

# ALUMNI NEWS

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER BROUGHT TO YOU BY MERCY COLLEGE OF OHIO

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## Mercy College Values Video Project

How have you been living out the [Mercy College Values](#) of Compassion, Excellence, Human Dignity, Justice, Sacredness of Life, and Service this past year?

We are creating a video highlighting our Mercy College Values and we want to include your stories, thoughts, and examples.



You can share what our Values mean to you or how you live them out. Perhaps you've practiced the value of Excellence by perfecting your banana bread recipe this year. Maybe you've practiced the value of service by volunteering to administer vaccines. You might have seen the value of Human Dignity as you worked with patients or colleagues. You can also share what the Values mean to you, if you don't have a specific example in mind. If you have a picture of yourself putting the Mercy College Values into practice, we'll take that too! You can submit your comments and thoughts at:

<https://mercycollege.wufoo.com/forms/s1enilzv1qtfyl7/>

The first 25 submissions that provide a comment for at least one Value and include their Mercy College email address will receive a \$5 gift card of their choice to Amazon or Starbucks, as a thank you. If you do not have a Mercy College email address, please provide us with an email address that you check regularly.

Survey responses are due by May 30, 2021.

If you have questions, please contact Annie Devine at [annie.devine@mercycollege.edu](mailto:annie.devine@mercycollege.edu).

## Scramble for Scholarships on June 11

Join Mercy College at Toledo Country Club on Friday, June 11 to support Mercy College student scholarships. Must sign up as a team of four. Sponsorship benefits available, including breakfast and Lunch, Bloody Mary Bar (one ticket per person), signage at the event, hole sponsor signage, and more!

**Kordash Scramble for Scholarships**  
Friday, June 11, 2021  
Toledo Country Club: 3949 River Rd., Toledo, OH  
Arrival & Breakfast: 7:30am | Shotgun Start: 8:30am

SPONSORSHIP				
SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$500
Attendees in Total (5% sponsors can have additional at Kordash, Tiffin, Wilbur or Challenge golf course)	8	4	4	Hole sponsor
Breakfast and Lunch	✓	✓	✓	
Bloody Mary Bar (one ticket per person. More tickets are available for purchase)	✓	✓	✓	
Signage at event	✓	✓	✓	
Hole sponsor signage	✓	✓	✓	✓
THE WORKS Package includes Mulligan, Skins, and one entry per team member for all control and games of chance	✓			
Recognition at event through announcements and on appropriate	✓			

Please return completed forms to the Foundation by email to [fdntoledo@mercy.com](mailto:fdntoledo@mercy.com) or by Fax to 419-251-3999. Questions can be directed to Sandy Snyder at 419-389-3460.

## Virtual Tours of Campus Now Available

Mercy College now offers the opportunity to tour campus virtually! These short videos offer a chance to learn more about services offered to Mercy College of Ohio students, including Accessibility Services, Counseling and Wellness Services, the on-campus Fitness Center, Library, Student Lounge, Student Success Center, and Testing Center. Additionally, you can learn about program-specific services, including Nursing Skills Lab, Radiologic Technology Suite, Simulation Center, Science Labs, and the Anatomage Table.



All virtual tours are located [here](#).

## Congratulations Spring 2021 Graduates

Congratulations to the 248 students that graduated from Mercy College in Spring (May) 2021! We excitedly welcome you into this next chapter in your journey as healthcare professionals.



The Toledo campus graduation ceremony took place on Friday, May 7 at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral. The Youngstown campus graduation ceremony took place on Monday, May 10 at St. Columba Cathedral. Though graduating in a time of uncertainty, our graduates have proven diligence and perseverance. All covid-19 safety and social distancing precautions were followed for commencement.

## Remember When?

In August 1967, Mercy nursing students were expected to report to class with their Mercy cap, lab coat, pin, shoes, mug, and lamp (pictured here). Students were expected to report to their clinical experiences on time, greet the head nurse, and conduct their daily assignments of stripping the beds, changing bed linens, bathing patients, caring for hair and nails, and attending to the environment. They observed symptoms continuously and measured all eliminations and records. They were responsible for managing patients' diets, symptoms, treatments, doctor visits, and activities. At the end of each shift, Mercy nursing students reported off to the head nurse, team leader (if any), and clinical instructor giving a summary of the patient's morning.



Class of 1970 graduate Julie Stover-Lauer shares that she remembers "the exposure to new friends, experiences, personalities, and discovering of (her)self... and just being a Mercy Nurse! I think we're the best! There are so many things that I remember. It is just a nostalgic feeling to try to recollect all of those previous memories."

## Alumni Spotlight – Alisha Fata

An educated community is one of the best combatants towards heart disease, a health risk sending millions of Americans to the ER every year. The trend is only growing as heart disease continues to rise.

Mercy Health Clinical Educator and Mercy College of Ohio graduate Alisha Fata created and launched an event called COPE, to educate the Youngstown community on the issue of heart failure.

It was during her schooling at Mercy College Alisha was posed with the question of how to improve patient outcomes at her facility, Mercy Health – St. Elizabeth Boardman. When realizing the high readmission rate for heart failure patients, she went to work on finding a solution.

"My current role was designed in conjunction with the hospital's goal to decrease heart failure readmissions," she said.

She began work on COPE or Cardiovascular Outpatient Program & Education, to help keep heart failure patients up to date on education, resources, ask questions and get involved with other healthy initiatives to increase cardiac health. "Hearing patients say how much it meant to them that they were invited to the event, even if they didn't have heart failure, whether it was their parents or their significant other of someone that meant the world to me," she said.

Alisha credits her education at Mercy College as being instrumental in helping her to form COPE, she reflected. "It gave me the confidence to know that I can implement something as big as this and impact our local communities in a positive way."

We're proud of the ambitions and accomplishments of our students and alumni. Each month, current students and/or alumni will be recognized. Tell us your Mercy story. Please email suggested names to [Alumni@mercycollege.edu](mailto:Alumni@mercycollege.edu) or complete a nomination form [here](#). **Peer-nominations and self-nominations are accepted.**

### Alumni Tuition Reduction

Mercy College is pleased to offer a tuition reduction for alumni to continue their educational journey.

The Tuition Reduction is available for alumni of Mercy College of Ohio, Mercy School of Nursing, St. Vincent School of Nursing, St. Vincent School of Medical Radiography, St. Elizabeth Hospital School of Nursing, and the St. Elizabeth Schools of Radiology Technology and Nuclear Medicine Technology in Youngstown.



Interested in Alumni Tuition Reduction? [Click here for more information.](#)

The tuition discount is available for the following programs:

- [Healthcare Administration Online Completion](#)
- [Health Information Technology Online](#)
- [Master of Health Administration](#)
- [Medical Coding Online Certificate](#)
- [Medical Imaging Online Completion](#)
- [Medical Imaging Certificates](#)
- [Paramedic](#)
- [RN to BSN Online Completion](#)
- [RN to MSN](#)

The Mercy College of Ohio Alumni Department is committed and focused on providing Mercy alumni an experience which is informative, engaging and fun! We're there for you whether you're enjoying one of our alumni events or supporting Mercy as a volunteer.

Your Alumni Department goes the extra mile to keep you informed.

Your Mercy Pride is ours as well – To ensure this newsletter is as informational as possible, please send your comments and article submissions to:

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