



Dear Mercy Alumna,

Wow! We are so inspired by our alumnae's continued commitment to be "living flames of service bright" to our wider community. Thank you so much for your record support of our first joint alumnae service event with Loyola Blakefield, Notre Dame Prep, and Maryvale. From those who donated professional clothing to those who volunteered for the weekend event, we are so very grateful! Please be sure to see the *Alumnae Service Opportunities* section of this newsletter for photos from this event. We are also grateful to those alumnae who supported their Mercy sisters in the Class of 2023 as they collected feminine products to benefit Paul's Place in Baltimore. Our community was impressed with the innovative ways you found to support some of our youngest Mercy sisters in this act of loving service. Your donations really made a difference!



I hope to "see" many of you at our virtual Garnet Gala toasting 60 years of Mercy High School on April 16! To learn more about how to register and support this "can't miss" event, please read below. Alumnae support is critical to the success of this event which raises funds for current and future Mercy Girls!

As we head into the spring season, the Mercy community wishes our alumnae the blessings of Easter!

Fondly,

Karen Lippy Maimone

Karen Lippy Maimone '92, P'19
Director of Alumnae Engagement

P.S. Looking for an easy way to [support Mercy through Amazon purchases](#) you are already making? Check out the Amazon section below!

IN SOLIDARITY AND PRAYER

The Sisters of Mercy are deeply saddened by the rise of racism, xenophobia, and violence directed towards the Asian, Asian American, and Pacific Islander communities. Here at Mercy High School, we offer our support and prayers for our beloved alumnae, students, faculty and staff from these communities. Last week, Principal Jeanne Blakeslee and other faculty met with Mercy Girls after school to hear their questions and worries. Students are also able to share whatever concerns or questions they might have with their advisors and our school counselors, as well in seminar. More conversations are on the horizon as Mercy continues to strive to be a place where each Mercy Girl feels "*known, cherished, and loved.*"



Join us virtually as we salute Mercy High School's marvelous 60-year legacy at the 17th annual Garnet Gala on Friday, April 16 at 6 p.m.! Register for this amazing evening at <https://MHSGala2021.givesmart.com>

Together, we will celebrate historical milestones, dedicated teachers and staff, and the resilience of Mercy Girls of yesterday, today, and tomorrow! Your support will help continue to provide an outstanding education to our Mercy Girls in the tradition of the Sisters of Mercy!



An unparalleled celebration of girls' athletics. Community, sisterhood, basketball, friendly rivalry. Pep squad, cheerleading, mascots, choir. Old friends and new. Fun! Whatever it is that you love and miss about The Big Game, we are right there with you. We couldn't capture it all, but enjoy this walk down memory lane through a [video montage](#)!



Our Mercy Girls have done an amazing job of reaching their \$30,000 goal in the student fundraiser! Now, they have been challenged to raise \$50,000 in order to earn a special surprise incentive! Buy your tickets today for only \$5 each [here](#). You may choose to support your favorite Mercy Girl, a special teacher, your former adviser, or the general Mercy team. All proceeds benefit our incredible students, and you have a chance to win a \$1,000 first prize; \$750 second prize; \$500 third prize, or \$250 fourth prize. Many thanks to all our alumnae who have already purchased a ticket!

CONNECTING WOMEN OF MERCY WITH TODAY'S MERCY GIRLS



Lynne Spigelmire Viti '65, senior lecturer emerita in the Writing Program at Wellesley College, conducted a virtual poetry reading from her most recent book, *Dancing at Lake Montebello*, for Mercy students enrolled in our AP Language and Literature class and the members of *The Mercy Shield*, our student newspaper and *Lance*, our literary magazine. Also joining the reading were alumnae members of these clubs spanning the Classes of 1964-2003. Lynne, an accomplished, award-winning author, also discussed her creative process and answered questions from Mercy students and alumnae after the reading. To learn more and to read some of Lynne's works, go [here](#). *Photo credit: Richard Howard*



Christina Royster '89, principal, [Big Media Agency](#), and **Sarah Engel Levine '06**, social media manager and website specialist at Johns Hopkins University School of Education, have been sharing their expertise in marketing with **Sarah Zile '21**, who plans to major in Marketing at Towson University and has a special interest in consumer behavior.

