

*Cherishing the Past, Flourishing Today,
Embracing Tomorrow*

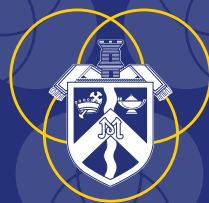


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"The simplest and most practical lesson I know... is to resolve to be good today, but better tomorrow. Let us take one day at a time...thus we may hope to get on taking short, careful steps, not great strides. Also attend to one thing at a time. You have fifteen hours from six til nine."

—Catherine McAuley



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of Mercy,

I am honored to now be serving the school and I look forward to getting to know you over the coming academic year and beyond as we build upon Mercy's strong foundation. Even though we have that foundation, we are in the midst of a season of flexibility, resilience, and change as we implement numerous procedures throughout our building to cultivate a sound space for our students to learn and to share their voices.

This year we, like so many throughout the nation and world, are making numerous investments to manage through the pandemic and to ensure that all students continue to have the opportunity to attend our school. We have dedicated resources such as classroom cameras, faculty laptops, and specialized software to create simultaneous online and in-person learning and teaching; we added new safety measures to the school such as hands-free water bottle filling stations, ventilation, and exhaust in every classroom and bathroom, we installed plexiglass shields in the main office and other high traffic areas, and hand sanitizers throughout the school. We have also increased our financial assistance to accommodate our families who have been adversely affected by COVID-19. **To date, our additional annual expenses related to the pandemic are \$300,000 and rising.** In addition, we are upgrading our athletic facility including the weight room and training room to be prepared for full seasons of athletic programs in the future.

To carry out Catherine McAuley's (the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy) vision, each year we ask members of our community to contribute to our Annual Fund and we use her guidance to support, sustain, and thrive. We are forever grateful for your past support and we look forward to your continued dedication to our mission. Particularly during this time, your contributions are being used where there are critical needs. Every donation is used for its greatest impact.


We continue to **cherish the past, flourish today, and embrace the future** but we need your support to bridge our gap and maintain our standard of excellence for all who learn, teach, and work here. We would not be able to continue all our traditions and evolve without your support.

Thank you for giving to the **Mercy High School Annual Fund**.



Ms. Alissa DeJonge, Class of 1995
President of Mercy High School





Continually building
upon Mercy's strong
foundation since 1963.

Cherishing the Past

The **Mercy High School Annual Fund** raises unrestricted dollars to support core programs such as academics, activities, arts, athletics, campus ministry, clubs, community outreach, scholarships, and STEM curriculum. Your contributions provide tuition assistance to families in need and strengthens our scholarship funds to all girls. Our mission, vision, and values are the core of who we are and who we will be. As we look back and admire our accomplishments, we must also look to keep Mercy healthy and strong for many more years to come.

Flourishing Today

Even during the pandemic, we show our flexibility, resilience, and change. We are increasing our technology capabilities, providing services and software for students to attend classes remotely and in person. In addition, we are providing professional development opportunities and educational tools for our faculty to augment Mercy's level of academic excellence as a college preparatory high school. To be prepared and provide tangible resources to our students, we have:

- **Equipped classrooms with 34 web cameras, 25 tripods, projectors, laptops, docking stations, second monitors, and wireless keyboards**
- **Provided 11 laptops, 7 monitors, and docking stations for staff remote work**
- **Purchased 10 USB writing tablets for faculty to use as digital white boards**
- **Subscribed to Nearpod software to access more than 8,000 lessons and monitor student pace with interactive activities and reporting**
- **Provided faculty training for Nearpod and Microsoft Teams to enhance efficiency and effectiveness**
- **Related expenditures for safety and services.**

This year we are providing additional funding to families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many families are seeking our help to keep their daughters enrolled at Mercy; we are providing additional financial support through our scholarships and endowments established by you, our generous Mercy community members.

We are seeing a substantial increase in financial aid applications from our current families. It is imperative that our Mercy students continue their education with us, and we need your support to make that happen. The **Alumnae Scholarship Fund**, the **Minority Scholarship Fund**, and the **Forty-Five Scholarship Fund** are examples of financial aid resources given to the many families who want to attend Mercy and experience academic and spiritual strength within a nurturing and professional environment.



