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# JAGWIRE

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But you can still rule the world.*



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## 2014 Summer Camps

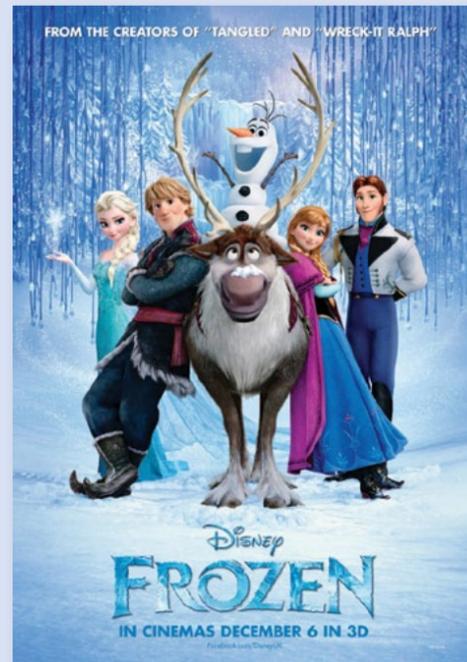
Mercy offers a wide variety of summer camps to elementary and middle school students! To register for one of our academic or athletic camps, visit our website at [mercyacademy.com](http://mercyacademy.com).

## Mercy Family Movie Night

Bring your family to Mercy's Evans Park and enjoy a movie under the stars on our new turf field.

**Friday, May 9 starting at 7:00 p.m.**

Grab blankets or lawn chairs and relax as you watch the blockbuster hit Frozen on our giant movie screen.





“In this issue of the *JagWire*, you will be treated to stories of women in our time who have been educated and prepared for real life at the Academy of Our Lady of Mercy.”

When Catherine McAuley established her House of Mercy in Dublin in 1827, life was all too real for many of the young Irish women who came to her for an education. Their main source of employment was as servant girls with little opportunity, often subject to the whims of their employers. The education that her school provided gave them dignity, opportunity, an understanding of their faith that would stand the test of time and the tools for a better life, all in the name and spirit of God's mercy.

Times have changed and the students of Mercy Academy, a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Mercy, come from very different circumstances than the students back then, but they bring similar underlying needs and desires. They want to be prepared not only for college but for life that they may have dignity, opportunity, an understanding of their

faith that will stand the test of time and the tools for making the most of their gifts and talents so that, paraphrasing the words of President Kennedy, here on earth God's work may truly be their own.

In this issue of the *JagWire*, you will be treated to stories of women in our time who have been educated and prepared for real life at the Academy of Our Lady of Mercy. These are women of great skill, accomplishment and influence who provide a merciful presence in their work and community. You will read about current students writing their own stories and making the most of their God-given talents and abilities, guided by dedicated and talented teachers who bring out the best in them and hold them to high standards. You will see evidence of the high quality of their accomplishments, for as Sister Mary Quentin Barth used to very clearly remind me, Mother McAuley

expected her schools to achieve superior results. You will catch up on the lives of current alumnae and remember those who have gone on to the peace and mercy of heaven.

None of this would be possible without the support and generosity of the entire Mercy community. Your support is the foundation of the works of the Academy and the dignity, opportunity, faith and merciful presence in our world seen so clearly in the lives of its students and alumnae. For this, we are ever grateful.

Blessings,

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## JAGWIRE Spring 2014

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Image used in our marketing campaign, designed by Doe Anderson.

# You're Not a Princess...



## But you can still rule the world!

When Mercy teamed with Doe Anderson to prepare our advertising campaign for this year, the goal was to create a campaign slogan that would serve as a conversation starter. The slogan, "You're Not a Princess," certainly started a conversation heard world-wide.

The theme of this campaign put a spin on the fairytale stories which all of our students grew up hearing.

While everyone loves a fairy tale, Mercy wants students to write their own story, a story better than any fairy tale. Our goal was to inspire women to see that they are not the archetypal princesses; they are more. Mercy's mission is to prepare students for real life. Doe Anderson beautifully sculpted a campaign that perfectly matched this idea. The advertising sparked a

public relations event which allowed this mission to be heard throughout Louisville, the United States, and around the world.

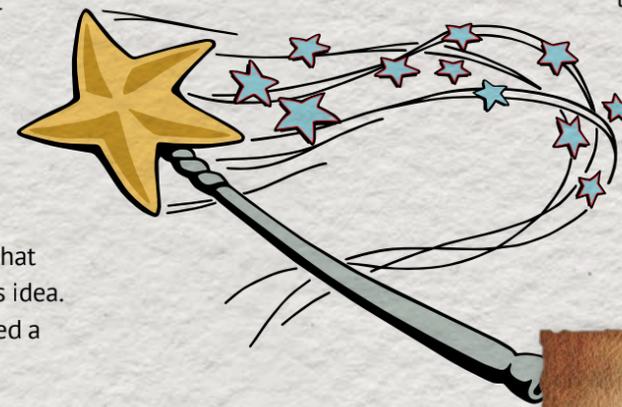
On November 12, ADWEEK, one of the nation's top advertising trade publications, featured the campaign on its web site. The article praised the campaign's inspiring message for young girls. It began a media frenzy, highlighting the campaign's message and the incredible performance based

curriculum Mercy students are exposed to everyday. Soon after the ADWEEK article, the media coverage went national. *The Today Show*, *Huffington Post*, and *Yahoo* picked up the story immediately following the ADWEEK article. Locally, WHAS, WLKY, WDRB, WAVE, *Insider Louisville*, *Business First*, WFPL, *Courier-Journal*, and

Style Blue Print covered the campaign's message as well. The story also received international attention by CKNW in Canada, *Huffington Post UK*, *Marketingdirector.com*, and *Peru.com*.

The "You're Not a Princess" message was publicized in 186 different online publications. The campaign was named Most Inspiring Campaign for Women in 2013 by ADWEEK.

