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Dear McAuley Family,

Just a few weeks ago, we had the privilege of honoring the Class of 2017 as our newest McAuley alumnae. At Baccalaureate Mass and at Graduation, we had the opportunity to reflect on, and celebrate, their many achievements during their four years at McAuley High School. From their academic successes, to their tremendous commitment to service, their list of accomplishments was quite impressive – but not at all surprising.

It’s not surprising because, year after year, McAuley High School graduates students who stand apart from the rest. McAuley students become alumnae who live according to the Mercy-based principles of our foundress, Catherine McAuley – Faith, Compassion, Service, Leadership and Excellence. These very principles are the hallmarks of a Mercy-based education, and are what we instill in our students each and every day. Our students graduate as faith-filled, confident leaders, ready to take on the world. And at Graduation, we send them into the world knowing that they are ready to change the world.

The impact of these young women – and every graduate of McAuley High School – is why we must continue to offer a Mercy-based education right here in Cincinnati. As you’ll read on page 4, our new school, Mercy McAuley High School, will open in the fall of 2018. Our new school will blend the very best of both McAuley and Mother of Mercy High Schools, continuing Catherine’s mission of educating young women. We must continue to ask ourselves, “How is what we are doing, now and in the future, in the best interest of these young women?”

Your continued support of McAuley students in 2017-18 is vitally important, as is your ongoing commitment to the future students of Mercy McAuley High School. While some things will change on the “outside,” such as colors and mascots, our Mission and Values – which are central to our identity - remain the same. Our cherished alumnae are living proof of the incredible value of a Mercy-based education. You represent our history and also our future. For it is through you and your continued support that we will continue to further Catherine’s mission for years to come.

Sincerely,

Daniel A. Minelli
Principal
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On March 2, the Sisters of Mercy announced their decision to blend the best programs and activities of McAuley and Mother of Mercy High Schools to create a new school, Mercy McAuley High School, which will open in the fall of 2018.

Blending 160 years of excellence at McAuley and Mother of Mercy High Schools, the new school will be located on Oakwood Ave. on the campus that currently houses McAuley.

McAuley and Mother of Mercy will continue to operate as they do now for the 2017-2018 school year. When that school year ends, the two school entities will cease to exist as the new Mercy McAuley High School is officially established.

“Our primary concern in making this decision was the well-being of the young women we serve, and our goal is to offer affordable and sustainable Catholic, Mercy education to our current students and future generations. A healthy enrollment provides a solid platform for making that vision a reality by creating opportunities for expansion of curriculum and activities for years to come,” said Sister Jane Holstream, president of the Sisters of Mercy – South Central Community.

Planning is Under Way

Planning for the new school is well under way and is being spearheaded by a Transition Committee (see sidebar) which is led by Tom Otten, retired principal of Elder High School in Cincinnati. Current school administrators, including principals and associate principals, from both McAuley and Mother of Mercy, meet weekly with the Transition Committee. There are also eight committees (and many sub-committees) that are busy developing the structure and details of the new school. These eight committees include: Academics, Advancement, Athletics, Legacy & Rituals, Spiritual Life, Student Life, Finance, and Oakwood Campus. The committees include faculty and staff members, alumnae and others who volunteered to help.

Each committee has a charter to investigate certain topics within the area of assignment, and members are discussing and recommending a best course of action by specific deadlines. Their recommendations will be reported first to the Transition Committee, who will then verify that the various reports complement and support one another and that they are financially feasible. After evaluation by the Transition

Mercy McAuley Transition Committee Members

- Tom Otten (Chair), retired principal of Elder High School
- Cindy Costello, assistant director of the Ministry Office of the Sisters of Mercy
- Denise Krueger, McAuley alumna and math and science professor at Mount St. Joseph University
- Wayne Morse, a retired executive from Procter & Gamble who most recently worked in the school office of the Archdiocese
- Kathy Schnier, retired English teacher from Mother of Mercy High School
Committee, the recommendations will be reviewed by the Board of Directors and the Sisters of Mercy for final approval.

We are very grateful to the many alumnae who volunteered to help with various aspects of the transition. If you are not serving on one of the committees due to a limited number of available positions, rest assured, your input will be sought via surveys that will be sent via email.

