

It's Magic Monday: December 2, 2019! This month we celebrate a woman of Mercy who exemplifies that a Mercy Girl is hard-working, passionate, and proud of her school!

Name: Barbara Brannan '89

Post Mercy Education:

B.S., Pharmacy, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, 1994
Pharm.D., Pharmacy, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy,
2001



Personal and Professional Achievements:

I began working in a family owned pharmacy (Edwards & Anthony's in Parkville) my freshman year at Mercy. That experience, my love of science, and my desire to help people led me to choose pharmacy as a career. I attended pharmacy school and began my first job as a clinical pharmacist at the University of Maryland Medical Center in May 1994.

I earned my Pharm.D. degree in 2001 and began my career in medication safety and regulatory compliance, to ensure that medications are being used safely and in compliance with best practices and standards, laws, and regulations. I am currently director of the pharmacy department at the University of Maryland Medical Center. I have discovered my passion for teaching and am fortunate to teach as a clinical preceptor at both the University of Maryland and Notre Dame of Maryland University schools of pharmacy. This past year, I had a great opportunity to become a mentor for a Mercy High School student, **Sara M. '20**. I was excited to share pharmacy as a career with Sara, and I believe that she enjoyed spending time learning about the many different career opportunities in pharmacy.

I have two wonderful children, Alicia and Eric.

Please share your favorite Mercy memory.

I have so many fond memories of my time at Mercy! I still keep in touch with many of my Mercy classmates and friends, and I always look forward to our reunions. My absolute favorite Mercy memory was winning Field Day during my senior year with the theme of "Around the World in 89 Days!" Winning as seniors was the cherry on top of the sundae of senior year.

Were there any Mercy faculty members who especially impacted your life? Why?

I especially enjoyed chemistry with **Rose Clugh** who made chemistry so much fun that it became my favorite subject. She had high standards and made me work hard, but this prepared me very well for college chemistry and pharmacy school. I believe that my success in chemistry stemmed from the foundation laid at Mercy by Mrs. Clugh.

Were there any classes you took at Mercy that stand-out to you? Why?

Being in the Honors Program at Mercy afforded me the opportunity to take classes which I would not otherwise have had experienced. Future Studies, taught by **Sister Marie Foley, RSM**, helped us to look many years into the future to see what the world would be like. Sister Marie said that one day we will have to make ethical decisions when science advances. We will be able to do things that seem impossible, but we as a society will have to decide if we *should*, not if we *can*.

I have achieved my success due to opportunities afforded to me at Mercy High School, my passion for helping others, and a lot of hard work and dedication. I'm proud to be a female leader in a predominately male field and a Mercy graduate!