A newsletter for the alumni and friends of Mercy College

FALL 2013

Your Gift, Their Education, Our Future

Since its founding twenty years ago, Mercy College enrollment has grown from 134 to 1200 students on two campuses, Toledo and Youngstown. In outstanding examples of "adaptive reuse", College facilities on both campuses occupy former hospital space, much of which now needs to be renovated. Today, the costs of providing higher education including instruction, technology, and space outpace the funds available. To remain affordable for our students, alternative funding options must be found. The College now seeks the resources to update its facilities in order to continue to provide students the high quality educational experience they deserve.

College leaders and alumni have expressed their desire to provide for the future. **Bob Maxwell**, Major Gifts Campaign Chair, noted, "To sustain the good learning and teaching atmosphere found here, Mercy College needs to continue to keep pace with the changing world. New technical advances in healthcare are emerging daily. They need new facilities so that graduates will continue to be prepared to begin their careers and be ready to deal with the new world they will find."

This campaign will require a commitment on the part of the College's many friends – alumni, parents of current and past students, business and community leaders, Board members, faculty, and staff. You are invited to share in the vision as Mercy strives to meet the challenges of a growing student centered institution. In the coming days, weeks, and months friends of Mercy College will be asked to support this major gifts campaign titled "Your Gift, Their Education,



Bob and Kathie Maxwell

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Our Future." Your help will shape our future while remaining faithful to the mission, vision and values of Mercy College.

The Mercy core values permeate all our programs as we seek to create leaders who value intellectual inquiry and social responsibility. We seek your support to enable us to carry on our mission in the months and years which lie ahead.

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CURRENT FUNDING PRIORITIES

FACILITIES: \$3,300,000

- Renovation and Expansion of the Current Science Laboratories (Toledo campus) \$2,800,000
- Expansion and Renovations (Youngstown campus)\$500,000

ENDOWMENT: \$500,000

■ For Student Financial Aid (Toledo and Youngstown campuses)

Alumni Spotlight: Shemekia Alexander

Mercy's Regional Corporate Responsibility Officer prepared for her healthcare career with degrees from Mercy College



Shemekia Alexander, RHIT

Shemekia Alexander, RHIT, Regional Corporate Responsibility Officer for Mercy, earned both her Associate of Science in Health Information Technology and her Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration from Mercy College. She had been working at Fifth Third Bank as an item processor but dreamed of a more fulfilling career. A coworker who was studying nursing at Mercy College recommended the school.

"I was interested in working in healthcare, but

not directly in patient care," Ms. Alexander said. "I attended an open house at Mercy College and was impressed. I enrolled in the associate degree program for Health Information Technology. I liked the small class sizes and felt that really enhanced the learning experience. I was never afraid to ask questions or seek extra help when I was struggling. The staff was very knowledgeable, and the flexibility was great too. I was working, and I really appreciated how the College provided class options that fit a busy person's life, with evening, weekend and online courses."

While she was earning her HIT degree, Ms. Alexander was required to complete a professional practice experience, which she did at Mercy St. Anne Hospital.

"I really liked St. Anne, and it seemed like it would be a great place to work," she said. "Fortunately, there was an opening at the time, so I applied and was thrilled when I got the job."

Ms. Alexander said she knew even while completing her associate degree that she would return to school.

"I always knew I wanted to get my bachelor's degree," she said. "Towards the end of my associate degree program, Mercy College began offering the bachelor's degree completion program in Health Care Administration, so it was a natural choice for me to apply to that program when I was ready to continue my education so I could advance into a leadership role."

Ms. Alexander worked at St. Anne as an HIM Lead Records Processing Technician from 2005 to 2010, then, upon earning her bachelor's degree in 2010, she moved into a role for Mercy as RAC Coordinator. She held that position until becoming Regional Corporate Responsibility Officer for Mercy this July.