**Branding Process Begins**

One of the most common questions asked about the transition is “What will the new school colors and mascot be?” Establishing a new brand for Mercy McAuley High School is an exciting process and is critical to the new school’s success. The Transition Committee has partnered with a local branding agency, Madison Design, to develop the brand strategy for Mercy McAuley High School. The first phase of the branding process – the research phase – has already begun. During this phase, research is being conducted with various stakeholders including alumnae, current and prospective parents and students, faculty and staff, and others. Through a number of focus groups/interviews and surveys, information is being gathered about current perceptions, strengths and opportunities of both current schools that will help develop the brand position, differentiators, benefits and key messages that will be used to represent the new school. After the research phase is complete, work will begin to create the visual and verbal expression of the brand – including a logo, tagline, school colors, mascot, and other design and identity elements.

**School Leadership**

At the time of printing of this newsletter, no decision has been made regarding the model of leadership that will be used for the new school (President/Principal Model, or Principal Only Model, or another option). The model is scheduled to be decided by Summer 2017, with the actual leaders selected by the fall of 2017.

**What’s Next?**

Over the next few months, the brand strategy work will continue, and recruitment will begin this fall for the incoming freshman class for the first year of Mercy McAuley High School. Committees will continue to work over the summer months to finalize details related to curriculum, facility, athletics, student life, and much more.

Visit www.mcauleyhs.net, and follow us on Facebook, for weekly updates from the Transition Committee and any new developments. And, please help us ensure we have your most updated email address and contact information, so that you can stay informed on the transition, by completing the form at www.mcauleyhs.net/update.

**Alumnae Support is Valued and Needed**

The McAuley Community has been blessed with dedicated and passionate alumnae for over 50 years – alumnae who have given their time, talents, resources and money to help us continue Catherine McAuley’s mission of educating young women. While the transition to Mercy McAuley High School is a change for all of us, this core mission remains the same. Just as McAuley High School has done since 1960, Mercy McAuley High School will carry out Catherine’s mission of providing a Mercy education to young women for years to come. As always, the continued support of McAuley alumnae is needed now for the final school year of McAuley, as well as in the future for the success of Mercy McAuley High School.

Katie Martini and Emma Feist, who just completed their sophomore year at McAuley, will become members of the first class to graduate from Mercy McAuley High School in 2019. In reflecting on the transition, both Katie and Emma look to the new school with a sense of optimism, confidence, enthusiasm and leadership.

“What I’m most looking forward to with the new school is meeting the Mother of Mercy girls and making new friendships. The best thing for us is to come together and look at it in a positive way. Some of my old grade school friends attend Mother of Mercy now, so I’m excited to reconnect with them. As the first senior class at Mercy McAuley, we need to show that we can and will make an everlasting impact on future classes in the new school. I’m proud that we will leave an impact by coming together, from two strong schools in academics, sports, and the arts, to form an even more powerful school.” – Katie Martini, Class of 2019

“With the new school, I am most looking forward to meeting new people and gaining new friends from Mother of Mercy. Since I’ve been on Student Council, I’ve had the opportunity to meet some of the Mercy students over the past couple years, and I’m really excited that I’ll be able to go to school with them. I already know that we’ll be really good friends, and I’m honestly excited to share senior year with them. I’m excited to be part of the first graduating class of Mercy McAuley High School and for the new experiences and new faces I’ll see in the halls.” – Emma Feist, Class of 2019
Congratulations, Class of 2017!

We are very proud of the many accomplishments of our newest alumnae!

Percentage of Graduates Continuing their Education in College 99%

Total Dollar Amount of Scholarships Offered to the Class - Over $7.4 Million

30 Colleges & Universities Attending

Acceptances to 72 Colleges & Universities

Top 3 College Majors for Class of 2017:
Nursing & Medicine; Business & Communications; Science & Engineering
Valedictorian

Hannah Smith will attend Ohio Northern University, where she will major in business and psychology and pursue their 3 + 3 law program. She plans to become a contract attorney.

Salutatorian

Olivia Dillman (daughter of Margaret Manegold Dillman ’87) will attend the University of Cincinnati, where she will major in medical sciences. She plans to become a physician.
As an alumna of Mother of Mercy High School, and having worked at McAuley for so many years, you know firsthand the incredible value of an education rooted in the principles of the Sisters of Mercy. In your opinion, what makes a Mercy-based education so unique and special?

