



## **IT'S MAGIC MONDAY: DECEMBER 7, 2020!**

**This month we honor a Woman of Mercy who exemplifies that a Mercy Girl is proud of herself, proud of her friends, and proud of her school. Kathleen Radebaugh '04 has a long line of legacy connections to Mercy and continues to be a leader in education for young women.**

**Name: Kathleen Radebaugh '04**

### **Post Mercy Education:**

- B.A., English, Secondary Education Certification 7-12, Saint Joseph's University, 2008
- M.Ed., Reading Specialist Certification K-12, Cabrini University, 2013
- Principal Certification, Temple University, 2020

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

After graduating from Saint Joseph's University, I decided to stay in Philadelphia to pursue a teaching career in secondary education. For 12 years, I taught and coached in schools located in North and West Philadelphia in various grade levels and subject matters. I really loved my time in the classroom, and I truly believe a classroom is an extension of its community. I taught my students how to become thinkers, debaters, and active citizens within Philadelphia. Through literature, we are able to find ourselves and reassess our values and beliefs, but if we do not go out into the community and put into practice our ideals and thoughts then we do not truly understand the importance of literature. As Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs at Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls, I can support teachers, students, and families in achieving their goals and hopes for a better and safer future. My husband, Ethan and I live in East Mount Airy, a neighborhood located by the Wissahickon Trail and the Schuylkill River. We celebrated our first wedding anniversary in January 2020!

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

Some of my favorite memories at Mercy include: debating the expansive nature of state rights in the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment with **Ms. Lynne Bowman** in AP US World History, completing our first edition of *The Shield* with co-editor, **Laura Wontrop Klauser '04** and **Mr. Robert Danner**, and feeling completely nervous every time I stepped to the start line of a cross country race. Most importantly, I remember the prayer service after 9/11 and writing the Prayers of the Faithful with my classmates and **Ms. Elizabeth Lambertus (RIP)**. This prayer service, like so many of our masses at Mercy, brought me great peace and love.

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

All of my classes with **Ms. Kitty Yanson '66** and the entire Humanities Department at Mercy were so formidable. I remember Ms. Yanson praising my poetic verse while I was standing by my locker, and as I walked into class, she handed me my rough draft dripping with corrections and critiques. Revision is a valued practice at Mercy and without it, my writing would have faltered during my graduate and fellowship classes.

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

Mr. Danner spent so much time with me, Laura, and the newspaper staff; there were so many late, late afternoons in the computer lab editing *The Shield*. He showed us how to do everything with Adobe, and those skills help me tremendously when I was the Sports Editor for *The Hawk* at Saint Joseph's.

### **What has Mercy meant to you?**

I am proud to be a graduate of Mercy High School. I am proud to celebrate cherished traditions from Mercy with my mom, sister, cousins, and aunts. Many staff members and **President Mary Beth Lennon**

continue to guide and support me as I advance in my career with reputable contacts and professional advice. I am impressed and humbled by Mercy's welcoming of students from IND; it shows the importance of lending a helping hand with grace, compassion, and respect.