

Mercy Now and Forever

Dear Friends of Mercy,

Within my first few weeks as president, I was having dinner with Jeff and Karen Filcik. Jeff is a past board member, and Karen is a Mercy graduate. Jeff asked me what I thought Mercy Academy's greatest need is. I replied, making sure Mercy is accessible to students who are committed to a strong academic experience in a faith-filled school, and to ensure we can continue Catherine McAuley's mission of educating young women for another 135 years. Jeff smiled and replied, "So you mean, Mercy now and forever." YES! That is exactly what I mean.

In August, our Mercy Academy Board of Directors, led by Jennifer Starke, took a bold step in ensuring Mercy Academy **now and forever** by creating our endowed fund from several smaller accounts. With a beginning at 4 million, we are working to reach 10 million in 10 years.

While an endowment secures Mercy forever, students need our support today too! In 2019, through the support and generosity of alumnae, families and friends, Mercy Academy offered a record number of scholarships to students with academic potential and financial need. On Mercy Day, every September, our scholarship recipients celebrate with the scholarship sponsors. That day is a living, vibrant Circle of Mercy.

In 2020, Mercy Academy will celebrate 135 years of advancing women's education and setting the bar high for academics, athletics and arts education in a faith-filled, college-preparatory school. I look forward to



Becky Montague's missioning as president by Nell Stetser of the Mercy Education System of the Americas (MESA).

what this next year holds for Mercy Academy. You have an open invitation to visit our modern learning environment and expectational athletic fields and theatre.

On behalf of the Mercy Academy Board of Directors, faculty, staff and students, thank you for your purposeful generosity, prayers and praise as we continue to work "for the good of society through the careful instruction of women."

Becky Montague
President
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MERCY EXTENDS A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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I AM MERCY...

We ask that you prayerfully consider donating to the Mercy Fund to help more young ladies, like Ximena, be prepared for real life.

THE MERCY FUND

The Mercy Fund provides tuition assistance to families with financial need. Thanks to our generous donors, Mercy assists over 30% of our families. If you would like to donate to the Mercy Fund and make a difference in a young lady's life, you can donate online at mercyacademy.com.

All contributions are deeply appreciated.

Ximena is a senior and is involved in the Science and French National Honor Societies. Her dream is to be an aerospace engineer and feels that her STEM classes at Mercy prepare her for this career. Her teachers describe her as a kind, hard-working and driven student who brings a positive mentality to class. She is not just striving for an "A", but wants to do work that she is proud to put her name on.



“ *I never imagined that I would adapt into an amazing school like Mercy Academy. I can honestly say that Mercy is my second home, a place where I feel accepted and happy.*

I truly believe that with your help I can make one of my goals, graduating from a Catholic high school, come true. ”

THE SISTER PRISCA LEGACY SOCIETY

We invite you to join the Sister Prisca Legacy Society. To become a member, all you need to do is include Mercy Academy in your will, trust, estate or financial plan. You can also become a member by naming Mercy as a beneficiary in your life insurance or retirement plan.



You can start today.

- Make sure you have an up-to-date will (or living trust) that reflects your charitable wishes.
- Contact your financial advisor (a financial planner, lawyer or accountant) and ask for help establishing a planned gift.
- Make Mercy a beneficiary of your life insurance, pension or IRA.
- Think beyond cash. You can leave stocks, real estate or even personal property to Mercy. Whether you think of yourself as rich or poor, or somewhere in between, your gift truly makes a difference.

As a member, you are an important part of the continued growth of Mercy and will assist generations of students to come.

To learn more about the Sister Prisca Legacy Society, please contact Leslie Hibdon at (502) 671-2010 or lhibdon@mercyjaguars.com.

2018-2019 OPERATING BUDGET

REVENUE

-  Tuition and Fees \$6,790,658 **85%**
-  Scholarship and Student Aid \$799,656 **10%**
-  Athletics and Other Income \$372,575 **5%**

TOTAL REVENUE: \$7,962,889

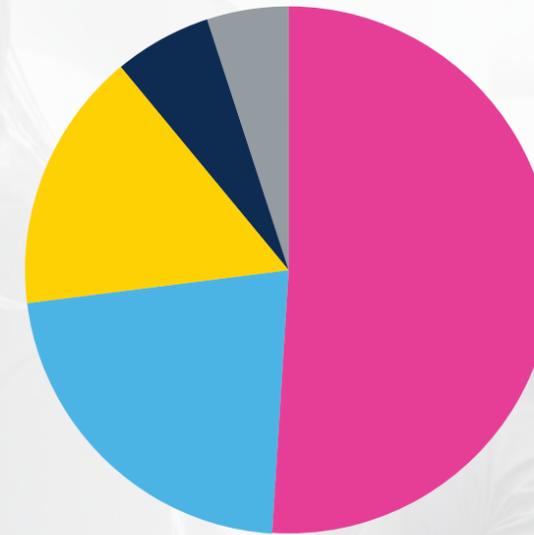
EXPENSES

-  Instruction and Administration \$5,381,235 **68%**
-  School Operations \$2,012,071 **25%**
-  Endowment \$569,583 **7%**