For me, the answer is simple. The caring teachers and staff who go above and beyond for our students and our school community, as well as the sisterhood of our student body, are what make a Mercy education one in a million.

You were taught by Sisters of Mercy, and you have worked alongside Sisters of Mercy, including your special friend, Sister Michaeleen. What are some “life lessons” or teachings that she taught you?

Sister Michaeleen taught by example. She showed me how her presence alone, and her spirit and love for the Sisters of Mercy, made a difference. She taught me how to be fully present for the students and to enjoy life. She spread her cheer everywhere she went.

Each year when you address the senior class at Graduation, what aspects of McAuley do you hope they will take with them and never forget?

I hope that our newest alumnae will always be compassionate and loving, and will always take care of each other.

You attend dozens and dozens of McAuley events throughout the school year – from athletic games, to dances, to awards ceremonies, and countless others. Is there one tradition or activity that stands out for you, or one that you look forward to every year?

My favorite tradition is Mercy Day Mass, because we’re all together as a school, celebrating the reason why we’re all here. I also love Graduation. It is heartwarming to see that our graduates, who entered McAuley as little girls and leave as mature young women, are ready for the next chapter in their life, and are ready to take on the world.

What’s the craziest or silliest thing you’ve done for our students in your time at McAuley?

One year former Principal and President Cheryl Sucher and I agreed to dye our hair blue if a certain number of students signed up to give blood at the blood drive. We did dye our hair blue on closed circuit TV in front of the whole school!

With our ever-changing technological society, educating students today is certainly different than it was 20 and even 10 or 5 years ago. In your opinion, what has been one of the biggest technological “shifts” in how we educate students?

Due to technology, we are more focused on problem solving than lecturing. Education today is much more engaging, thanks to advances in technology.

What is your favorite summer vacation spot, or tell us some of your favorite summer “pastimes”?

My favorite thing to do in the summer is to swim in my backyard pool with my family and friends.
Kathy Cannon Wiechman ’67

Kathy Cannon Wiechman ’67 recently visited McAuley and provided our library with a copy of her first published book, Like a River, a Civil-War era novel that tells the story of two teenage Union soldiers who carry deep, dangerous secrets. They both survive incredible odds, including time spent in the Andersonville Prison, and the Sultana steamboat disaster. As their lives intersect, both soldiers learn about the importance of loyalty, family and love. Like a River was published in 2015, when it also won the inaugural Grateful American Book Prize, an award that was presented to Kathy at Lincoln’s Cottage in Washington, DC. We asked Kathy to reflect on her source of inspiration for the book, her love of writing, the importance of perseverance, and her memories of McAuley.

What was your source of inspiration for your book Like a River?

I was in my 40s when I first learned of the Sultana disaster, and I wondered why it was never mentioned in my history books. I decided I needed to learn more about it and write about it, so that today’s young readers could learn about it too.

What message would you want current McAuley students to receive after reading Like a River?

My main goal in writing the book is to bring history to life for today’s readers. If the book makes high schoolers aware of historical events and leads them to want to learn more, I am thrilled. But mostly, I hope I can hold their interest with a good story.

Thinking back to your years at McAuley, do you have a favorite memory?

Carol Dressman’s American Lit class was my favorite. We used to have a juke box in the student lounge, and we often danced there after lunch. The student-faculty volleyball game was always a hoot! I treasure the friends I made at McAuley, some of whom are still a cherished part of my life. I reconnected with another McAuley friend because of Like a River. She read it, recommended it to her book club, and invited me to the meeting where it was discussed.
Thank you to everyone who participated in McAuley’s 2017 Day of Giving! For the second year in a row, all donations were matched on March 17. Thanks to 387 donors, McAuley raised nearly $90,000 in one day! We are so appreciative of your support that raises essential funding for McAuley students.

