

## Mercy says farewell and Godspeed to beloved teachers

As we welcome students and faculty back to Mercy for the 2011-12 school year, four of our veteran teachers will not be among the crowd. Susan Bielat, Kristin Malone, Roz Rubin and Kathy Single retired last June and now begin the next chapter of their lives.

Susan Bielat became an English teacher at Mercy in the fall of 1998, the same year that her youngest daughter Keely entered Mercy's seventh grade. Susan shared that she wasn't sure whether she or Keely was more nervous about their first day, or which one shared more exciting experiences of their day on the way home. Susan was a key figure in Mercy's English department and was the department chair for many years. She had a great rapport with both students and colleagues. Mercy teacher Susan Decker said, "The girls often seek her out to tell her personal news or ask for advice. Looking back now, I can see that the rest of us do the same." Susan guided Mercy girls through many English classes, including AP English and Writers' Workshop. For the past few years, her Writers' Workshop students participated in a project with residents at the Fairport Baptist Home, where they would spend time with an assigned resident and then write an autobiography, which they presented at a gathering at the end of the semester. The exercise not only refined the girls' writing skills, but also gave them the opportunity to interact with a person whose history extended well beyond their own. Mercy teacher Kirsten White shared, "Susan invites her students to be successful by challenging them and supporting them on their journey." Susan was the moderator of National Honor Society for many years, and she was very involved in Mercy's graduation, helping students with their speeches and coordinating the backstage activities. When asked how she would describe her experience at Mercy, Susan said, "It was the crowning touch of my professional career; in fact my 13 years at Mercy were some of the happiest years of my life thus far."

The talents of Mercy Art teacher Kristin Malone can be seen throughout the halls of our school - in the 3rd floor chapel, the Main Office, and in the classrooms and offices of

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*Left to Right – Roz Rubin, Kathy Single, Kristin Malone, Susan Bielat*

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## A message from Principal Terry Quinn

Dear Mercy Alumnae,

As you already know, one of the strengths of Our Lady of Mercy High School is our rigorous academic program. As administration and faculty change over the years, it is imperative that we create a foundation that is sustainable for years to come. As part of the recently completed strategic plan, we have created four school committees that are developing plans to keep the academic program strong and support the faith-based program that is essential in following the mission and vision of our school.

The four committees are the Mercy Critical Concerns Committee, Professional Development Committee, Academic Committee and FOCUS Committee. Each will play an essential role in creating the structure that will guide our decision-making and allow us to reach our full potential as a school.

The Mercy Critical Concerns Committee is creating a plan to embed the Critical Concerns of the Sisters of Mercy into all aspects of our school. The Professional Development Committee is creating a structure to have an ongoing group of educators provide yearlong professional growth opportunities tied directly to our school-wide goals. The Academic Committee is looking at all aspects of our curriculum to increase rigor and provide a vertically and horizontally aligned curriculum. The FOCUS Committee will be creating a junior-senior experience that will have every student take one of the Critical Concerns and exhibit how she has made it one of her own concerns. All of these committees will be working in harmony to make sure what we create will be sustainable in the future.

We have already begun work on our curriculum. Colleen Bonar, a Mercy English teacher, has currently been released from her teaching duties and has taken the lead role in curriculum mapping. Under her guidance and supervision, each teacher has worked this summer to create a curriculum map of the courses they teach. Teaching standards, instructional practices, skills and assessments are integral parts of the maps. Analyses of annual Regents and AP assessments will be used as guidelines to adjust the maps as teachers spend more instructional time on areas of weakness. This work is essential to continuing the academic strength of OLM.

As you can tell, we are very proud of the academic program at OLM and have taken an aggressive step to ensuring that it continues strong and rigorous in the future. The increased SAT, ACT and AP scores as well as increased enrollment in the high school are positive indicators that we are on the right track.

As always, it is a pleasure being the principal of this fine faith-based academic institution.

Sincerely,

*Terry Quinn*



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

All of us alumnae, students, parents and friends of Mercy are exceedingly proud of the worldwide attention Mercy alumna Abby Wambach '98 has so deservedly attracted. We recognize that it is not just Abby's athletic prowess which makes her such a standout; it is the force of her will, the strength of her character and her unwavering determination in the face of adversity that resonate with so many. Whether she was scoring the winning goal in overtime or losing in the final and intense World Cup match, her strong, candid and positive presence speaks to the part of us that honors excellence, humility, honesty and commitment. We rejoice in Abby's accomplishments which reach into our hearts and mirror what is best about ourselves and our country.

When Abby returned to Rochester after the USA Women's Soccer World Cup heartbreaking loss in July, she received a hero's welcome with the day's front page headline proclaiming, "Welcome Home Abby." On that same front page of the *Democrat and Chronicle* there was a picture of another Mercy alumna, Caterina Leone-Mannino, who graduated from Mercy in 1993. Caterina is an accomplished educator and the administrator in charge of all programs for Rochester City School District students in need of academic support. She is not only responsible for insuring that the city's 40 elementary and 20 high schools adhere to Academic Intervention Modules, i.e. support for students in academic difficulty, but she also coordinates all city school summer programs, serving 12,000 students.

Hers is a daunting task, as many Rochester students face profound challenges. Seventy-nine percent of Rochester city students live in poverty and may lack many of the distinct advantages that children from families with sufficient financial resources take for granted: rich and extensive early learning experiences, readily available adult support, and extensive enrichment activities outside of school. In addition, a growing number of Rochester students come to school with little or no English language facility and for some, who are recent arrivals to our country, there are significant gaps in their schooling as a result of long waits in refugee camps. These

newcomers must learn a new language and culture, along with mastering the academic skills needed for success in their new country.

Like Abby, Caterina is passionate about her work. The article featured her at Charlotte Beach seeking and urging young people to complete high school graduation requirements especially in light of proposed changes in diploma requirements. Caterina, whose colleagues describe her as "brilliant and unstoppable," is one who deeply understands the complexities of urban education and at the same time takes a personal interest in individual students.

Caterina and Abby are both superb examples of Mercy women – both committed to excellence and determined to make a difference. They remind us not only about what is best about ourselves and our country, but also of all the Mercy alumnae who in a host of arenas make a difference, as mothers, members of the military, engineers, architects and artists. Grounded in faith, Mercy graduates tend the sick, strive for justice, volunteer in their communities and comfort those that suffer. Although they often go unheralded, their contributions are a source of light and grace.

