

William and Catherine Callaghan befriended Catherine McAuley in her time of need. Quaker in their beliefs, the Callaghans tolerated, but did not endorse, Catherine’s Catholicism. As their health failed, each became a death bed convert to the Catholic faith thanks to the loving influence of Catherine McAuley. Their admiration of and belief in Catherine’s commitment to the good works of Mercy, caring for the poor, sick, and uneducated, inspired them to bequeath to her their personal fortune. It is this fortune that became the primary funding source for the foundation of the Sisters of Mercy.

Lozier Foundation
Wayne & Eileen Krebs Ryan SM ’45 +
Sisters of Mercy West Midwest Community

The Circle of Mercy Society
Lifetime Giving of $750,000 or more

“The Circle of Mercy is timeless. It is Spirit of Life itself, which roots us in Faith, and lifts us in Hope, and holds us in God’s loving care...” Those who have entered the Circle of Mercy have opened their minds and hearts to a greater understanding of Catherine McAuley’s purpose in establishing the House of Mercy and living her life of service. They offer hope to many and are faithful to her calling to serve God consistently in everyday matters. They are sustaining servants who exemplify what it means to be held in God’s loving care.

*Text based on Design for Renewal by Joanna Regan and Isabelle Keiss, RSM

Anonymous
Archdiocese of Omaha
John & Ann Louise Urzendowski Micek SM ’49

The Anna Marie Doyle Society
Lifetime Giving of $500,000 or more

Anna Marie Doyle, called in religion Sister Mary Anne, was Catherine Elizabeth McAuley’s first disciple at the House of Mercy. She, along with Elizabeth Harley, accompanied Catherine to George’s Hill and the Sisters of the Presentation for novitiate training to become a religious sister. Later, Doyle would be the first Superior of the Baggot Street House of Mercy. Anna Marie, offspring of a cultured and artistic Dublin family and the aunt to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle of Sherlock Holmes fame, brought gifts of intelligence, perseverance and sound management to the fledgling religious order. Anna Marie Doyle was instrumental in the spread of the Sisters of Mercy throughout Ireland.

Heider Family Foundation

The Pillars of Mercy Society
Lifetime Giving of $250,000 or more

Mercy High School’s seal prominently displays the three pillars of faith, knowledge and service. They form the foundation of a Mercy education and are part of the culture of the school. Mercy is dedicated to academic excellence and inspiring young women to become confident women who embody these pillars.

Dr. C.C. & Mabel L. Criss Memorial Foundation
The Franey Family
Sr. Catherine Marie Franey, RSM MSM ’29 +
John J. Franey +
Richard & Mary Pat Smola McCormick ’58

The Frances Warde Society
Lifetime Giving of $100,000 or more

Frances Warde, inspired by the same religious zeal and mission as Catherine, joined the women of Baggot Street in 1828 at the age of 17. Her dedication and adventurous spirit fostered the establishment of numerous convents throughout Ireland. It was Frances who led the Sisters of Mercy to the United States in 1843. At the request of Bishop Michael O’Connor, the first Mercy convent was established in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Among her foundations is the Manchester, New Hampshire Foundation from which the Omaha Sisters of Mercy emerged in 1864 to become the first religious order to serve the Catholic Church in the Nebraska territory.

Anonymous
Bank of the West
Donald & Joan Jaksich Cimpl SM ’51
Clifford J. Miller Charitable Foundation, Inc.
Michael + & Margaret Collins
Michael & Marcia DeFreece
John + & Gloria Jezewski Flynn SJ ’50 +
Doyle & Jobeun Fullenkamp
John & Catherine Fullenkamp
M. Jane Hueter ’68
James Skinner Baking Co.—James G. Skinner
John & Nicole Hahn Jesse ’80
Mammel Foundation
The Works of Mercy Society

Lifetime Giving of $50,000 or more

The Works of Mercy are the embodiment of Catholicism: “As long as you did it to one of these, the least of my brethren, you did to Me.” Jesus is very direct in His teaching; in serving others, we serve Him. When one’s charity enables others to perform the works of the Gospel, blessings are multiplied. Christ is All in All.

Anonymous

George & Rose Marie Bendon Basque ’59
Eileen J. Boyle SM ’36 +
Patricia R. Callone SM ’55 & William L. Flynn +
Maurice & Junko Cox

The DeMarco Family
Betty DeMarco SM ’53
Peter & Loreta DeMarco
James & Lorie Dennell
Phillip + & Louise Battaglia Franco SM ’50
William + & Mary Harvey
The Kenny Family
Msgr. Francis P. Kenny +
Rev. James E. Kenny +
Sr. M. Catherine Kenny, RSM +
Carolyn Jaworski ’64
Harriett Foran Kane SB ’24 +
David L. & Mary Franco Levy ’70
Deborah A. Macdonald
William C. Mahoney +
Kevin & Denise McCoy
Moglia Family Foundation
Joseph + & Helen Clare Murphy +
Mutual of Omaha
Patricia Naylor +
Wayne & Sarita Troia Penka ’67
Peter Kiewit Sons’ Inc. +
Msgr. Paul F. Peter +
Lou Anne Rinn ’73
Wilson + & Mary Alice Schollman SM ’33 +
James & Marsha Stewart

Anthony & Teresa Vancura Vacanti ’73
George & Susan Venteicher

The Vojir Family
Joseph + & Jennie Vojir +
Sr. M. Kateri Vojir, RSM SM ’39 +
Daniel + & Patricia Wagner
Rev. Thomas R. Ward +
John W. Weekly +
The Weitz Company

The Blue and Gold Society

Lifetime Giving of $25,000 or more

Mercy High School empowers young women to achieve their full potential in a diverse, supportive and academic-centered community. The school colors of blue and gold exemplify the spirit of the school. Blue shows confidence and gold compassion and they together highlight our educational mission.

Anonymous
Jeffrey + & Jane Green Alseth ’65
American National Bank
Richard & Heidi Anzalone
Blue Cross Blue Shield
Joseph J. Borghoff IV
Catholic Mutual Group
Larry & Pam Ciecior
Clyde + & Eleanor Claus
Mary E. Corboy SM ’53
Core Bank
James & Mary Robino Czyz ’68
John F. Daly SB ’29 + & Anne Daly +
Leo + & Rosemary Gaughan Daly SM ’35 +
Mark & Connie Davis
William & Patricia Stanek Dworak ’65
John & Patricia Fahey
First Data Corporation
First National Bank of Omaha
Joseph & Judith Fisher
Rev. William J. Fitzgerald
Theresa J. Franco ’74 & James Wingender
Msgr. Robert J. Cass +
Bob & Mary Conderinger
HDR Inc.
Gary & Mary Jane Monico Herron ’74
Holy Cross Parish
Kevin & Elizabeth James Joyce ’72
William & Kathleen Baines Kizer ’66
Tom & Annette Mayer Kutilek ’57
Frank + & Grace Laird +
Gerald & Karen Lenczowski
Robert + & Dorothy Matt +
Michael & Nancy McCarthy
Edward + & Claire McDonough +
Thomas & Ann Messersmith
The Spirit of Mercy Society
Lifetime Giving of $10,000 or more

The Spirit gives Life, and the spirit of Mercy gives Mercy life. The sacrifices of the many facilitate the work of the few, enabling the fulfillment of Catherine’s dream that every young woman have the opportunity to learn about God and the Gospel of Jesus, to make a living, to serve others, and to become all God intended her to be. The mission begun in Dublin so many years ago is the same today: The careful instruction of women. Those who give in the Spirit of Mercy give Mercy life.

Ann Hedwig Charitable Foundation
Anonymous
Arthur Andersen LLP
B. G. Peterson Co.—Debra Peterson
William + & Ellen Babb
The Bauer Family
Anna J. Bauer SM ’38 +
Elizabeth R. Bauer SM ’36
Josephine F. Bauer SM ’41
Marie C. Bauer SM ’35 +
The Bavaresco Family
Rina Bavaresco SJ ’38 +
Olga Bavaresco Carroll SJ ’44 +
Rose Bavaresco Earley SM ’49
Jennie Bavaresco Roman SJ ’40
Thomas + & Mary Ann Belford
Judith A. Belitz ’83
J. Robert & Kathleen Calvert Bohacek SJ ’43 +
Robert & Kathleen Bonebrake
Ronald & Judy Jarecki Bomer ’79
Ingrid Kalinowski Boghos ’65
Robert & Patricia O’Gara Bowen ’73
Steven & Mary Beth Ritzdorf Branscombe ’76
Joseph + & Patricia Dethlefs Brennan ’73
Richard + & Deborah Bujarski
Ken & Kimberly Lang Bunnell ’88
Burlington Capital LLC
Daniel & Sharon Palladino Burns SM ’53
Patrick & Carol Neill Casey ’58
CHI Health
Warrine P. Coffey ’61

Sr. Corrine C. Connelly, RSM ’58
Terrence M. Connelly +
Mary Kay Connor ’63
Margaret C. Cosgrave +
Tim & Mary Coyle
Creighton University
Betty Cronin SM ’46 +
Gary & Peggy Hanna Crouch ’62
Robert + & Clare “Tupper” O’Hearn Cunningham SJ ’43 +
Martin + & Jean Gaule Curnyn SJ ’45 +
Mike & Mary Jo Dahir
Christine Dunn
Dyer Law Office—Michael & Elizabeth Dyer
Edward & Lida Robinson Charitable Trust
Sr. M. Justin Evans, RSM MSM ’22 +
Tom & Maureen Becka Falcon ’85
Robert & Linda Walsh Fell ’65
J. Michael & Janelle Fitzgerald
Phil Flott
Msgr. John A. Flynn +
Charles + & Rene Wilfong Garvey SM ’45
Pat & Sandy Gaydusek
Richard A. Gerbeling
Gilbert M. & Martha H. Hitchcock Foundation
Carmella Giordano SJ ’43 +
Suzanne M. Grandinetti ’69
Louise E. Gross +
Jo Marie Guastello
Harold & Judith Enis Hall ’61 +
Jerald + & Marianne Beck Hall ’66
Bruce & Marlene Haney
D. Paul & Marjorie Hartnett +
Richard + & Judith Suing Harvey ’56
Mary Jo Havlicek SM ’52
Jean Hays SM ’44 +
William + & Eleanor Lynch Heaston SM ’30 +
Charles + & Mary McBride Heider SM ’47
Scott & Jenni Herchenbach
Holland Basham Architects—Tim Holland
James & Therese Huerter +
Elizabeth A. Hug ’62
Steven & Sheri Idelman
Interstate Printing
John + & Mary Janca
Richard & JoAnne Jarvis
Christine Chonis Jeffrey ’75
Patricia M. Jesse
The Kastl Family
Mary Kastl Fowler, SM ’45 +
Jo Kastl Henely SM ’47 +
Carol Kastl ’60 +
Teresa C. Kastl SM ’55
Marj Kastl Krawczyk SM ’52
Jane M. Keller ’66 +
Paul & Karen Keller
Kellogg’s
Gerard + & Mary Kelly
Bernard & Kathleen Watsabaugh Kratochvil SJ ’52
Antoinette J. Kuhry ’63
Lawrence + & Lucille Langdon +
Robert + & Patricia Colchin Lavey SM ’50
Leslie & Phyllis Lawless
Some individuals give online on a monthly basis. This is convenient and automatic. If you want to participate contact Nate Driml, Vice President for Advancement at 402.553.9424 or drimln@mercyhigh.org.
Mercy High School by the numbers

OUR 2019 GRADUATES

$6 million+ earned in college scholarships

98% of grads are college-bound

75% Received college scholarships

1000!

Accepted at 59 higher education institutions

13:1

Student-to-teacher ratio

28% diversity rate

100% of Omaha zip codes and income levels represented

20% of the student body are legacies

1:1 student iPad program

2 state-of-the-art science labs

26 liturgies, prayer services and retreats offered annually

10,000 service hours annually

100% of students receive free ACT prep from OnToCollege with John Baylor

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

18 Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment courses

40 sports, clubs & student organizations

$64,800 given in scholarships each year for placement exam

$1.8M in tuition assistance given annually

$3M+ invested in building improvements in the last three years

5,400 alumnae

82% of families receive tuition assistance

82%

60% of faculty with Master’s degree or higher

THE MERCY ADVANTAGE

60%

28%

20%

2%

26%

13:1

59%

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First Quarter

Year in Review

Mercy welcomes 113 freshmen on the first day of the quarter.

A time-honored tradition is the Greenie Parade.

Alumnae celebrating their 50th anniversary received a special pin during the Golden Guild Tea.

The 28th annual Driving for Excellence Golf Fest raised $72,000.

As part of Mercy Day, Seniors are chosen to portray Catherine McAuley, founder of the Sisters of Mercy.