"In a nutshell, I am responsible for our compliance program," she said. "I work with Legal, Patient Financial Services, HIM and the management team in general as well as other compliance officers throughout Catholic Health Partners to ensure we are doing the right thing in terms of conduct, billing, following Medicare rules, etc. I make sure we stay current on meeting all of the government regulations. It is an important role, and when I took it on I was excited to have the opportunity to learn and grow within our organization."

Ms. Alexander is back in school again, working towards a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Health Care Administration from Tiffin University.

"I look forward to finishing my master's degree and to learning as much as I can about my current role and doing the best job I possibly can for Mercy," Ms. Alexander said. "I plan to be here for quite a while. I have really enjoyed my work with Mercy so far and am grateful for how well Mercy College prepared me for the positions I have held here."

For anyone who is considering furthering their education while working, Ms. Alexander has some advice.

"Don't take on more than you can handle," she said. "For example, with the master's degree I am pursuing now, I am taking one course at a time. It will take me a little longer to finish, but I would rather take my time and do well. Also, if you are on the fence about whether to go back to school, don't be afraid to go for it! If you want to do it, look into it."

Ms. Alexander said she experienced tremendous support both during her time at Mercy College and while beginning her career at Mercy.

"I am especially thankful to **Jenni Discher** and **Shirley Easterly-Smith**," she said. "Jenni was my first instructor at the College and has been very

The third annual three-day Homecoming event was a great success! The Scramble for Scholarships, held on Friday, September 20, netted over \$6,000 which will be awarded to student scholarship applicants for the 2014-2015 academic year. Saturday's Family Fun Day featured an expanded Car Show, both in variety of cars and number of participants, as well as entertainment, games, and hands-on science activities for all who attended. A new event, Mercy Night Out at the Huntington Center, added an evening of humor and great music for Mercy alumni, faculty, staff, students, and guests. The weekend ended with the traditional Alumni Mass and Brunch held on Sunday. Alumni and guests gathered to pray especially for thirty-three of our alumni who have passed away since September 2012.









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THE 4TH MERCY
HOMECOMING. MARK
YOUR CALENDAR AND
PLAN TO ATTEND ONE
OR MORE EVENTS
STARTING ON FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19,
THROUGH SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 21, 2014!









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inspirational as I have advanced through the Mercy system. She truly embodies our Mission in everything she does! Shirley, HIM Manager at St. Anne, saw the potential in me during my PPE and gave me the chance to work for Mercy. She has been a mentor and has always encouraged me to do my best. Shirley saw my abilities and ensured that I was afforded the opportunities to become the leader I am today."

Outside of work and school, Ms. Alexander enjoys spending time with her family.

"First and foremost, I am a wife and mother," she said. "I have three kids, ages 14, 11 and almost 3, and they keep me busy. I volunteer as a coach for my 11-year-old's cheerleading team, and I just love spending time with all three of my kids."

Shaina McKnight Awarded Frank Lanza Healthcare Scholarship through Phi Theta Kappa/AACC

Named a Frank Lanza Memorial Scholar for 2013. Shaina McKnight is 1 of 20 healthcare students nationwide who will receive a \$2,500 scholarship to help her achieve her dream of helping others. Shaina is currently pursuing her Associate of Science degree in Nursing at Mercy College. To be considered for the scholarship, applicants were asked to write an essay explaining what they would do, if they had one million dollars to invest in medical research. Shaina wrote about extracorporeal membrane oxygenation, known as ECMO in the health care community. She focused on the ECMO system and the advantages it could provide to the neonatal intensive care unit.

A Phi Theta Kappa member, Shaina's goal is to become a Registered Nurse in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Shaina stated, "Having a personal experience in the NICU with my own family is what inspired me to want to become a part of a neonatal intensive care team. Being a part of a NICU team means caring for the most vulnerable population. Every intervention implemented in their care is making a difference. It reminds me how sacred

human life is and to never take it for granted. If your family has ever had an infant in the NICU, you understand when I say those nurses become part of your family. I know they made a difference during a very hard time in my life; not just by the care they provided, but by the support they gave to me. It is my goal, in my career as a Registered Nurse, to give that same compassion that was bestowed upon me to other families I hope to have the privilege to care for one day."