The accomplishments of over 12,000 Mercy High School students are heartening and a testament to the enduring value of a Mercy education. As we begin another school year, we are delighted with strong enrollment and plans in place to expand our middle school program to include grade 6. Our school community is galvanized to meet specific targets in the areas of Facilities Improvement, Endowment Growth and Extensive Academic Revitalization. We continue to be grateful for the generous and prayerful support we receive from so many of you – all members of the Circle of Mercy.

*Mrs. Suzanne Klingler Johnston '61*  
*President*



# from the Alumnae Association Board

Dear Alumnae & Friends of Mercy,

Greetings! Time flies when you're having fun and before you know it, the party is over. That is how we feel about the end of summer. However, as autumn creeps in, another party is just beginning as we start the 2011 – 2012 school year. Your Mercy Alumnae Board looks forward to offering a variety of ways for you to connect with and support your Mercy family this coming year. We need and always appreciate your support and participation!

Listed below are some of the events we have in store for you in the coming months:

## October 15, 2011: Annual Alumnae Reunion

This year's reunion will honor those alumnae in the class years ending in 1 and 6 with the traditional reunion liturgy, reception, and tours of the school. The liturgy will begin at 4:00pm in the Mercy auditorium. The reception and tours are from 5:30pm – 8:00pm in the Catherine McAuley Gallery & Kathleen Bonsignore Walgreen '61 Gym. Enjoy hearty hors d'oeuvres, carving stations, beverages, and desserts for \$25 per person (Mercy alumnae only at the reception, guests are welcome at the liturgy).

## November 5, 2011: Craft Show & Sale

The Alumnae Board is again proud to sponsor a Craft Show & Sale. The proceeds from this show help to benefit the Alumnae Board scholarship fund. We anticipate over 50 vendors. Shoppers will find a variety of traditional handcrafted items, as well as high quality affordable home-based business items. Interested in being a vendor? We know many of our alumnae are talented, creative, and business entrepreneurs. E-mail: [OLMHSCraftShow@gmail.com](mailto:OLMHSCraftShow@gmail.com) or [kralph@mercyhs.com](mailto:kralph@mercyhs.com) for more information.

## December 12 & 13, 2011: Barnes and Noble Bookfair

Mercy will hold its 3rd Annual Bookfair at Barnes and Noble. When you present a voucher at checkout or use your voucher code online, a certain percentage of the sale will go to the Mercy Alumnae Board to again support the scholarship fund. Be on the lookout for information on the Mercy website along with a printable voucher to be used during the two days. We need participation from all our alumnae and friends to make this fundraiser a terrific success again this year!

## March 4, 2012: Bowl & Bid

Save the date for the 3rd Annual Bowl & Bid at Bowl-A-Roll Lanes. This is a great time for alumnae, their family and friends to enjoy bowling for the afternoon. Also included with this event is lunch and a silent auction featuring a wonderful variety of must-have items. You won't want to miss this unique event!

We would like to take a moment to acknowledge the Class of 2011 and give a warm welcome to the 122 new members of the Mercy Alumnae Association! More than 12,000 alumnae call Mercy home. Though each individual alumna's Mercy experience was different, there remains a connection that exceeds class year, decade and generation. It is this connection that continually brings each alumna back to the school. Get involved and let your light continue to shine.

**The Alumnae Board is still in need of new members and volunteers to assist in planning future events. We know that each of us has many commitments in our lives, but we also know that we should all consider giving just a little time back to Mercy, our classmates, and the community. Come join the fun!**

We look forward to the upcoming year and would encourage you to be a part of it in any way you can. If you are an alumna and are interested in joining the board or if anyone would like more information on this year's board activities, please visit Mercy's website, Facebook page or contact Mercy's Advancement Office at 585.288.2610.

Sincerely,

**Eileen Gallagher Broderick '81 - Co-President**  
**Kris D'Hondt Lepel '94 – Co-President**

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many of her colleagues. Over the years, Kristin has encouraged and nurtured the talents of students at many schools in the community, including Seton Catholic, St. Agnes High School and Nazareth College, and also helped people in the community as a Therapeutic Recreation Specialist at the Jewish Home of Rochester. She joined the Mercy faculty 17 years ago and has been inspiring our students ever since! Kristin taught Drawing and Painting, Printmaking, and Advanced Design. Students and faculty alike looked forward to seeing the artwork that was displayed in the hall outside of Kristin's classroom. From the pencil sketches of the school building, to the self portraits, to the drawings of Kristin's bird Jules, each piece told a story and shared the talents of her students. A few years back, Kristin brought The Memory Project to our school. Students were given the photograph of a young person in another country, often from another continent, and the student artist would draw a portrait of that child. Mercy faculty members would sponsor individual students to help cover the cost of participating in the project. When the portraits were complete, they were shipped to the young subjects and given to them as a keepsake. One could see the smiles wash over people's faces as they saw the final photograph of the child holding their likeness, created by a young woman thousands of miles away. It was a connection that would last a lifetime. Fellow Mercy Art teacher Mary Pat O'Brien-Kiely shared, "Kristin goes out of her way to give girls opportunities to exhibit their work and shine among their peers." Kristin was an integral member of the Arts Fest planning team, helping to keep a longstanding Mercy tradition alive and thriving. Kristin also worked with student artists each year to create the senior mural and taught students about digital photography. When asked about her students, Kristin said, "Students at Mercy have a sense that they will succeed and they will make a difference. My teaching experience at Mercy was truly one where the students and I learned from one another, making it a very energizing and creative experience."