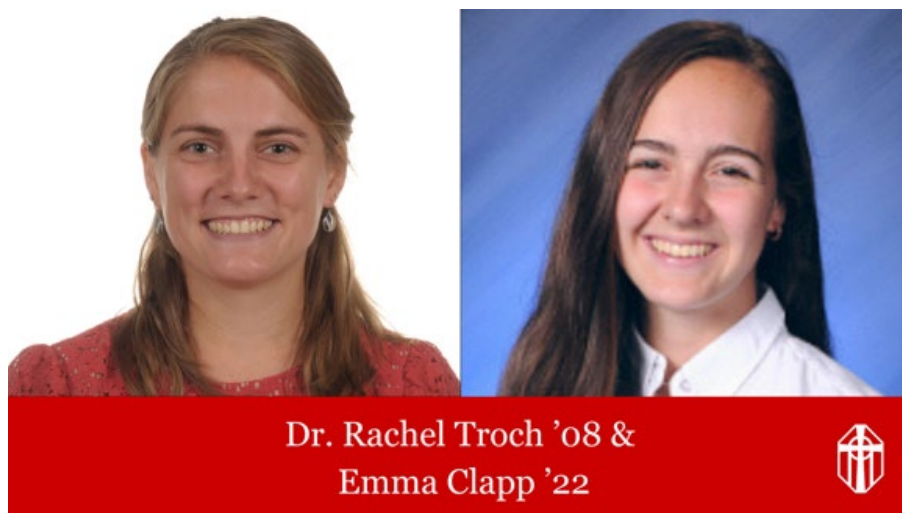


Anna Borkowski '14, an oncology social worker in the Institute for Cancer Care at Mercy Medical Center, met virtually with ninth grade students in Mercy's [Women in Medicine](#) program to discuss the field of social work. Anna is completing graduate studies specializing in clinical health at University of Maryland School of Social Work, with an anticipated May 2021 graduation date. At Mercy Medical, Anna completes biopsychosocial assessments for individuals identified as high risk of distress related to oncology diagnosis and treatment, providing individual/family therapy and case

management services to individuals while facilitating psychosocial and survivorship support groups.



Shianne Antoine Williams-Browne '11, owner and director of [Symmetry Arts Dance Studio](#), was a guest teacher in our *Dance Exploration for All Class*. Shianne led our Mercy Girls in an African dance class as part of the Dance History unit, focusing on how the African culture influenced the dancing we do today, as well as African American social dancing. The dancers were introduced to movement styles from several different African countries, with a focus on West African dancing, as well as some movements from the Caribbean.



Dr. Rachel Troch '08, second-year Neonatology fellow at Children's National Hospital in Washington, D.C and Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, is informally mentoring **Emma Clapp '22**. Through her work with Dr. Troch, Emma, hopes to "gain a more in-depth understanding of the medical field and different areas of study." "I am especially interested in learning about the daily life of those in medical careers to see if I would truly enjoy the career path," explained Emma. "So far my knowledge of the life

of a doctor has been heavily skewed by false portrayals in media, so I want to set the record straight in order to better understand what my future will look like. My passion for learning about anatomy and medical innovations drives me to apply myself towards the noble and important role of a doctor."



Lindsey Dixon '18 and **Shanna Williams Edmond '95, P'20**, met virtually with members of Mercy's Black Awareness Club to discuss their experiences at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU). Lindsey, a junior at Howard University, and Shanna, a graduate of Lincoln University, shared the benefits of attending an HBCU and the importance of finding a school which was a "fit" for each girl. They also encouraged the girls to become active members of their campus community and to build their networks.

ALUMNAE MENTORS SPRING 2021

The Mercy Mentor Program, one of our very first [signature programs](#), offers Mercy juniors the opportunity to participate in a significant internship experience. Mentor students are paired with a professional who shares his or her knowledge and expertise on a one-to-one basis for a semester or an entire year. Students have explored careers under the guidance of *Baltimore Sun* journalists, Johns Hopkins researchers, criminal attorneys, physicians, writers, political leaders, and many other professions. We love providing our Mercy juniors with an accomplished alumnae mentor! Interested in mentoring a Mercy student in the future? Contact [Carol Crist](#) P'14, director of the Mentor Program for more information.