The Lanza Scholarship program targets students who are working toward an associate degree in nursing, emergency medical services or respiratory care programs offered by regionally accredited colleges. A panel of independent judges selected the recipients by application based on academic and leadership endeavors as well as community service.

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), with the generous support of CAE Healthcare and L-3 Communications, Inc., have awarded \$50,000 in scholarships to the 2013 Frank Lanza Scholars.

Dr. Sung David Chun, Associate
Professor of Sociology, became
a naturalized U.S. citizen on
Thursday, October 3. After
living in the U.S. for 22 years,
he took the naturalization test
in August, passing with flying
colors! The Humanities/Social
Sciences Division honored his
accomplishment with a cake
decorated as a U.S. flag at their
August 24th divisional cook-out.



Employee Spotlight: Leslie Erwin



Leslie Erwin

Program Developer is a cheerleader for Mercy College, both on the job and off

Leslie Erwin has been a Program Developer in the Division of Short Term Education at Mercy College of Ohio since October 2009. Prior to that her career included a variety of positions, but she always felt drawn towards education.

"I felt a calling to work in education for quite some time," she said. "I have coached cheerleading over the years and taught Sunday school – sort of dabbling in education, and in my HR roles at Chrysler I spent a great deal of time focusing on training and developing the workforce. When I heard about the position at Mercy College, I felt it was one where I could really apply some of my skills and abilities."

Ms. Erwin earned her Bachelor of Science in Psychology with a minor in Criminology/Sociology from The Ohio State University, and her first job after college was as an adult probation officer for Wood County. After almost two years in that role, she began an 11-year career with Chrysler, where she was a Production Supervisor and then a Human Resources Employment Generalist at the Toledo Machining Plant in Perrysburg and then a Salary Administrator/ HR Generalist and Training Manager at the Toledo Assembly Complex, which is known as the home of the Jeep Wrangler.

"When I started at Mercy College, we were just starting to offer credit certificate programs," Ms. Erwin said. "At first I worked on both credit and noncredit certificate programs, but my counterpart in the department and I found we often were duplicating one another's efforts, so we streamlined things, and I focused on credit programs, and she focused on noncredit programs and special projects. I see programs through the accreditation process and get them off the ground. We offer Ophthalmic Technology, Polysomnographic Technology, EMT and Paramedic and are working to add a Community Health Worker program in 2014."

Ms. Erwin said she finds her current position to be incredibly rewarding.

"I have always been interested in both healthcare and education," she said. "So this is a perfect blend for me. And as I began my career in higher education, coming to a small college was the perfect fit for me, as were the Mercy Mission, Vision and Core Values."

Ms. Erwin said working at the College also works very well with her extra-curricular activities.

"I have been a cheerleading coach for Woodmore Local Schools in Elmore/Woodville, Ohio since June 2009," she said. "I feel that at work I am essentially coaching our students as they begin a new mission and adventure in their lives. And in working with high school students, I find myself sharing with them all of the opportunities that Mercy College can offer as they think about furthering their education. I think that Mercy College as a whole, and our division especially, offers so much more than most people realize. I find it is a natural fit for me to act as a cheerleader for Mercy. I am that way by nature and just find myself doing it almost without thinking about it, but I think it is something we can all do more often, and that would be very positive for the College."

Ms. Erwin has even used the opportunity presented by her cheerleaders' commitment to community service to help build their relationship with Mercy College.

"I brought the cheerleaders to perform at the College's homecoming festivities for the last two years, and they have raised money for the Children's Miracle Network (Mercy Children's Hospital is a local beneficiary) at one of our football games," she said. "I often talk to the cheerleaders about the programs and opportunities at the College, and I make sure to keep the high school guidance counselor updated about our offerings as well. I always look for ways to bring my two roles together to benefit both the College and the young people I coach."