Roz Rubin started her Mercy affiliation in 1980 when she filled in for another teacher and became a full-time faculty member for eight years. We welcomed her back eight years ago, when she joined the Foreign Language Department, teaching advanced levels of French and Spanish. Roz said that she enjoyed working with girls "who really wanted to be in my classes." Roz has been an educator since 1964 when she started her teaching career at Benjamin Franklin High School. Over the years she shared her gift of languages with students at Twelve Corners Middle School, St. John of Rochester, Nazareth Academy, Roberts Wesleyan, SUNY Brockport and Spencerport. Roz's enthusiasm for teaching was enjoyed by both students and her colleagues. Dawn LeBeau, who teaches Spanish at Mercy, shared, "Roz guides with grace and compassion

and is always, always supportive. She believes you can do more than you think you can and she designs a way for you to achieve that success." Roz shared her love for Mercy with her family, and often brought her beloved husband Bruce to school to help out. She saw Mercy as simply an extension of the family she had at home, and we all in turn welcomed the Rubins into the Circle of Mercy. When asked what she will miss most, Roz said, "I think I will miss the daily interactions with students and colleagues the most." Roz plans to continue teaching language to adult learners and will volunteer with the Mercy Bridges program. Roz reflected, "Mercy is a special and unique place which gives our own personal world meaning and the motivation to become the very best at what we do and who we are. God bless all of you for having brightened my world." God bless you, Roz, for bringing light into our world!

Madame Kathy Single taught French to Mercy's middle and high school students for 14 years. She is not only well versed in the French language, but she also celebrates the unique traditions of the people of France. Mercy teacher Louise Connolly shared, "She is absolutely in love with anything French and eager to share it with her students." Kathy was involved in planning many student trips to France, including the first Sister City Basketball Tournament trip to Rennes. She never tired of leading Mercy students throughout the country that she loved and sharing stories of her travels with those who could not join them. Louise Connolly continued, "She always brought souvenirs back from her trips to France to give to her students – usually mini Eiffel Towers. She loved to tell stories and often entertained the students with her adventures. She really instilled in them a love of French culture." Kathy was the moderator of French Club and coordinated the Father Daughter Dinner Dance, one of Mercy's most beloved traditions. Mercy's Development Director Julie Marsiglio, who worked with Kathy on the event, shared, "Over the years, I observed Kathy to be organized and masterful in coordinating this Mercy tradition. Most importantly, I witnessed Kathy's love and passion for Mercy." Kathy is a great role model to Mercy girls, sharing her passion for learning, her love of family, and her poise and professionalism. On a personal note, Louise said, "I will miss her cheerful smiles and upbeat personality, and not least of all, I will miss her sense of fashion." Adieu, Madame Single!

Although we will miss these amazing women, we are grateful for the impact that they have had on thousands of students and many colleagues over the years. We wish them all well and look forward to their visits down the road. Catherine McAuley once said, "We should be shining lamps, giving light to all around us." Susan, Kristin, Roz and Kathy shone upon us, and their light will forever illuminate the halls of Mercy High School. ■




# ALUMNAE CLASS NOTES

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## 1936

 **Sister Dorothy Schlueter** celebrated her 75 year Jubilee with the Sisters of Mercy. Sister Dorothy ministered as a teacher of English and Drama at Mercy High School for 18 years. In 1959 she began teaching Psychology at Catherine McAuley College, Nazareth College, St. John Fisher College and the University of Rochester. She served in the Psychology department of Rochester General Hospital and the New York State Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. Sister Dorothy also served as a Psychologist on the Rochester Diocese's Tribunal. Sister Dorothy currently resides at Mercy Center.


## 1937

 **Sister Virginia Wilson** celebrated her 70 year Jubilee with the Sisters of Mercy. Sister Virginia taught at Holy Cross, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. John the Evangelist, St. Charles Borromeo, Cardinal Mooney High School, St. Rita's, St. Salome's and Mercy High School. She was one of the founders of the Mercy Prayer Center and continued her ministry there as a spiritual director and retreat leader. Sister Virginia spent many years making candles and selling them at the prayer center and the community's gift shop. She is retired and participates in the apostolate of prayer at Mercy Center.


## 1939

**Genevieve Glasow Scott** celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in March with family and friends at a surprise party given in her honor. She lives in the Lake Henry Estates community in Haines City, FL, where she is in charge of the euchre and pinochle events. Genevieve is a reader at church and ministers to the homebound and hospital patients in her community. She is grateful for the loving support of family members and shares, "I am a happy, blessed lady, thanks be to God."

## 1941

 **Sister Mary Dismas Foster** celebrated her 70 year Jubilee with the Sisters of Mercy. Sister Dismas ministered as teacher, cook and parish worker. She taught at St. Charles Borromeo and Mercy High School. Her favorite ministry was working with the poor in Rochester's center city at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish. For many years, Sister Dismas picked up and delivered furniture to those in need and also opened a clothing room in the parish. For 35 years she volunteered to conduct sewing classes for women at the Rochester Psychiatric Center, where she began the Mercy tradition of the annual Psych Center Christmas Party. Sister Dismas currently volunteers at Mercy Center.

## 1944


 **Sister Elaine Kolesnik** celebrated her 60 year Jubilee with the Sisters of Mercy. Sister Elaine taught at Mercy High School for 25 years and was administrator of St. Thomas the Apostle Elementary School. She completed pastoral work at St. John the Evangelist parish and coordinated the religious education program in St. Joseph's parish, Rush. She served as Director of Novices and as Public Relations and Communications Director for the congregation for 24 years. Sister Elaine currently resides at Mercy Center and continues her apostolate of prayer and visitation of the sick and homebound.


## 1949

Mercy alumna and former Mercy music teacher **Shirley Tetzlaff Bezek** passed away in June after her graceful struggle with cancer. Shirley touched many lives and will be remembered fondly by her students and colleagues. Mercy alumna **Linda Wojciechowski '81**, shared, "We were very close, and remained good friends – really, family – over the years. She was a treasure in many ways."



## 1951

 **Sister Estelle Martin** celebrated her 60 year Jubilee with the Sisters of Mercy. Sister Estelle taught at Holy Cross, St. Andrew and St. Thomas the Apostle. She taught Art and English at Mercy High School and Cardinal Mooney High School and was adjunct professor of Art History at St. Bernard's Institute. She assisted the Diocesan Liturgical Commission with the renewal of liturgical/environmental space for the renovation and building of churches in the area and also contributed graphic design work to the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy and to the communications department of the New York, Pennsylvania, Pacific West Community of the sisters. She currently shares her talents with the Blessed Sacrament community.