*The Today Show, Huffington Post, and Yahoo picked up the story nationally.*



*"This morning, I was watching The Today Show when they reported on Mercy's campaign. I have never been so incredibly proud to be a Mercy alumna.*

*The "Write Your Own Story" campaign exemplifies confidence, responsibility, motivation, courage, and independence. The world is a better place because of the strong women who emerge from Mercy Academy."*

*-Allison Ostrader '06*



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## Featured Alumna Peggy Noe Stevens '83

In 2008, Peggy fulfilled a long time dream by starting her own company Peggy Noe Stevens & Associates. As a trained and certified protocol, image and public speaking consultant, she uses a customized approach to establishing the authentic image architecture of both people and place. Because of her signature style, expertise and creativity, she is retained by companies to seek out the true essence of image and identity. Her approach conveys powerfully targeted brand messaging through environments while building confidence, self-awareness and professional presence in employees. Her clients have included Northwestern Mutual, Brown-Forman, The Kentucky Department of Travel, The Oliver Group, Frost Brown Todd and many others

In many ways, Peggy has been a trail blazer for women. She became the world's first female Master Bourbon Taster in the industry and can trace her lineage back to some of the great bourbon making families in Kentucky. In 2011, living up to her heritage, she founded Bourbon Women, the first women's consumer organization in the beverage industry. Since its inception, Bourbon Women has grown to include more than 400 members from over 20 states and three countries transforming the industry and attracting corporate support from the top names in bourbon.

Her executive leadership skills coupled with her talent in designing women's research and strategy studies for corporations are remarkable, and she has spoken to countless

professional organizations on issues in the workplace and career strategy. She has set an inspiring new standard by which corporations can attract and retain female executives. In addition to countless articles and television appearances, Peggy has recently authored the book, *Professional Presence: A Four Part Program for Building Your Personal Brand* released in April 2012.

In 2012, Peggy's company also launched a multi-day summer program for high school juniors and seniors designed to help students focus their leadership, presentation, interview and interpersonal skills. She worked closely with a number of high schools when designing the curriculum and selecting students for the pilot program. The program is also being used with at-risk teens including those in foster care and teenage parents to help them learn critical skills necessary for success and to envision a brighter future for themselves. In 2012, The Westport TAPP School (for teenage parents) selected Peggy as their most valuable volunteer.

Mother, author, global speaker, media spokesperson and prominent experiential brand strategist, Peggy brings a gracious, fresh and relevant approach to establishing image. She engages audiences with her dynamic wit and energetic message.

Mercy is thrilled to announce that Peggy will be our graduation speaker during the commencement ceremony for the Class of 2014!

"Mercy encouraged me to be unique and develop my own talent and personality. Because of Mercy's diversity, I met young women from all over the city who helped to shape my values and leadership skills."

"My Mercy education was a fantastic preparation for "real life" and for my many pursuits. The Mercy attitude stressed that a person's success and happiness in life depend on her willingness to work hard and treat other people well. No one owes you anything; you have to be ready to figure out what needs to be done and do it yourself, making sure that others are taken care of along the way. We were always given opportunities to take responsibility and to forge new paths. Compassion, accountability, self-reliance, and a proactive plan – that's the Mercy way."

## Featured Alumna Peggy Hagerty Duffy '85

After leaving Mercy, Peggy graduated from the University of Louisville in 1989 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. She received her Master of Engineering degree in Civil Engineering in 1990, with a concentration in geotechnical engineering.

Currently, Peggy is President of Hagerty Engineering, Inc., an engineering firm that she founded in 1997. The firm performs geotechnical engineering, construction materials testing, and environmental services for clients throughout Kentucky and Indiana. Peggy's special expertise and experience is with sinkholes and karst terrain, as she has worked on hundreds of sinkhole projects.

Peggy is also Vice President of Construction Solutions, LLC, a project management firm. They manage design and construction for a variety of clients throughout the region, and specialize in parks. Their most prominent local project has been Waterfront Park, including the Louisville-side ramp to the Big Four Bridge and conversion of the bridge to a pedestrian walkway, a project that changed the face of downtown.

In addition, she is the Technical Advisor to the International Association of Foundation Drilling (IAFD-ADSC). She is responsible for all research and technical matters, including interaction with state, federal, and local government agencies.

Peggy feels strongly about involvement in the community and about public service. She is the co-chair of Jeffersonville City Pride, which is the Jeffersonville equivalent of Brightside and 100% volunteer driven. She serves on the Jeffersonville Arts Alliance and the Speed School of Engineering Alumni Council. Introducing engineering to young students, particularly girls, is very important to Peggy, as she does outreach with local schools to encourage students to pursue careers in engineering.

Peggy's dedication to making Louisville a better place, both aesthetically in business and service, is most certainly making the most of Mercy's preparation for real-life.



