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ALUMNI NEWS

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Mercy College is excited to host Alumni and Friends Weekend 2021 on September 25-26. Alumni, guests, family, and friends are encouraged to join us for a variety of activities throughout the weekend, purchase an Alumni and Friends Weekend shirt, and participate in the 50/50 raffle!

Events include Mercy Mile Walk, Alumni Reunion & Banquet, Mass, and Brunch. Events are free, unless otherwise noted. Registration is required.

To register, order a shirt, or purchase 50/50 tickets, complete the online form [here](#) by Wednesday, September 1 or contact Hannah Bohn – Coordinator of Alumni/Grants at alumni@mercycollege.edu or 419-251-8993.



[ALUMNI DEPENDENT SCHOLARSHIPS STILL AVAILABLE FOR FALL 2021](#)

Scholarships are available for dependents of Alumni of Mercy. The dependent must be a first-year student (never attended college) within one year of high school graduation and accepted into one of the following programs; [Biology](#), [Health Sciences](#), Nursing ([Associate](#) or [Bachelor's Pre-Licensure](#)), or [Radiologic Technology](#).

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SCHOLARSHIPS

This \$1500.00 per semester scholarship is renewable each year, if the student remains in good standing and maintains a 3.0 college GPA each semester. More information and a list of complete eligibility requirements can be found [here](#). Scholarships are still available for Fall (August) 2021, but programs are filling up quickly. [Apply now!](#) If you are a Mercy alumni and your dependent has already applied or been admitted to Mercy College, contact [Financial Aid](#) to let them know!



COLLEGE AWARDED HRSA AND ODHE GRANTS

Mercy College has been awarded a Choose Ohio First (COF) grant from the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE), which will provide scholarships that cover up to 80% of the tuition for Mercy College of Ohio's [Community Health Worker](#), [Ophthalmic Assistant \(eye assistant\)](#), [Polysomnographic Technologist \(sleep technologist\)](#), and [Paramedic](#) certificate programs over the next five years. Tim Depinet, MPH, RT (N), CNMT, Director, Allied Health Certificate Programs, says, "These scholarships greatly reduce the financial barrier many face when pursuing education. Healthcare certificates are a great choice for those eager to enter the workforce. Mercy College's accelerated certificate programs allow an individual to get started in a healthcare career in a short period of time." To be eligible for a COF scholarship, students must be an Ohio resident, complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and apply or already be enrolled in one of the approved certificate programs. More information about the COF grant and the certificate scholarships can be found [here](#).

Mercy College has also been awarded a Nursing Workforce Diversity (NWD) grant from the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) to increase nursing education opportunities for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. The grant will support students in Mercy College's associate and bachelor's degree nursing programs from July 2021 through June 2025. The grant will be used to provide scholarships and stipends for program participants, cultural competence training for Mercy College faculty and staff, increased support services. Increased services include but are not limited to a comprehensive and robust program of mentoring, tutoring, increased NCLEX-RN preparation, and engagement activities. Incoming and current Mercy College nursing students (associate and bachelor's degree-seeking) who are interested in participating in Mercy College's Nursing Workforce Diversity program should contact their admission officer or academic advisor to obtain more information about this grant or to be notified when the application opens please [complete this form](#). Learn more about the NWD grant [here](#).

UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT WAJERT

President Sue Wajert provided an update regarding Fall semester, announcing that students and faculty will be back on campus for classes and labs with safety measures in place. Watch the video update [here](#).



STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN IPE EVENTS ON CAMPUS

Interprofessional Education (IPE) occurs when two or more professions learn about, from, and with each other to enable effective collaboration and improve health outcomes. Mercy College students are the healthcare workforce of the future, and IPE has outlined student competencies to teach teamwork among the different programs with the ultimate goal of improving the quality of patient care for populations while reducing the overall cost of care.

On June 23-24, the IPE Escape Room at Mercy College encouraged [Nursing](#), [Radiologic Technology](#), and [Paramedic](#) students to work together for 45 minutes to solve a series of puzzles and challenges that involved a medical case study. The activity required specific division of labor and strong communication skills to successfully "escape

the room”. The main concepts from this exercise were effective communication, situational awareness, shared accountability, and teamwork. Shown in the picture to the left, this group of students solved the medical case study and “escaped the room” with over eight (8) minutes to spare!



[Michelle Kleman '14 - ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT](#)

Michelle Kleman completed Mercy College’s [Ophthalmic Assistant \(eye assistant\) Certificate](#) in 2014. This credit certificate program is designed in a two-semester format. The program includes didactic, laboratory, and clinical components, providing students with both the knowledge and hands-on experiences required to be successful as an ophthalmic assistant- to assist the ophthalmologist (medical or osteopathic doctor who specializes in eye and vision care) in a variety of diagnostic and technical tasks.

Michelle graduated from the University of Toledo in 2013 with her Bachelor of Science in Biology and Chemistry. She shares, “I had a passion for eye care. I truly believe this program changed the entire trajectory of my life and set the foundation for my entire career. Mercy College allowed me to gain the beginning knowledge into the field of eye care and placed me on the slow and steady track to becoming a practicing optometrist. I was offered full-time employment as a certified ophthalmic assistant at my second externship site before I officially graduated from Mercy. After working as a certified ophthalmic assistant for the next 3 years, I moved to Chicago, Illinois to pursue optometry school. In May 2020 I finished my doctorate from the Illinois College of Optometry. I now practice next door to my first externship site with Mercy College where I first learned my beginning skills and solidified my career in eye care. I am employed full-time at [Spectrum Eye Care](#) in Findlay, Ohio. To this day I continue to use the knowledge and skills that were given to me by the amazing instructors at Mercy College. I highly recommend this program to any person considering a career as an ophthalmic assistant or an aspiring optometrist!”

Learn more about the [Ophthalmic Assistant Certificate](#).

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 or complete a nomination form [here](#).

Peer-nominations and self-nominations are accepted.

The Mercy College of Ohio Alumni Department is committed and focused on providing Mercy alumni an experience that 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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