 **Sister Barbara Moore** celebrated her 50 year Jubilee with the Sisters of Mercy. Sister Barbara taught at Mercy High School and Notre Dame. She did pastoral work at St. Monica's, ministered in the Monroe County Jail and was a member of Congresswoman Louise Slaughter's district staff. Sister Barbara was the Community Coordinator at Highland Hospital and she managed the hospital's Center for Women. In 2004 she joined Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School as an associate faculty member and in 2011 became Interim Dean of Women and Gender Studies at the school. Since 1983 she has ministered in interfaith preaching.

**Sister Jacquelyn Reichart** celebrated her 60 year Jubilee with the Sisters of Mercy. Sister Jacquelyn taught at St. Andrew, St. James, St. Louis and St. Joseph, where she was Principal from 1965-68. She served as Guidance Counselor and Math Teacher at Mercy and was also Vice Principal for six years. Sister Jacquelyn spent 17 years in religious education at St. Thomas More and Our Lady Queen of Peace parishes, and in 1998 was appointed Pastoral Administrator of Our Lady Queen of Peace. She is currently Campus Minister at the University of Rochester.

**Sister Nancy Whitley** celebrated her 60 year Jubilee with the Sisters of Mercy. Sister Nancy taught at St. Andrew, St. Michael's, St. Rita and St. Thomas the Apostle and was a Guidance Counselor at Mercy High School. She served on the administration team of the Sisters of Mercy in Rochester and as Director of Fund Development and Coordinator of Mission Services. Sister Nancy spent three years in Ireland as a staff member at Mercy International Center in Dublin. She was Director of Mercy Associates for 10 years and is currently engaged in retreat work and fundraising at Mercy Prayer Center.

## 1956

**Eileen Haefner Wurzer** finished 30 years of volunteering/employment at the Rochester LPGA Tournament Office. The past couple of years she has been the Chair of Volunteer Credentials. Eileen's grand-daughter, Connie Flachs, joined the Grand Rapids Ballet Company in Michigan in August.

## 1961

**Sister Mary Ann Binsack** celebrated her 50 year Jubilee with the Sisters of Mercy. Sister Mary Ann taught junior high school at St. John the Evangelist School and was Religious Education Coordinator for St. Anne Parish. She has served in administrative positions for the Diocese of Rochester as Director of Religious Education and Faith Development and as Executive Secretary to the Diocesan Pastoral Council. From 1997-2001, Sister Mary Ann was a member of the leadership team for the Sisters of Mercy in Rochester. She is currently Vice Chancellor of the Diocese of Rochester and Administrator of the Bishop's Office at the Pastoral Center.

## 1972

**Ginny Riedman-Dangler**, who is a former elementary school teacher and is currently a mental health therapist, has written therapeutic books for children and developed a website around them. The site is [www.childcomfortbooks.com](http://www.childcomfortbooks.com).

## 1974

**Jeanne McCarthy** (center) and her granddaughter Celeste (left) joined classmate **Mary O'Brien Zeiner** at the wedding of Mary's daughter in Colorado.



## 1976

Stunning foliage, historic estates, country stores and unlimited laughter were enjoyed by some '76ers last October. **Michelle Nicoletti, Kathleen Kaminski and Jean Ver Hoeven** joined **Rena Kuipers Tolsma** at her Vermont home. The quartet enjoyed Letterboxing, great food, an art show, reminiscing and most of all each other for a fun-filled weekend. They're looking forward to seeing more friends at their upcoming 35<sup>th</sup> Reunion!



**Tina Young Poussaint** was promoted to Full Professor of Radiology at Harvard Medical School on June 15, 2011.

## 1977

**Virginia Knauf Lenhard's** son Joshua and his wife Carrey are expecting and will welcome their new baby in December. Virginia's daughter Amy and her fiancé Marty will be married in spring 2012.

**Colonel Dianne M. Schmidt-Ciminelli**, a Nurse Practitioner at the Canandaigua VA Medical Center, was recently honored as a 2011 Woman of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of Western New York.

## 1984

**Molly Gartland Johnson** won the "Most Creative" Award from the 2011 Diabetes Mine Design Challenge, an international design challenge to "encourage creative tools for improving life with diabetes." Molly recently moved back to Rochester, NY, with her husband Chris and children Sarah and Ryan. She works as a Financial Analyst at Rochester Institute of Technology.

## 1992

**Julie DeClerck Oberle** and her husband Paul welcomed daughter Allison Marie in April. Allison joined big brother Charlie who is two. The Oberle family lives in Charlotte, NC.

## 1999

Gabriel Michael Telesca was born to **Erin Curtin-Telesca** and her husband Don on August 12 in Albuquerque, NM. Gabriel is the nephew of Mercy alumna **Alison Curtin '04** and the grandson of Mary Beth Curtin who is Mercy's Advancement Services Manager.



## 2001

**Meagan Mahar** joined the law firm of Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP as an associate attorney. Meagan will concentrate her practice on residential and commercial real estate transactions, real estate financing and business banking.

**Alexis Romeo Steenberge** married husband Geoffrey (brother of **Brigid '01**) on April 9 at St. Louis Church. Alexis is thankful to **Stephanie Godleski '01** who introduced them. Alexis is a goldsmith/jeweler/designer for AlexisRomeoJewelry.com. She will be leaving her job of 3 years as the jeweler for The Source to move to Corning, NY, with her husband for his new job at Corning Inc. Alexis hopes to see all of her classmates at their 10 year class reunion!

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## 2002

Marne McCormack Mazzochetti was born April 14, 2011, to **Kathleen McCormack** and Luke Mazzochetti. Kathleen teaches English at her alma mater, Mercy High School.



## 2003

**Katharine Dobson** received her Master's in Public Health from the University at Buffalo in 2009 and is now working on a Ph.D. in Cancer Epidemiology there. She is engaged to Michael Amato and they will be married in Buffalo this September.

## 2004

**Andrea Buchholz Curtis** married husband Ryan in May 2010 at the St. John Fisher Chapel. Andrea lives in Lancaster, NY, and works as a Production Scientist at Life Technologies.

**Nicole Marciano** graduated with her B.A. in 2008 from Gannon University. She is currently in her 6<sup>th</sup> term of law school at Thomas M. Cooley Law School and will be graduating in May. While at Cooley Nicole holds the position of Associate Editor of The Thomas M. Cooley Law Review, Vice President of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, and Director of Public Relations for the American Bar Association - Law School Division; she is a member of the Criminal Law Society and Women Lawyer's Association of Michigan, and she is employed by Cooley's Academic Resource Center, where she tutors other law students.

