



## **IT'S MAGIC MONDAY: JULY 4, 2022!**

This month, we honor a Woman of Mercy who says, "If ever there was a strong need for all women to serve others and strive for social justice it is now. Not only in daily living but on the global scale. Mercy instilled in me the desire to be my best self, and this includes serving my community both personally and professionally." Meet **Lindsay Hoehn Bearman '93**, chief Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist for Medstar Union Memorial Hospital and Medstar Good Samaritan Hospital.

**Name:** Lindsay Hoehn Bearman '93

### **Post Mercy Education:**

- B.S, Biology, University of Delaware, 1997
- B.S.N, Nursing, University of Maryland, 2003
- M.S., Nurse Anesthesia, University of Maryland, 2010

### **Personal and Professional Achievements:**

After graduating from the University of Delaware, I became an adolescent HIV counselor and tester at the University of Maryland Medical Center. I then became a Project Coordinator for a large pediatric HIV medical adherence research project also at the University of Maryland.

I left the University of Maryland to accept a position as the Corporate Fitness Director for LifeBridge Corporate Health. This position afforded me the opportunity to manage several corporate fitness centers and personal train. However, I was eager to re-enter the medical field. I obtained my BSN from University of Maryland's Accelerated Nursing Program while I continued to work full time as a corporate fitness director. After I graduated in 2003, I started working in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Johns Hopkins Hospital where I remained for five years. Being a PICU nurse was the most rewarding, fulfilling, humbling, and heartbreaking career.

In my fourth year of practice, I joined a team on a medical mission to Peru, serving as a recovery nurse for pediatric patients after surgery. While I was in Peru, I encountered Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) in the OR and immediately knew what my next career move would be. I applied to the University of Maryland Nurse Anesthesia Program in 2007, attended the following fall, and graduated in December of 2010. I have served as a CRNA since. I have had the privilege to work in several hospitals, most of which serve underserved populations. It is an honor and privilege to care for people during extremely vulnerable times. I am humbled daily by my position and am truly grateful to be able to love what I do for a living. Currently I am the chief CRNA for Medstar Union Memorial Hospital and Medstar Good Samaritan Hospital.

It was in the halls of Good Samaritan hospital that I struck up a conversation with Mercy students who were a part of Sr. Agnese Neumann Scholars Program. Part of my daily responsibilities include working with graduate students. I find this experience to be one of the most rewarding parts of my job.

Mercy High School instilled the value of volunteering. It is one of my passions! I am active in the Sisterhood at my synagogue, on the board of Cystic Fibrosis Maryland Chapter, and on the board of the Herbert Bearman Foundation.

My husband, Mark, and I live in Owings Mills, Maryland, with our son Evan who is five.

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

There were so many phenomenal teachers that helped me on my journey at Mercy! **Ms. Rose Clugh** was such an outstanding teacher. Her method of teaching and passion for chemistry challenged me and solidified my interest in the sciences. **Ms. Anita Hampson** also greatly influenced my view of women in this world and had such a commitment to empowering us!

### **What is your favorite Mercy memory?**

Recently I returned to Mercy High School to speak with young women in the Women in Medicine program and the Sister Agnese Neumann Scholars Program about my career. Entering the building was like stepping back in time while also seeing the future. Such nostalgia! I was inundated with wonderful, warm feelings mostly, not specific memories. Attending an all-female school during the challenging years of adolescence was such a gift. Mercy taught me so much about how to gracefully be a strong, empowered woman. I felt safe in the walls of Mercy, I felt love and respected. When my four years were complete, I was ready to further my education. I remember Ring Day and Field Day and the Mercy/IND game, but I also remember practices and sitting in the lobby outside of **Ms. Jeanne Blakeslee's** office with my best friend, **Jill Moeller '93**, and checking in each morning with my advisor, **Ms. Mary Sommerfeldt**. There isn't one memory that stands out, but rather those feelings of being loved, safe, and respected as well as the opportunities offered to me at Mercy High School. I am grateful and blessed to be a Woman of Mercy!