Embracing Tomorrow

We are proud of what our students accomplish and the women who they become. It starts at Mercy with students listening deeply, increasing awareness, showing empathy, and responding intentionally. The Circle of Mercy continues with alumnae giving back to society in countless ways. We look to the future by making sure we can provide the opportunity to attend Mercy to all who wish to attend.

In addition, updating our campus and athletic facility is another key component in competing with other schools for sporting events and attracting talented athletes considering Mercy as their school of choice. We updated our locker rooms, relocated the training room to a larger space, and provided ventilation to the gym and weight room.



Catherine McAuley's words are more important now than ever before. Thank you for helping Mercy High School to carry out this mission of educating our students, who become Women of Mercy for the benefit of the world.

"No work of charity can be more productive of good to society than the careful instruction of women."

—Catherine McAuley

How to Support the Annual Fund

- **By Donation:** Make check payable to Mercy High School. Please fill in and print out the donation form found on the next page and mail along with your check to **Mercy High School, Advancement Office, 1740 Randolph Road, Middletown, CT 06457**. To make your gift of support online, visit the Mercy donation web page at **www.mercyhigh.com**.
- **By Pledge:** Please fill in the pledge portion in the payment section of the donation form and mail to Mercy High School at the address listed above.
- **By Securities, Stock, or Wire Transfers:** Please call us for instructions.
- **By a Planned Giving or Legacy Gift** through an annuity or beneficiary designation.
- **With a Matching Gift** through your place of employment.

The Impacts of Your Donation

- I** ncreased enrollment through scholarship and tuition assistance
- M** aintains our standard of excellence in academics, arts, and STEM programs
- P** rovides teachers with expanded curriculum opportunities and professional development
- A** ttracts student athletes with updated athletic facilities
- C** reates opportunities to bridge the gap between tuition revenue and operating expenses
- T** ransmits funds for technology, services, and equipment for new levels of learning and teaching
- S** upports the many COVID-related expenses incurred to prepare Mercy to be safe and to follow the guidelines set forth by the State of Connecticut and the Norwich Diocese.

Thank you for supporting the Mercy High School Annual Fund!

Yes, I am pleased to support the Mercy High School Annual Fund!

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Mercy Affiliation (*select all that apply*):

- ☐ Alumna—Year of Graduation: _____ ☐ Friend ☐ Faculty/Staff ☐ Board Member
☐ Parent of: _____ ☐ Grandparent of: _____

Your gift may be eligible for a corporate match. If you or your spouse is affiliated with a company that has a corporate gift match, please indicate:

- ☐ Form enclosed ☐ Completed form online ☐ Company name: _____

Gift Instructions: Name to appear in Annual Report: _____

- ☐ Gift in Honor of: _____
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Gift Payment Information:

- ☐ Check (*payable to Mercy High School*)
☐ Credit card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ AmEx ☐ Discover
☐ This is a **one-time gift** of \$ _____
☐ This is a **monthly recurring gift** of \$ _____ each month.

Start Date: _____ Stop Date: _____

Account Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Mercy High School has played an important role in my life.

- ☐ I have included Mercy High School in my estate plans.
☐ Please send information on ways to include Mercy in my will or estate plans.

Please mail this completed form along with your check (if applicable) to:

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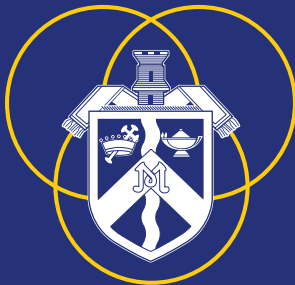
Online secure credit card donations can be made by visiting www.mercyhigh.com

For questions about giving to Mercy High School, contact advancement@mercyhigh.com or 860-346-6659

Thank you for your gift to Mercy High School!

Gifts of \$1,000 or more (or \$250 or more if graduating within last 10 years) confirms your membership in our **Mercy Giving Society**. Your tax-deductible gift is an investment in Mercy High School, a college preparatory high school for young women. Your generosity is a blessing that our Women of Mercy will carry forth into the world in word and deed.

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