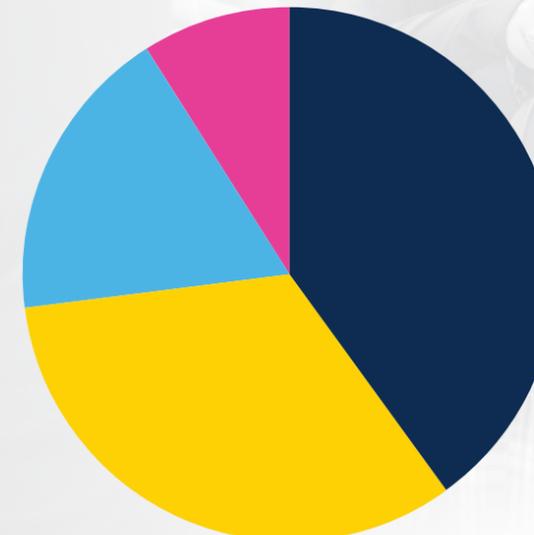
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SOURCES OF SUPPORT

TOTAL GIFTS TO MERCY:
\$751,180.74



-  Tuition Assistance: **51%**
-  Mercy Fund: **22%**
-  Endowment: **15.5%**
-  Scholarships: **6%**
-  Capital Giving **5.5%**



-  Alumnae: **40%**
-  Parents & Grandparents: **33%**
-  Faculty, Staff & Friends: **18%**
-  Corporations & Foundations: **9%**



OUR LADY OF MERCY SOCIETY
(GIFTS OF \$1,000+): 102

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MERCY DAY *Scholarships*

Establishing a Mercy Day Scholarship is a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one, while providing financial assistance to a current Mercy student. Many thanks to our Mercy Day sponsors listed below, and congratulations to the 2019-2020 school year recipients. If you would like to establish a Mercy Day Scholarship, please contact Leslie Hibdon at (502) 671-2010 or lhibdon@mercyjaguars.com.

ADAMS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Kayla Wheatley '23

This scholarship was established in 2002 in memory of Kelly Lynn Adams Bratcher, a graduate of Holy Rosary Academy. This scholarship is awarded for each of the four years the recipient attends Mercy.

ALBERTUS MAGNUS SCHOLARSHIP

Claire Eckloff '23, Madison McDonald '23, Mary Reagan Smith '23

This scholarship was established in 2013 and is given to freshmen entering Mercy from St. Albert the Great Parish.

DREW WILSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Emily Sheehy '20

This scholarship was established in memory of Drew Wilson and is funded by his parents, Kate and Scott. His sister, Lauren '02, is a Mercy alumna.

ELEANOR ROSE ROBERTS NORTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Morgan Krieg '23

This scholarship was established by James Norton in memory of Eleanor Rose Roberts Norton '41. She was a generous, kind woman with a wonderful sense of humor and commitment to her faith.

THE FLAGET ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Aniya Bing '23, Haley Franklin '21, Mia Grosshans '23, Valentina Rocha '22, Emma Ryan '22

This scholarship is given to each Catholic high school in Louisville. It is made possible by the generosity of the Flaget High School alumni.

JANE CONBOY SCHOLARSHIP

Ashley Collins '20

This scholarship was established by Barbara and Vic Ward in honor of Barbara's sister, Jane Conboy, a longtime teacher at Mercy Academy.

KAREN RAMSER FILCIK SCHOLARSHIP

Holly Ryan '20

This scholarship was established in 1994 in honor of Karen Ramser Filcik '75. Karen's daughters, Kate '04 and Samantha '07, are also graduates of Mercy.

KRAMER SERVICE LEARNING SCHOLARSHIP

Macie Bell '21

This scholarship was established by Lillian Kramer, founder of Mercy's Service Learning Program. It is awarded to a student who is a servant-leader in her community.

LAURA SCHULZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Katie Gilbert '22

This scholarship was established in 1998 in memory of Laura Schulz '78, by her family and friends.

LAVERNE SCHLAUG GREGORY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Zoe Albrecht '21

This scholarship was established in 2009 in memory of Laverne Schlaug Gregory '41.

LILY STRANGE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Mary Jane Johnson '21

This scholarship was established in memory of Lily Russell Strange '49, who credits the Sisters of Mercy with helping her to overcome educational struggles and prepare her for a successful future.

