

**This month we honor a Women of Mercy who exemplifies that a Mercy Girl is committed to service to others, open-minded, and compassionate. Meet Amanda Fernandez Thompson, MD, FAAP '06, and recipient of the 2018 University of Maryland Children's Hospital Primary Care Pediatrician Award for outstanding care and service in the Division of General Pediatrics.**

**Name:** Amanda Fernandez Thompson, MD, FAAP '06

**Post Mercy Education:**

B.S., Biological Sciences and Psychology, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, 2011

M.D., University of Maryland School of Medicine, 2015



**Personal and Professional Achievements:**

After graduating from Mercy, I began preparing for my medical career by pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in both Biological Sciences and Psychology at UMBC (Go Retrievers!). I then went on to earn my professional graduate degree at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, completing my Pediatrics Residency training at the University of Maryland Children's Hospital in the summer of 2018. I now work at Tellerman and Associates, LLC as a pediatrician and am excited to be serving in my hometown. I approach my patients' medical care from a holistic perspective and have a special interest in maternal/newborn wellness. Outside the office, I enjoy spending time outdoors with my husband, Dave, two boys, Jonah, two years old, and Elias, two months old, and dog, Evie. I also sing on the worship team at my church and enjoy running and going to barre class. In addition, I have served as a mentor for several Mercy students in the Mentor Career Preparation Program.

**Please share your favorite Mercy memory.**

Sweet victory as the Nick Juniors during Field Day of 2005, followed by an encore victory senior year ("'06! You know!").

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

So many of Mercy's faculty played a role in shaping the woman I have become. My advisers, **Sr. Marie Foley** (RIP) and **Ms. Mary Pollara** (now **Mrs. Stoddard**), were instrumental in my career and education decisions. **Ms. Nancy Uryasz**'s biology classes were the foundation for all my future science training (I still have my binders in their impeccable condition and page order). **Ms. Lynne Bowman** pushed me further than I think I've ever been with her high standards and expectations. She allowed me to reach a potential I didn't know I had inside me (in a subject that admittedly I liked the least, but grew to appreciate and respect because of her). **Mr. Ray Stoddard**, **Ms. Kitty Yanson '66**, **Ms. Uma Schroeder**, and **Sr. Carol Wheeler** inspired me and taught me so much about life, keeping an open mind, and the importance of opening your eyes to the world!

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

Many classes stand out for different reasons. The classes I found to be most unique and insightful were Future Studies with **Mr. Stoddard**, Philosophy with **Sr. Carol Wheeler**, and my literature classes with **Ms. Schroeder** and **Ms. Yanson**. Each of these were more than just classes; they instilled valuable life lessons beyond the textbooks, through discussions on various topics.