# Write Your Own Story

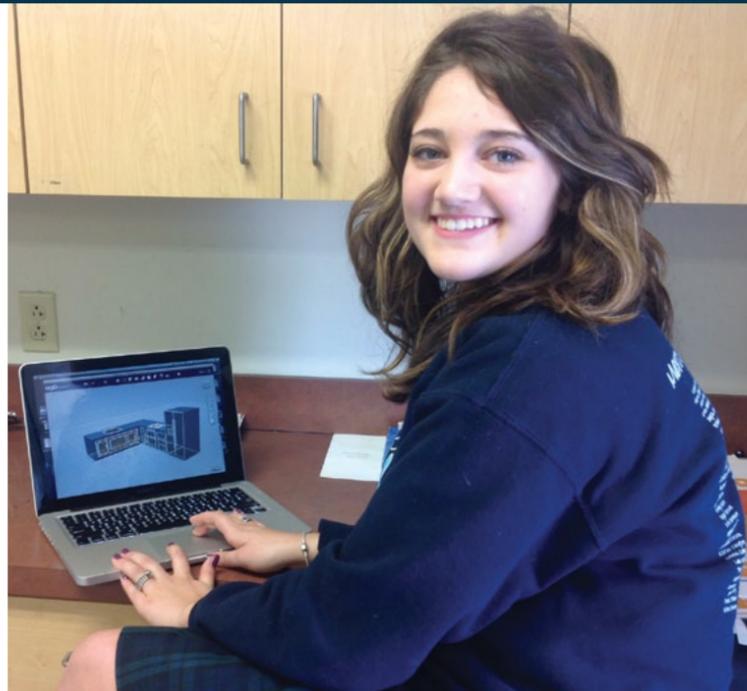
## Hannah Goodwin '14

Mercy Academy offers a variety of great courses for their students to discover where their true passion lies. For me, it is art. I have known since I was young that my career aspirations include art in some way. At Mercy, I was able to take art for three years as an elective, and my senior year I was given the opportunity to take AP Art and Digital Design.

I have worked with some of the best teachers that have developed my passion into a reality. They teach you how to use the materials and even the most basic drawing skills. When I came to Mercy, I was one of those people who said, "I can only draw stick people." I never knew how to develop my drawing, but Mrs. Belvoix taught me how to do

that and so much more. The art department also taught me about the perspective of art. If you put compassion and love into your art, you will receive it back from the people viewing it. I can proudly say that I would not have gotten this education at any other school because our teachers are unlike any other.

While taking a Digital Design course was a little different from what I was used to, it was the best decision I've ever made. Most high school students wouldn't be able to say that they designed and constructed a real model of an apartment using a 3D printer, which, by the way, is pretty much the coolest thing I've ever seen. They also probably couldn't say that they worked with



amazing programs like Adobe Illustrator, 123D Design, Photoshop, and many more. I am going to Savannah College of Art and Design in the fall and majoring in Illustration, none of which would have been possible

without everything I've learned over the past four years. I know I am way more prepared to embark on this next chapter of my life than many others, and for that, I am so grateful.

## Madison Mudd '16

I have been blessed with many things in my life, but one of the greatest is being a student at Mercy Academy. The teachers and staff at Mercy push us to do our best and to pursue our dreams. For instance, I want to be a Marine Biologist. I have such a passion for marine life and the ocean. When I came to Mercy and heard they offered a marine biology field trip to the Florida Keys, I knew it was something I could not miss.

The trip was truly one of the best experiences of my life.



We performed hands-on activities with real marine life. We learned, in detail, many things about a variety of animals. For example, did you know that jellyfish sting you through your hair follicles? You can actually hold them in the palm of your hand and not feel a sting! We also did so many other fun things like snorkeling, swimming with dolphins, a hiking, and riding an airboat in the Everglades. We also went kayaking in the ocean, but my favorite part was swimming with the sharks. They are my favorite animals, and it was so cool to be able to be up close and personal with them in their natural habitat.

This trip was just a peek into my future, and I am beyond grateful I was given the chance to do this. I know that in my two years left at Mercy, I will be given more opportunities like this one to see what we are learning in the classroom come to life. It would not have been possible if it was not for Mercy. I cannot wait to go back to the Keys my senior year!

## Rachel French '14

Being a student at Mercy Academy has made me a woman in which I can always be proud. Throughout the past four years, I have been given the opportunity to take multiple science electives, fueling my passion for biology. In these classes, there are so many hands-on experiences our teachers give us to see and do, including dissections, experiments, labs and more, which allow us to put what we have learned into practice. In my Biology 2 class, we were presented with mock patients we had to diagnose through dialogue with the patients, a task that is usually done in medical school. The Forensics class analyzes a variety of evidence and data to solve fictional crimes. Each science course presents new challenges and, with that, different real-life tasks.

Recently, I was able to travel to the Louisville Science Center with my Anatomy and Physiology class to be one of the few to watch a live heart surgery. This was such an incredible experience for someone who plans to go into the medical field. With the hands-on approach in the classroom and our teachers' dedication to showing us how what we've learned translates into real life, I am better prepared to become the doctor I have always wanted to be.

Being a Mercy student, I have also come to love service, and with that love, I have discovered the importance of blood drives and medical fairs and am more willing to participate in them. I am able to better help my community in the future with the preparation I have been given and the service opportunities Mercy offers. I could not be more thankful for the wonderful high school experience I have had here at Mercy Academy. I am an independent woman, and I am ready to take on the challenges of life after graduation.

## Courtney Lush '14

Every teacher I've had at Mercy has been truly amazing. They have pushed me to become the best student and person I can possibly be. However, there is one teacher that has completely changed my life and inspired my career goals. That teacher is Mrs. Sims. The joy she gets from teaching Mercy girls has inspired me to become a teacher and hopefully return to Mercy in a teaching role.

Mrs. Sims has not only inspired my ambition to teach, but she has also shown me, through her many hands-on lessons in class and in Mercy Beyond Borders, that I have the power to change the world. She has opened my eyes to several of the issues and injustices. One in particular that continues to speak to me is the lack of quality education for children around the world. As part of my morality class, the junior class promoted a movie called *Girl Rising*. The *Girl Rising* project began my passion for supporting children's education. I was able to explore this even further in the Louisville community as I worked on my senior service project.

I encountered several children in our own backyard who couldn't attend school due to similar issues. As I continue to learn more about the lack of quality education, my commitment to making a difference only grows. Because of this, I hope to one day open my own non-profit organization to help children receive a quality education by supporting them financially and emotionally and by bettering their education systems.

I credit my passion and ambition to my Mercy education. Mercy has instilled in me the value of service and has taught me to help the neediest of those among us. More importantly, Mercy has given me countless opportunities to put the lessons I've learned in the classroom into real life practices, giving me the chance to see how I truly can make a difference. My teachers have taught me how I can create change and have given me the courage to go out and be a leader. These four years have taught me what it means to be a woman of Mercy, and I plan to live out those values for the rest of my life.