Alumnae Night at volleyball was held last fall.
The Mercy Legacy Society

The Mercy Legacy Society honors those who have remembered Mercy High School in their estate plans through wills, life insurance, charitable gift annuities, or other planned gifts. If you would like to learn more about including Mercy in your estate plans, please contact Nate Driml, Vice President for Advancement at 402.553.9424 or drimln@mercyhigh.org.

Jeanne Sorich Anderson ‘65
George & Rose Marie Bendon Basque ‘59
Anna J. Bauer SM ‘38 +
Elizabeth R. Bauer SM ‘36
Josephine F. Bauer SM ‘41
Marie C. Bauer SM ‘35 +
Gerald & Nancy + Barry Becker ‘65
Deborah Bujarski
Patricia R. Callone SM ‘55 &
William L. Flynn +
Victoria Michalski Carpenter ‘83
Christopher & Jeanne Devaney Carroll ‘74
Mary M. Carroll MSM ‘29 +
Mary E. Corby SM ‘53
Margaret C. Cosgrave +
Betty Cronin SM ‘46 +
John F. Daly SB ‘29 +
Michael & Marcia DeFreece
William & Patricia Stanek Dworak ‘65
Sr. M. Justin Evans, RSM MSM ‘22 +
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Msgr. John A. Flynn +
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John J. Franey +
Msgr. Robert J. Gass +
James & Carol Filipowicz Gemborys ‘73
Margaret Herek Gillen SM ‘53 +
Bernice McGuigan Gitter SB ‘23 +
Judy Gitter Gould ‘59
Louise E. Gross +
Mary Jo Havlicek SM ‘52
Kathleen Kielian Hayduska ‘64
Jean Hays SM ‘44 +
Susan Shramek Hensley ‘70
Mary Kay R. Hoarty +
Elizabeth A. Hug ‘62
Marie Mokry Jelinek MSM ‘24 +
Alvick R. & Elizabeth +
Reeder Johnson SM ‘46
Richard & Judith Jones
Harriett Foran Kane SB ‘24 +
Cathy Katzenberger ‘68
William P. Kearns +
Francis P. Kenny +
Mary Kay Sullivan Klein ‘56
Therese Kripal Kramer ‘80
Charles & Anna Louise Kranda +
Marj Kastl Krawczyk SM ‘52
Nettie Kreifels +
Elizabeth A. Langdon ‘70
Lucille M. Langdon +
Bonnie Lomax Lawler ‘66
David L. & Mary Franco Levy ‘70
Thomas & Jean Rogers Lund ‘71
Alice Quinlan Lungren MSM ‘26 +
William C. Mahoney +
Sr. M. Bridget Mariscek RSM ‘65 +
Paul L. Martin +
John & Sandra Jaeger Mauro ‘66
Donna M. McCarthy SJ ‘36 +
Richard & Mary Pat Smola McCormick ‘58
Robert & Mary Kay McDonald
Edward J. McDonough +
Rosalie M. Merrick +
Mary Anne Fochek North ‘76
Kelly K. Nystrom ‘86
Adelaide M. O’Keefe MSM ‘28 +
Ruth O’Keefe SM ‘34 +
Mary C. Palmesano ‘59 +
Robert & Patricia Zaunder Paulsen ‘56
Elizabeth H. Peasinger +
Msgr. Paul F. Peter +
Mary D. Petrasic SM ‘39 +
Madeline Petrocchi ‘59
Doris Mehrens Pfeiffer SJ ‘39 +
Carol Ann Cooney Pitzer SM ‘53 +
Shirley Mae Poetzl SJ ‘47 +
Velma Perry Prentiss SM ‘33 +
Clementine Baye Redlinger SJ ‘36 +
Kent & Karen Riesberg
Grace Aldrich Ringer MSM ‘20 +
Christine Zenk Rix ‘73
George F. Rushart +
Mark & Shelley Shreves Schrader ‘69
Marilyn Borovac Schuette ‘57 +
Archbishop Daniel E. Sheehan +
Barbara Jean Smith SJ ‘53 +
Joseph M. Smith +
Katherine Kowskie Stapl SJ ‘31 +
James & Marsha Stewart
Joanne M. Stewart ‘72
Eugene F. Sullivan +
Richard M. Svehla +
Mary Ann Reh Traugh ‘68
Marianne Schwee Tripp SJ ‘48 +
Frances Quinlan Turecek SM ‘36 +
Virginia Battaglia Veleba SM ‘49
Joseph & Jennie Vojir +
Reid + & Claire Von Tersch
Sharon Carter Vondra ‘60
Richard & Susan Cook Waldren ‘66
Daniel & Cynthia Waltz
Rev. Thomas R. Ward +
Mary Gray Warin SJ ‘26 +
Barbara Jean Smith SJ ‘53 +
Mary Ann Barfell White SJ ‘53 +

+ Deceased

FIESTA Raffle Captains

Below are alumnae who helped sell FIESTA raffle tickets for FIESTA 2019. If interested in participating contact Nate Driml, Vice President for Advancement at 402.553.9424 or drimln@mercyhigh.org.

Marianne Safranek Driml ‘65
Diane Hope Kean ‘69
Judy Niemoller Sorenson ‘75
Patricia Hayden ‘78
Jena Wilcox Mitzlaff ‘82
Amy Pistone Moore ‘85
Kelly Nystrom ‘86
D’Lynn Cannon Buck ‘88
Katherine Liebentritt Rozmaji ‘89
Kari Anzalone-Stavneak ‘92
Meg Neuberger Lee ‘93
Sara Coniglio Neuberger ‘96
Helen Holmes Giambrone ‘97
Josah Driml Powers ‘98
Angela Burton Vogel ‘00
Marie Cusic ‘01
Jackie Lee ‘02
Ashley Shradar Miller ‘04
Anne Mollner Stanley ‘05
Molly Hueter ‘06
Emily Gonderinger ‘09
Christine Gonderinger ‘12

Annual Report
Second Quarter
Year in Review

A fun-filled “Alice in Wonderland” was the fall play.

Students did an experiment during the dedication of the newly renovated science labs.

Mercy Girls greeted prospective students and their parents at Mercy’s Open House last fall.

Students during the annual Food Sale to support the Negotiated Tuition Program.

Spirit Week was full of traditions including the class dance competition.

Mercy High Singers rocked out at the Christmas concert this year.
Businesses & Corporations Supporting Mercy

The following organizations gave to Mercy during this time period.

AmazonSmile Foundation
American National Bank
Apostolic Oblates Inc.
Archdiocese of Omaha
B. G. Peterson Co.
Backlund Plumbing
Bank of the West
Boone & Associates, P.C.
Caring for People Services
Catholic Mutual Group
Chubb
Core Bank
Creighton University
Croker Huck Kasher DeWitt
Anderson & Gonderinger P. C.
CSG Systems, Inc.
Darland Construction Co.
Distribution Management Systems Inc.
Edward & Lida Robinson Charitable Trust
Electric Company of Omaha
FACTS Management Co.
Five Points Bank
Godfather’s Pizza, Inc.
Goldberg’s
HDR Inc.
Heider Family Foundation
Holland Basham Architects
Homestead Plaza Shopping Center LLC
James Skinner Baking Co.
John Temme Auction Company
Kinetic Valuation Group
Lockton
Lozier Foundation
Morrisey Engineering
Mutual of Omaha
Omaha Community Foundation
P. I. Midwest
Peter Kiewit Sons’ Inc.
Pinnacle Bank
Premier Bank
Project Advocates
Sisters of Mercy West Midwest
Community
Slezak Family Charitable Foundation
St. Joan of Arc Parish
Sunridge Village
Surgery Center of the Heartland
T & T Custom Cabinets, Inc.
TD Ameritrade
The Regan Group, Inc.
The Waldinger Corp.
Thermal Energy System Specialists, LLC
Todd Smith Fitness
TR Construction
Union Pacific Railroad
Wells Fargo

Ways to Give

1) Make a gift online at:
donatenow.networkforgood.org/mercyhighomaha

2) Make checks payable to: Mercy High School
1501 S. 48th Street
Omaha, NE 68106

3) Venmo your gift to: @MercyHighSchoolOmaha

4) Donate on a monthly basis by joining Mercy’s MX-12 program at:
donatenow.networkforgood.org/Mx12

5) With every purchase, Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to Mercy.
   a) Go to smile.amazon.com
   b) Enter your existing Amazon username and password
   c) Search “Mercy High School Omaha”
   d) Click “Select”
   e) Start shopping!

6) Create a Facebook fundraiser in support of Mercy.

7) When you TAGG your purchase at any participating businesses, a portion of your purchase price will be donated to Mercy.
   a. Download the TAGG app.
   b. Visit participating businesses and snap a photo of your receipt.
   c. Choose “Mercy High School” as your cause to support.

8) A matching gift from your company doubles your impact on Mercy High School. Check with your corporation’s human resources office for instructions.

9) Memorial gifts are a meaningful way to honor the life of a loved one. Make your memorial gift at:
donatenow.networkforgood.org/mercyhighomaha

10) A tribute gift is a wonderful way to celebrate a graduation, birthday, anniversary, or other significant milestone. Make your tribute gift at: donatenow.networkforgood.org/mercyhighomaha

11) Endowing a named scholarship or tuition award is an investment in Mercy’s mission of providing a faith-based education to any girl who desires it. With a minimum of $25,000, your scholarship or tuition award can be funded as a single gift, a series of gifts over several years, or a planned gift from your estate. If interested in participating contact Nate Driml, Vice President for Advancement at 402.553.9424 or drimln@mercyhigh.org.

12) Your planned gift ensures the future of Mercy High School while lessening the tax burden on your estate and your heirs. Gift commitments or bequests through a will or trust, life insurance, or beneficiary designations for qualified retirement plans such as your 401(k) or IRA all help to further Mercy’s educational mission. If interested in participating contact Nate Driml, Vice President for Advancement at 402.553.9424 or drimln@mercyhigh.org.
Third Quarter
Year in Review

110 prospective students took Mercy’s Scholarship and Placement Exam last January.

KVSS Spirit Catholic Radio broadcasted live from the school.

As part of Mission Week students made friendship bracelets for refugees.

Trivia Night raised more than $10,000.

FIESTA 2019 was a shining success raising more than $400,000 for the school.

Mercy introduced its new leadership and development program, Kaleidoscope. Here students show their Strengthsfinder results.
Scholarships and Tuition Awards

Approximately $60,000 in scholarships and tuition awards are awarded.

Scholarships

- Adelaide & Ruth O'Keefe Memorial Scholarship
- ALUM Scholarship
- Alumnae Association Scholarship
- Archbishop Daniel Sheehan
- Carolyn A. Jaworski Scholarship
- Charles & Rene Garvey Scholarship
- Clifford J. Miller Memorial Scholarship
- Jane M. Keller ’66 Math Scholarship
- Jane M. Keller ’66 Theater Scholarship
- John F. Franey Memorial Scholarship
- Joseph F. & Helen Clare Murphy Scholarship
- Kelly Ann Taylor Memorial Scholarship
- Kevin Dunn Music Scholarship
- Kevin Dunn Theatre Scholarship
- Kutilek-Mayer Family Scholarship
- Mary Jane Smith Gerst Memorial Scholarship
- Mary Roncka Urzendowski Memorial Scholarship
- Msgr. John A. Flynn Memorial Scholarship
- Ojeski Family Scholarship
- Phillip S. & Louise Battaglia Franco Endowed Service Scholarship & Tuition Assistance Fund
- Renae C. Von Tersch Art Scholarship
- Richard F. Chadek III Senior Scholarship
- Smola-McCormick Memorial Scholarship
- Sr. Catherine Marie Franey, RSM Tuition Award
- Sr. Johanna Burnell, RSM Tuition Award
- Sr. Mary Brendan O'Malley Memorial Scholarship
- Sr. Mary Callista Takes Scholarship
- The Kastl Sisters Scholarship
- Tupper O’Heam Academic Scholarship

Tuition Awards

- Archdiocesan Tuition Award
- Callone-Flynn Family Tuition Award
- Carmelo & Rose Guastello Tuition Award
- Class of 1972 Tuition Award
- Cole & Joan Abboud MacDonald Tuition Award
- Dolores Brewster Rice Tuition Award
- Dr. Daniel L. Wagner & Patricia A. Wagner Tuition Assistance Fund
- Emilija Jonasas Tuition Award
- Jim Slavin Memorial Tuition Award
- Joan Juksich Cimpl Tuition Award
- John F. Daly Tuition Award
- Katherine A. Borghoff & Ingrid Kalinowski Borghoff Tuition Award
- Kenny Family Tuition Award
- Kitty & Bill Fitzgerald, Mary Rose, & Rev. William John Fitzgerald Tuition Award
- Louise E. Cross Tuition Award
- Msgr. Paul F. Peter Tuition Award
- Rev. Thomas R. Ward Tuition Award
- Sr. Catherine Marie Franey, RSM Tuition Award
- Sr. Johanna Burnell, RSM Tuition Award
- Sr. Rosemary Floersch, RSM Tuition Award
- Thelma Jeanne Foran Timmerman Tuition Award
- Wendy O’Rourke Leadership Award
- William & Patricia Stanek Dworak Family Tuition Award

McAuley Scholars

Donors who provide $5,000 in scholarships annually for students with limited financial means as long as they meet educational standards of the school. If you wish to participate contact Nate Driml, Vice President for Advancement at 402.553.9424 or drimln@mercyhigh.org.