In her limited spare time, Ms. Erwin enjoys spending time with her four children and exercising, especially running. $\widecheck{\mathbf{M}}$



Congressional Representative Bob Latta visits Mercy College

Representative Bob Latta, Ohio 5th District, visited Mercy College Toledo Campus on August 15 with his aid, Elizabeth Bostdorff. After a tour of the College's facilities, he met with President John Hayward, Vice Presidents Jamie Harter and Anne Loochtan, and Advancement Director Mike Whalen. The discussion centered on a couple of key issues for higher education currently before Congress. These included the recent restructuring of financial aid time limitations and the problems it creates for returning students seeking additional education. The second was the national issue of access to distance education due to different state by state restrictions causing undue financial hardship for institutions. Representative Latta thanked those present for the information and indicated that he looked forward to working with the College to resolve the issues discussed.



Jamie Harter, John Hayward, Bob Latta, and Anne Loochtan

IRA Charitable Rollover - Available through December 2013

Through the end of 2013, donors can make charitable donations using Individual Retirement Account (IRA) funds without incurring a tax liability. The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 allows donors age 70 $\frac{1}{2}$ or older to make charitable gifts directly from an IRA without incurring federal income tax. The exemption expires this year. So, act now as there are no guarantees Congress will extend the benefit past 2013.

To use the exemption, what do you need to do:

- 1. Give now, rollovers must be made no later than December 31, 2013.
- 2. You must be at least 70 $\frac{1}{2}$ or older when the distribution is made.
- 3. There is a limit of \$100,000 in combined contributions in any one year.
- 4. Gifts must be from traditional IRAs or Roth IRAs to be eligible.

Contact your IRA plan administrator now for the required forms to make sure you meet the deadline. Designate your gift to the Mercy College of Ohio Foundation. Please be sure to let us know in advance to expect the contribution and where to direct your gift. For additional information, contact **Mike Whalen** at michael.whalen@mercycollege.edu or 419-251-1824.



ANNUAL REPORT

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DEAR FRIENDS OF MERCY COLLEGE:

Daniel Webster's description of Dartmouth in 1819 as "a small place, but there are those who love it" fits Mercy College of Ohio equally as well nearly 200 years later.

Mercy College continues to focus on our Mercy 2020 strategic goals and objectives. The College-wide commitment to institutional effectiveness and assessment of student learning is exciting. The College family – students, faculty and staff – embrace the spirit, mission and heritage of our founders in all that we do. We seek to create leaders who value intellectual inquiry and social responsibility by living the Mercy core values of compassion, human dignity, excellence, service, sacredness of life and justice.

Equally exciting is the prospect of our major gifts campaign, as we seek the resources to update our facilities in order to continue to provide students the high quality educational experience they deserve and to augment and grow our endowment resources to provide much needed financial aid for our students.

This annual report summarizes our recent accomplishments. I encourage you to review it and renew your commitment to Mercy College of Ohio.

Sincerely,

John F. Hayward, President



WHO WE ARE

Mercy College of Ohio is a Catholic, undergraduate institution of higher education founded by the Sisters of Mercy and sponsored by Mercy. Our focus is to provide healthcare and health science related programs, continuing professional education programs, and other community services. We value and provide the integration of general and professional studies as the basis for successful career preparation.

DEGREES & PROGRAMS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

- Health Care Administration Online Completion
- Human Biology PreMed
- Medical Imaging Online Completion
- Nursing
- Nursing/RN to BSN Online Completion

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

- Cardiovascular Technology
 - Echocardiography
 - Peripheral Vascular
- General Studies
- Health Information Technology
- Nursing
- Radiologic Technology

CREDIT CERTIFICATES

- EMT
- Medical Coding
- Ophthalmic Technology (eye care)
- Paramedic
- Polysomnographic Technology (sleep tech)





STUDENT PROFILE

MERCY COLLEGE EMPLOYEES IN TOLEDO AND YOUNGSTOWN

Full-Time Faculty 63

Adjunct Faculty 124

Administrators 18

Full Time Staff 43

Part Time Staff 4

24 full-time employees of the College have doctoral degrees.

STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO

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ENROLLMENT 2013

Toledo Campus: 1073

Youngstown Campus: 122

Total Enrollment: 1195

GENDER

Female 86%

Male **14%**

AVERAGE AGE:

28

ETHNIC ORIGIN

Caucasian 82%

African American 8%

Hispanic 4%

Other 6%

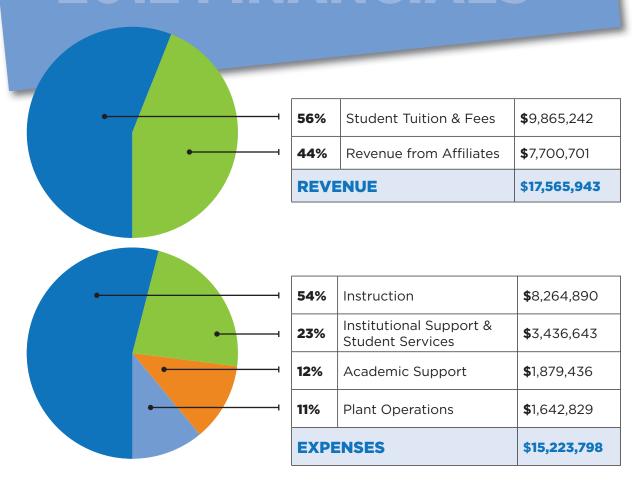
FINANCIAL AID

As of October 1, 2013, **80%** of our total student population (both campuses) has applied for some type of financial aid (grants, scholarships, work study, and loans) for the 2013-2014 academic year. The financial aid department has awarded **\$11,441,186** in financial aid.

2013/2014 TUITION

Tuition for fulltime students is **\$359 per credit hour** or \$8,616 annually.

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The Mercy College Foundation received **\$205,786.55** in gifts and grants during the 2012 calendar year.



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MISSION OF MERCY COLLEGE

Mercy College of Ohio, a Catholic institution with a focus on healthcare, educates and inspires students to lead and to serve in the global community.

OUR VISION

We will be the leader in educating individuals committed to intellectual inquiry, social engagement, and lifelong learning.

CORE VALUES

Compassion Human Dignity

Excellence

Service

Sacredness of Life

Justice



Alumni News

Ann Reinhart, class of 2010, was featured in an article in Mercy Messenger, a publication issued bimonthly for all employees in the Mercy Northern Region. As a nurse in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) at Mercy St. Vincent, Ann recalled one particular patient, fifteen-year old Samantha, who was critically injured in a car accident. Today Sam is completely well and leading a normal teenage life. Ann said, "Looking back, Sam is the perfect example of why we do what we do and how beautiful it is when all at our hard work pays off."

Christi Toska, class of December 2009, wrote: "After graduation, I went on to begin my career as a Registered Nurse in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. I worked with an amazing team in the NICU at The Toledo Children's Hospital for one year until I decided it was time to follow a dream of mine: live at the beach! I relocated to North Carolina and continued to work as a NICU RN. During my time in North Carolina I met several travel nurses. There was something about the nurses that I could identify with, so I began to inquire. What was it about these girls that made them so happy? Could travel nursing be the next step in my career? With the advice and encouragement I received from them, I left for my first assignment in November of 2012!

I currently live in San Diego and love it. If it were not for travel nursing I may never have had the opportunity to explore the west coast! Traveling allows you to have flexibility and fun while doing the job you love. It is an opportune way to be adventurous and see the country. It has brought me out of my comfort zone, blessed me with great new friendships, and expanded my knowledge. While it is hard work and requires independence, I enjoy benefits such as control over my schedule, competitive pay, bonuses and free housing. Travel nursing is what you make it. I encourage anyone interested in traveling to start by researching travel nurse agencies, make a few calls, and reach out to those with travel experience. It is an incredible profession to be a part of!"