### The Pulse of Surgery

A group of 39 juniors and seniors from our anatomy classes went to the Louisville Science Center to watch a live feed from Jewish Hospital of an open heart surgery via closed circuit television. Following the surgery, the students were able to ask questions of the doctors and nurses.

*"The experience was very exciting and informative and allowed me to understand what really goes on during surgery."*

—Kayla Bellot, Class of 2015



### Junior Service

Representatives Larry Clark and Steve Riggs joined our juniors for breakfast where they spoke to the girls about the bills of interest to our students. This was one of the stepping stones before the students visited Frankfort. The trip to Frankfort allowed students to meet with their representatives and senators and lobby for bills that align with Catholic social teaching.



*"We hope that this advocacy experience inspires them to remain aware of issues and committed to being part of the solution. Hopefully some will also respond to the need to have more women in leadership positions."*

—Rick Blackwell, Service Learning and Leadership Coordinator



### FLORIDA KEYS TRIP

Nine students accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Bowman to the Florida Keys for a marine biology and saltwater ecology field trip February 6-10. One of their stops was Newfound Harbor Marine Institute, where the students conducted scientific explorations such as dissecting algae and sponges to discover why organisms make it their home, nocturnal adaptations of marine organisms and shark biology. Aside from their explorations at NHMI, the students were able to swim with the dolphins, hike in the Everglades, take an airboat ride and learn about alligators and Florida panthers.



### NYC TRIP

Our seniors had a fabulous time in New York City. They had the opportunity to see the World Trade Center Memorial, Grand Central Terminal, Central Park, Times Square, Chinatown, Little Italy, Ellis Island and NBC studios. They also visited the Top of the Rock, attended mass at St. Patrick's cathedral and took the pedestal tour of the Statue of Liberty.



### Mercy Welcomes Japanese Students

On March 13, thirteen Japanese students visited from Hachinoche, Japan, for two weeks to be fully immersed in American culture. The students ranged between ages 14-17 years and attend St. Ursula High School. During their visit, they shadowed their host student, attended an English conversation class, and visited Louisville landmarks.

### TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD



**Melissa Eckenfels Schoenbachler '99** was awarded the Catholic Education Foundation Teacher of the Year award at the Archdiocesan luncheon.



## DERBY ART

Junior Abby Moore's artwork was selected as the Grand Prize Winner for the Kentucky Derby Museum's Horsing Around with Art Contest. The Grand Prize is sponsored by Churchill Downs and is given to the work judged to best capture the spirit of the Kentucky Derby. Abby receives six tickets to the 140th Kentucky Derby, a plaque, ribbon and certificate. Mercy will receive \$500 for art supplies. Abby's work will be framed and on display in the Derby Museum for the next year.



## The National Art Honor Society

The National Art Honor Society inducted new and returning members to this year's chapter. These artists donated their artistic talents through service by creating art work for Mercy's Benefit off Broadway, designing and producing paintings for Mercy's cafeteria and donating profits from their Christmas ornament sale to Kosair Children's Hospital.

## Grandparents' Mass

Current Mercy grandparents were invited to attend the All Saints Day Mass with their granddaughters on Friday, November 1, 2013. The students are always thrilled to see their grandparents, and it is a special time for them to share together.



## Literally Mercy does it again!

Congrats to teacher Laurel Wyatt '03 and last year's creative writing classes for receiving another superior ranking from the National Council of Teachers of English for our literary magazine *Literally Mercy*. Their profound writing pieces were highlighted by the beautiful artwork from Jean Belvoix and Steve Hammer's art classes.

## SEUSS ON STAGE

In the fall, 40 Mercy students, along with 30 other students from St. X, YPAS, Ascension, St. Michael, St. Rita, St. Edward and St. Gabriel, performed *Seussical the Musical*, a play put together from Dr. Seuss's most famous books.



## Mercy Receives a \$26,229 Technology Grant!

The Kentucky Society for Technology in Education (KYTE) awarded Mercy a \$26,229 grant in response to a proposal entitled "Programming for the Future: Young Women Work to Create an App." The grant will fund the purchase of a classroom set of iMac computers. Mercy students, under the direction of our Technology Integration Specialist, Stephanie Heitz '99, will use this technology to develop a hall pass app for students state-wide. Currently, there are no quality apps available. This project exemplifies the goal of the Academy, to prepare students for real life.



# Daddy Daughter dance



Mercy students and their dads laced up their boots and dug out their best cowboy duds to attend the "Country Western" themed Daddy Daughter Dance on Saturday, November 16, 2013. The evening was filled with great music, raffles, a corn hole tournament, snacks, and, most of all, fun! Special thanks to Karen Jutz, our committee chair, the entire Daddy Daughter Dance committee, and all of our volunteers who helped put this special night together.



## Mercy Walkathon Huge Success

A total of **\$54,671** was raised during our annual Walkathon. Students enjoyed dressing up in their class colors and walking in beautiful weather on Friday, October 11, 2013. In addition, we collected **920 pounds of food** for Dare to Care during the Food Frenzy. Our sincerest gratitude goes out to Karen Walsh, parent volunteer committee chair; all volunteers who helped on Walk Day, collection days and after the Penny Assembly; our students for selling walk chances and bringing in coins for the Penny Competition; parents who bought walk chances; Sheriff Bob Adams, and, of course, all of our sponsors who make this day possible. Proceeds from the Walkathon benefit Mercy's tuition assistance program.