Nancy Abboud
Anonymous
Catholic Mutual Group
Donald & Joan Jaksich Cimpl SM ’51
James & Mary Robino Czyz ’68
Mike & Mary Jo Dahir
Edward & Lida Robinson Charitable Trust
Louise Battaglia Franco SM ’50
Theresa Franco ’74 & James Wingender

Heider Family Foundation
Carolyn Jaworski ’64
William & Kathleen Baines Kizer ’66
Terry & Alicia Lanphier
Michael & Ann Franco Laughlin ’72
David L. & Mary Franco Levy ’70
Michael & Nancy McCarthy
Frank & Jill Mihulka
Irene Milewski

Stephen Mossman
William & Jane Dethlefs Roccaforte ’74
Constance M. Ryan ’70
Sisters of Mercy West Midwest Community
Joanne M. Stewart ’72
Clark & Nancy Ferrara Toner ’80
Virginia Battaglia Veleba SM ’49
Joseph & Christine Franco Zadina ’71
Fourth Quarter

Year in Review

As part of Kaleidoscope, students participated in a financial literacy presentation by American National Bank.

“Into the Woods” was the spring musical.

Alumnae came back to school during the annual All-School Reunion.

Mercy held its first college-signing day and encouraged students to share their college choices on social media.

Students sent letters to donors thanking them for their generous support of the school.

The Mercy community came out to cheer on the Soccer Team at State.

66 students graduated in May and earned more than $6 million in college scholarships.
Alumnae Giving by Class

The following reflects the percentage of living alumnae who made a gift.

Contributed: $375,151.90

Donors: 888 donors out of 5,874 alumnae

% Participation: 15.11%

*Note: Golf Fest and/or FIESTA gift purchases are not included in percentages.
Class Of 1936
Class Gifts: $100.00
Total Class Members: 2
Participation: 50.00%
Elizabeth R. Bauer SM

Class Of 1940
Class Gifts: $10.00
Total Class Members: 11
Participation: 9.00%
Rosemary Downing Reeves SJ

Class Of 1941
Class Gifts: $250.00
Total Class Members: 4
Participation: 50.00%
Josephine F. Bauer SM
Natalie Mohanna Nahas SJ

Class Of 1943
Class Gifts: $35.00
Total Class Members: 24
Participation: 8.60%
Carmella Giordano SJ +
Helen Dillon Griffith SM
Catherine Frost Groth SJ

Class Of 1944
Class Gifts: $25.00
Total Class Members: 12
Participation: 8.30%
Rita Marci O’Connell SJJ

Class Of 1945
Class Gifts: $195.00
Total Class Members: 22
Participation: 18.18%
Gloria Scalzo DeJoy SM
Rene Wilfong Garvey SM
Jean Minar Hope SJ
Claire Riley Murnan SM

Class Of 1946
Class Gifts: $25.00
Total Class Members: 23
Participation: 4.34%
Cherie Patch Shaw SM

Class Of 1947
Class Gifts: $695.00
Total Class Members: 41
Participation: 14.63%
Mary McBride Heider SM
Sally Sanders Hutfless SJ
Mary Kube Liston SM
Abbie Reh Truax SJ
Cecelia O’Kane Weber SM
Edith Hraban Winkelmann SM

Class Of 1948
Class Gifts: $1,425.00
Total Class Members: 37
Participation: 18.91%
Mary Ann Burkhardt SM
Mary Anne Stoker Dworak SJ
Betty Holub Hallas SJ
JoAnn Alter Maher SM
Dolores Stibbs Murmane SJ
Joan Fitzgerald Obarski SJ
Marie Moylan Wharton SM

Class Of 1949
Class Gifts: $25,850.00
Total Class Members: 81
Participation: 11.11%
Rita Hartnett Costello SM
Donna Vondra
DeVincenzi-Coletti SM
Dorothy Seelock
Gawehn-Frisby SJ
Kathleen Masilko Gorham SM
Marianne Swircin Heavey SJ
Jo Ann Kirkpatrick Kunasek SM
Ann Louise Urzendowski
Micek SM
Virginia Battaglia Veleba SM
Virginia Weinfurter
Weidner SM

Class Of 1950
Class Gifts: $2,030.00
Total Class Members: 54
Participation: 1.11%
Loretta Smejkal Caniglia SJ
Barbara Reh Evans SJ
Kathleen Maddren Cranney SJ
Carol Roh Donwart SM
Patricia Pritchard Flesher SM
Mary Ann Douda Hartley SM
Catherine Stas Kros SM
S. M. Geneva Paluka, RSM SM
Sr. Rita Parks, RSM SM
Barbara Krupski Rider SM
Sr. Rita Humpal Dolan SM
Mary Lois Bauer Williams SM

Class Of 1951
Class Gifts: $101,015.00
Total Class Members: 64
Participation: 12.29%
Bernadette Moylan
Burkland SM
Patricia Bauer Chleborad SM
Joan Jaksich Cirpil SM
Jean Frederick Dahquist SM
Marylin McDonald Hirth SM
JoAnn Hurley Habrik SM
Josephine Caniglia
Lohmeier SJ
Marilyn Post Moreland SJ
Patricia Brady O’Kane SJ +
Lorraine O’Leary Pritchard SM

Class Of 1952
Class Gifts: $1,610.00
Total Class Members: 76
Participation: 21.05%
Lorraine Lorkovic Andersen SJ
Shirley Seewald Coniglio SJ
Sr. Margretta Dwyer, RSM SM
Rose Maun Edwards SJ
Sr. Rosemary Flosch, RSM SM
Mary Jo Havlicek SM
Joyce Fangman Korinek SM
Johanna Kaiser Kozeny SJ
Kathleen Watsabaugh
Kratochvil SJ
Mar Kastl Krawczyk SM
Antonette Rzeszotarski
Pazderek SJ
Patricia Runa Potter SM
Julie Daeges Sladovnik SJ
Ruth Daly Trede SM
Irene Gunion Warga SM
Mary Lois Bauer Williams SM

Class Of 1953
Class Gifts: $5,110.00
Total Class Members: 99
Participation: 17.35%
Carole Lankas Angele SJ
Diane McEvoy Brentlinger SM
Sharon Palladino Burns SM
Mary Ellen Haley Byers SM
Mary E. Corboy SM
Kathleen Madden Cranney SM
Carol Roh Donwart SM
Patricia Pritchard Flesher SM
Mary Ann Douda Hartley SM
Catherine Stas Kros SM
S. M. Geneva Paluka, RSM SM
Sr. Rita Parks, RSM SM
Barbara Krupski Rider SM
Patricia Kleine Schneider SM
Alice Parker Simon SM
Stella Novaczyk Stawniak SM
Rosemary Begley Weide SJ
Mary Ann Barfell White SJ +

Class Of 1954
Class Gifts: $2,980.00
Total Class Members: 94
Participation: 30.11%
Norma Thell Begley
Joan Staskiewicz Beltiz
Catherine Hogan Besta
Julie Herek Bizal
Patsy Leutenegger Brady
Virginia Kuzelka Budka
Judith Hughes Conrad
Kathleen Kisicki Cook
Carol Smola Dargy
Theresa Doll Cotch
Carol Sinnott Heafey
Barbara J. Hodik
Virginia Slegl Hun
Mary Kay Sullivan Klein
Virginia O’Leary Kurzak
Rosemary Kunasek Lawson
Josephine Marcuzzo Macaitis
Elizabeth Skradski McAndrews
Mary Jean Timmerman McManus
Marilyn Britten Miller
Patricia Zauner Paulsen
Betty Kubat Eberhard SJ
Marilyn Eckholt Grasso SJ
Margaret McCaffery Hoskins SM
Roberta Nittler Mullen SM
Patricia Urbanovsky Pupkes SM
Margaret H. Sernin SM
Mary Lou Skupa SM
Kathleen Kennedy Tuttle SM
Rita Ostblom Weis SJ
Charlotte Covich Young SJ
Bernadine Bonacci Zielinski SJ
Fiscal Year July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019

Class Of 1955
Class Gifts: $1,979.00
Total Class Members: 80
Participation: 22.50%
Anonymous
Dorothy Mickells Begley SJ
Sr. Mary Ann Budka, OP SM
Patricia R. Callone SM
Joyce Lampe Connolly SM
Mary Ann Mullink Dobiesz SM
Phyliss Kawa Flyr SM
Patricia Hegarty Hinz SM
Sr. Aquinas Kurz, OSF SM
Marlene Thell Machal SM
Lucille Buda Marasco SM
Carole Alter Mitchell SM
Trudy Murphy Perrone SM
Dr. Michon Rozmajzl, RSM SM
Sr. Susan Severin, RSM SM
Mary Jean O’Brien Sims SM
Sr. Carolyn A. Thirtle, OSF SJ
Rita Kresnik Virant SM

Class Of 1956
Class Gifts: $2,980.00
Total Class Members: 94
Participation: 30.11%
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Joan Staskiewicz Beltiz
Catherine Hogan Besta
Julie Herek Bizal
Patsy Leutenegger Brady
Virginia Kuzelka Budka
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Total Class Members: 181  
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Class Gifts: $3,455.00  
Total Class Members: 146  
Participation: 15.75%  
Total Class Members: 146  
Class Of 1967  
Class Gifts: $5,870.00  
Total Class Members: 142  
Participation: 14.79%  
Total Class Members: 142  
Class Of 1968  
Class Gifts: $9,280.00  
Total Class Members: 136  
Participation: 14.71%  
Total Class Members: 136  
Class Of 1969  
Class Gifts: $3,318.00  
Total Class Members: 104  
Participation: 11.54%  
Total Class Members: 104  
Class Of 1970  
Class Gifts: $19,470.00  
Total Class Members: 129  
Participation: 16.41%  
Total Class Members: 129  
Class Of 1971  
Class Gifts: $3,495.00  
Total Class Members: 140  
Participation: 13.57%  
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<td>Class Of 1991</td>
<td>Class Gifts: $2,910.00</td>
<td>Total Class Members: 59</td>
<td>Participation: 16.95%</td>
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Alumnae Giving by Class continued
Michele Hagedorn Cohen
Michelle Bond Deters
Carrie Zuerlein George
Monica Harrington
Melinda McFarland
Jennifer Ortmeier
Shannon O’Donnell Reinard
Jennifer Wrobleski

Class Of 1992
Class Gifts: $760.00
Total Class Members: 45
Participation: 11.11%
Karina Anzalone-Stavneak
Nicole Liebig Lakeman
Kelly Connelly Lawler
Sarah Flynn Lehotay
Leah Hollister Rissien

Class Of 1993
Class Gifts: $155.00
Total Class Members: 59
Participation: 3.39%
Jennifer Taylor Mawson
Julie Lankas McAlpine

Class Of 1994
Class Gifts: $545.00
Total Class Members: 60
Participation: 8.33%
Katie Mollner Baumker
Rachel Burbach Burns
Katherine Connelly Carroll
Megan McCann Fletcher
Kristin Heaton Rys

Class Of 1995
Class Gifts: $2,260.00
Total Class Members: 51
Participation: 9.80%
Angela Foster Barnes
Katie A. Holmes
Shannon K. McClure
Carolyn G. Potter
Maria Caniglia Svoboda

Class Of 1996
Class Gifts: $472.00
Total Class Members: 59
Participation: 6.78%
Angela E. DeMarco
Kaylea A. Dunn
Christine Grier Koehn
Kellie Brannen Mihovk

Class Of 1997
Class Gifts: $1,880.00
Total Class Members: 60
Participation: 11.67%
Helen Holmes Giambrone
Katherine Zadina Kerniskey
Lisa M. Lawton

Class Of 1998
Class Gifts: $2,434.79
Total Class Members: 63
Participation: 15.87%
Amanda Peterson Baker
Stephanie Cross Cleary
Theresa Wieberg Cook
Amanda M. Fulton
Holly A. Lukasiewicz
Jennifer Harre O’Neill
Jennifer Focheck Ozenbaugh
Josiah Driml Powers
Kimberly Bujarski Prenzlow
Aryn Vacanti

Class Of 1999
Class Gifts: $200.00
Total Class Members: 71
Participation: 2.82%
Kristin R. Mikkelsen
Jessica Ham Stalnaker