And a special thanks to our alumnae and friends who honored the following faculty and staff with their contributions:

- Peggy Brewer
- Chuck Buhrman
- Sr. Mary Jarlath Connaughton
- Thomas D’Amico
- Lorraine Schnier Effler
- Marilyn Enigk
- Sr. Cheryl Erb
- Brigitte Foley
- Shirley Frey
- Sr. Virginia Ann (Rosaire) Froehle
- Jerry Glascock
- Sr. Judy Gradel
- Charlene Hatton
- Kathy Hauser
- Lynne Hele
- Connie Helmers
- Ron Hitzler
- Libby Hodapp
- Connie Kampschmidt
- Sr. Mary Michaelleen Keane
- Gina Keith
- Jane Kramig
- Fr. George Kunkel
- Mary Lachmann
- Velma Lehmann
- Marilyn Maurer
- Marjorilaine Menke-Prince
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- Mary Ellen Ohr
- Sr. Mary Timothea O’Neill
- Sr. Mary Perpetua Overbeck
- Gary Pierson
- Karen Pryor
- Sr. Mary Amadeus Richter
- Sr. Marjorie Rudemiller
- Rosemary Kammerer Schlachter
- Sr. Greta Schmidlin
- Jim Schneider
- Maria Schweikert
- JoAnn Schwetschenau
- Carol Seissiger
- Diane Sheridan
- Elmer Sheridan
- Sr. Francisca Shermann
- Kathy Thacker Snodgrass
- Cheryl Sucher
- Jennifer Torline
- Pam Vissing
- Kathy Pohl Wagner
- Sue Ward
- Mary White
- Shawn Young

Scholarships

**Sister Perpetua & Sister Michaelleen Scholarships**

McAuley is fortunate to have many scholarships named in memory and in honor of alumnae, Sisters of Mercy and special friends.

For example, the school has scholarships named for both Sr. Michaelleen and Sr. Perpetua. In the 2017-18 school year, two deserving students will benefit from these scholarships.

**Kristen Nadler English Memorial Scholarship**

Kristen Nadler English, a 1992 McAuley graduate, passed away on December 10, 2016, at the young age of 43, after a courageous 15 month battle with cancer. She left her beloved husband, Jack, and four beautiful children, much too soon. While at McAuley, Kristen developed a love of chemistry and then selected it as her major at Xavier University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in 1996. Immediately following graduation, she began her career at Procter & Gamble as a chemist. In 1997, she and Jack were married. In Kristen’s memory, the Kristen Nadler English Memorial Scholarship has been established to be given annually to a McAuley student who is in financial need and also exhibits an interest in chemistry.

You can contribute and increase the amount of funding currently in each of these scholarships. Use the envelope in the middle of this issue of Ties or donate online at www.mcauleyhs.net/giving.
Our annual McAuction fundraiser held this past March was another huge success! The event, *McAuction 2017: An Affair to Remember in the 50s*, included a delicious dinner, drinks, live and silent auction, basket raffles, split-the-pot, and much more – all 50s style! Longtime McAuley friends and benefactors, Jim and Elaine Day, were honored for their ongoing commitment to our students. The event grossed over $183,000, and all funds raised directly benefit our students through scholarships, financial aid, campus improvements and other special projects at McAuley. Special thanks to our chairs, Karen ('86) and Dan Klare, and vice chairs, Debbie ('87) and Andy Dorr, pictured below with McAuction Coordinator Libby Hodapp '89.

McAuley Alumna Wins $20,000 Grand Raffle!

Do you remember the excitement of the annual student raffle? This year, the longstanding McAuley tradition became even more exciting! We combined the student raffle with the McAuction Grand Raffle, building on both raffle traditions while increasing the funds raised for our students. The winner, drawn at the McAuction, had the option of choosing any car from Jake Sweeney valued up to $32,500, or a two-year BMW lease, or $20,000 cash! We were thrilled when the winning name drawn was a McAuley alumna – Lindsey Gilmore '99, who chose the cash option! Lindsey lives in Sunnyvale, California, with her husband, Eric, and her three children, twins Dominic and Peyton (6) and Kendall (3). The cross-country distance hasn't stopped Lindsey from continuing to give to McAuley. “I donate to the raffle and to McAuley in general because I really enjoyed my time at McAuley - especially the friendships I formed while I was there - and I see this as my opportunity to give back,” says Lindsey. “My fondest memory of the raffle was seeing the creativity of the decorated hallways and enthusiasm of the raffle pep rally.”

Big thanks to our sponsors, who helped make the 2017 raffle a huge success:


Save the date for next year’s McAuction: March 24, 2018
Do you ever wonder what things are like within the halls of McAuley these days? Here’s a snapshot of some memorable events from the last half of the school year.