**Thank You Walk Sponsors!** Maeser Master Services, McDonald's, Mercy Academy Board of Directors, Oates Flag Company, Park Community Credit Union, Parker School Uniforms, Southeast Pallet & Recycling, The Eye Care Institute, The Motz Group, Traud Electric

### Top Sellers

1. Catherine Stocksdales '14
2. Jessica Brockman '16
3. Elizabeth Thaler '17

### \$1000 Prize Winner

Camilo Torres (seller: Sahian Torres '17)

## Benefit Off Broadway 2014: Another Record-Breaking Year!



### Over \$156,000 Raised at This Year's Benefit

Over 460 guests and volunteers gathered on Saturday, February 8, 2014, for Mercy's 19th annual Benefit Off Broadway. Previous records were once again shattered with a net of over **\$156,000!** Proceeds from Benefit Off Broadway go to Mercy's tuition assistance program, which aims to help financially every young woman who has the desire to attend the Academy.

The event's theme was appropriately named "Diamonds & Ice," and while there may have been snow on the ground, it did not compare in beauty to the transformation that overcame Mercy that evening. Guests were greeted

with an "M" ice sculpture and lights were strung throughout the Broadway corridor, giving it a sophisticated touch. A crystal chandelier hung from the middle of the room, and white fabric lined the perimeter. Thank you to Lisa Freville '84 and the decorations committee for creating such an elegant, glamorous atmosphere!

The evening kicked off with a delicious dinner catered by Mirabelle Gourmet Catering, followed by the Live Auction, where once-in-a-lifetime trips and experiences were the focus. We once again enlisted the professional help of auctioneer Murray McCandless, who

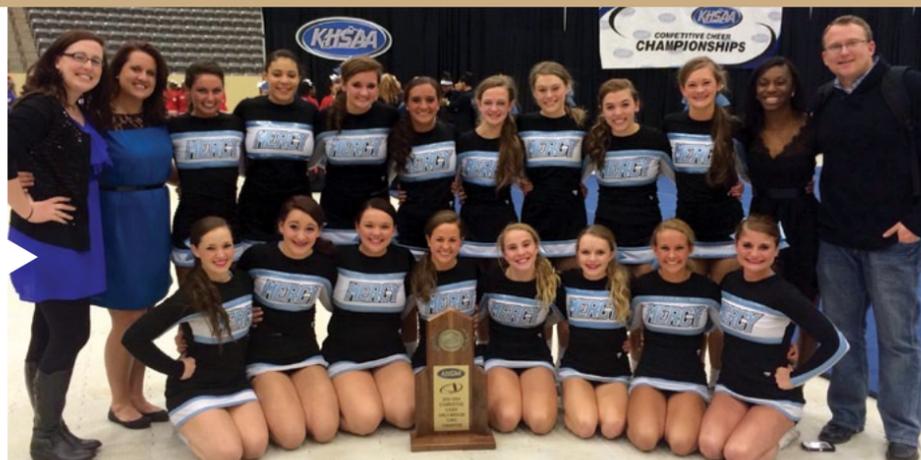
helped us raise over \$35,000 on the Live Auction portion alone. Junior Kara Thomas moved us into the "fund-an-item" portion of the evening, where she shared her touching story of how Mercy donors helped her family in a time of need. Bidding began for the Guardian Angel Fund, which was established to assist families in the midst of an emergency, such as the passing of a parent or loss of a job. We raised \$34,000 for the new fund!

This evening and its success would not have been possible without our dedicated committee, especially BOB Chair **Richard Banta** and BOB Assistant Chair **Alan Kissel**. We also send a heartfelt thanks to all volunteers, donors, sponsors, and attendees. We look forward to our 20th Benefit Off Broadway in 2015!



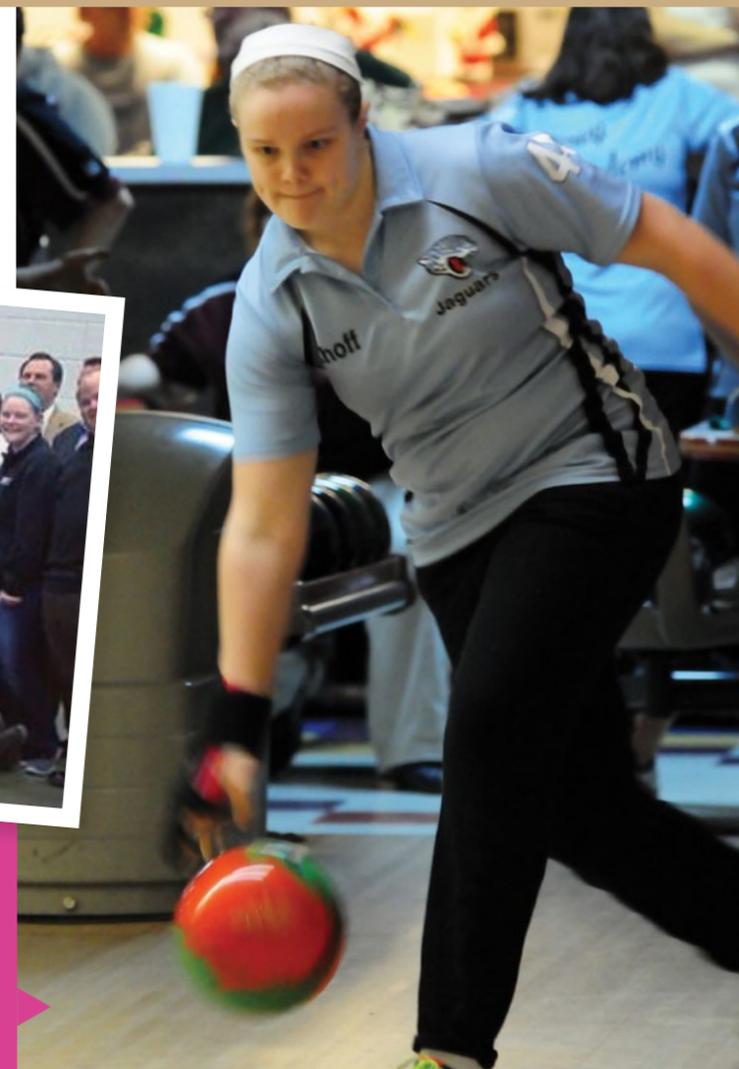
### Cheerleading

Mercy's varsity cheerleaders won the KHSAA State Championship on December 14 in Lexington, KY.