Dr. Carol Tan '83, Federal Highway Administration, &
Valery Caicedo '22, mentoring in Civil Engineering



Dr. Christine Hoang '07, Maryland Family Dentistry, &
Jessica Fowlkes '22, mentoring in Dentistry



Taylor Hall '07, Baltimore City Police Department, &
Carsyn Hyman '22, mentoring in Criminal Investigation



Katie Roberts Dicker '14 & Ashley Taupyen '22, Ocean Engineering



Thank you to the many alumnae who made this event a HUGE success! With your support, more than four bus loads of professional clothing were donated to The Franciscan Center of Baltimore's Attire 4 Hire and Dress For Success Greater Baltimore. These donations will support Baltimore women and men as they prepare to re-enter the work force. Special thanks to our alumnae and alumnae parent volunteers who helped to collect, sort, and box donations: **Gina Rohleder Chambers '89, P'24; Carol and Ken Crist P'14; Lindsey Dixon '18; Shanna Williams Edmond '95, P'20; Taylor Hall '08; Shelby Ruby Jones '09; Maura Hilgartner Kadan '95; Mary Beth Lennon '85; Bob and Karen Lippy Maimone '92, P'19; Nina Mezu '07; and Marylee Pearl Robinson '96.**

Watch WJZ's coverage of the event [here](#) and WBAL's coverage [here](#).







Sophomore Unity Week may have ended, but its impact continues! **Talia Maria '23** and her parents filled their car with eight large boxes full of feminine products and delivered the donations the Mercy community collected throughout Sophomore Unity Week to [Paul's Place, Inc.](#) Thank you, sophomores, for leading this service effort with kindness and compassion, and thank you to all the students, staff, faculty, and **alumnae** who contributed so generously!

CELEBRATING ALUMNAE EDUCATORS IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES





In recognition of Catholic Schools Week 2021, we sent our alumnae who are working in Catholic Schools a Mercy water bottle wishing them a "refreshing" week and thanking them for their service to their students. Here are just a few of the photos we received of alumnae enjoying their gifts!

1. **Laura Vesely Geisel '05**, Fifth Grade Math Teacher, at Immaculate Conception School
2. **Jen Suljak Rush '91**, Middle School Teacher, at Saint Ursula School
3. **Patty Barron Lyons '79**, Middle School Teacher, at Saint Ursula School
4. **Susie Stofberg Beltran '92**, Fifth Grade Teacher, at Saint Ursula School
5. **Kathleen Radebaugh '05**, Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs, at Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
6. **Elisa Ferraro Maid '95**, Director of Advancement, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic School
7. **Katie Pniewski '08**, Middle School Coordinator and English Language Arts Teacher, at Immaculate Conception School
8. **Joanne Heffner Berkey '90**, School Counselor, at Archbishop Curley High School
9. **Nancy Riley Annen '73**, Physical Education Teacher, at Holy Name of Jesus School, Wayzata, Minnesota
10. **Alice Kansler Einolf '69**, Principal, at Berks Catholic High School, Reading, Pennsylvania
11. **Nancy Culotta '78**, Third Grade Teacher, at Saint Ursula School

FROM THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD



The Mercy Alumnae Association was proud to support the Class of 2023 by sponsoring the Kona Ice Truck to deliver a sweet treat to their Friday evening celebration following Sophomore Pin Day and Sophomore Unity Week. The delighted sophomores enjoyed their choice of Kona Ice or Kona hot chocolate, which provided a delicious addition to the festivities planned by the class Steering Committee.



The Alumnae Association also supported the Class of 2021's "100 Days Until Graduation" festivities with the addition of a personalized chocolate bar to the goody bag each senior received at the conclusion of this fun event! The Association is committed to supporting the Class of 2021 as they continue to navigate a most unusual senior year with grace and persistence.



While we may not be together for this year's traditional Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Alumnae Association, we won't let that stop our fun! Please go [here](#) to download custom Mercy Easter coloring pages designed by our very own Mercy Girls! Be sure to [send us](#) your completed creations! Many thanks to **Arryn Berroya '22**, **Alice Chen '22**, **Emma Edwards '22** (granddaughter of **Janet Sowers Collins '64**), **Olivia Hatcher '21** (daughter of **Laura LeBrun Hatcher '94**), and **Chloe Lehman '24** (daughter of **Lucy White Lehman '92**) for sharing their artistic talents with the youngest members of Magic Nation!