LOVE OF READING SCHOLARSHIP

Kayla Hollins '23

This scholarship was established by Angie Kalb Gruendl, a former librarian at Mercy. Angie and her husband, Robert, love to read and write stories and wanted to share their blessings with a Mercy student.

MARTIN NAPPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Kelsey Harper '22

This scholarship was established in 2013 in memory of Martin Napper, a long-time teacher, who spent the final years of his career at Mercy Academy.

MARY JEAN SCHULZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Callie Buckman '23

This scholarship was established in memory of Mary Jean Schulz by her late husband, Edgar Schulz. She was the mother of Mercy alumnae, Laura '78 and Karen '74.

MONTGOMERY-BLAZIS SCHOLARSHIP

Kaci Mundorf '22

This scholarship was established by Rosie Allocco in honor of her daughter, Heather Montgomery Blazis '92, Alumnae Relations Manager at Mercy, and her two granddaughters, Caleigh '18 and Emma '20.

NATALIE THOMPSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Emily Hennis '21

This scholarship was established in memory of Natalie Thompson, a Mercy student who was tragically killed in a car accident the summer before her junior year.



NORMA GERWING BENDER & MARY ANN GERWING CUNDIFF SCHOLARSHIP

Katelyn Becker '20

This scholarship is given in honor of Norma Gerwing Bender '52 and in memory of her sister, Mary Ann Gerwing Cundiff '50 in appreciation of the life-enriching values, the excellent education and strong spiritual formation the Gerwing family received at Mercy.

PERRY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Ava Herm '22

This scholarship was established in memory of Lillian Grenewald Perry '38 and Louis R. Perry by their daughter, Professor Barbara A. Perry, who credits Mercy with instilling the Christian values and love of education that her mother passed onto her.

ROALOFS SPIRIT OF MERCY SCHOLARSHIP

Maddy Johnson '20

This scholarship is sponsored by the Roalofs family, which includes former Mercy teacher Linda Roalofs and Mercy alumnae, Christine '85, Karen '89 and Katie '92.

SCHLOSSER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Jenna Money '21, Katarina Mercke '20

This scholarship was established in 2012 and is sponsored by the Schlosser family. Their daughters, Leslie '04, Anne '05 and Marie '06, graduated from Mercy.

SHERI APPEGATE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Katlyn Detherage '21

This scholarship was established in 1985 in memory of Sheri Applegate '84, who tragically died in a car accident just a few days before graduation.

SISTER MARY CARMEL HENLEY PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

Gabi O'Daniel '20

This performing arts scholarship is given by a past Mercy parent and is anonymously funded.

SISTER MARY PRISCA PFEFFER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Ximena Cabrera '20

This scholarship was established by John Harris, parent of Jennifer '10, in memory of Sister Mary Prisca Pfeffer '32.

TRICIA BANTA AMBURGEY CARPE DIEM SCHOLARSHIP

Abigail Conrad '23

This scholarship is given in memory of Tricia Banta Amburgey '89. Tricia fought a courageous five-year battle with breast cancer. She was an extraordinary student, wife and mother, and a true woman of Mercy.

WALSH FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Riley Goff '21

This scholarship was established in 2013 by the Walsh and Alpiger families. Karen Alpiger is assistant principal at Mercy and her two daughters, Christine '01 and Liz '03, are both alumnae.



Manners

Norma Russell Ragsdale '50

Manners. This is the one thing **Norma Russell Ragsdale '50** credited to her success in becoming the first female vice president of Hilliard Lyons in 1978.

Norma was born in 1932, in the heart of the Great Depression, as one of nine children. It was her aunt who believed in a Mercy education and paid for her to attend. She was taught by the Sisters of Mercy in a faith-filled environment.

While at Mercy, then principal, Sister Mary James, pushed Norma to her maximum academic ability. She recognized how bright Norma was and encouraged her to take upper-level math and business classes. It paid off. Upon graduating Mercy in 1950, she earned an entry-level position in a heavily male-dominated field with Hilliard Lyons. Her boss hired her because, even though there were other qualified candidates, Norma had extraordinary manners and was brilliantly talented in math. She could solve equations in her head faster than most, and did so with poise, composure and respect. She began to climb the ladder at Hilliard Lyons, and she ultimately earned the position as the first female vice president of the company.

Giving to Mercy was always a priority for Norma. Her Mercy teachers pushed her to see the potential she didn't see in herself, and she wanted that for generations to come. With gifts beginning at just \$50 to eventually adding Mercy to her will in 2005, Norma always found a way to give what she could to the place she credited for her success.

Norma ultimately left Mercy a lifelong gift by establishing an endowed scholarship with \$100,000 out of her IRA shortly before passing away on August 9, 2019. She said she wanted to help other girls receive the same Mercy education she did, and she knew firsthand what the gift of an education meant. The criteria to receive her scholarship? To be a young lady with manners who is willing to work hard during her time at Mercy. ●