## 2005

**Maureen Howard** has been living in Washington, D.C., and working for the Federal Trade Commission in their paralegal program for the past year. She will be a first-year student at Stanford Law School in the fall of 2011.

**Sara LaFauci** has joined Text 100 Public Relations as an account coordinator.

## 2007

**Mary Kate Howard** graduated Magna Cum Laude from Notre Dame with a B.A. in Anthropology and Pre-professional studies in May. She will attend medical school at the University of Buffalo in the fall.

**Jacqueline Miller** married Joseph Crane in June at Pultneyville State Park. Jacqueline is employed as the Health and Safety Director for the Wayne County American Red Cross.

**Claire Mongeau** graduated from Georgetown University in May with a degree in Psychology and French. She was granted the IDEX Fellowship in Social Enterprise which is a program that sends college graduates to Hyderabad, India, for a year to work with affordable private schools for children from low income communities. Claire will be advising the administrations of these schools, as well as teaching and working with the children directly. Claire stated, "As a person from a privileged background, I think it will be an eye-opening experience that will allow me to put my Catholic faith and humanitarian ideals into practice to bring about real good."

## 2008

**Megan Cairns** participated in the Hamilton College Program in Washington this past spring.

**Carly Catalana** was awarded the General Endowment Fund Scholarship at Pace University in New York.

**Katherine Interlichia** was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at the University of Rochester.

**Kacy Keenahan** was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Boston University.

**Amy O'Sullivan** has been named captain of the University of Maryland's 2011 Women's Soccer Team. Amy is a dean's list student with a double major in Psychology and Criminology and is a member of the Student Honor Council Judicial Board.

## 2009

**Mary Kate Gould** was named to the fall 2010 semester dean's list at St. Bonaventure University. Mary Kate is a Journalism/Mass Communication and Business major.

**Elena Rivera** was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Hope College in Michigan.

**Pam Torrey** completed her sophomore year at the Cleveland Institute of Music as a Vocal Performance major and was named to the dean's list.

**Julianne Wilmot** was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Fairfield University.

## 2010

**Meredith Anderson** is a Third Class Cadet at the United States Coast Guard Academy. Meredith's ship, the Barque Eagle, sailed across the Atlantic Ocean from New London, CT, to Waterford, Ireland, then on to Hamburg, Germany, for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ship.

**Virginia Combs** was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Monroe Community College.

**Grace Interlichia** was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at the University of Rochester.

**Stephanie Pagano**, who is a sophomore at Syracuse University, shared her talents as moderator of



a cake-decorating camp this summer at Mercy. She was assisted by her mother **Trisha Triscari Pagano '77**, who is the Guidance Coordinator at Mercy.

**Anastasia Tahou** was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Nazareth College. ■

## The 12th Annual Fr. Ed Zimmer Memorial Mercy Golf Tournament

With temperatures in the 90's and the sun shining, the Mercy golf tournament took place on Wednesday, July 20 at Shadow Lake Golf Club in Penfield, NY. As always it was a day of fun and camaraderie amongst a competitive group of golfers. However, for the first time in 12 years, the dinner was served inside the air-conditioned clubhouse....a welcome surprise for some very "hot" golfers.

Due to the generosity of our loyal supporters, **more than \$20,000 was raised** to benefit the students at Mercy High School.

**THANK YOU** to our sponsors, raffle prize donors, contributors, golfers, and spirited volunteers for helping to make this year's tournament a wonderful success!

For information on how to get involved in this annual event, please contact the tournament coordinator: Karen Ralph '72 at [kralph@mercyhs.com](mailto:kralph@mercyhs.com) or 585.288.2610. ■



## Travel with Mercy: Normandy & Paris – June 6-15, 2012

Discover the charm of France's Normandy region, a land of beautiful art, delicious cuisine, the famous Calvados brandy, picturesque villages and idyllic countryside. Your exploration begins in the delightful town of Honfleur, long a source of inspiration for artists, writers and musicians. Visit Monet's house at Giverny and admire the peaceful gardens that featured so prominently in his paintings. Tour the delightful town of Rouen, and travel to Bayeux to see its renowned masterpiece, the Bayeux Tapestry. Visit Caen and its Caen Memorial, which honors all those who fought in the D-Day battle. Journey to Omaha Beach to learn about D-Day and its impact on World War II. Your adventure concludes in Paris, with its world-renowned monuments, fashionable avenues and chic shops — a pleasing end to this unique program.

Cost: \$2,995+ VAT

*(If booking before Jan 17, 2012. After cost is \$3,245 per person.)*

Airfare not included but group pricing available upon request.

For additional information go to [www.mercyhs.com](http://www.mercyhs.com) and click on *Alumnae*. ■

# It's Time to Celebrate! REUNION 2011

Honored Classes: '36 '41 '46 '51 '56 '61 '66 '71 '76 '81 '86 '91 '96 '01 '06

## Reunion Liturgy, Reception & Tours of the School Saturday – October 15, 2011

Liturgy: 4:00pm – Mercy Auditorium

Reception & Tours: 5:30pm-8:00pm – Catherine McAuley Gallery & Kathleen Bonsignore Walgreen '61 Gym  
Hearty Hors d'oeuvres • Carving Stations • Soda, Beer & Wine • Coffee, Tea & Desserts  
**\$25 per person**

ALL ALUMNAE are welcome to attend. Members of the “honored classes” were sent a special invitation in August. We invite all alumnae and their guests to the Liturgy. The reception is exclusively for Mercy alumnae.

Please return the form below **no later than October 7, 2011**, to:  
OLMHS, Advancement Office, 1437 Blossom Rd., Rochester, NY 14610-2298

For more information, call 585.288.2610.

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### Reunion 2011 Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Yr. \_\_\_\_\_

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Yes, I will attend the OLMHS Reunion Liturgy & Reception (\$25).

Yes, I will attend the OLMHS Reunion Reception Only (\$25).

Yes, I will attend the OLMHS Reunion Liturgy Only (no cost).