### Basketball

The Mercy basketball team won the 24th District Championship after beating Bullitt East on February 27.



### SWIMMING

Janelle Hall '16 (left), Erica Lindsey '16 (middle), & Callie Pass '16 (right) during the Region II Championship at the Ralph Wright Natatorium on the campus of the University of Louisville.



### DANCE

The Mercy dance team placed 1st in the Jazz and Pom at the Jamfest Super Nationals in Indianapolis on March 22.

### BOWLING

The Mercy bowling team finished their season with an impressive 10-1 record and qualified for the state tournament.



### VOLLEYBALL

Mercy's varsity volleyball team as they went 5-0 to win the Berkeley Prep Premier Tournament in Tampa, FL.

### Soccer

Congratulations to the Mercy soccer team, sixth region champions.



## ALUMNAE UPDATE

● **Denise Renn Greene '73** is a licensed Clinical Social Worker and Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor. She recently opened her own behavioral health private practice center for women and children in the Highlands.

● **Mikki Parker Shumaker '96** recently moved back to Louisville after being away for 13 years. She was living in Oregon where she graduated from veterinary school at Oregon State University. She and her husband, Brantley had their first baby in May. She is an associate veterinarian at Pets Plus Veterinary Center in Fern Creek.

● **Pam Zipper '98** is living in Denver and teaching 10th grade physics in a turnaround school, Denver Center for International Studies at Montbello. She recently attained her National Board Certification in biology.

● **Tiffany Short LaGrow '01** lives in Chicago, Illinois with her husband, Jack. She is the Product Development Manager for Health Care Service Corporation.

● **Stephanie Walker '02** got married in August 2013 at the Terrapin Hill Farm in Harrodsburg, Kentucky. Alumna, and close friend of the couple, **Mandy Gatewood '02**, was the ceremony officiate. Stephanie is an interior designer and color consultant for Abbott Paint and Carpet in Stillwater, Minnesota. She and her husband live in Minneapolis.

● **Madeline Schrock '07** was promoted in the Fall of 2013 to managing editor of both Dance Magazine and Pointe in New York City. She lives across the Hudson River in Hoboken, New Jersey.

● **Chelsey Beeson '08** graduated from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, with a Masters in Creative Writing and Literature.

● **Samantha Brown '09** received her degree from the University of Chicago and is working as an Executive Recruiter for DHR International. She recently transferred to their new San Francisco office and loves it.

● **Kaitlin Young '09** graduated in May 2013 from Bellarmine University with a major in

**Carolyn Schnurr '02** is living in Maryland and working with the ASPCA in D.C. She has been doing amazing work with them, and she and her dog, Roo, are featured in this year's calendar.



The **Class of 1956** enjoyed their 4th annual outing at Butler State Park. They shopped until the wee hours of the morning and played card games. They also meet once a month at Golden Corral for lunch.

Communications. She works for E.W. Scripps Company, a WCPO affiliate in Cincinnati, Ohio, and has been there since June 2013. She is an Account Executive Assistant in Commercial Sales.

● **Madison Hardy '10** senior libero for Miami University, was named the MAC East Division Defensive Player of the Week in late October 2013. It was the first weekly award of the season and the fifth time she has won the honor in her career.

● **Suzanne Asbury '11** received a 2013 First Team All-Conference Award for volleyball from the Southern Athletic Association. She is a middle blocker for the Centre College Colonels. She was ranked #1 in blocks/set and #2 in hitting percentage for the 2013 conference season. She is currently a junior at Centre College studying biology. Her goal after graduation is to pursue a post graduate degree in optometry.

● **Jenna Hollinden '12** was chosen as one of two nominees from the University of Kentucky to attend WHU Otto Beisheim School of Management. WHU is located in Vallendar, Germany and is the Number One business school in Germany and Number 21 in Europe. Jenna will be studying abroad her fall semester of 2014 and return in early 2015.

## MARRIAGES

Our best wishes for a lifetime of happiness to the newlywed couples.

**Stephanie Walker '02** to Dr. Gene Brandewie 8/31/13



**Taylor Moad '08** to Ryan Cummings 11/9/13



**Jennifer Hawley '04** to Kevin Luce 7/13/13



**Tiffany Short '01** to Jack LaGrow 9/21/13



**Emily Crabtree '07** to Ryan Kockentiet 8/31/13



**Catherine Montano '09** is working as an Assistant Account Executive for The Buntin Group in Nashville, Tennessee.



**Dr. Ja Koo '07** took her boards and is now a Registered Pharmacist in Kentucky. She graduated with honors from University of Rhode Island where she received a Doctorate of Pharmacy.

## Featured Alumna Kim Brohm '98

The Brohm name is well-known in the Louisville community, commonly associated with football. At Mercy though, we connect it to 1998 alumna, and athletic stand-out, Kim. The only daughter of Oscar and Donna's four children, Kim was an excellent student as well as athlete. According to Mercy's Athletic Director, and Kim's former coach, Mark Evans, "She was a pure multitalented, multisport athlete that excelled in the classroom. As with all of the Brohm family, she is of high character and a wonderful individual." Kim and her family were honored at the second annual Louisville Catholic Sports Hall of Fame as the first ever recipients of the Howard Schnellenberger Family Award for their outstanding achievements on the field/court as well as in the community. In her part of the acceptance speech, Kim thanked her extended families at Mercy Academy and Spalding University for shaping her into the person she is today. She is currently a Customer Service Supervisor at Olin Brass, which is a copper company headquartered in Louisville. Kim said, "I work with a great team and feel I bring much of the Mercy spirit and use many of the skills I learned through athletics daily." She continues to play volleyball year round and a little coed softball and is an avid runner – having run the past two Derby Festival marathons and various mini-marathons. We are so proud of Kim and what a fine example she is of a woman of Mercy.