Class Of 2000
Class Gifts: $2,545.00
Total Class Members: 65
Participation: 13.85%
Meghan Clark Bochynski
Laural K. Dean
Colleen Williams Durante
Meleia Reifenrath Hargis
Jocelyn Lavelle Masasi
Danielle Zuerlein McBride
Anne Zadina McGill
Breanne J. Murcek
Angela Burton Vogel

Class Of 2001
Class Gifts: $1,065.00
Total Class Members: 62
Participation: 9.68%
Ann Veys Coco
Marie A. Cusic
Lindsey A. Jessen
Mary K. Jones
Kimberly Bryant Vavra
Sarah E. Wallace

Class Of 2002
Class Gifts: $1,195.00
Total Class Members: 77
Participation: 11.69%
Eileen Sullivan Cormier
Alicia Potter Frizzell
Lynn C. Fullenkamp
Nicole M. Lee
Jacqueline K. Lee
Elizabeth Bellino Lehn

Class Of 2003
Class Gifts: $910.00
Total Class Members: 67
Participation: 5.97%
Anonymous
Molly Dennell
Kathy Roccaforte Denning
Maria Hahn Mergens

Class Of 2004
Class Gifts: $445.00
Total Class Members: 79
Participation: 5.06%
Rachel Markey Andersen
Ashley Shrader Miller
Margaret Latka Peters
Rose Brennan Sullivan

Class Of 2005
Class Gifts: $561.60
Total Class Members: 74
Participation: 8.11%
Samantha Emsick Becker
Sarah Brandeau Charnquist
Danielle Boner Micek
Anne Mollner Stanley
Jesse Conderinger Sullivan
Sheila Reifenrath Tuma

Class Of 2006
Class Gifts: $860.00
Total Class Members: 61
Participation: 9.84%
Meredith Wright Crackell
Emily Gentleman Crowe
Ellie F. Cusic
Kristine Mattini Evans
Jessica Brown Jones
Nicole E. Lenczowski

Class Of 2007
Class Gifts: $150.00
Total Class Members: 86
Participation: 11.61%
Malinda C. Frevert

Class Of 2008
Class Gifts: $200.00
Total Class Members: 75
Participation: 2.67%
Rosemary A. Laughlin
Caitlyn Wessling Milone

Class Of 2009
Class Gifts: $1,485.00
Total Class Members: 79
Participation: 7.59%
Jayne Bartek Glaser

Class Of 2010
Class Gifts: $185.00
Total Class Members: 99
Participation: 4.04%
Elizabeth R. Dunn
Danielle E. Dyer
Lauren Poppe Hinton
Emily Wessling Leahy

Class Of 2012
Class Gifts: $250.00
Total Class Members: 73
Participation: 1.37%
Christine M. Conderinger

Class Of 2013
Class Gifts: $205.13
Total Class Members: 105
Participation: 4.76%
Bridget A. Blessie
Stephanie N. Bushman
Dafnis Delgado-Arellanes
Jen Meisinger
Rebecca M. Wessling

Class Of 2015
Class Gifts: $200.00
Total Class Members: 87
Participation: 2.30%
Mary C. Dworak
Mary S. Jerram

Class Of 2017
Class Gifts: $75.00
Total Class Members: 82
Participation: 2.44%
Ava E. Blessie
Margaret N. Hoffman

Class Of 2018
Class Gifts: $20.00
Total Class Members: 83
Participation: 1.16%

Class Of 2019
Class Gifts: $20.00
Total Class Members: 81
Participation: 1.20%

Class Of 2020
Class Gifts: $20.00
Total Class Members: 84
Participation: 1.37%

Fiscal Year July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019

+ Denotes Deceased
Annual Giving Fund

The following reflects donations during this time period.

**Heart of Mercy Society ($5,000+)**
- McAuley Society ($1,000-$4,999)
- Mercy Circle ($500-$999)
- President’s Club ($100-$499)

**Heart of Mercy Society**
- Nancy Abboud
- Anonymous (4)
- American National Bank
- Archdiocese of Omaha
- Donald & Joan Jakisch Cimpl SM '51
- Mary Kay Connor ‘63
- James & Mary Robino Czyz ‘68
- Mike & Mary Jo Dahir
- James & Lorie Dennon
- Christine Dunn
- Edward & Lida Robinson Charitable Trust
- Theresa Franco ‘74 & James Wingender
- Larry & Shirley Cood
- Suzanne M. Grandinetti ‘69
- HDR Inc.
- Heider Family Foundation
- James Skinner Baking Co.
- Carolyn Jaworski ’64
- Harriett Foran Kane SB ‘24 + (Bequest)
- Terry & Alicia Lanphier
- David L. & Mary Franco levy ‘70
- Lozier Foundation
- Deborah A. Macdonald
- Michael & Nancy McCarthy
- Richard & Mary Pat Smola McCormick ‘58
- John & Ann Louise
- Urzendowski Micek SM ’49
- Irene Milewski
- Moglia Family Foundation
- Stephen Mossman
- Robert & Kathyn O’Keefe
- Omaha Community Foundation
- Mary C. Palmesano ’59 + (Bequest)
- Peter Kiewit Sons’ Inc.
- William & Jane Dethlefs Roccaforte ’74
- Constance M. Ryan ’70
- Sisters of Mercy West Midwest
- Community
- TD Ameritrade
- Wells Fargo

**McAuley Society**
- Jane Green Aiseth ‘65
- Lowell R. Arniote
- Sharon Bisbee Anania ’66
- B. C. Peterson Co.
- Ellen Babb*
- Bank of the West
- Steven & Mary Beth
- Ritzdorf Branscombe ‘76
- Deborah Bujausk
- Sal & Mary Kay Carta
- John & Sarah Caruso
- Sr. Corrine C. Connely, RSM ’58
- Mary E. Corboy SM ’53
- Core Bank
- Creighton University
- Darland Construction Co.
- Maureen & Dale Davis
- Michael & Marcia DeFreece*
- James & Sandra Erwin
- Tom & Maureen Becka Falcon ’85
- George & Mary Farrage
- J. Michael & Janelle Fitzgerald
- Phil Flott
- Louise Battaglia Franco SM ’50
- John & Catherine Fullenkamp
- Richard A. Gerbeling
- Carmella Giordano SJ ’43* + (Bequest)
- David Clatte
- John & Sonya Glenn
- Goldberg’s
- Bob & Mary Conderinger
- Monte Schatz & Mary Jo Hanigan
- Elizabeth A. Hug ’62
- Mary Beth Irvine ’65
- Mark & Alice Putjenter Jaksich ’78
- Mary E. Janca
- John & Nicole Hahn Jesse ‘80
- Joy Thiem Kellerman ’90
- Robert & Leanne Kendall
- Kinetic Valuation Group
- John & Wende Kotouc
- James & Gail Babb Kotulak ’82
- Lockton
- J. Terry & Ruth Macnamara
- Thomas Mayhan
- Holly McCoy*
- Patrick & Patricia McGinnis
- Michael & Diane McLain
- Thomas & Ann Messersmith
- Sr. Marie P. Micheleetto, RSM ’57
- Frank & Jill Mihulka
- W. Scott Morris
- Bradley & Lynn Muse
- Mutual of Omaha
- P. I. Midwest
- Patrick & Mary Lou Parr
- Wayne & Sarita Troia Penka ’67
- Pinnacle Bank
- Mary Jo Pitzl ’75*
- Troy & Kara Plumb
- Carolyn C. Potter ’95
- Robert & Michelle Ramaekers
- Larry & Pat Reding
- Kent & Karen Riesberg
- Lou Anne Rinn ’73
- James & Nancy Tanner Rosenthal ’60
- James & Barbara Ruane
- Sr. Jeanine Salak, RSM
- Cindy Schumacher
- E. Terry & Kathleen Sibbersen
- Slezak Family Charitable Foundation
- Christopher & Judy
- Niemoller Sorensen ’75*
- Gene & Marilyn Spence*
- James & Marsha Stewart
- Joanne M. Stewart ’72
- Mark & Teresa Tusas Stillmock ’79
- Sunridge Village
- Surgery Center of the Heartland
- Kathleen Brayshaw Swanda ’74
- Richard & Katherine Swanson
- Todd Smith Fitness
- TR Construction
- Geoffrey Tripp & Consuelo Lorenzo
- Union Pacific Railroad
- Anthony & Teresa Vancura Vacanti ’73*
- Richard & Melissa Wallich
- Denis F. Walsh
- Mary Ann Barfle White S& ’53* + (Bequest)
- John R. Wingender, Jr. & Mary Kay Miller
- Roger & Mary Mason Wozny ’64
- Margaret Yungbluth ’65 & David Balling*
- Joseph & Christine Franco Zadina ’71

**Mercy Circle**
- Jeanie Sorich Anderson ’65
- Beverly Marreel Anzalone ’63
- Richard & Heidi Anzalone
- Ryan & Amanda Peterson Baker ’98
- Kevin & Denise Podjenjski Bartels ’80
- Colleen Rukas Bentley ’68*
- Therese Green Bigelow ’63
- Harry & Mary Williams Bogнич ’65
- Gregory & Kathryn Boulay
- Patricia Dethlefs Brennan ’73
- Sr. Johanna Burnell, RSM*
- Daniel & Sharon Paladino Burns SM ’53*
- Jerry & Mary Bushman
- Catholic Mutual Group
- Warrine C. Cofey ’61
- Tim & Mary Coyle
- Gary & Peggy Hanna Crouch ’62*
- Brendan & Crystal Crowley
- Fred & Julia Doran
- Marianne Safraneek Dril ’65
- William & Patricia Stanek Dworak ’65
- Don & Margie Eckley
- Karin K. Fangman ’78
- Five Points Bank
- Gene & Patricia Pritchard Flesher SM ’53
- Sue Turner Foreman ’61
- Jim & Susan Franco
- Amanda M. Fulton ’98
- Pat & Sandy Gaydusek
- Timothy & Carrie Zuerlein George ’91
- Joel & Barb Hahn
- Mary Jean Connelly Harrington ’57
- Monica Harrington ’91
- David & Patricia Draney Hayden ’78
- Mary McBride Heider SM ’47
- Jay & Debra Herink
- Gary & Mary Jane Monico Herron ’74
- Patricia Hegarty Hinz SM ’55
- Holland Basham Architects
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David & Carol Browning
Martha Grant Bruckner ’67
Gerald & Barbara Bruno
Joseph & Mary Jo Brutto
Thomas & Ellen Bryant
Virginia Bryg ’57
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Patricia Buckley
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Virginia Kuzelka Budka ’56
Ken & Kimberly Lang Bunnell ’88
Max Burbach
Martha Waldmann Burchett ’64
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Sheila M. Burke ’59
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Rich & Bernadette Moylan Burkland SM ’51
Anne Burkowski
James Burks
Terese Burks
Frank V. Burns*
James & Rachel Burbach Burns ’94
Tim & Alice Burns
Diane M. Burton ’65
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Kristin Lubischer Busch ’91
Richard Buse
Thomas & Mary Bush
Stephanie N. Bushman ’13
Betty Thell Busse SM ’54
Rhonda Suiter Butler ’70
Donald & Mary Ellen Haley Byers SM ’51
R. Anne Wegener Byrne SJ ’43
Stephanie Craig
Loni Craft
James & Patricia Coyle
Rita Hartnett Costello SM ’49
Carmella C. Cosentino ’70
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Lori Craft
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Kathleen Kacina Cook ’56
Mary Jane Martin Cook ’65
Kathleen Delaney
Dafnis Delgado-Arellanes ’13
Angela DeMarco ’96
Peter & Loreta DeMarco
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Molly Dennell ’03
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Kathleen Jensen D’Ercole ’61
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Henry & Andrea Dethlefs

