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**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 monach by raising their paddles to honor my jubilee. Thanks to a matching grant of $50,000 from the Heider Foundation, we raised more than $150,000 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 our OrthoCollage 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 their paddles to honor my jubilee. Thanks to a matching grant of $50,000 from the Heider Foundation, we raised more than $150,000 during this segment.

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.”

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**MERCY NEWS**

**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, values, and 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’s.

John, who is the Associate Vice President for Finance at Creighton University, also has 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 at 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 Jesuses 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.
A Dancing Queen with a Zeal for Education, Life and Mercy

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 1976 and went on to be principal at Our Lady of Grace School in Eden, 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. Edmund 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 driven 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, “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 Berdon 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.

Photography:
Opposite page: Mercy students help with FIESTA and talk to Mercy’s Admissions Director, Anne Zadina McGill ’00. Left to right in the back row: Mrs. McGill and junior Rachel Grigsby. Left to right front row: senior Uyen Nguyen, junior Fia Cohen, and junior Emma Johnson.
Above middle: Former Principal and Board member Sr. Corrine Connelly, RSM ‘58, in the foreground, and Carol Neill Casey ‘58 enjoy the historical displays at this year’s FIESTA with Monte Kniffen, CA, Institute Community Archivist, Sisters of Mercy of the Americas.
Above bottom left: Student Council President Mayela Hernandez ’19 spoke at FIESTA and presented Sr. Delores with a bouquet of flowers in celebration of her jubilee.
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.

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 that 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.

“Service was not an afterthought; it was part of everything we did. I also made lifelong friends; I still have them,” 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.

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.”

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 past May.

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 congresswoman 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 attended the Mercy Leadership Conference in Philadelphia in June of 2017.

Kate is part of a Mercy legacy; her mother is Mary Ann Wieberg Tietjen ’90 and her grandmother is Ann Bendon Wieberg ‘57, this year’s recipient of the Distinguished Woman of Mercy Award. She also has aunts and other family members who went to Mercy. She is from Mary Our Queen. The Runza Student of the Week plans to attend Creighton University next fall, majoring in Business on a Pre-Medicine track. She received the Creighton University’s Founders Award, Jesuit Scholarship and Hixson Scholarship.

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
- DoPaul University
- Dordt University
- Embry-Riddle University
- Francisca 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 Wesleyan University
- 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
- University of Nebraska at Kearney
- University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- University of Nebraska Omaha
- University of New Mexico
- University of South Dakota
- University of St. Thomas
- University of Texas at Austin
- Wartburg College
- Wayne State College
- Westminster College

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.
2018-2019 Athletic Accolades:

The following provides 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 ½’; 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

**Most Improved Player**

**Softball:**
Meg Harmon

**Volleyball:**
Katie Geist

**Cross Country:**
Aaliyah Flores-Pliego

**Basketball:**
Sierra Mann, Anna Sommers

**Track:**
Katie Geist

**Soccer:**
Lexi Siefken

**NSAA Academic All-State**

**Softball:**
Rena Lee

**Volleyball:**
Emily Eribacher, Emma Nebel

**Golf:**
Grace Gonka

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

**Basketball:**
Anna Sommers

**Track:**
Katie Geist, Anna Youell

**Soccer:**
Emma Weis, Lexi Rains

**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

**Other Honors:**
Aleaya Snyder was selected for the Metro All-Star Team.

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.
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 Misericordia, 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.
- During spring break, six girls along with faculty sponsors visited Misericordia. This community of care, operated by the Sisters of Misericordia, 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.

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 circle 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. 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 Kellaine Villalva

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 Katie Pantoja. Middle row: Gianna Jergovic and Kayleen Gruhn. Last row: Aluel Mareng and Cecilia Galardi.

Above right: Allison Vana was this year’s May Queen.
Kaleidoscope Takes Flight

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.

"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 test prep strategy and preparation for juniors.

• Financial literacy for seniors was provided through a seminar 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: Kaylee Dunn ’98 (left) and Amanda Peterson Baker ’98 (right) speak to students on Career Day.

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.
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.

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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

The Monarch Parents Club began to bring the school together. The goals of this club include activities coordinated by the Monarch 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 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 costumes. (From left) Team Snow White and the Seven Dorks.

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.
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 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.

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.

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.

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.