*Kim and her mom, Donna, at the Awards Ceremony.*



**Samantha Daunhauer Elder '04** is enjoying life with her husband, Justin, and two handsome sons, Bentley (12/26/11) and Beau (4/11/13).



(Above) Members of the **Class of 1950** gathered together for their annual Christmas luncheon in December at the Knights of Columbus on River Road. They had a great time sharing stories of their Mercy days, enjoying lunch and playing a fun gift exchange game.

(Left) Ladies from the **Class of 1958** gathered for their Christmas luncheon at Ryan's Restaurant. They had a great time, but definitely missed the classmates who weren't able to attend.



**Kris Hawkins Wheaton '04** was crowned the 2013 Harmony Queen of Harmony, Inc., an international female barbershop organization. Her quartet, Spot On, won the international competition in Windsor, ON, November 15. Learn more about the quartet at [spot-on-quartet.webs.com](http://spot-on-quartet.webs.com).



**Kate Filcik Brockman '04**  
Addison Marie Brockman 11/14/13

**BIRTHS**

Our congratulations to the parents of these newest members of the Mercy family.

**Mikki Parker Shumaker '96**  
Redmond Carl Shumaker 5/12/13



Photo from l to r: Rick Blackwell (coach), Margie Gillooly (coach), Tina Naehr Davies, Nicki Wilkins Funke, Leigh Ann Burke, Monica Beam Bohn, Kelly Gillooly Watts, Kristin Kupper, Christina Wigginton Beam. Not pictured: Amy Brickley Van Eekeren, Christina Jansen Mackiewicz, Tami Sander (manager) Lisa Hall Smith (manager) Paula Landrum (manager).

Members from the **Class of 1973** held their final celebration of their 40th reunion at Mike Linnig's Restaurant in October 2013.



**Julie Browning Ice '89** and her husband, Roy, received the Kristina Witten Hope Award. The award is given to someone who offers hope to the Cystic Fibrosis community of a brighter future. The recipient of this award is selected by the CF Foundation and Kristina's parents, Debbie and Roy Witten.



**What's new with you?**

Have you recently married? Had a baby? Received a promotion, retired or moved to a new city?

We would love to update your classmates on what is going on with you. Please email all updates (including wedding/birth date, spouse/baby's name) to **Heather Blazis at [hblazis@mercyjaguars.com](mailto:hblazis@mercyjaguars.com)**.

If you email a picture, please make sure it is high resolution.

Members of the **1988 Mercy state volleyball team** were honored at the KHASS 2013 State Championship.

**Alumnae New York Trip**

Pro-Edge Tours, Mr. Jim Protenic and Mr. Tracy Edgerton, Mercy faculty members, have led 18 student trips to the "Big Apple," New York City. They have taken over 1,400 students to tour NYC for three days of educational, cultural and social "enrichment." They are interested in exploring the possibility of a Mercy alumnae trip during Summer 2015. The landmarks they have visited include: World Trade Memorial, Grand Central Terminal, NBC studios tour, Top of the Rock, Times Square, Ellis Island, Statue of Liberty, a walking tour of Manhattan including – Wall Street, Trinity Church, SOHO, and time to shop in Chinatown and Little Italy. A Broadway play, Central Park, Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral and other items of interest have been on the itinerary. If you are interested in an alumnae trip, please contact Jim at [jprotenic@mercyjaguars.com](mailto:jprotenic@mercyjaguars.com). They will hold a meeting in late summer, or early fall, to start the planning process.





*We Celebrate  
the Life of...*



**MERCY ALUMNAE:**

- 1932 ..... Mary Carolyn Huber Peterson
- 1933 ..... Margaret Egan Gnadinger
- 1936 ..... Catherine Marie Melton, RSM
- 1937 ..... Addie Elizabeth Dowell
- 1938 ..... Camilla Lehmann Block
- 1938 ..... Elizabeth Greive Ehrler
- 1941 ..... Mary Elizabeth Luken Blake
- 1941 ..... Eleanor Roberts Norton
- 1942 ..... Helen Louise Fensterer Downard
- 1945 ..... Mary Leona Gooch Hutti
- 1946 ..... Margaret Frances Weeks Becker
- 1946 ..... Mary Lee Klapheke
- 1946 ..... Rita Raque Mueller
- 1947 ..... Dorothy Baumgarten Miller
- 1949 ..... Norma Jean Brown Marcum
- 1949 ..... Mary Patricia Kleinholter Didio
- 1952 ..... JoAnn Maddux Prestigiacomio  
(Daughter: Jennifer Prestigiacomio '89)  
(Sister: Jean Maddux Meiman '65)
- 1953 ..... Evelyn Jean Bierman Rose
- 1953 ..... Mary Grether Sauer
- 1954 ..... Mary Jacqueline Wrenn Barton
- 1956 ..... Barbara O'Mary Ellegood  
(Granddaughter: Cindy Kramer, Faculty)
- 1957 ..... Jacqueline McDonogh Tassin
- 1958 ..... Barbara Fowler Buren
- 1960 ..... Loretta Wine Hamilton
- 1974 ..... Catherine Stuecker Snodderly
- 1989 ..... Patricia Banta Amburgey