JoAnne Glynn Catlett ’69
Molly Cavanaugh ’90
Ana Ceballos
John & Kathryn Cervantes
Robert & Vikki Cervantes
Lawrence & Cynthia Cerveny
Mary Lynn Sortino Cerveny ’65
Kenny & Dianna Jones Chaloupka ’88
Patricia Delford Chaloupka SJ ’54
Kay Zagurski Champion ’60
Marilyn Morgan Chandler ’57
Clem & Heather Chantiam
Jeffrey & Sarah Chantiam
Alice J. Chapman
Sarah Brandeau Charnquist ’05
Gerald & Lillian Schumacher Chatfield ’62
Lourdes Chavez
Anthony & Rita Cherek
Mary Ann Bergmann Chladek ’57*
Patricia Bauer Chleborad SM ’51
Edward & Sharon Christianson Chubb
Dennis & Sandra Chial
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Kurt & Jill Cisar
Sr. Maura Clark, RSM
Elizabeth Fogarty Clavin SJ ’43*
Stephanie Cross Cleary ’98
David & Melissa Clements
Wendy Clifton
Matt & Ann Veys Coco ’01
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Sr. Carolyn Coffey, RSM ’57
Jean Conlan Cogan ’59
Aaron & Michele Hagedorn Cohen ’91
Ivan Cogli
Thomas & Mary Cold
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Kathleen Conry
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Mary Jane Martin Cook ’65
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Robert & Rita Coomler
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Katie Cords
Barbara Cordwin
Eileen Sullivan Cormier ’02
Sancha Glodin Corrigan ’58
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Croker Huck Kasher DeWitt
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Connie Orsi Crouch ’59
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Rose M. Crowley
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Dolores D’Agosto ’66
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Joyce Davis
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Victor Hahn
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Susan Shramek Hensley ’70
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Jude & Barbara McGargill
Tony & Adrienne McGargill
Doug McGeary
Angelynn McGee
Jason & Anne Zadina McGill '00
Jane McGill '89
Jean McGill
Robert & Diane McGill
Michael & Carol McClade
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Lynn & Mary Zenk McHugh '72
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Mary Jean Timmerman McManus '56
Lyle & Constance Martin McNabb '64
Austin McNally
Bill McNamara
Michael J. McNamara
J. Joseph & Mary Kay McQuillan
Catherine Nan McTaggart
Raydelle Kaline Meehan '59
Theresa Levy Meehan '97
Thomas & Margo Meehan
Jennifer M. Meisinger '13
Jon & Richelle Meisinger
Ismael Mejia
Victoria Mangan Menard '66
Mary Guziec Mendenhall '62
Michael & Jody Mendick
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Patricia Meyer
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Tom O'Malley & Nancy Micek '75
Ernest & Margaret Lorincz Michaels '65
Dennis & Rose Ann Michalski
Lucille Palermo Mickells '59
Ben & Kellie Brannen Mihok '96
Kristin R. Mikkelsen '99
Lawrence & Maureen Miilli
Jacob & Ashley Shrader Miller '04
Leonard & Barbara Pilus Miller '58
Michael & Jennifer Miller
Marlyn Britten Miller '56
Phillith Ferrante Miller '61
Robert Miller
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Leon & Deidre Milobar
Caitlyn Wessling Milone '08
Lauren Miltenberger
Carole Alter Mitchell SM '55
Stan & Evelyn Mitchell
Scott & Mary Mauro Mitchell '69
David & Jena Wilcox Mitzlaff '82
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Jackie Mlady
Jessica E. Moeschler-Miller '89
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Rodger & Kathleen Janca Adams ’77
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Angela Jacobson Weiss ’99
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Pride and Gratitude

When I reflect on the last six months of our 2018-2019 academic year, two words come to mind: pride and gratitude.

Mercy began the year 2019 with our annual Scholarship & Placement Exam, and I am grateful that over 100 girls made Mercy their school of choice.

In February, we celebrated one of our largest FIESTAs ever at our new venue in Downtown Omaha (see story pages 6 and 7). Our theme was Destined to Shine, and we did just that by raising more than $400,000 to provide opportunities for young girls to attend Mercy through the Negotiated Tuition Program. I want to express my thanks to Lynn and Brad Muse, FIESTA Chairs, the hundreds of volunteers and staff that worked on this event, and all of the families, alumnae, friends, and donors who supported our efforts. We also celebrated Nicole Hahn Jesse ’80 and her husband, John. They received the Cor Misericordiae Award for their lifelong commitment to Mercy (see story page 3). Tears came to my eyes as I listened to Student Council President Mayela Hernandez ’19 share her Mercy journey with the attendees. My gratitude continued as attendees filled the monarch by raising their paddles to honor my jubilee. Thanks to a matching grant of $50,000 from the Heider Foundation, we raised more than $130,000 during this segment.

March brought our Mission Week, a week-long effort to support educational efforts in third-world countries. I was so proud of our girls. (see story page 20)

This spring also brought a new leadership and empowerment program to our Mercy corridors called Kaleidoscope (see story on pages 18 and 19). By building on our OnToCollege with John Baylor program, our counselors and the Advancement Office were able to provide our girls with networking connections and opportunities to build their strengths, with practical knowledge to support personal development.

In April, we took the time to express gratitude through a donor appreciation event (see story page 28).

We finished our year with graduation. Sixty-six students walked the stage at the Joslyn Art Museum. Their achievements are well-documented in this publication (see stories on pages 10-13). Seventy-five percent of the class earned more than $6 million in scholarships and were accepted to 59 higher education institutions. I am also extremely grateful for the dedication, commitment, and effort of our faculty and staff to help our seniors be successful, and for the support and love of their families.

As I celebrate an important milestone in my life this year, I celebrate the accomplishments of our students and am confident we will continue on our path of excellence.

With blessings to you and yours,

Sr. Delores Hannon, RSM
President

P. S. As Catherine McAuley said, “What a joy it is to be a Sister of Mercy.”
Mercy Couple Receives Cor Misericordiae Award

A love of Mercy High School’s mission and a dedication to giving others an opportunity are the inspiration behind Nicole Hahn Jesse ’80 and John Jesse’s long-term commitment to the school.

The couple has lent their considerable talents to Mercy as leadership volunteers, Donors of Distinction, parents, and business advisors. In honor of their dedication, Mercy High School bestowed its highest award, the Cor Misericordiae Award, at FIESTA. The award reflects the heart of Mercy: core values of faith, knowledge, and service that shape each Mercy student.

Their story began with Nicole who attended Mercy and was active in Student Council, theatre, music, speech and debate. In fact, she credits the school with helping to define who she is.

"When I entered Mercy, I was not very confident. The school helped me find myself. I truly believe students become confident women there. My husband and I are committed to making sure other young girls have the opportunity for a Mercy education," Nicole said.

Powerful women were an integral part of Nicole’s formative years both at school and in her personal life. Her family founded La Casa Pizzaria where she serves as General Manager and Co-Owner. Her mother and aunt operated the business for many years until they retired. Nicole has worked at the business all her life and met her husband, John, there when she was a junior and he was a sophomore at Creighton Prep. They dated throughout college, wed in 1986, and both earned MBAs at the University of Nebraska Omaha. They have three children.

Nicole was asked to serve on Mercy’s Alumnae Council shortly after she graduated from college. She also sent her daughters, Madeleine ’12 and Genevieve ’14, to Mercy. The couple were active parents while their daughters were in school, chairing FIESTA’s live auction for four years, chairing the 2010 fundraising campaign, and endowing two student scholarships. Those scholarships honor two former teachers: Sr. Rosemary Floersch, RSM, SM ’52 and Sr. Catherine Marie Franey, RSM, Mount St. Mary ’29.

John, who is the Associate Vice President for Finance at Creighton University, has also served as an Endowment Trustee for Mercy for the past ten years. Nicole joined the Board of Trustees of the school in 2015 and currently serves as its Chair.

"My wife and daughters, as graduates, are examples of what Mercy brings to the table: an excellent, faith-based education that gives students the opportunity to reach their full potential and make a difference in the world," said John.

"The Jesses are a remarkable example of members of the Mercy family who give of themselves. They truly deserve this award," said Sr. Delores Hannon, RSM, President, Mercy High School.

Photography:

Above middle right: Nicole Hahn Jesse ’80 and John Jesse, pictured here with Sr. Delores, received the Cor Misericordiae Award at FIESTA.
She has been described as an adventurous, creative visionary with a heart of gold, committed to service with personality to spare.

She is also a Sister of Mercy who is celebrating 50 years with her community and is currently serving as President of Mercy High School. Her name is Sr. Delores Hannon, RSM and her story is a fascinating journey of helping others and supporting students as an educator and administrator for more than 40 years.

She grew up on a mixed livestock farm in North English, Iowa, the only child of William and Mary Hannon. Much of Sr. Dee’s time was spent outdoors playing or doing chores like milking cows. She went to small rural public schools until she went to college and was involved in the local church, attending vacation Bible camp, and studying the Catechism.

Sr. Dee loved school and had a special aptitude for math. She decided to attend Mount Mercy University in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to earn a degree in math. Thanks not only to her mom and dad but to many of her extended family who provided financial support, she was able to attend college. She also received a math scholarship.

“Sputnik was in the news and encouraging a young woman to go to college and study math was highly desirable, so I received a substantial scholarship,” she said.
While at the university, Sr. Dee was inspired by the Sisters of Mercy who ministered there including Sr. Agnes Hennessy, the President, and one of her teachers, Sr. Gladys Daly, who also lived on her dorm floor.

Sr. Dee knew she wanted to live a life of service and even considered the Peace Corps.

“Mercy changed the course of my life. It was there I met the Sisters of Mercy, and I entered the community my sophomore year. The concept of service was very appealing. Sometimes in vocation reflections I will tell people that I was too afraid to join the Peace Corps, so I joined the Sisters of Mercy. I have stayed with the community because of the Sisters I met, and it is the best place for me to be,” she said.

After graduating, Sr. Dee was tapped by senior leadership from the Sisters to serve as a principal and encouraged to obtain her Master’s Degree in Education.

She became a principal at St. Matthew’s Grade School in Kalispell, Montana, in 1978 and went on to be principal at Our Lady of Grace School in Edina, Minnesota, in 1981. From 1983 to 1995, Sr. Dee was the principal at several grade schools in Iowa. She has served as the Vice President of the Sisters of Mercy in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and the President of St. Edmond Catholic School in Fort Dodge, Iowa. She became President of Mercy High School in 2009.

“One of my greatest joys is to see what students have become from when I knew them as kindergarteners and then the fine men and women they are today,” she said.

Always one to dive right in, she has tried many things from skydiving (where she earned the nickname ‘Flying Nun’) to whale watching to horseback riding to participating in pie throwing and dunk tanks.

Since she arrived at Mercy High School, she has become the ‘face of Mercy’ and has a long list of accomplishments. Some highlights include:

- Keeping the mission of Mercy at the forefront of the school’s educational commitment.
- Providing prudent, fiscal management. She has sustained the school’s Negotiated Tuition Program, which distributes annually $1.8 million in tuition assistance to deserving students, and has made significant infrastructure improvements including a new HVAC system and renovated science laboratories. Sr. Dee accomplished all of this while not incurring additional debt.
- Enhancing the awareness of and support for the school. The school has refined its brand and increased its advancement activities.

She has also lent her considerable educational and administrative talents to several other groups and received a number of prestigious awards.

Sr. Dee is a Board Member of the College of St. Mary, a Trustee of Mount Mercy University, Cedar Rapids, and a member of the Financial Advisory Committee of the Sisters of Mercy West Midwest. Last year, she received Creighton Preparatory High School’s Sword of St. Ignatius, an honor given to a person who has striven to demonstrate exemplary service for the Greater Glory of God. In 2015, Mercy High School was the only school to receive the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Award.

When asked to reflect on celebrating 50 years with the Sisters of Mercy Sr. Dee said, “this commitment is a journey. You have to continue to reflect on it and review it. One of the greatest accomplishments is each year at graduation. It is a yearly reminder of why I do what I do: support students in being their best selves.”

She is especially excited about the school’s recent efforts to support students as they plan for college, and she is looking forward to developing the next phase of the Strategic Plan for the school.

Recently Mercy students surprised her with a flash mob of “Dancing Queen,” her favorite song from her favorite movie, “Mamma Mia!” The event was filmed by several media outlets and started a social media buzz.

Photography:

Above left: In honor of Sr. Dee’s jubilee the students did a flash mob dance to her favorite song, “Dancing Queen” from the movie “Mamma Mia!” Photo credit Michael May, The Catholic Voice.

Left bottom: Sr. Delores took her vows in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Above: Growing up on a dairy farm in Iowa.
FIESTA 2019: A Shining Success

The stars were certainly shining at one of the largest FIESTAs in Mercy’s history on Saturday, February 16. More than $400,000 was raised, one of the highest totals in recent years, and nearly 500 people attended. Thanks to everyone who supported this event.
Highlights included:

- Nicole Hahn Jesse ’80 and John Jesse received the Cor Misericordiae Award. See story on page 3.

- Ann Bendon Wieberg ’57 was named the 2019 Distinguished Woman of Mercy, an award given by the Mercy High School Alumnae Council. See story on page 20.

- Student Council President Mayela Hernandez ’19 gave an inspiring speech and thanked donors for their support to help Mercy students live the American Dream.

- A Fill the Monarch segment took place where attendees raised their paddles in honor of President Sr. Delores Hannon, RSM and her 50th jubilee. The Heider Family Foundation provided a $50,000 matching grant to jumpstart the effort. More than $130,000 was raised.

- Attendees watched a unique, heart-warming video highlighting Sr. Delores’ 50th jubilee as a Sister of Mercy. See story on pages 4 and 5.

- The event was held at a new venue at the Omaha Marriott Downtown in the Capitol District.

- Special thanks to FIESTA 2019 Chairs and Mercy parents Lynn and Brad Muse who helped coordinate the event. They were assisted by hundreds of volunteers who made the evening shine.

- We are especially grateful to the hundreds of businesses and individuals who provided sponsorship, underwriting support, and purchased advertising in the event’s catalog.