Congratulations to Captain **Sarah Matuszek, RN**, class of 2005 and 2007, who a candidate for the 2013 Healthcare Hero Award! Sarah is employed at Mercy St. Charles Hospital in Oregon, Ohio. She returned from a tour of duty in Afghanistan just before Thanksgiving.

Annette Hallett, class of 1984, was recently appointed by Mercy as the regional manager of Palliative Care Services. In an article in the July 1, 2013 Mercy Messenger, Annette said: "My new role as regional manager is to support St. Vincent's program, grow our programs at St. Charles and St. Anne and establish a regional presence. We want to develop a consistent level of support and coordination across the hospitals."

Cindy Buganski Parke, class of 1977, wrote that she and her husband, Lee, have moved to Chico, CA. They own and direct Professional Education Center, which provides continuing nursing education with an OB specialization.

Pat Horgan Stricker, class of 1966, wrote to let us know that her aunt, Kathryn Copic (class of 1946) passed away on May 24, 2013. "She had a wonderful 20 year career in the Navy as a nurse anesthetist, retiring with the rank of Commander. She was stationed all over the world and served on two hospital ships, the USS Haven in Long Beach, and the USS Repose off the coast of Viet Nam during the war. She loved nursing and was the ultimate caregiver – a perfect example of a 'Mercy Nurse!'"

In Memoriam

DECEASED ALUMNI

02/15/2012	1983	Fawn Jarrett-Doerner
05/24/2013	1946	Kathryn Copic
06/22/2013	2007	Trisha Adamski Appelhans
06/27/2013	1957	Marguerite Kennelly Nichols
07/04/2013	1937	Alice Murphy Kliber
07/07/2013	1994	Judith Ann Myles Patrick
07/15/2013	1958	Sandra Kepler Brahier
07/17/2013	1942	Geraldine Ecker Kirchner
08/01/2013	1947	Betty Hoffman Rashleigh
08/01/2013	1958	Agnes Huss Roth
08/02/2013	1936	Thelma Langton O'Hearn
08/10/2013	1942	Mary Margaret Wilson Hunyor
11/22/2013	1955	Rita Huss Kappus

Join the Legacy Society

Have you remembered Mercy College of Ohio Foundation in your estate plans and not told us? We invite you to join alumni and friends who have made planned gifts on our behalf and welcome you to the Mercy College Legacy Society. Discussing your estate plans with our Advancement Office staff ensures that your gift is designated according to your wishes, and allows us to recognize you for your generosity and forethought.

For additional information on the Legacy Society, please contact **Mike Whalen**, Director of Advancement, at **419-251-1824** or **michael. whalen@mercycollege.edu**.

Employee Accomplishments

- Dave Crafts, Director of Student Life was chosen Chair-Elect for the Special Event Association of Northwest Ohio.
- Dr. Sung Chun, Assistant Professor of Sociology, recently had his paper, entitled "Distressed Neighborhood Change and Residential Segregation of Racial Groups in Chicago," accepted for publication in the International Journal of Business and Social Science.
- Dr. Elizabeth Sprunk, Program Chair of the ASN program presented at the NN2 annual conference on her dissertation topic "Incivility".
- Dr. Anne Loochtan, Vice President of Academic Affairs at Mercy College, received the prestigious Cullen Johnson Service Award at the annual meeting of the National Network of Health Career Programs in Two-



Year Colleges (NN2) in Omaha, Nebraska on October 3, 2013. The award is presented to a board member who has shown outstanding service to NN2 over a minimum of five years.



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The 2014 Alumni Reunion and Banquet will be held on Thursday, May 29, 2014 at The Premier, on Heatherdowns Blvd. All Mercy School of Nursing and Mercy College Alumni are invited to this event. Alumni who graduated in years ending in "4" or "9" who are celebrating 5 to 70 years since graduation from Mercy will be specially honored. Mark your calendar and get your class together to enjoy a great gathering of friends.