

MERCYNEWS

A newsletter for the alumni and friends of Mercy College

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Mercy College Launches Second Graduate Degree Program

Susan Wajert, PhD, President and CEO of Mercy College of Ohio, announced earlier this year that Mercy College has received authorization from the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) and approval from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) to offer the Master of Health Administration (MHA) program. Applications are now being accepted for the first class that begins in August 2018.

“Mercy College’s MHA program will develop leaders who can perform at a strategic level to improve health system operations, positively impact patient outcomes, and prepare individuals for leadership roles in healthcare,” said Trevor Bates, DHSc, AT, Vice-President for Academic Affairs at Mercy College. “This program will be offered through online delivery.”

The MHA program will benefit individuals with a baccalaureate degree in any field as Kim Watson, EdD, MBA, RHIA, Dean of Graduate Studies, Director of the MHA Program, and Professor at Mercy College explained. “The program was designed in consultation with healthcare industry experts to ensure that the curriculum is aligned with the knowledge and skills that healthcare employers are seeking of current and future healthcare leaders. We are thrilled to offer an MHA program that will provide students with an understanding of evidence-based decision making and knowledge vital to serve as an effective leader in ever-changing healthcare organizations.”

More information about the program can be found at mercycollege.edu/MHA or by calling 419-251-1313.

Mercy College Students Learn Using Cutting Edge Anatomage Table

Students at Mercy College of Ohio are using equipment unlike any other to prepare for careers in healthcare and beyond. The most recent addition includes the Anatomage Table, an eight foot, state-of-the art virtual cadaver table with advanced touchscreen 3D technology. The digital platform allows each student to experience dissection, gross anatomy and clinical cases and skills application from the same starting point.

The Anatomage Table builds on the traditional anatomy experience by allowing students to revert to a previous view of a structure, layer or system in an environment where students can take a discovery approach. Each student starts with the same view and perspective, which makes learning from any point of knowledge possible.

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Tuition Discount Available for Alumni and Mercy Health Employees

Mercy College is pleased to offer a 20% tuition discount for alumni and a 25% tuition discount for Mercy Health employees. Specific requirements must be met in order to qualify for discounts.

Information is available at:
mercycollege.edu/alumni and
mercycollege.edu/mercyhealth.

Online Programs Eligible for Discount Include:

- Healthcare Administration Bachelor's Degree
- Health Information Technology Associate Degree
- Master of Health Administration
- Master of Science in Nursing
- Medical Coding Certificate
- Medical Imaging Bachelor's Degree
- RN to BSN

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- John Hayward
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- Barbara Dianda-Martin and James McGhee
- Sue Wajert and Shonda Gore
- Kristian Brown
- James Harris, III
- Brad Bertka, James Harris, III and Tim Koder
- Kim Watson and Tamam Baiz
- Morgan McConnell and Kelsey Warnecke
- Kristy Baugh, Eric and Anne Stockard
- Audra Rec and Katy Kazmierski
- Celebrity Waiters – Back row (L-R): Lynn Detterman, Richanne Mankey, Eric Stockard, Linda Wilkins, Bill Wilkins, Jeff Dempsey, James McGhee, Alexandra Schoen, Michelle Issac, Tom Kroma, Tamam Baiz
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Celebrity Wait Supports Student Scholarships

As part of the Centennial Celebration 'A Century of Excellence' Celebrity Wait fundraising event was held on February 22 to benefit student scholarships. More than 200 guests were served by special "celebrity waiters" and enjoyed dinner and a program with Kristian Brown from Channel 13 WTVG as emcee. Special guest speaker Dr. James Harris III, President of the University of San Diego spoke on the importance of scholarships being available to support students.

The Celebrity Wait raised \$22,000 that will be used for Mercy College student scholarships. Mercy College is celebrating 100 years of Mercy education (1918-2018) and will be hosting special centennial events throughout 2018. More information about the Mercy College Centennial Celebration can be found at www.mercycollege.edu/100.





Alumni News

Nathan Kessler, Class of 2014, is living in Columbus and writes: I started my career with Mount Carmel Health System in 2014 working on a surgical step-down unit. From there, I moved to the surgery department where I worked as a circulator, scrub, and charge nurse. Eventually, I became the Director of Nursing for Roxy Plastic Surgery. In late December 2017, I accepted a position with Mount Carmel College of Nursing as a full-time Assistant Instructor where I help teach Med/Surg and the corresponding clinical as well as Foundations of Caring Health Practice lab. In addition, I will graduate with my Master of Science in Nursing

Education in December 2018 from Mount Carmel College of Nursing. I attribute my rapid success to the excellent educators I had during my time at Mercy and I'd love for them to see and take pride in the impact they made in my life.