Mark your calendar for next year’s FIESTA on February 29th, 2020.
MERCY NEWS

All-School Reunion Gathering

More than 200 alumnae, family and friends attended this year’s All-School Reunion on June 2.

The annual event began with Mass celebrated by Fr. Steve Ryan, Chaplain at Creighton University’s School of Dentistry. He reminded the audience that “prayer is simply a conversation with your beloved, your God.”

The Mercy High School Alumnae Choir led participants in song and Sr. Delores Hannon, RSM, President, welcomed the group back to school. More than 35 members of the class of 1969 also received their Golden Guild pins.

After Mass, attendees gathered in the gym with many classes sitting at tables together. Kaylea Dunn ’96, Alumnae Council President, presented Ann Bendon Wieberg ’57 with the 2019 Distinguished Woman of Mercy Award. Ann shared her Mercy connections through the years, and how the school has been an integral part of her family’s life.

Photography:

Top left: More than 200 alumnae, family and friends gather in the chapel at All-School Reunion.

Middle left: Linda Grzebielski Kaspar ’69 receives her Golden Guild pin from Sr. Delores Hannon, RSM, Mercy High School President.


Bottom: Members of Ann Bendon Wieberg’s ’57 family at the All-School Reunion left to right: Susan Wieberg Meschede ’84, Angela Wieberg Maynard ’83, Mary Ann Rosenthal Dunning, SM ’54, Ann Bendon Wieberg ’57, Rose Marie Bendon Basque ’59, Christine Basque Malloy ’87, Mary Ann Wieberg Tietjen ’90 and Kate Tietjen ’19.
Motivated by faith and devoting her time and energy to family, she has led a life as a Woman of Mercy. For Ann, that family has not only included her immediate family but also her Mercy family and community. She was named the 2019 Distinguished Woman of Mercy, an award given by the Mercy High School Alumnae Council.

The award recognizes an alumna for her outstanding achievements, service, and contributions that promote the growth of faith, knowledge and service in her career, community and/or society. As the recipient of this award, the honoree is someone who is respected by her peers, outstanding in her field, and promotes good for society.

Ann started high school at St. John’s and migrated to Mercy when the schools joined in 1955. Her parents wanted her to go to a Catholic school, and St. John’s was the logical choice since the family attended St. John’s Church.

When Ann was 15, her mother passed away. As the oldest of six, she stepped up and helped care for her siblings, the youngest a 15-month old. This did not allow time for after-school activities, but Ann loved her Latin and English classes and how the Mercy commitment to a faith-based education reinforced her values.

“At Mercy the teachers cared about you, modeled positive behavior, and instilled in us both academic and life lessons.”

“Service was not an after-thought; it was part of everything we did. I also made lifelong friends I still have today,” she said.

Because of family obligations, she could not afford to go on to college. She started working two weeks after graduation at AT&T. Ann married John Wieberg in 1963 and started her own family. She had five children, including four daughters who also attended Mercy: Angela Wieberg Maynard ’83, Susan Wieberg Meschede ’84, Mary Ann Wieberg Tietjen ’90 and Theresa Wieberg Cook ’98.

“My husband John and I felt it was important for our girls to go to Mercy. The value of a same-sex education was undeniable, and it gave our girls leadership opportunities they would not have experienced anywhere else,” she said.

Over the years, in addition to providing support as a Mercy parent, she volunteered for Right to Life, delivered meals to families at shelters, and kept active in her church and community by serving on the Parish Council and School Board. She also tries to bring a feeling of family to her friends who are homebound by connecting with them on a regular basis.

Her love of Mercy runs deep. She has served on the school’s Alumnae Council for five years. The Golden Guild Tea, where alumnae who graduated 50 or more years ago come back to the school to be honored, was her brainchild.

“This celebration is a nice way for women of my age to connect with the school and their classmates,” she said.

Her family masterpiece continues to be created. Three sisters, two nieces and all three granddaughters have attended Mercy. The third, Kate Tietjen, graduated this past May.

Ann’s nominator said, “With great dedication and humility, she excels in all areas that make up the recipient of this award. She is truly the epitome of a Woman of Mercy.”

Ann received her award at the 2019 All-School Reunion.
Mercy Graduates Earn $6 Million in Scholarships

Sixty-six students graduated in May. Seventy-five percent of the graduates earned more than $6 million in scholarships and as a whole, the class has been accepted to 59 higher education institutions.

This year’s valedictorian was Emma Weis. She was a Senior Class Officer, Student Ambassador, and a member of Mock Trial, National Honor Society (NHS), and Yearbook. She also served as President of the Baking Club and Math Club. She played soccer all four years and was co-captain of the varsity squad. Emma volunteered at the Munroe Meyer Institute where she is now currently employed and attended the service trip at Misericordia in Chicago her junior year. Emma is also part of a Mercy legacy. Her mom, Francie Riedmann Weis ’81, and her grandmother, Rita Ostblom Weis SJ ’54, and four of her aunts attended Mercy. She received numerous academic honors and seven scholarships from various colleges. Emma plans to attend the University of Nebraska at Kearney, majoring in Biology on a Pre-Medicine track. Emma also signed a letter of intent to play soccer there.

During her speech, she reminded the Class of 2019 that they can make a difference:

“We care so deeply about each other and the world, and we will not sit quietly. We are filled with compassion and passion, and we are going to change the world. If someone told me 20 years down that road that one of my classmates became a congresswomen or even president, I would not be surprised. Every single one of my classmates has grown in her confidence and beliefs these last four years,” she said.

Alexia Rains was this year’s salutatorian. She has been a member of Student Council for three years, a member of National Honor Society, served as a Student Ambassador, and was in Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). The student-athlete played soccer all four years and was a co-captain
of the varsity squad for two years. Alexia was the Mercy Day Director her senior year and has participated in service-related projects including Operation Others. Alexia’s sisters, Kaleena ’14 and Malia ’16, graduated from Mercy. Alexia plans to attend the University of Nebraska Omaha and major in Biotechnology. Alexia received nine scholarships from several colleges.

**Alexia complimented the faculty during her speech:**

“The faculty and staff at Mercy High School have taught us more than they’ll ever realize. But most importantly they have taught us that with the right mindset and work ethic we possess the power to make a difference. That is the type of education that you can’t put a price tag on. A good teacher can teach a student to earn an ‘A’. A great teacher can give any student the foundation they need to succeed regardless of the subject matter. Mercy High School is the jackpot of great teachers. Mercy wouldn’t be Mercy without the teachers and staff who work everyday to teach us the important lessons in life,” she said.
Outstanding Seniors Named

Mercy students Jordan “Jojo” Fett and Katherine “Kate” Tietjen were named Outstanding Seniors at the school’s May Crowning on May 6.

The annual award winners are chosen by the senior class, faculty, and administration because they represent the class in an outstanding way. Honorees are loyal, trustworthy, spirited, compassionate, generous, and dedicated while also being involved in school activities.

Fett was on Student Council and Golden Girls for four years, as well as Operation Others, serving on the Core Team the past two years. She was the treasurer of Student Council this year. As a Mercy athlete, she played soccer throughout high school. She was a member of the National Honor Society (NHS), served as a Student Ambassador and was on the Speech Team her sophomore year. Jojo was a two-time winner of UNICEF’s Courage to Care Award for her work on the Mercy Girl Rising mission project. She also attended the Mercy Leadership Conference in Philadelphia in June of 2018. The Mary Our Queen parishioner plans to attend Benedictine College to study Biology. Jojo received the Benedict Scholar Award to attend Benedictine.

Tietjen was the Vice President of Student Council for the past two years and a member since her freshman year. The student-athlete was on the soccer and cross country teams throughout high school, serving as captain of those teams this year. A member of NHS and Golden Girls, Kate also served as a Student Ambassador. Last year she went on the service immersion trip to the Dominican Republic, and she is a Eucharistic Minister. She is a two-time winner of UNICEF’s Courage to Care Award for her work on the Mercy Girl Rising mission project.
College Signing Day

Mercy High School held its first-ever College Signing Day on May 1 to celebrate seniors and the higher education institutions they will be attending. Seniors wore apparel from their chosen colleges and celebrated with social media posts using the hashtag #MercyMomentum.

2019 Graduates were Accepted in 59 Colleges

- Augustana University
- Benedictine University
- Black Hills State University
- Briar Cliff University
- Capitol School of Hair Styling & Esthetics
- Central College
- Coe College
- Chaminade University
- College of St. Mary
- Concordia University
- Creighton University
- Dakota State University
- DePaul University
- Doane University
- Embry-Riddle University
- Franciscan University at Steubenville
- Grand View
- Hastings College
- Hawaii Pacific University
- Iowa State University
- Iowa Western
- Marquette University
- Metropolitan Community College
- Midland University
- Minnesota State University Mankato
- Missouri Western State University
- Morningside College
- Mount Marty College
- Nebraska Christian College
- Nebraska Methodist
- Nebraska Wesleyan
- North Dakota State University
- Northwest Missouri State University
- Peru State College
- Regis University
- Rockhurst University
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- Simpson College
- South Dakota State University
- St. Ambrose University
- St. Louis University
- Truman State College
- University of Hawaii at Manoa
- University of Iowa
- University of Kansas
- University of Mary, Bismarck, N.D.
- University of Minnesota
- University of Missouri
- University of Nebraska at Kearney
- University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- University of Nebraska Omaha
- University of New Mexico
- University of Sioux Falls
- University of South Dakota
- University of St. Thomas
- University of Texas at Austin
- Wartburg College
- Wayne State College
- Westminster College

Kate Tietjen left, and Jojo Fett were named Outstanding Seniors.

Photography:

Opposite page: Kate Tietjen left, and Jojo Fett were named Outstanding Seniors.
2018-2019 Athletic Accolades:

The following provides a quick overview of some of the athletic accolades garnered this year.

**Records Broken**

**Basketball:**
- **Abbey Wilson:** 48 3-point shots made; previous record was 47 by Megan Wheeler ’18

**Track and Field:**
- **Anou Akot:** Triple jump 33’7 1/2”; previous record was 33’6” held by Larissa Morehead ’11
- **Katie Geist:** Discus 111’7”; previous record was 111’4” held by Megan Meisinger ’06

**Soccer:**
- **Lexi Siefken:** 15 shutouts in a season; previous record was 11 held by Sammie Emsick ’05 and Dana Kucirek ’10
- **Lexi Siefken:** .38 goals per game; previous record was .067 held by Sammie Emsick ’05

**All Conference**

**Softball:**
- **Amanda Placzek:** 1st Team
- **Haley Gann:** Honorable Mention

**Volleyball:**
- **Emma Nebel, Abby Wessling:** Honorable Mention

**Basketball:**
- **Summer Mann, Sierra Mann, Anna Sommers, Abbey Wilson:** Honorable Mention

**Soccer:**
- **Lexi Rains, Katie Shields:** 1st Team
- **Emma Weis, Jordan Fett, Summer Mann, Kiley Hoge, Lexi Siefken, Aleaya Snyder:** Honorable Mention

**Most Valuable Player**

**Softball:**
- **Amanda Placzek**

**Volleyball:**
- **Emma Nebel**

**Golf:**
- **Grace Gonka**

**Cross Country:**
- **Kate Tietjen**

**Basketball:**
- **Summer Mann**

**Track:**
- **Anna Youell**

**Soccer:**
- **Lexi Siefken**

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Katie Shields signs her letter of intent to play soccer at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Lexi Siefken, soccer goalie, registers a new record made: 15 shutouts in a season.
**Most Improved Player**

**Softball:**
Meg Harmon

**Volleyball:**
Katie Geist

**Cross Country:**
Aaliyah Flores-Pliego

**Basketball:**
Sierra Mann, Anna Sommers

**Track:**
Katie Geist

**Soccer:**
Kate Tietjen

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**NSAA Academic All-State**

**Softball:**
Rena Lee

**Volleyball:**
Emily Erlbacher, Emma Nebel

**Golf:**
Grace Gonka

**Cross Country:**
Jenna Bies, Kate Tietjen

**Basketball:**
Erin Epp, Anna Sommers

**Track:**
Katie Geist, Anna Youell

**Soccer:**
Emma Weis, Lexi Rains

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**College Signings**

Five soccer athletes signed Letters of Intent to further their playing careers:

**University of Nebraska at Kearney:**
Katie Shields, Emma Weis, Aleaya Snyder

**Briar Cliff University:**
Kiley Hoge, Maddie Nelson

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**Other Honors:**

Aleaya Snyder was selected for the Metro All-Star Team.

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Abbey Wilson set a school record for the most three pointers in a season: 48.

Anou Akot set a triple jump record.

Katie Geist set a discus record.
Passion for Service

Service learning is an integral part of the curriculum at Mercy. The school prepares our graduates to embrace the challenges of the future from a strong moral and intellectual foundation.