“In a flipped classroom instruction is switched. Students do their homework and proactive 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 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,” 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 Kolinek, SM ’52 leaders at Mass, runs bridge tournaments, follows her grandchildren’s sports, keeps house and cooks.

Marilyn Krajcik ’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 Podjeski Bartels ’80 was appointed Vice President of Faith and Development at Catholic Charities in Omaha.

1990s

Catherine Basque Weiler ’93, Partner at Swanston, Martin & Bell, was recognized by Chain’s Chicago Business as a 2019 Notable Gen X in Law.

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 Miedi,’10, BS, LMT, CPT who owns Theory 12 Massage and Wellness recently provided massages for faculty and staff


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 “Ali’s Well That Ends Well” with Shakespeare on the Green in Omaha in late June and early July 2019.

Sarah Dunn ’98 appeared as Laura in the play “Goblin Market” in Providence, Rhode Island, from March 29 to April 17.

2010s

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

Katharine 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 Clovin SJ '43
Gertrude McNulty Pfrage SJ '44
Patricia Fogarty Griffin SJ '46
Ruth Tigges Niver SM '46
Regina A. Begley SJ '47
Lorene Toywey Jensen SM '48
Dolores Cushing Gerbeling SJ '49
Darlene Pekas Schimonitz SJ '49
Georgene Greenblatt Lindeman SM '49
Joan Marsicke Schliendorf SM '49
Virginia Dugan Kube SJ '50
Rosemarie Villella Miller SJ '50
Bonnie Conley Glynn SM '50
Lois Abbavede Ateria SM '51
Patricia Brady O'Kane SM '51
Betty Feder Siezak SM '52
Mary Lou Targy SM '52
Kathleen McKenna Horton SM '53
Mary Ann Labanowski Micek SJ '53
Margaret Rossie Eledge SM '54
Margaret J. O'Leary '56
Annette Tomczykowsi Schmitz '56
Germaine Dogoda Schweigart '56
Patricia Eckley Cranger-Markey '57
Sally Graves Theller '57
Kathleen McDermott Tvdlik '57
Beverly Rocheford Wood '58
Jean Marie Sabatka Croak '59
Lois Ferra Cunningham '59
Sandra Stahlheber Batura '62
Phyllis Wolski Wees '62
Sharon Staroski Abboud '63
Cora Smith Behnke '63
Mary Pat Keenan Kroll '63
Carmen Alba Brackett '70
Julia A. Moore '81
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

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**Fiscal Year July 1, 2018- June 30, 2019**

**FY ’19 Operating Revenue**

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The William and Catherine Callaghan Society
Lifet ime 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
Lifet ime 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 loving 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 Urzundowski Micek SM ’49

The Anna Marie Doyle Society
Lifet ime 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 Foundation
Irene Milowski
Omni
P. I. Midwest–Larry & Shirley Good
Mary C. Palmejano ’19 +
William & Jane Dethlefs Rocaforto ’74
Archbishop Daniel E. Sheehan +
Loray D. Smith ’67 +
Gene & Marilyn Spence
Joanne M. Stewart ’72 +
Union Pacific Railroad
Walter W. & Frances M. Key Catholic Charities
Wells Fargo
Mary Ann Belfill White ’53 ’53 +
Ronald & Pauline Wilgerding

The Francs Warde Society
Lifet ime 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 Zakisch Cimpl SM ’51
Clifford J Miller Charitable Foundation, Inc.
Michael + Margaret Collin
Michael & Marcia DeFrecce
John & A. Liorna Jezewski Flynn SM ’50 +
Doyle & Sobus Fullenkamp
John & Catherine Fullenkamp
M. Jane Hueter ’55
James Skinner Baking Co.—James G. Skinner
John & Nicole Han Hahn Jesse ’80
Mammel Foundation

The Works of Mercy Society
Lifet ime 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 Beneski Bandon ’59
Eileen J. Boyle SM ’36 +
Patricia R. Callone SM ’35 & William L. Flynn +
Maurice & Junko Cox
The DeMarco Family
Betty DeMarco SM ’53
Peter & Loreta DeMarco
James & Lorrie Dennon
Phillip + Louise Battaglia Franco SM ’50
William + Mary Harvey
The Kenny Family
Migr. Francis P. Kenny +
Rev. James E. Kenny +
Sr. M. Catherine Kenny, RSM +
Carolyn Jaworski ’64
Harriett Foran Kane SB ’24 +
David L. & Mary Frances Ley ’70
Deborah A. Macdonald
William C. Mahoney +
Kevin & Denise McCoy
Moglia Family Foundation
Joseph + Helen Clare Murphy +
Mutual of Omaha
Patricia Naylor +
Wayne & Safita Tria Penka ’67
Peter Klevit Sons’ Inc.
Migr. Paul F. Peter +
Lou Anne Rinn ’73
Wilson & Mary Alice Schollman SM ’33 +
James & Martha Stewart