*Reconnect with good friends.  
Join us at the 2011 Reunion!*



# The Circle of Mercy is Timeless

by Katarina Gelke and Caitlin Olfano (members of the class of 2008)

After thousands of miles traveling to and across Europe, in early April we finally returned to our roots: our Mercy roots. As members of the class of 2008, we had learned about Catherine McAuley and how she had founded the Sisters of Mercy in a house on Baggot Street in Dublin, Ireland. Almost three years after we graduated from Mercy, we arrived at that house, now the Mercy International Centre, during our semester studying abroad.

Katarina (KiKi) Gelke, a rising senior at the University of Notre Dame, arrived in Dublin for a different reason than most students studying abroad with the Notre Dame program there. While many arrived in the Emerald Isle to learn more about their family history, KiKi, with a Polish and German background, hoped to learn more about the country that helped shape her academic history as a member of both Notre Dame's "Fighting Irish" and, of course, the Circle of Mercy.

Caitlin Olfano, a rising senior at the University of Rochester, took a different path through Europe as she studied in Madrid, Spain, with IES Abroad to fulfill requirements for her Spanish and International Relations majors. Over in Europe, surrounded by new experiences, Caitlin found Mercy making its way back into her life as she made plans to visit KiKi, one of her best friends at Mercy, in Dublin.

Touring through the streets of Dublin together, we happened upon the Mercy International Centre: a point of reflection on our journey thus far as future college graduates. As we stood where Catherine once stood and reminisced about our years on Blossom Road, we knew that Mercy would forever be a part of our history: as students, as friends, and as women who continue to make a difference. ■



*Caitlin Olfano '08 and Katarina Gelke '08 pose in front of the Mercy International Centre in Dublin.*



## 2011 Craft Show & Sale

Presented by: The Alumnae Association Board

Saturday, November 5, 2011, from 10:00am to 4:00pm  
Mercy High School Gymnasium

We are seeking to offer patrons an eclectic and exceptional mix of handmade items that includes arts (paintings, sculpture, etc.) and crafts (pottery, woodwork, sewn items, jewelry and the like), in addition to home-based businesses (Tupperware, Creative Memories, Avon, Silpada, etc.). We will be selecting a limited number of vendors in each category for arts and crafts, as well as one representative for each home-based business.

If you are interested in participating, please email a photo (arts and crafts) and description of items, along with your contact information to [OLMHSCraftShow@gmail.com](mailto:OLMHSCraftShow@gmail.com) or [kralph@mercyhs.com](mailto:kralph@mercyhs.com) **by September 30, 2011.**

We will review your submission(s) and respond to you no later than October 1, 2011. Upon acceptance, we will send you the contract and registration forms. These documents will include the pricing for the non-refundable registration fee of \$45 (regularly \$50 for non-alumnae) for a booth space. You will need to complete and sign both forms and return them to the Alumnae Association Board **by October 21, 2011.**

# Double Your Donation to Mercy!

Below is a list of some of the companies that match gifts to non-profit organizations like Mercy High School. Check to see if your employer will match your gift and turn \$25 into \$50 that helps make a Mercy education possible to all who desire it!



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# Class of 1947 Gathers

by Dorothy Ernst Allen '47

On a beautiful, sunny afternoon in April, 17 resilient, dedicated classmates met at Keenan's Restaurant for our annual spring luncheon. This is a tradition that was started 14 years ago at the time of our 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion.

A few walk a little slower or may need assistance, but nothing stops us from joining our friends of many years. A strong bond of kinship has been established and everyone looks forward to seeing each other again. When someone who usually attends is not present, concerns are raised. This time, it was for me, and I received a call during the luncheon to ask if I was OK. I had planned on attending, but circumstances came into play and I could not. It was so nice to know I was missed. Rosemary Hahn asked the ladies to "please sign in," which is what I always did. Another tradition carried out!

Attending were: Sr. Anne Marie Lennon, Sr. Marie Marshall, Marie Limpert Cunningham, Sally Stock Eckert, Marian Kubanka Wowkovich, Marguerite Quinn Mahoney, Muriel Dech, Bernadine Foley Trombetta, Jeanne Hept Sellon, Teresa Byrne Carl, Nancy Ford McDermott, Elaine McCaffrey Pugliese, Rosemary Norton Smith, Betty Doran Kowalik, Elsie "Babe" Schaefer, Pat Harvey Lill and Rosemary Leimberger Hahn.

Our annual fall luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 26, at Keenan's Restaurant on Ridge Road at 1:00pm. We'd like to see you there. No reservations needed. ■

# Come for Lunch at Mercy

Alumnae groups have been dining at Mercy for many years now. The alumnae luncheons have become quite popular as they offer an opportunity to catch up with old friends and to hear and see what's new at OLM. If you and a group of your classmates are interested in coming in for lunch (or breakfast or perhaps a "happy hour" after work), please feel free to contact Karen Ralph, Director of Alumnae Relations, at 585.288.7120 x313 or kralph@mercyhs.com.

## CLASS OF 1949 LUNCHEON

When: Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Time: 11:30am

RSVP: Bette Mae Perrin Knox at 585.586.2135 or

Ginni Harden Pierce at 315.986.5628

Deadline to Respond: October 19, 2011 ■

## MERCY ALUMNAE EVENTS COMING TO YOUR TOWN SOON!

FALL 2011: Philadelphia, PA

SPRING 2012: Boston, MA • Washington, DC

Mercy will be back on the road in 2011-2012 and we hope to see many of you at the upcoming alumnae events. If you live in one of these areas, please keep your eyes open for a special invitation with more details. **These events are open to all alumnae so if you happen to be visiting at the time of an event or attending college in the area, please contact the Advancement Office at 585.288.2610 for more information.** ■



## IN MEMORIAM

Susanne Streb Adkins '60  
August 10, 2011

Shirley Tetzlaff Bezek '49  
June 14, 2011

Thelma Newman Brayer '50  
June 3, 2011

Thelma Hohman Cain '44  
February 2, 2011

Margaret Kohlmeier Catlin '58  
August 1, 2011

Margaret Otto Curre '33  
May 6, 2011

Elizabeth Moroney Failll '39  
July 9, 2011

Nancy O'Neill Finegan '69  
April 24, 2011

Joan Weinman Haak '50  
May 8, 2011

Ann Burns Halligan '56  
July 27, 2011

Patricia Ann Doyle Hohman '39  
February 6, 2011

Sister Mary Eymard Hyland, RSM '42  
July 21, 2011

Margaret Donahue McCarthy '40  
April 27, 2011

Ann Santore McSorley '63  
May 22, 2011

Jean Frank Meekin '43  
April 21, 2011

Sister Ann Miller, RSM '44  
April 9, 2011

Victoria Contestable Odorczyk '43  
July 18, 2011

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Amelia Julian Reed '55  
July 31, 2011