During the last six months, there were numerous opportunities for students to participate in service-related activities. Here are a few highlights:

- The National Honor Society and Holy Cross Catholic School sponsored a blood drive through the Red Cross to provide life-saving blood.

- During Catholic Schools Week, students created Valentines to send to children in hospitals. This is part of The Elysa Foundation’s annual Letters from Angels event.

- Mercy High School is part of a national network for Mercy education called the Mercy Girl Effect that supports educational efforts around the world. This year’s Mission Week, entitled Mercy Houses CommUNITY, raised funds to provide basic necessities for displaced Syrian refugees living in camps in Lebanon. Sisters of Mercy are on the ground there providing help. The Student Council-led activity raised more than $18,000. Activities included presentations on the mission in Theology classes, a dodge ball tournament, a penny war, a soup cook-off, writing postcards, making friendship bracelets for refugees, selling T-shirts and wrist bands, and SIESTA: a fun, festival-like event. The week culminated with the Glow Dance.

- During spring break, six girls along with faculty sponsors visited Misericordia. This community of care, operated by the Sisters of Mercy, maximizes potential for persons with mild to profound developmental disabilities. The operation serves more than 600 children and adults from diverse racial, religious and socio-economic backgrounds. Students and sponsors worked alongside residents in a variety of areas including: technology, art, life skills, bakery, coffee packaging, gardening, laundry and recycling.

- Students from the Poetry for Life Club love to read and write poetry and have been visiting a local retirement home to share their passion with the residents.

Photography:

Top left: Pictured left to right are Mercy students visiting Misericordia in Chicago during a service trip. They are Maddi Kimsey ’19, Gina Troia ’20, Maggie Reinard ’19, Molly Vankat ’21, Erin Schartz ’21, and Allison Guron ’21.

Top middle: Mercy students made bracelets during Mission Week.

Top right: The National Honor Society along with Holy Cross Catholic Church sponsored a blood drive. Pictured is Zoie Malesker, Junior.
May Crowning Honors Mary, Students

One of the most meaningful traditions at Mercy High School is May Crowning. The ceremony honors Mother Mary by selecting a senior to be May Queen who exemplifies the qualities of Mary. She crowns Mary’s statue with a circlet of flowers. The May Queen is accompanied by the May Court, which includes representatives from each class.

This year’s May Queen was Allison Vana, President of the Senior Class. She has been a class officer all of her four years at Mercy, ran Cross Country since sophomore year, and also ran in Track. A member of the National Honor Society her junior and senior year, she has participated in Art Club and Math Club and was on the tech crew for “Alice in Wonderland.” She was chosen for the Nocturne Court as a sophomore. Her service activities included volunteering at St. Gerald Elementary School, participating in the JDRF One Walk, and helping with FIESTA.

Vana belongs to St. Gerald Catholic Church and is joined at Mercy by her sister, Ann, who is a sophomore. Vana is making final plans for college and is hoping to major in Education.

When asked about being chosen, Vana expressed gratitude for her role models that have sacrificed for her, especially her mother.

“I am extremely honored and somewhat taken aback that I was selected. It is thanks to the wonderful people around me that I am receiving this recognition,” she said.

Joining her on the May Court were:

**Seniors:** Jennifer Carpenter and Claire Fink

**Juniors:** Kayleen Gruhn and Gianna Jergovic

**Sophomores:** Kateri Pantoja and Kelliaine Villalava

**Freshmen:** Cecilia Galardi and Aluel Mareng

The ceremony included class processions and a blessing from Father Mike Eckley, Board of Trustees member and Servant Minister of the Archdiocese of Omaha. Each class recited a decade of the rosary. The final decade was led by faculty, staff, and the May Court. In addition, seniors wore their caps and gowns for the first time.

**Photography:**

*Above left:* Members of the May Court left to right, front row: Kelli Villalva, Claire Fink, Allison Vana, Jennifer Carpenter, and Kateri Pantoja. Middle row: Gianna Jergovic and Kayleen Gruhn. Last row: Aluel Mareng and Ceci Galardi.

*Above right:* Allison Vana was this year’s May Queen.
Mercy High School is committed to providing our students with knowledge and confidence to help them succeed. This is why Mercy introduced Kaleidoscope.

This new, unique four-year leadership and empowerment program encourages each student to maximize individual strengths while providing a series of progressive opportunities to help each student reach her greatest potential. The program's name was chosen because a group of butterflies is called a kaleidoscope.

Working with the school’s Counseling Department, the Kaleidoscope program maps out a leadership curriculum that builds on the OnToCollege with John Baylor ACT preparation which is provided free to every student.

Using other community-based support including local businesses, influential community leaders, mental health and financial literacy experts, as well as alumnae and school resources, students now have better access to the tools and materials needed to help create a plan of personal development.

*Kaleidoscope is intended to complement our already rigorous academic programs by providing our students with the life-skills to assist them outside of the classroom. And much like a kaleidoscope of butterflies evolves to their ever-changing environment, so too
does this program!” said Mercy’s President, Sr. Delores Hannon, RSM.

Elements of the program this year included:

- **Freshman introduction into Gallup’s Builder Profile 10**, an assessment geared toward entrepreneurship and innovation.

- **Sophomore introduction to CliftonStrengths**. Gallup’s strengths assessment.

- **A leadership symposium for sophomores** that provided dialogue and connections with female community and business leaders. Marquee participants included leaders from Creighton University, College of St. Mary, CHI Health, Methodist Hospital, Mutual of Omaha, The Lozier Corporation, Nebraska Families Collaborative, the Heider Foundation, the Archdiocese of Omaha, and Wells Fargo.

- **Social and mental health awareness** through a presentation from a mental health expert from CHI Health to discuss societal pressures, mental health, and strategies for coping with these issues.

- **Career exploration** for sophomores and seniors who were matched with alumnae in the careers they are interested in to learn more about employment possibilities.

- **OnToCollege with John Baylor** provided standardized testing strategy and preparation for juniors.

- **Financial literacy** for seniors was provided through a seminar was provided by a community partner, American National Bank, whereby students learned about loans, credit cards, bank accounts, and other relevant financial information.

Additional elements will be added to this program as needs evolve.

**Photography:**

*Left:* Sophomores show off their CliftonStrengths cards.

*Below:* Freshmen participate in a group exercise during their Gallup Builder Profile 10 presentation.

*Below:* Kaylea Dunn ’98 on the left and Amanda Peterson Baker ’98 on the right speak to students on Career Day.
Making a Difference in Chicago Communities

One person taking action can make a difference. Just spend a few minutes talking to Caitlin Botsios ’08 and her energy and commitment to that premise comes through loud and clear.

The educator, entrepreneur and civic engager has put commitment into action as Co-founder and Chief Innovation Officer for Helix Chicago. Helix’s mission is to reduce youth unemployment by opening businesses that provide jobs and skill development for 16-24 year-olds.

Although her parents suggested other high schools, Caitlin was always fascinated with the all-girls high school across the street from her grade school, Holy Cross. The outgoing student wanted to be involved in theatre and wanted to leverage the many leadership opportunities available at a modestly sized all-girls high school. And involved she was.

At Mercy, she was a member of Student Council for three years including being Vice President her senior year, President of the Thespian Chapter, Co Director of the Mercy Day play, a Student Ambassador, member of the Speech Team, Mercy High Singers, Operation Others Core Team, and the Justice and Peace Club.

“I think I was in every play all four years except for one, and I even tried my hand at sports one year. However, perhaps my biggest impact was being a Co-founder of Mission Week,” she said.

Mission Week is a week-long schedule of activities held at Mercy to support the international educational goal set by the network of Mercy schools on an annual basis.

Caitlin appreciated the values taught at Mercy including the focus on social consciousness and forward thinking.
“I learned that through service and education a single person can make a difference,” she said.

She was determined to leave Nebraska after graduation and attend a college that matched her values. She decided on Loyola University of Chicago because of its Jesuit teachings. Caitlin earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Communication Studies at Loyola and went on to obtain a Master’s in Teaching from Dominican University. She taught middle school for several years. Her love of teaching came naturally. Her mother is a teacher at All Saints Elementary School.

In 2015, she joined WE (previously Free The Children), an international nonprofit focused domestically on service learning and civic engagement, and internationally on holistic, sustainable development. After WE, she served on the national alumni team for Teach For America.

“My experiences in education and working in the nonprofit sector made me keenly aware of the systemic inequities and disparity of services based on zip codes. I believed change could occur if we partnered with communities and applied education and business acumen to the root causes of inequity like unemployment and disproportionate services in neighborhoods. That is how Helix was formed,” she said.

According to Caitlin, Helix collaborates across sectors and partners with community members to determine what neighborhood needs are not being addressed. They then open businesses that address those needs and employ primarily 16-24 year-olds within the business. The first endeavor of the group was opening Helix Café in May 2019 in the Edgewater community in Chicago. The full-service café employs 10 workers who receive on-the-job training, weekly pay and personal and professional development. The organization is also developing a youth entrepreneurship summer camp and is working with local chambers, businesses, and colleges to create a pipeline to the next opportunity for employees.

“Mercy certainly highlighted for me how service and social enterprises can have measurable impact on people. It showed me the importance of community and how working together through a network can help you to build and organize,” she said.

Caitlin still keeps in touch with many of her classmates and lives a few blocks away from a Mercy graduate.

“At Mercy there is this wonderful community that is with you the rest of your life. Classmates are a diverse but like-minded group from all walks of life,” she said.

Her classmates would be proud. Caitlin’s voice and action has made a difference. Just ask those benefiting from Helix.

Photography:

Far left above: Caitlin celebrates her graduation from Mercy in 2008.
Far left: Caitlin at Helix Café in Chicago.
Left: Caitlin Botsios ’08.
Monarch Parents Club Supports School

Trivia Night, creation and selling of spirit wear, the Back to School Picnic, Mom’s Mass and Brunch, Father-Daughter Bowling, Teacher Appreciation Day, concessions for home sporting events and hospitality for events at Mercy are activities coordinated by the Monarch Parents Club.

The goals of this club include financially supporting extracurricular activities and providing social events to bring the school together.

The Monarch Parents Club began in the 2008-2009 school year, but it was not called the Monarch Parents Club. There was a Parent’s Club and a Monarch Club. The Parent’s Club focused on getting the parents of Mercy girls involved with the school and putting on events. The Monarch Club’s sole focus was supporting the students; it was an all-encompassing athletic and fine arts booster club.

In 2014 the two clubs combined so that parents could put on events to financially assist their daughter’s extracurricular activities.

One of the popular events sponsored by the group is Trivia Night held in late January. This year was the fifth annual gathering and more than $10,000 was raised.

The club consists of a core group of eight members: two parent representatives from each class for a total of four moms and four dads of Mercy students. Each core group member co-directs two events for the year. The core group meets three times a year and accomplishes the rest of their communication via email. Each member begins with a one-year commitment and is welcome to continue should they choose to do so.

In addition to coordinating special events, the group provides additional financial support for the extracurricular activities. They meet with the Athletic Director, coaches and extracurricular sponsors in an effort to gauge additional needs that fall outside of the regular budget. For example, the club purchased the electronic marquee outside of the main entrance, risers for the Show Choir, an updated sound system in Franey Hall, a branded tent for Cross Country and Track teams, AV equipment, goody bags for faculty and staff and more. Assistant Principal Holly McCoy staffs the group.

Photography:

Above: At Trivia Night many teams dressed in costume. Pictured here is team Snow White and the Seven Dorks.
MERCY NEWS

Spring Donor Appreciation Event

Mercy is extremely grateful to the individuals and businesses that support the high school.

An appreciation event for key donors was held April 25 at the school. The breakfast featured remarks from Sr. Delores Hannon, RSM, President and Kristi Walters Wessling ’88, Principal. Junior students joined the gathering and interacted with donors. The Mercy High Singers also entertained the guests.

Photography:

Top: Attendees at the Donor Appreciation Event listen to the Mercy High Singers.

Middle: Brad and Lynn Muse, Kimberly Bryant Vavra ’01 and Amanda Fulton ’98 visit with junior M.E. Adams.

Bottom: A large crowd of Mercy’s donors gather for the donor appreciation event.

Negotiated Tuition Program

Mercy has long believed that a quality, faith-based college preparatory education should be available to any girl who desires it. In that spirit in the late 80’s, Sr. Johanna Burnell, President, created the Negotiated Tuition Program. Through the program, an individual covenant regarding financial needs is created with each family.

Mercy’s president meets with each family on an annual basis and sets the tuition amount based on the family’s financial situation. This is a private negotiation.

“We also take in consideration factors like how many children in the family are going to Catholic school, college tuition, changes in family incomes, caring for sick relatives and more during our discussions,” said Sr. Delores.

Over 82 percent of families benefit from the program and annually $1.8 million is distributed in tuition assistance. In fact, Mercy provides more financial assistance per student than any other high school in Omaha.