Heather Wiederman, Class of 2013, lives in Lakewood, Ohio and continues to work at the Cleveland Clinic.

Judith A. Wohl, Class of 1965, is retired and now lives in Bechtelsville, Pennsylvania.

MERCY NEWS SPECIAL EDITION

There has been some friendly debate as to the class pictured on the cover of the Mercy News Special Edition published in late 2017.

Mary Daly, Class of 1948, wrote she is sure the photo is of her class and has had a lot of fun passing it around to family and friends. She is standing by the bookcase. Mary stated she has nothing but fond memories of her three years at Mercy. From her career, she knows she received a top-notch education.

Marty McGeein, Class of 1959, reports her class is confident the photo is of their class. They think the picture is when they were freshman as there are no stripes on the caps (before June 1957). However, they do not remember the long-sleeved uniforms.

The debate continues.

GENERATIONS OF MERCY

Carol (Woitzel) Dodge, Class of 1963, writes that her daughter, **Amy (Dodge) Keil**, graduated from Mercy in 1988.



Alumni Deaths

Since the publication of the last issue of Mercy News, we have learned of the death of the following alumni:

Name	Date of Death	Class	Name	Date of Death	Class
Rosemary L. (Smith) Marlowe	April 25, 2017	1969	Patricia M. (Mulligan) Farkas	December 12, 2017	1951
Kathleen D. (Mack) Coffman	July 16, 2017	1947	Rita D. (Dobson) Marshall	December 19, 2017	1975
Cora E. (Williams) Freeman	September 13, 2017	1947	Kathleen F. (Ryan) Homer	February 3, 2018	1955

Joan Rutherford Retires After 49 Years of Service

Mercy has been part of Joan Rutherford's life since birth. As the daughter of a St. Charles CFO and a St. Vincent Hospital nurse, Joan began her career at Mercy at just 16 years of age in patient accounts. From there she served throughout the Mercy system and eventually started at Mercy College in 2002. Mercy College Presidents, Board Members, and



employees came to rely and appreciate Joan's conscientious attention to detail, the depth of her understanding of hospital and college finances and her unflappable calm demeanor. At the Fall 2017 commencement ceremony, Joan received the Misericordia et Cura Award which is the highest honor bestowed by Mercy College. A

scholarship in her honor was also announced at the Fall 2017 commencement ceremony and over \$23,000 has been raised for the Joan Rutherford Scholarship Fund. A retirement reception was held April 20, 2018 to thank Joan and to recognize her commitment to the College and Mercy Health. All the best to Joan as she enters a new phase of life!

In Memoriam

Phyllis Zoe DeBlasio, 67, of Toledo, OH, passed away on January 4, 2018. Born to James and Phyllis DeBlasio, Zoe



was an Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Mercy College of Ohio since 2008. Zoe leaves behind a community of friends near and far who mourn her passing.

Mercy College Youngstown Gets SimJunior

Mercy College Youngstown received Mercy Health Foundation support for a new SimJunior Pediatric Simulator. Using simulation provides a safe environment for students to practice clinical judgment. This allows integration of interactive learning strategies and scenarios into our classroom to better prepare our future Registered Nurses.

The arrival of the new SimJunior was celebrated by a welcoming "baby shower." SimJunior was named "Angelo Plasty" by level II nursing student Sunnie Hudak. Students participated in a simulation experience, games, cake, punch, and brought donation items to support the Centering Pregnancy program at Mercy Health – St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital.



Centennial Events

HOMECOMING 2018

Friday, September 14, 2018

11th Scramble for Scholarships

Belmont Country Club

29601 Bates Road, Perrysburg, OH 43551

9 a.m. Shot Gun Start followed by lunch and awards

Saturday, September 15, 2018

1 Mile Centennial Walk

10 a.m. Walk from Mercy College to Mercy Health –
St. Vincent Medical Center

Alumni Reunion Banquet

Pinnacle

1772 Indian Wood Circle, Maumee, OH 43537

5 p.m. social hour followed by dinner at 6 p.m.

Sunday, September 16, 2018

Alumni Mass and Brunch

10 a.m. Mass

Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral
2535 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo, OH 43610

Brunch immediately following Mass

Toledo Museum of Art

2445 Monroe Street, Toledo, OH 43620

CENTENNIAL MASS

Sunday, December 2, 2018, 10 a.m.

Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral
*The Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas will be our
celebrant.*

MERCY COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Friday, December 14, 2018

Fall Semester 2018

More information is available at mercycollege.edu/100.

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Trevor Bates, DHSc, AT, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty at Mercy College, offers insight into the advantages provided by the Anatomage Table for the Mercy College community.

“Faculty and academic staff will use the Anatomage Table in many of our current programs to provide a structural foundation, to supplement anatomical models and to provide a perspective for many of the procedures students will perform during their clinical education and in their future professional careers,” Dr. Bates explained. “The Anatomage Table allows students to view the cadaver at any angle and both lying flat and standing to replicate potential positions they will find their patients in when they are providing care.”

The addition of the Anatomage Table at Mercy College allows students on all levels to have access to human and animal cadaver anatomy dissection. The Anatomage Table complements existing programs at Mercy College including helping Radiologic Technology and Medical Imaging students visualize the structures they will be imaging on patients in the hospital setting. Nursing students are able to view the path of injections they will give to patients and gain an appreciation for the need for accuracy and depth. The detailed, intense learning provided through the Anatomage Table will impact Mercy College students for years to come.

The Anatomage Table will not only supplement the learning experience for Mercy College students, but will also be used by Mercy Health Toledo in the graduate medical education and Mercy Sports Medicine programs.

The \$80,000 plus purchase of the Anatomage Table was completely funded through private donations and grants. Key contributors were the Ruth Kelly Foundation, Frederick Douglass Foundation, Mercy Health Foundation and the Mercy College Auxiliary among others.

Mercy College of Ohio is committed to providing equal opportunities for all persons regardless of race, color, national and ethnic origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, religion, pregnancy, genetic information, and any other legally-protected class in admissions and educational programs, services and activities, in accord with applicable federal and state law. For more information about Mercy College of Ohio policies, compliance and consumer information, please visit: www.mercycollege.edu/compliance. Inquiries and complaints of discrimination may be addressed to the Director of Compliance and Risk Management at 419-251-1710, or 2221 Madison Avenue Toledo, OH 43604.

The Alumni Board Needs You

The Mercy Alumni Association Board is seeking new members. The Board is open to all alumni of the Mercy School of Nursing and the College. The Board normally meets no more than four times per year in the early evening. Big events for the Board include planning and participating in the annual Mercy Alumni Banquet and the Mercy Alumni Mass and Brunch, both on Homecoming Weekend. The Board helps fund scholarships and other student organization requests throughout the year from the banquet proceeds. They also support and participate in many College related events.

If you would like to know more, please contact Barb Eyler, Mercy Alumni Board President, at crafty6154@hotmail.com or 419-345-5374 or any of the members.

Current Mercy Alumni Association Board Members:

Sue Bascuk, Class of 1964
Jess Brown, Class of 1975
Bernie Butler, Class of 1958
Karen Dziengelewski, Class of 2013
Barb Eyler, Class of 1980
Tim Frank, Class of 2015
Sam Hartman, Class of 2010
Cindy Heins, Class of 2004
Marie Masztak, Class of 1964
Terry O'Donnell, Class of 1980
Michael Straub, Class of 2015

Let us hear from you

Mercy College is here to serve you. Keep your classmates and the College informed of your achievements, career, honors, and accomplishments for inclusion in the *Mercy News*. You will be acknowledged by name and year of graduation.

Your full name (include maiden if appropriate)

Graduation year (earliest degree)

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State

Zip

Is this a new address? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Home phone number (include area code)

Cell phone number (include area code)

Email address

Place of employment

Please submit news of any accomplishments on a separate sheet. If you have a “seasonal” change of address, please let us know your permanent address and your seasonal address. Include the general time frames of your stay: e.g November through April in Florida (give address) and May through October (give address).

Mail this form to: Kristy Baugh, Mercy Health Foundation – Greater Toledo, 2525 Cherry St., Toledo, OH 43608 or email her at kristy_baugh@mercy.com. You may contact her by phone at 419-251-2116. Updates can be also submitted at mercycollege.edu in the section *Alumni and Friends*.



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For additional information on the Legacy Society, please contact Kristy Baugh, Mercy Health Foundation – Greater Toledo, 2525 Cherry St., Toledo, OH 43608, kristy_baugh@mercy.com, 419-251-2116.