The Blue and Gold Society
Lifet ime 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 + J. Anne Green Alseth ’65
American National Bank
Richard & Heidi Anzalone
Blue Cross Blue Shield
Joseph J. Borghoff IV
Catholic Mutual Group
Larry & Pam Cieciork
Clyde + Eleanor Claus
Mary E. Corby SM ’53
Core Bank
James & Mary Robin Czyz ’68
John F. Daly Sr. SB ’29 +
Anne E. Daly +
Leo + Rosemary Gaughan Daly SM ’35 +
Mark & Connie Davis
William & Patricia Stanek Dvorak ’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
Mtg. Robert J. Gas +
Rob & Mary Condering
HOR Inc.
Gary & Mary Jane Monaco 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.

Today: The careful instruction of women. Those who give the mission begun in Dublin so many years ago is the same. God and the Gospel of Jesus, to make a living, to serve a few, enabling the fulfillment of Catherine’s dream that life. The sacrifices of the many facilitate the work of the The Spirit gives Life, and the spirit of Mercy gives Mercy life.

Lifetime Giving of $10,000 or more

The Spirit of Mercy Society

Some individuals give online on a monthly basis. This is convenient and automatic. If you want to participate contact Nate Drimal, Vice President for Advancement at 402.553.9424 or drimal@mercyhigh.org.
Mercy High School by the numbers

**Financial Assistance**
- **82%** of families receive tuition assistance
- **$64,800** given annually for placement exam
- **$1.8M** in tuition assistance given annually
- **5,400** alumnae
- **$3M+** invested in building improvements in the last three years

**Our 2019 Graduates**
- **$6 million+** earned in college scholarships
- **98%** of grads are college-bound
- **75%** received college scholarships
- **13:1** student-to-teacher ratio
- **60%** of faculty with Master’s degree or higher

**The Mercy Advantage**
- **28%** diversity rate
- **100%** of Omaha zip codes and income levels represented
- **20%** of the student body are legacies
- **11** 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

**Year in Review**

**First Quarter**

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

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

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

A time-honored tradition is the Greenie Parade.

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

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.

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Third Quarter Year in Review

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

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

Trivia Night raised more than $10,000.

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

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

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  
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   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 a 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.
Scholarships and Tuition Awards

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

Scholarships
Adelaide & Ruth O'Keefe Memorial Scholarship
Alumni Association Scholarship
Archbishop Daniel Sheehan Scholarship
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 J. Freaney Memorial Scholarship
Joseph F. & Helen Clase 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 Ronica Urzędowski Memorial Scholarship
Mrgr. John A. Flynn Memorial Scholarship
Ojaski Family Scholarship
Phillip S. & Louise Battaglia Franco Endowed Service Scholarship & Tuition Assistance Fund
Rensae C. Von Torsch Art Scholarship
Richard F. Chadek III Senior Scholarship
Smola-McCormick Memorial Scholarship
Sr. Johanna Burnell Scholarship
Sr. Mary Brendan O'Malley Memorial Scholarship
Sr. Mary Callista Takes Scholarship
Sr. Mary Justine Evans Memorial Scholarship
The Kastl Sisters Scholarship
Tupper O’Hean 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 Breyer Rice Tuition Award
Dr. Daniel L. Wagner & Patricia A. Wagner Tuition Assistance Fund
Emilia Jonasas Tuition Award
Jim Slavin Memorial Tuition Award
Joan Jukich 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 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 Dwojak 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.

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

Stephen Moesman
William & Jane Dethlefs Roccaforte ’74
Constance M. Ryan ’70
Sisters of Mercy West Midwest Community
Joanne M. Steward ’72
Clark & Nancy Ferrara Toner ’60
Virginia Battaglia Veleba SM ’68
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.

*Note: Golf Fest and/or FIESTA gift purchases are not included in percentages.

