

IT'S MAGIC MONDAY: JANUARY 4, 2020 !

This month we honor a Woman of Mercy who exemplifies that a Mercy Girl is open-minded, well-rounded, and thoughtful. Kelechi Nina Mezu '07, an Analyst and Project Manager for the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, remembers the impactful role Mme. Ludmila Adler and the International Club were in her Mercy experience.

Name: Kelechi Nina Mezu '07

Post Mercy Education:

- B.S., Molecular Biology, Biochemistry and Bioinformatics, Towson University, 2011
- M.S., Biotechnology (Specialization in Bioinformatics), University of Maryland, Global Campus, 2016

Personal and Professional Achievements:

Since 2016, I have worked as an Analyst and Project Manager for the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease supporting the institute's core research facilities. I have enjoyed working with researchers to help manage and share data amongst various labs especially assisting with bioinformatics needs. In my free time, I enjoy participating in Women Who Code events and other events promoting women in tech.

Outside of work, I enjoy hanging out with my family and friends (recently via FaceTime due to COVID, lol) and practicing yoga in my free time. I am also a member of Mercy High School's Alumnae Executive Board.

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

I have fond memories of being in **Mme. Ludmila Adler's** advisory group throughout my four years at Mercy. She was one of the best teachers I had at Mercy. I could go and talk to her about anything from school to anything about which my teenage self would be stressed. Mme. Adler had a wealth of knowledge and shared so many fascinating life lessons.

What is your favorite Mercy memory?

So many memories! My favorite comes from participating in the International Club Week, specifically the yearly assembly my Freshman year. It was so fun to learn about the cultural backgrounds of fellow Mercy Girls and experience everyone's talents.

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

In addition to French classes, I enjoyed my junior year Anthropology Class with **Ms. Mary Margaret Kardian Latchford '64**; she was an amazing teacher and an even better storyteller! I also enjoyed my first exposure to Bioethics during my senior year.

Why is Mercy so important to you?

I pride myself on being a very open-minded, well-rounded, and thoughtful person with anyone I encounter. My time at Mercy help enhanced these characteristics as I was fortunate enough to meet so many wonderful classmates with diverse backgrounds.