Lois Harter Rupprecht '52  
June 24, 2011

Carlynn Dennstedt Schedlin '66  
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May 9, 2011

Betty June Davis Steele '47  
August 26, 2010

Agnes Quinn Van Auken '43  
April 5, 2011

Arline Frank Wells '41  
May 16, 2011

Gloria Heckle Zettlemoyer '47  
May 8, 2011

# Abby shines at the World Cup

Mercy alumna **Abby Wambach '98** was once again headline news as she and Team USA competed in the 2011 Women's World Cup Soccer Tournament. In the quarterfinals against Brazil, the game was tied and went into overtime. A goal scored by Abby in the 120<sup>th</sup> minute of the game moved her team toward victory and on to the next round. Team USA went up against the French team next, and once again, Abby advanced her team's score with a header into the goal. Her team continued to push forward and earned a spot in the final match.

The last game of the tournament was a nail-biter, with another tie-breaker, followed by overtime and penalty kicks. In the end, the team from Japan walked away with the cup. Team USA ended the event with the love and support of Americans, who cheered them on every step of the way. Abby earned two awards at the event: 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup Bronze Boot and the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup Silver Ball. In addition to accolades at the tournament, Abby received an ESPY award for Best Play, in recognition of her header in the quarterfinal match. Soon after, Abby was named player-coach for her WPS team, magicJack, for the rest of the season.

Three short days after the final match in Germany, Abby and some of her World Cup teammates were in Rochester for a game between her professional team magicJack and the Western New York Flash. Her hometown community came out in droves, packing Sahlen's Stadium with a record crowd of over 15,000, all eager to show Abby how proud her community was of all that she had achieved, both during the World Cup and throughout her career. At the game, Mayor Thomas Richards proclaimed it to be "Abby Wambach Day," and presented her with a key to the city. Abby thanked the crowd for their support and took time to sign autographs and speak to some of her fans.

Throughout the weeks of the tournament and after it was over, Abby showed great sportsmanship, leadership, poise and grace while playing her sport and talking about it with the media. The Mercy community is proud of Abby's accomplishments, both on and off the field. She is a wonderful ambassador for Mercy and a great role model to us all. Bravo, Abby! ■



## Calling all 2001 alumnae!

In honor of our 10 year reunion, we're challenging members of the Class of 2001 to raise \$5,000 for Mercy High and achieve 75% donor participation. Until now, our class has averaged only a 2-3% donor participation rate each fiscal year, and we know that we can do better than that! The challenge has been underway since the beginning of July, and we've coined it "**Operation Best Class Ever Gives Back**," a nod to our class moniker. We hope to meet or exceed our goal by the Reunion on October 15th, which is now just a few weeks away, and will announce our results in the next Angles newsletter. Thanks to all those who have supported our efforts thus far!

More information is available on the Class of 2001 facebook page:  
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/OLM-2001-Operation-Best-Class-Ever-Gives-Back/128189650605892> ■

*Submitted by members of the Class of 2001*

**COME ONE, COME ALL!**

Our Lady of Mercy High School, John & Dorothy Hayes, and Ted & Anne Smith  
Invite You to Attend The Greatest Show on Earth!

# UNDER THE BIG TOP

The 9th Annual Mercy Spirit Gala

**Saturday, November 19, 2011 — 6:00 pm**

Our Lady of Mercy High School, 1437 Blossom Road

**THE MAIN ATTRACTION:**

Celebrating our esteemed honorees:

The M&T Charitable Foundation – *Catherine McAuley Philanthropy and Vision Award*  
Dr. Ruth Lawrence – *Sister Mary Francesca Award for Service to the Mercy Community*  
The Mercy Math Department – *Circle Honoree*

**SIDESHOWS:**

Live and Silent Auctions, DJ and Dancing, and More!

Black tie optional | Valet parking



WELCOME TO THE BIG TOP

**STEP RIGHT UP AND  
RESERVE YOUR TICKETS TODAY!**

**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT: \$125 per person through November 4  
\$150 per person starting November 5**

For more information, tickets and sponsorship opportunities,  
call the Mercy Spirit Gala Office at 585.288.7120, ext. 342

## MAY DAY 2011



### *Congratulations to this year's May Court!*

*May Queen:*  
Kristen Graham

*Proclamator:*  
Hunter Miller

*Crown Bearer:*  
Laura Godly

*Senior Honor Attendants:*  
Kristin Lippa  
Margaret Marchand

*Senior Attendants:*  
Lily Cichanowicz  
Kathryn Geen  
Bridget Hanna  
Elsie Ikpot  
Amanda Lozon  
Olivia Schneider  
Colleen Weinmann

*Junior Honor Attendant:*  
Theresa Clancy

*Junior Attendants:*  
Elizabeth Attridge  
Kelly Davis  
Haley Giangreco  
Hannah Harp  
Erin Hasso  
Bridget Kernan



## Learning about the Critical Concerns



In February of this year, a group of Mercy faculty and staff formed a committee to develop a plan to educate the entire Mercy community about the five Critical Concerns of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas. The formation of this committee is part of Mercy's five-year strategic plan. Our goal is to educate students, families, faculty, staff and alumnae about the Concerns so that these ideas can be fully incorporated into life here at Our Lady of Mercy High School and into the community beyond. These Concerns call all of us "to intensify our responses to critical needs of our times."

The following ideas are the Critical Concerns. We must "deepen and assimilate more consciously the practice of NONVIOLENCE; we must deepen our response to the unrecognized and unreconciled RACISM within our community; we must reverence EARTH and work more effectively toward sustainability of life and toward universal recognition of the fundamental right to water; we must continue to embrace our particular concern for WOMEN; we must stand in solidarity with IMMIGRANTS."