**FAMILY:**

- George John Asseff**  
(Daughters: Carolyn Asseff Wilkins '73 & Martha Asseff Cormney '82)  
(Granddaughter: Lisa Wilkins '05)
- Judith Ann Barton**  
(Daughter: Jennifer Barton Hodge '90)
- Patricia Bores**  
(Granddaughter: Cristen Sanders '08)
- Gerard Cripe**  
(Granddaughters: Brittany Cripe '04 & Meredith Cripe '13)
- Virginia Ann Curry**  
(Daughters: Bobbi Curry '14 & Claire Curry '17)
- Ruth Denzik**  
(Daughter-In-Law: Peggy Denzik, Faculty)
- Raymond Fehribach**  
(Wife: Dolores Littmath Fehribach '49)
- Nancy Mingus Hanshew**  
(Granddaughter: Kennedy Raley '17)
- Jane S. Hertel**  
(Granddaughter: Lauren Hertel '11)
- Helen Ruley Hogan**  
(Granddaughters: Kaitlin Banta '14 & Rachael Banta '17)
- Carol Hollkamp**  
(Daughter: Katie Hollkamp '15)
- Winston Krebs**  
(Daughter: Karen Krebs Kraemer '75)

- Jean Elizabeth Moll Krimple**  
(Sister: Nancy Moll Holbleib '62)
- Charles Kenneth Lammers**  
(Wife: Adeline Ritter Lammers '48)  
(Daughters: Gail Lammers Lee '69 & Donna Lammers Faust '72)
- Mary Linda Dunster Lococo**  
(Daughter: Della Lococo Hardin '84)
- William Lloyd Maier**  
(Granddaughters: Megan Muthler '15 & Erin Muthler '16)
- Helen Louise Kannapel Miller**  
(Granddaughter: Elizabeth Herberger Garr '97)
- Mary Rita Oppel**  
(Granddaughter: Lauren Oppel '10)
- Helen Clancey Powers**  
(Granddaughter: Grace Powers '16)
- Kenneth J. Recktenwald, Jr.**  
(Daughter: Beth Recktenwald Hatton '02)
- Donald Gene Richardson**  
(Daughters: Lisa Richardson '14 & Abby Williamson '10)
- Christopher Lee Rogers**  
(Mother: Diana Powell Motsch '60)
- Pauline Newman Roush**  
(Granddaughters: Christine Roush '12 & Courtney Roush '12)

- Joe Schneringer**  
(Daughters: Cheryl Schneringer Hughes '80 & Johanna Schneringer Wheatley '86)
- Sharon Cecilia Showalter**  
(Sister: Patricia Showalter '49)
- Eileen Duddy Schupp**  
(Daughters: Joan Schupp Skees '67 & Jean Schupp Cooper '67)
- Beulah Smith**  
(Granddaughters: Lisa Weiger Freville '84 & Christine Weiger '89)  
(Great Granddaughters: Melia Freville '08 & Gabrielle Weiger '11)
- Sue Carol Strothman**  
(Daughters: Angie Strothman Sturgeon '94 & Carey Strothman Combs '98)
- Patricia Ann Sweeney**  
(Kara Sweeney '05 & Anna Sweeney '08)
- Katherine Jo Weber Theobald**  
(Granddaughter: Allison Theobald '08)
- Raymond Timperman**  
(Daughter: Susan Timperman Eschenbach '85)
- Kenneth James Ulmer**  
(Granddaughter: Amanda Coomer '12)
- Michael S. Webb**  
(Daughters: Shannon Webb Swanson '88 & Jennifer Webb Holevas '90)  
(Sister: Patricia Webb McCarty '67)

# 2014 REUNION WEEKEND

## MERCY CELEBRATES REUNION WEEKEND!

The 12th annual Mercy Reunion Weekend was held March 15 and 16. On Saturday, Mercy hosted an open house for all classes with graduation years ending in "4" or "9". The alumnae had a chance to laugh about old times, hear what's going at Mercy now and take tours of the campus from our current students. We were so excited to have 200 alumnae join us for this fun event.



Members of the Class of 1964.



The Class of 1999 at their reunion gathering.

On Sunday, March 16, we hosted the Mercy Society Mass and Brunch for those Classes of 1928 to 1964. Approximately 220 alumnae attended the event. The Mercy Society was established in 2000 to honor and recognize our alumnae who are 50 year members of the Mercy Alumnae Association. The Class of 1964 was inducted into the Mercy Society and each received their pin.

The Class of 1964 leading the alumnae in the "Mercy Loyalty Song" after our Mercy Society Mass.



Some of the Class of 2009 celebrating their first reunion event.



The Class of 1949 at their 65th reunion luncheon at Wildwood Country Club.



Members of the Class of 1994 gathered at Wick's to catch up on old times.



## YOUNG ALUMNAE MASS

Mercy's 15th annual Young Alumnae Mass was held on November 27, 2013, in Mercy's chapel. Alumnae from the Classes of 2009 to 2013 gathered together to reminisce, reflect and rejoice with their Mercy sisters. They enjoyed the time together and the reception that followed.



Obituaries in the JAGWIRE are based on information provided by members of the Mercy community and from the Courier-Journal newspaper. Please send information concerning the death of individuals to the Advancement Office by calling 502-671-2021 or sending the information to [dnapper@mercyjaguars.com](mailto:dnapper@mercyjaguars.com). (Please note that the deadline for the spring JAGWIRE is March 1, 2014). ♦

Mercy Academy has one of the finest high school athletic facilities in the state of Kentucky. All facilities are on our 24 acre campus, in which 12 of those acres are dedicated to our athletic facilities. Coaches and student athletes, for the majority of our programs, are provided everything they need right in our own backyard!



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## APRIL

- 13** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Sneak Peek Day
- 20** Easter
- 25** Junior Ring Ceremony
- 26** Junior Ring Dance



## MAY

- 8** Family Movie Night at Mercy
- 9** Senior Prom
- 14** Senior Honors & Luncheon
- 15** Senior Mass and Graduation
- 30** Last Day of School



## JUNE

- 16** Golf Classic



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