Since this educational opportunity is so important to the school, it is one of the most important fundraising goals. Financing comes from fundraising events like FIESTA, Food Sale, Plant Sale and other activities and appeals supported by parents, alumnae, volunteers, friends, faculty and staff. Students are part of this fundraising mission and are actively involved in these events. In addition, funding comes from an endowment established by the Sisters of Mercy and friends of Mercy.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peterson a Fixture at Mercy

He has been a fixture at Mercy High School for more than 48 years. Custodian Milton “Pete” Peterson joined the staff in 1970 as a third-grade engineer working on the boilers, and eventually became a custodian.

He is responsible for everything from mopping floors, to setting up events, cleaning restrooms, general maintenance, making minor repairs and more.

Throughout the 1980s, he lived at the school with his wife and two children in a one-bedroom apartment near the boiler room. Eventually his daughter Laura attended Mercy, graduating in 1987.

“I enjoy working at Mercy because of the sense of community. People work hard and are committed to excellence,” he said.

Sr. Delores Hannon, RSM, praises his work ethic and positive attitude and says he has a “smile that lights up any room.”

Peterson has logged more years than any other current staff or faculty member.

“I like my job. I feel appreciated for the work I do. As long as I am healthy and believe I can do a good job at Mercy, I will continue to work here,” he said.

Sr. Delores feels lucky to have his services.

“Day or night, he is available when we need him. We are blessed to have him as part of the Mercy family,” she said.

Photography:
Above: Pete Peterson bids the old boiler goodbye when it was replaced during the HVAC renovation.

Fr. Schneider Appointed to Board

The Sisters of Mercy West Midwest Community have appointed Fr. Kevin Schneider, S.J., to Mercy High School’s Board of Trustees. He has been the Director of Adult Spirituality programs at Creighton Preparatory High School since 1998 and serves as the assistant chaplain for many athletic teams.

Fr. Schneider was born and raised in Green Bay, Wisconsin, and is the second oldest of six boys. He graduated from Creighton University in 1982, the Weston School of Theology in 1993 and was ordained in 1994. He is also a lifelong Green Bay Packers and Creighton Bluejays fan.
Three Staff Join Mercy

Two new faculty and one new staff member will join Mercy High School in the fall of 2019: Athletic Director Bethany Kowal ’02, Math teacher Katee Albertson, and Spanish teacher Madeline Barla.

Bethany Kowal is coming back to Mercy after working at Nathan Hale Magnet Middle School as the Girls Physical Education and Human Growth and Development teacher for five years. From 2009-2012, Bethany was Assistant Athletic Director and Biology, Math and Physical Education teacher at Mercy. As Athletic Director she will be responsible for managing nine sports, coaches for those sports, as well as all athletic events. A teacher since 2008, she has also coached swimming, basketball, and softball and holds certificates in athletic training and lifeguard/professional rescue.

Bethany earned a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education and Biology from Briar Cliff University. She also has a Master of Arts from the School of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation at the University of Nebraska Omaha.

Katee Albertson has been a math teacher since 2008. Most recently she taught Algebra 1-4 at Burke High School. She has also taught math on a college level and at an Air Force base in Germany. Katee is an active runner and played soccer in college. She graduated from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Secondary Education. She earned her Master of Arts in Mathematics from Saint Louis University. While there she received an award for the Outstanding Teaching Assistant in 2011.

Madeline Barla will have her first teaching assignment at Mercy High School. She most recently student taught at Millard North High School. She studied abroad in Cusco, Peru during her college years and received her degree in Secondary Spanish Education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She is an active volunteer in Launch Leadership, a group that facilitates leadership development for middle school and high school students.

Mercy Steps “Into the Woods”

Mercy’s spring musical “Into the Woods” featured more than 50 cast members and tech crew behind the scenes. The enchanting tale featured Cinderella, a prince, a witch, the Big Bad Wolf, a scene-stealing cow, and tons of entertainment. A large crowd of alumnae attended the premiere of the show in late April.

Photography:
Hanna Stec played the witch.
Mercy Saved Her

Dara Green ’94 described herself as a scared and fragile teen when she came to Mercy, who felt misunderstood, and often challenged authority.

She left knowing who she was, confident, and ready for the journey ahead of her.

"Mercy, hands down, saved my life—from my mother’s decision to send me to Mercy, to the school tolerating me for my first two years, to embracing me my last two years," she said.

Dara had gone to public school before attending Mercy. Her transition to Catholic school was rocky not only because of assimilation issues but because she had a non-diagnosed anxiety disorder. Luckily in her final two years at the school, she was able to receive outside medical help and the administration and faculty at Mercy worked with her on her anxiety.

After graduation she attended The School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC) where she double majored in Ceramics and Art Education.

"Being an artist has been my calling for as long as I can remember. Being an educator was realized as a junior in high school because I wanted to become the type of teacher who strived to understand the misunderstood," she added.

Her pottery program started with a handful of students and has grown to over 100.

"I believe that every student should have the highest quality of art education, despite available funding. I organized and hosted an annual silent auction of student work to fund the program," she added.

In December 2002 she moved to Des Moines, Iowa, where she taught at a couple of public schools before joining the faculty at Central Academy in 2006. The school provides additional programming for gifted and highly motivated high school students.

"Our mission at the Central Academy studio is to inspire passion in our high school students to observe, envision, engage, persist, and reflect on themselves as creators, innovators, and community members through the ceramic arts. In the studio, we use the ceramic arts to teach students the essential skills to be successful in life," she said.

As a teacher, Dara embraces differentiated learning styles. Her studio is a flipped classroom, where all the instruction is recorded by the teacher and students can access lessons via YouTube.

"In a flipped classroom instruction is switched. Students do their passive learning outside of the classroom and homework or active learning is done in concert with the teacher, allowing more time for me to work one on one to meet individual needs," she explained.

"My goal as an art educator is for the studio to be student-centered and student-run. Today and tomorrow’s students need to learn and be able to fail, persist, think outside the box, and triumph over questions we don’t even know exist yet," she said.

Having lived her own experience of struggle and misunderstanding that was mitigated at Mercy, Dara tries to approach each student knowing they all wish to succeed, no matter how compliant they may appear.

Photography:

Above: Dara Green ’94 teaches art at Central Academy in Des Moines.
ALUMNAE ITEMS
(PHOTOS FOLLOW ARTICLE)

1950s
Joyce Fangman Korinek, SM ’52
lectors at Mass, runs bridge
tournaments, follows her
grandchildren’s sports, keeps house
and cooks.
Marilyn Krajicek ’58
lives in Denver
and is teaching at the University
of Colorado’s Nursing College.

1960s
Jeanne Sorich Anderson ’65 and
her husband Alan celebrated their
50-year wedding anniversary this
summer by visiting the British Isles
and taking a river cruise on the Rhine
River from Budapest to Amsterdam.
Members of Mercy’s Class of 1968
recently met at the Ozone Lounge to
welcome back Mary Kirby to Omaha
for a quick visit. The group decided
to go dancing to celebrate and listen
to fellow 1968 alumna Linda Buda’s
brother’s band, “The Brits,” who
made sure the Mercy Girls had a fun
evening. A great time was had by all.

1970s
Rev. Joan Saniuk ’72 has been
named Network Lead for Metropolitan
Community Churches in the Carolinas,
Tennessee, and Georgia. Joan’s
team will facilitate communication,
care, and collaboration among
the 12 churches in the Network.
Mary V. Kunes-Connell ’73, PhD,
RN, College of Nursing, Creighton
University, won a Distinguished Staff
Service Award at the university’s
annual convocation.

The Class of 1973 recently
celebrated their 45th Reunion.

1980s
Denise Podjenski Bartels ’80
was appointed Vice President of Fund
Development at Catholic Charities in
Omaha.

1990s
Catherine Basque Weiler ’93,
Partner at Swanson, Martin & Bell,
was recognized by Crain’s Chicago
Business as a 2019 Notable Gen X
in Law.
Sarah Dunn ’98 appeared as Laura
in the play “Goblin Market” in
Providence, Rhode Island, from
March 29 to April 17.

2000s
Symone Sanders ’08 was named
a special advisor to Joe Biden’s
presidential campaign.
The Class of 2009 had their ten-year
class reunion on May 18, 2019.

Kashmir Miedl,’10, BS, LMT, CPT
who owns Theory 12 Massage
and Wellness recently provided
massages for faculty and staff.
Calla Kessler ’14 works at The New
York Times as a photographer.
Marlene Djidjoho ’15, is one of the
featured students in new College
of St. Mary advertisements.

Vivian Parr ’16 and Madison Hoge
Roman ’11 are part of an all-female
cast of “All’s Well That Ends Well”
with Shakespeare on the Green
in Omaha in late June and early
July 2019.

Allysa Walsh ’17 was accepted into
Phi Theta Kappa honor society
and asked to attend Harvard
Extension School.

Pictured left to right: front row: Mary Beth Stoker Kuehn, Marguerite Kirby, Mary Murphy Sledge, Mrs. Wilson, Sarah Ruma, Joanmarie Powers Yonfara, Connie Mangano, Sue Bilek Katsaounis, Terri Safianek, Joan Jensen Wagner, Janet Daly Melia, Mary Nee Overton, and Nancy Bertagni Wackerhagen.

Pictured left to right: back row: Pam Tessin Klusaw, Deni Rotolo Kornbluh, Pat O’Gara Bowen, Audrey Constance Van Ackeren, Chris Bojanski Sampugnaro, Gwen Trept, Joan Greise Harshbarger (hidden), Susan Konatowski Hancock, Lou Anne Rima, Mary Hennessey, Sue Bossinger Perez, and Jimmy Hope McCormick.

Pictured left to right: front row: Sue Trigg, Mary Ervin, and Joe Buda of “The Brits” Band. Left to right second row were : Mary Kirby, Hughie Thorsen, Cathy Katzenberger, Patty Beck, Pam Antony, and Jennifer Yata.

Members of the Class of 1969
met at Diane Hope Kean’s house
for a girl’s night on Friday, went
out to dinner on Saturday, then
joined others at the All-School
Reunion. They were celebrating
50 years since graduation.
**Weddings**

Denise Whitaker Richards ’88 married Tim Richards on July 13, 2018. Denise is a Human Resources Specialist with State Farm.

Maria Hahn ’03 married Justin Mergens on March 9, 2019 at Holy Cross Catholic Church.

Jen Kotulak Molinaro ’09 married Aaron Molinaro on May 11, 2019 at Holy Cross Catholic Church.


Caitlin Boadwee Poulicke ’10 married Sean Poulicek on Saturday, May 18, 2019. She is a physical therapist at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

**Births**

Katherine Liebentritt Rozmajzl ’89 and her husband Timothy had their fifth child, Miles William on April 15. Here he receives a kiss from his big brother Mikey.

Hugo Michael Cherney-Jones was born November 2, 2018 to Katelyn Cherney ’04 and her husband, Spencer Jones.

Brittany Walker Stirewalt ’10 and her husband Aaron welcomed their daughter Violet on May 8, 2019.

**In Memoriam**

We extend sympathy to the families and friends of those alumnae whose deaths were communicated to the Advancement Office from Nov. 1, 2018 — June 28, 2019. We try to make this list as accurate as possible. Please inform Naomi Chambers at chambersn@mercyhigh.org if anyone was missed.

Elsie Hubrecht Irvine SM ’42
Elizabeth Fogarty Clavin SJ ’43
Gertrude McNulty Paige SJ ’44
Patricia Fogarty Griffin SJ ’46
Ruth Tigges Niver SM ’46
Regina A. Begley SJ ’47
Lorene Towey Jensen SM ’48
Dolores Cushing Gerbeling SJ ’49
Darlene Pekas Schimonitz SJ ’49
Georgene Greenblatt Lindeman SM ’49
Joan Marsicek Schlondorf SM ’49
Virginia Dugan Kube SJ ’50
Rosemarie Villella Miller SJ ’50
Bonnie Conley Glynn SM ’50
Lois Abboud Mitera SM ’51
Patricia Brady O’Kane SM ’51
Betty Feder Slezak SM ’52
Mary Lou Targy SM ’52
Kathleen McKenna Horton SM ’53
Mary Ann Labanowski Micek SJ ’53
Margaret Rosse Eledge SM ’54
Margaret J. O’Leary ’56
Annette Tomczykowski Schmitz ’56
Germaine Dogoda Schweigart ’56
Patricia Eckley Granger-Markey ’57
Sally Groves Theiler ’57
Kathleen McDermott Tvrlik ’57
Beverly Rocheford Wood ’58
Jean Marie Sabatka Crook ’59
Lois Ferro Cunningham ’59
Sandra Stahlecker Badura ’62
Phyllis Wolski Wees ’62
Sharon Staroski Abboud ’63
Cora Smith Behnke ’63
Mary Pat Keenan Kroll ’63
Carmen Alba Bracken ’70
Julia A. Moore ’81

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