Beginning in September, each Mercy classroom will have a symbol on display to remind people of these Critical Concerns each day. In addition, the Critical Concerns Committee will develop action plans to let everyone know how they can join together with the Sisters of Mercy to learn about and address these serious issues of our day. Please join us as we work together to make our world a better place with care and concern for all. ■

# Mercy Hospice program yields valuable life lessons

by Laura Godly '11

In June 2010, the Class of 2011 was introduced to a new program at Mercy called 'Mercy Hospice.' A hospice is a place which provides care and comfort for the terminally ill who are close to death. At hospices, the dying and their families have their psychological, spiritual, emotional and physical needs met. Mercy Hospice teaches about the death and dying process and provides the necessary training to enable students to volunteer in area hospices.

Twenty Mercy students enthusiastically volunteered to participate in the class. We met every Sunday for two hours from October through May. The class taught us how to care for a dying body and for the spirit as well, through the emphasis on empathy. By reading works such as *Tuesdays With Morrie: An Old Man, a Young Man, and Life's Greatest Lesson*, watching documentaries and participating in thought-provoking discussions with our teacher on faith, care techniques and interactions with hospice residents, we experienced first-hand the impact of death and dying not just on the dying, but also those who care for them. Throughout the year, we volunteered at area hospices for a minimum of eight hours per month and brought back our experiences to class, where we were able to share and learn from each other.

I found this class to be the epitome of the spirit of Mercy because it is yet another example of how the Sisters of Mercy fill an identified

need in the community. Mercy Hospice is carrying on the mission of Catherine McAuley. When Catherine McAuley was dying, she was concerned for those caring for her and in an effort to comfort them, she said to one of the Sisters grieving at her bedside, "Be sure you have a comfortable cup of tea for them when I am gone." Catherine McAuley, even on her deathbed, comforted others. Her message and mission still flow through the blood of every Mercy girl. Death didn't terminate the dream, but perpetuated it; we are all here as proof of that fact.

As a recent graduate, I have found the lessons that I have learned in this class to be invaluable. I have learned through experience the importance of empathy and the impact of presence. As hospice volunteers, we provide comfort through our presence in the room. The power in the simple act of holding a hand or just listening is extraordinary. Our presence was enough to show that we cared about the residents and recognized their inherent, God-given dignity. As I prepare to go to college, I am grateful that this class will continue on because another group of students will be able to learn the lessons that I have and so much more. I, along with those who came before me and those who will follow, have been enabled by the Spirit of Mercy to become women who make a difference. ■



## SAVE THE DATE

### SHREK The Musical

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Rochester Auditorium Theatre

Tickets: \$50 (limited 2 per alumnae)



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# IMAGES FROM 2011 ROSE MASS & GRADUATION



# What's next for our 2011 MERCY GRADUATES?

Congratulations to Mercy's Class of 2011! Here's what lies ahead for them this fall.

NAME	COLLEGE ATTENDING		COLLEGE ATTENDING
Adriana Accordo .....	SUNY Buffalo State College	Nicolette Kane .....	SUNY Geneseo
Jennifer Aho .....	Rochester Institute of Technology	Hannah Karpenko .....	Nazareth College
Kaitlyn Amuso .....	Villanova University	Megan Keating .....	Boston College
Emily Au .....	Rochester Institute of Technology	Madeleine Keefe .....	University of Rochester
Kristen Ayers .....	Canisius College	Meghan Kiely .....	College of St. Rose
Emily Barnard .....	New York University	Abby King .....	Villanova University
Meltem Bayramova .....	Nazareth College	Emily Kocoloski .....	College of Charleston
Esmiranda Beha .....	St. John Fisher College	Min Jin Kook .....	Rochester Institute of Technology
Abbey Bell .....	College of Charleston	Mary Fran Kosinski .....	Niagara University
Samantha Bennett .....	University at Buffalo	Anna Lammers .....	Catholic University of America
Emily Bower .....	Hobart & William Smith Colleges	Ryana Lawson .....	Alfred University
Sarah Brown .....	University of Rochester	Meghan Leavy .....	Monroe Community College
Rebecca Campbell .....	Monroe Community College	Kristin Lipka .....	Wagner College
Briana Chamberlain .....	Canisius College	Emily Lochner .....	St. John Fisher College
Yessica Chavez .....	Monroe Community College	Amanda Lozon .....	Monroe Community College/Nazareth College
Hana Chung .....	Monroe Community College	Mary Caitlin Maloney .....	Georgetown University
Lily Cichanowicz .....	University of Vermont	Margaret Marchand .....	St. John Fisher College
Mary Clark .....	St. Lawrence University	Michelle Maurer .....	Catholic University of America
Harley Cleary .....	Alfred University	Mary McCormack .....	Monroe Community College/Alfred University
Michaela Coleman .....	Nazareth College	Anna McGinn .....	University of Notre Dame
Camilla Creatura .....	Boston College	Molly McGrath .....	SUNY Binghamton
Adden Cunningham .....	St. Lawrence University	Cathorene McKay .....	LeMoyn College
Rachel Curran .....	University of Pittsburgh	Maria McMullen .....	University of Notre Dame
Josephine D'Angelo .....	St. John Fisher College	Madison McNiffe .....	SUNY Geneseo
Taylor Dailey .....	Canisius College	Hunter Miller .....	Asbury University
Brianna Dambra .....	Seton Hill University	Alysia Montante .....	Canisius College
Kathryn Delaney .....	SUNY Cortland	Julia Morris .....	University of Rochester
Rachel DeMarco .....	Canisius College	Jessica Nozzi .....	Villanova University
Molly DePippo .....	Georgetown University	Caitlyn O'Reilly .....	Stonehill College
Carolyn DiPoala .....	Duquesne University	Victoria Pacher .....	Sacred Heart University
Erin East .....	Rochester Institute of Technology	Caitlin Peartree .....	University of Notre Dame
Sophia Eliseev .....	Polytechnic Institute of NYU	Mallika Rajamani .....	Boston College
Courtney Elliott .....	New York University	Danielle Rawleigh .....	St. John Fisher College
Juliet Ellison .....	Oklahoma State University	Maria Reask .....	Canisius College
Emily Ferraulo .....	Duquesne University	Mahalia Rivera .....	La Roche College
Emily Freund .....	Ithaca College	Nina Rossi .....	Nazareth College
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