News from the Black Alumnae Affinity Group

The Black Alumnae Affinity group held their first meeting on March 16th. Members gathered virtually to get to know one another and begin discussing plans for the group. There is still time to join! Please complete this [form](#) to receive further information and

future updates on how you can reconnect with Mercy and support our Mercy sisters! Please contact BlackAlumnaeAffinityGroup@mercyhighschool.com with any questions.

-Taylor Hall '08, Chair, Black Alumnae Affinity Group

News from the Young Alumnae Affinity Group

The Young Alumnae Affinity Group, who aims to seeks to engage and reconnect alumnae t Women of Mercy who are up to 15 years post-graduation, is still looking for members. This affinity group needs your input on creating events designed with you in mind! We also would like to connect our youngest alumnae to our current Mercy Girls as they prepare to enter college and explore career opportunities. Please complete this [form](#) to receive further information and future updates on how you can reconnect with Mercy and support our Mercy sisters! Please contact YoungAlumnaeAffinityGroup@mercyhighschool.com with any questions.

-Tammy Mays '85, P'11, Lauren Calva '10, Maura Commodari '12, & Kayleigh Maimone '19

Young Alumnae Affinity Group Committee

CLASS of 2023 MERCY LEGACIES

SOPHOMORE PIN DAY



Top Left: **Lacey Pullarn Clifton '92, P'23 & Olivia Clifton '23**

Top Right: **Jen Kisnick Tanner '93, P'23 & Marissa Tanner '23**

Bottom Left: **Bridgette Sachs Casserly '94, P'23 & Sydney Casserly**

Bottom Right: **Tricia Henry Panageotou '95, P'23 & Lauren Panageotou '23**



*Top Left: **Sabina Taffetani Feiler '91, P'23 & Sydney Feiler '23***

*Top Right: **Bonnie Luc Cooper '88, P'23 & Olivia Cooper '23***

*Bottom Left: **Kelly Knapp Cumberledge '95, P'23 & Molly Cumberledge '23***

*Bottom Right: **Allie Lijewski '18 & Hayley Lijewski '23***



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Interested in a book written by a Mercy Alumna? Check out these incredible reads! By popular request, we will be continuing this series in future newsletters. To have a book that you have written added to the list, please email [Karen Lippy Maimone '92, P'19](mailto:karen.lippy@mercygirls.org).

Mary Brookhart Mihaltian '65 (RIP): *A Guide to the Internet, The Bank Asset/Liability Management Pocket Guide and Famous Southern Dishes Cookbook*

Beth Hurley Luers '70: *Creating Light*

Annette DeMarco Miller '81: *Dark Angel series, www.Cupid, and Praline Dreams (One Scoop or Two)*

Linda Wasiljov Fausnet '93: *The Gettysburg Ghost Series: Somebody's Darling, Darling Soldiers, and Forever Darling*

Victoria Zucas '05: *An Introduction to 3D Printing*

Support Mercy with a Legacy Gift

Are you a member of the [Circle of Mercy](#)? Our legacy giving program, the Circle of Mercy, allows donors to make a lasting impact. To join, just name Mercy in your will, trust, or as a beneficiary of an insurance policy. Contact [Amy Kemp](#), director of advancement, for more information about how you can support Mercy Girls in this special way!

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



Have a life update to share? Want to announce a promotion, job change, college update, or graduation? Now is the perfect time to share a class note!

[Class notes](#) are brief updates shared with the larger Mercy community on the alumnae section of our webpage. High-res photos of your special events are welcome and we will include them alongside your notes as space allows. Email your submissions to the [Alumnae Engagement Office](#) today.

STAY CONNECTED TO MERCY

Did you move? Change your email address? The Alumnae Engagement Office periodically distributes communications via US Mail and email and we want to keep YOU in the loop! Update your information [online](#) or by [email](#).

Mercy High School also has an active presence on social media. Be sure to like and follow our pages for immediate updates and as a way to share information and connect instantly with your Mercy sisters!



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