



It's Magic Monday: August 5, 2019! This month we celebrate a woman of Mercy who exemplifies that a Mercy Girl is well-rounded and passionate.

Name: Anna Moore Shalom

Mercy Class Year: 1993

Adviser: Sr. Carol Wheeler

Post Mercy Education:

BFA Dance Performance, BA Spanish Literature, Towson University, 1998.

Personal and Professional Achievements:

After graduating from Mercy, I took a “gap year” before it became a popular thing to do. I spent a year in Madrid where I danced at the Centro de Danza Mariemma, affiliated with Royal Conservatory of Dance. I spent one semester at the University of New Mexico as part of the National Student Exchange Program, where I concentrated on Flamenco Studies. While in college, I was hired as a dancer at the Washington Opera for their production of *La Traviata*, directed by Plácido Domingo, at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Immediately following my college graduation, I moved to New York City to dance with American Bolero Dance Company with whom I have performed at Carnegie Hall three times. I served as the co-director of *Walk to the Beat*, an annual improvisational music and dance festival in Nyack, NY. I was recently invited to perform in the Canary Islands at the *Festival Atlántico*.

Besides my work as a performer I have spent much of my career in arts education. In 2018, I co-founded Hispanic Culture Arts, an arts education organization that brings classical arts from Spain and Latin America to New York City Public Schools.

In 1995, I was introduced to my husband, Jeff, by my Mercy classmate **Vicky Barghout Goransson '93**. We were married in 2001 and have three beautiful boys: Tommy, Dylan and Alex.

Please share your favorite Mercy memory.

I often smile when thinking of our advisee meetings with Sr. Carol. My sister, **Celina Moore Carrillo, MD '91**, had a knack for making Sr. Carol really laugh and we all just waited for that moment, which often would come at the most unexpected times.

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

Sr. Helen Doherty, Ms. Jeri Romer, and Ms. Beth DePaulo took special interest in my well-being, and I think often about their kindness and encouragement toward me.