

IT'S MAGIC MONDAY: NOVEMBER 4, 2019!

This month we celebrate a woman of Mercy who exemplifies that a Mercy Girl is hard-working, passionate, well-rounded, and proud of her school!

Name: Maggie Marion '09

Post Mercy Education:

BS, Athletic Training, East Carolina University, 2013

MS, Education with a Specialization in Sports Management, University of Kansas, 2015



Personal and Professional Achievements:

Who knew my love of volleyball and anatomy and physiology would take me around the world? I have been the athletic trainer with the Women's Volleyball Team at the University of Illinois for three seasons. In my career, I have been to two Final Fours, a Sweet Sixteen, and won a Big 12 Conference Championship with the University of Kansas and University of Illinois volleyball teams. I have traveled to China as an athletic trainer for a USA Volleyball Collegiate National Team. This summer, I spent two weeks in southern Italy as the athletic trainer for the men's and women's volleyball teams at the World University Games.

Please share your favorite Mercy memory.

My Mercy memories start at a very early age since I literally grew up running the halls. I would say the captain's team meeting in the chapel before the Mercy/IND Game in 2009; winning back to back Field Days my junior and senior years; and winning a conference championship in volleyball my junior year.

What has Mercy meant to you?

As I've gotten older, I've realized how much my time at Mercy has shaped the person I am today. I am lucky that I had the opportunity to grow and learn in an open, safe, and encouraging community. Feeling free to speak up in class and share my ideas cultivated a strong sense of confidence and passion that I still carry today. My teachers were challenging, but supportive. I realize now that my work ethic was first formed in AP History with **Lynne Bowman** and AP Biology with **Nancy Uryasz**. They had a sneaky way of pulling the best out of you without you even knowing it, and instilled principles of hard work and commitment to achieving a goal. Lastly, the sense of community at Mercy is incredibly meaningful. Whether it was a team, advisee group, or class, it always felt like home. I wouldn't trade my experience at Mercy for anything!

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

So many how could I choose?!!

Nancy Uryasz – She sparked my love for science. I wasn't set on a career path when I was in high school, and her AP Biology class made me realize that science was a challenge that I enjoyed. She expected a lot of us as students, and never wanting to let her down motivated me and helped me to thrive. She showed me how to have high standards for the people you care about, and that is still a big part of my life today working with college student-athletes.

Kitty Yanson '66 – I always loved going to her classes. She was unapologetically herself and she made me realize that you should always be you, no matter the circumstance.

Kristy Cummings P'16, '23 – What a gem! I feel like she was the lighthouse in the chaos that was being a hormonal teenager, thinking I knew everything without knowing anything, and trying to survive high school. She was a constant in my life, full of energy, positivity, and dependability. She has an unwavering belief in her advisees that made me feel like I could achieve anything. Going through high school with a person like that on your side is incredibly encouraging.