Class of 1947 Gifts: $695.00
Total Class Members: 41
Participation: 16.63%
Mary McBride Heider SM
Sally Sanders Hufniss SJ
Mary Kube Liston SM
Abbe Reh Trau SJ
Cecelia O'Kane Weber SM
Edith Haban Winkelmann SM

Class of 1948 Gifts: $1,425.00
Total Class Members: 37
Participation: 18.91%
Mary Ann Burkhardt SM
Mary Anne Stoker Dvosik SM
Becky Huber Hallas SJ
JoAnn Altar Maher SM
Dolores Stibbs Munnan SM
Joan Fitzgerald Obarski SJ
Marie Moyal Wharton SM

Class of 1949 Gifts: $25,850.00
Total Class Members: 81
Participation: 11.11%
Rita Hannett Costello SM
Donna Vondra
DeVincenzi Coleti SM
Dorothy Sealock
Cawehn Frisby SJ
Kathleen Masisco Gehman SM
Marianne Swiryn Heavey SJ
Jo Ann Kirpatrick Kunasek SM
Ann Louise Urazendol SM
Mick SM
Virginia Battaglia韦莱拉 SM
Virginia Weinrumer SM

Class of 1950 Gifts: $2,030.00
Total Class Members: 54
Participation: 18.51%
Loretta Smyrek Caniglia SJ
Barbara Reh Evans SJ
Louise Battaglia Franco SM
Patricia Sullivan Grant SM
June Emminger Griffeth SM
Beverly Hippolyte Harral SM
Maureen Waite Kalkowski SM
Patricia Colchin Lawey SM
Barbara Schonlau Littke SM
Agatha Alba Ramirez SM

Class of 1951 Gifts: $101,015.00
Total Class Members: 64
Participation: 16.29%
Bernadette Moylan SM
Burkland SJ
Patricia Bauer Chibeorad SJ
Joan Jakoich Cimpl SJ
Joan Frederik Dahquist SM
Marilyn McDonnell Heith SM
Joan Hurley Habib SM
Josephine Caregilla SJ
Lohmeyer SJ
Marylin Post Mostland SJ
Patricia Brady O'Kane SM
Lorraine O'Leary Pritchard SM

Class of 1952 Gifts: $1,610.00
Total Class Members: 76
Participation: 21.05%
Lorraine Lorkovic Andersen SJ
Shirley Seweeld Congilo SJ
Sue Streeper Crow SJ
Mary Ann Douda Hartley SM
Mary Jo Havlick SM
Joyce Fangman Korienek SJ
Johanna Kaiser Kozany SJ
Kathleen Watsabaghi Kosolov SJ
Mary Kast Krawczyk SM
Antonette Rzeszotarski SM
Patricia Ruhn Potter SM
Julie Daiges Sladomnik SM
Ruth Daly Tredy SM
Irene Cunia Warga SM
Mary Lois Bauer Williams SM

Class of 1953 Gifts: $5,730.00
Total Class Members: 99
Participation: 17.35%
Carol Lankas Angeles SJ
Diane McEloy Brentlinger SM
Sharon Palladino Burns SM
Mary Ellen Haley Byers SM
Mary E. Corby SM
Kathleen Maddon Craney SM
Carol Roh Donwart SM
Patricia Pritchard Flesher SM
Mary Ann Douda Hartley SM
Virginia Battaglia韦莱拉 SM
Virginia Weinrumer SM

Class of 1954 Gifts: $895.00
Total Class Members: 101
Participation: 20.00%
Virginia Behenek SM
Elizabeth (Betty) Thill SM
Blusse SM
R. Anne Wegener Byrne SM
Beverly Carter Campbell SM
Rita Sohler Carlson SM
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R. Anne Wegener Byrne SM
Rita Sohler Carlson SM

Class of 1955 Gifts: $1,059.00
Total Class Members: 80
Participation: 21.05%
Rita Kresnik Virant SM

Class of 1956 Gifts: $2,980.00
Total Class Members: 94
Participation: 30.11%
Norma Thell Byeg SM
Joan Stasklewicz Belitz
Catherine Hogan Besta
Julie Hezik Bizil
Patsy Leutenegger Brady
Virginia Kuzelka Budka
Judith Hughes Conrad
Kathleen Kissick Cook
Carol Smola Dary
Theresa Dill Gotch
Carol Sinnott Heafy
Barbara J. Hodik
Mary Jean O'Brien Sims SM
Mary Kay Sullivan Klein
Virginia O'Leary Kurcz
Rosemary Kunasek Lawson
Josephine Marczuzi Macatlas
Elizabeth Stackiewicz-McKendries
Mary Joan Timmerman
McFarlan
Marylin Britten Miller
Patricia Zwani Paulsen

Contributed: $375,151.90
Donors: 889 donors out of 5,874 alumnae

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Heart of Mercy Society ($5,000+)

McAuley Society ($1,000-$4,999)

Mercy Circle ($500-$999)

McAuley Society ($1,000-$4,999)

Wells Fargo

TD Ameritrade

Constance M. Ryan ’70

William & Jane Dethlefs Roccaforte ’74*

Mary C. Palmesano ’59 + (Bequest)

Omaha Community Foundation

Irene Milewski

Urzendowski Micek SM ’49*

John & Ann Louise

Michael & Nancy McCarthy

Deborah A. Macdonald

Lozier Foundation

Heider Family Foundation

Mike & Mary Jo Dahir

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Mary Kay Connor ’63

Donald & Joan Jaksich Cimpl SM ’51

Archdiocese of Omaha

Nancy Abboud

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Mercy Circle ($500-$999)

McAuley Society ($1,000-$4,999)

Heart of Mercy Society ($5,000+)

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Mercy Circle ($500-$999)

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Michael & Rodney Watson
Margaret Traza Wazzy ’71
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Joan Weiber
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Michael & Susan Weiber
Al aboard & Rosemary Weiber ’33
Judy & Wayne Weiber
Joseph & Shari Weiber
Robert & Paula Weinberg
Joseph & Elizabeth Weidman WM ’49
Kathleen & Allen Weiler
James & Francis Weidmann Weis ’81
Kathryn & Jean Welessend
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Derek & Kristi Walters Weising ’88
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Cory Budenholzer White ’78
Rita Whley
Jean Whyte
Kathryn & Andrea Wichert
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W Dale Wyhlum
Dan Westberg
Kathy White
Carolyn White
Monica Alba Wyzik SM ’43
John & Kathy Yozum
C. Richard & Mary Yoest
Richard & Kimberly Yost
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Sue & Mary Zabowski
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Steve & Kris Zilka
James & Bernardine Bonacci
Zielinski SM ’54
Kathryn Mahoney Zielinski SM ’65
Michael & Patricia Zielw
Teresa A. Zielw
Cedrine Mccafferty Zimmerman ’56
Rob & Katie Zimmerman
Rose Zoucha
Loretta M. Zuck
Daniel & Johnn Zureiln
Tom & Traci Zuk
*Chamber Members
+Donates Deseced

Omission Statement

The Advancement Office has worked diligently to ensure the accuracy of this report of gifts. If your name was omitted or improperly noted, please accept our apologies. If you notice such an error, please notify us at chamber@mercyhealth.org so our records can be corrected.

Thank you.

Howard Ruff
Joseph C. Rust
Joe & Martha Ruff
Sarita L. Ruma ’73
Judy & Robert Rushel ’84
Nancy J. Ryan +
Shelia Rys ’63
T. Patrick Rynearson
Theresa Mikas Ryan ’74
Andy & Joanne Ryba ’90
William & Sarah Ryland
Channing & Kristin Heath Rys ’94
Denise Sabatka
Theresa Saalan ’75 & James Brochman ’64
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Leland & Kristi Schroll
Lynne & Krista Schuh
Roland & Joyce Palladino Schuech ’59
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Darelle & Barbara Schuette
John & Amy Michaelschultz ’86
James Schuette & John Schuette ’64
Mary Kuech Schuette ’64
Patricia Lynn Schult ’70
Maxin & Alysha Schulz
Janet J. Schumacher ’64
Jane Turner Schumacker ’64
Elsie M. Schunter, Ph.D. ’62

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Thank you.

Charities 2018
+Donates Deseced

Charity of Mercy

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Gifts given in honor of a specific person or event in her/his life or to a specific scholarship or activity. The following tributes have been received by the Advancement Office during this time period.

**Celebratory**

Carol Smola Dargy ’56 (80th Birthday)
Judith Dargy Vohs ’56

Mary Jean Connelly Harrington ’57 (80th Birthday)
Judith Dargy Vohs ’56

John & Nicole Hahn Jesse ’80

**In Honor Of**

Kristen Martin Beck ’05

Avery Drimi

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