**Academics**

McAuley’s Latin students have received several impressive honors! Senior Julia Cardinal, pictured above, was named the #1 Latin Student in Ohio at the Ohio Junior Classical League State Convention, where McAuley’s Latin students also finished 6th overall in the state! McAuley was the Top All-Girls School in Ohio for the 12th year! Also, sophomore Ellie Kammerer earned a PERFECT SCORE on the National Latin Exam. Each year, less than one percent of students who take the National Latin Exam earn a perfect score.

**Athletics**

Our Varsity Basketball Team ended an exciting season with these honors: 23-3 record (10-0 GGCL), #12 State Ranking, GGCL Champs, Sectional Champs, District Champs, All GGCL players, All District Players, GGCL Player of the Year, District Player of the Year, GGCL and District Coach of the Year.

**Service**

In March, our students participated in a school-wide “MERF Madness” project, in which they collected food items to donate to two food pantries: CAIN (Churches Active in Northside) and Mt. Healthy Alliance Food Pantry. The students collected a total of 968 most needed food and toiletry items. Throughout the year, the students collect items and monetary donations for MERF (McAuley Emergency Relief Fun) that are distributed to a variety of community organizations.

**Arts**

In April, McAuley Drama put on another spectacular spring musical – *All Shook Up!* This musical, set in the 1950s, featured Elvis Presley music, high energy dancing, fabulous costumes and sets, and much more! The cast and crew received an astounding 24 Cappie Award nominations (including Best Musical). They took home five Cappie Awards for Costumes, Stage Management & Crew, Choreography, Female Dancer, and Female Critic.

**Faith**

Several students represented McAuley at the annual Catholic Schools Week Mass, which is celebrated in downtown Cincinnati at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral. The students also enjoyed other festivities throughout the week honoring the many people who are instrumental in making a Catholic education possible for our students.

**Student Life**

As part of Student Council Week in April, our student leaders planned a fun afternoon called “Mohawk Madness” for the entire student body. Students enjoyed carnival games on the front lawn, a game of kickball, a chalk mural competition, a pizza lunch outside, and Kona Ice! The beautiful weather was the icing on the cake!
McAuley Students Spend Spring Break Traveling Abroad

France

Several McAuley students and chaperones spent their spring breaks travelling abroad through two different exchange programs. One group travelled with a group from La Salle High School to Toulouse, France, where they stayed with French host families. Students ate meals at the French dinner table, attended school at General Royer Clemenceau High School, and truly lived the life of a French student. The group spent several days in Paris exploring the city of lights and visiting classic monuments such as the Eiffel Tower, Galeries Layettes, Versailles, Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris Catacombs, Montmartre and the Sacré-Cœur Cathedral. This past October, McAuley had welcomed several of the French students as part of the exchange.

Denmark

Another group of seven students and chaperones spent nine days in Aalborg, Denmark, with host students and families. The Danish hosts were girls who had come to McAuley this past October. While in Denmark, the McAuley students went to school with their hosts at Hasseris Gymnasium, a public co-ed high school. On the weekend, they took day trips to Aarhus, a nearby city, and the beach at Skagen on the northern coast of Denmark where the Baltic and North Seas meet. During the last two days of the trip, the group ventured to Copenhagen via train for a tour that included the Parliament buildings, the Queen’s residence and the statue of the Little Mermaid. On their last day in Copenhagen, the girls visited Rosenborg castle, the National Museum, and Tivoli Gardens, the second oldest amusement park in the world.

Summer Musical:

Singin’ in the Rain

July 7 – 9

All McAuley alumnae are invited to join us for our summer musical, Singin’ in the Rain, July 7 – 9.

Shows are at 7:30 p.m. on July 7 and 8, and at 2 p.m. on July 9.

Tickets are $10 for adults, $8 for students/seniors, and $5 for children under 10.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or online. Visit www.mcauleyhs.net for ticket sale information.

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Senior Mother/Daughter Mass & Breakfast

In May, our senior class enjoyed our annual Senior Mother Daughter Mass and Breakfast, one of our favorite McAuley traditions. Many of the mothers who attended are also McAuley alumnae themselves. Below we salute these McAuley alumnae – moms and daughters - who will forever share this special McAuley bond.

Abigail Albrinck  Rebecca Eichhold Albrinck  1991
Claire Alverson  Rebecca Schultz Alverson  1984
Emma Barbee  Susan Hartmann Barbee  1991
Janie Burwick  Carol Gerety Burwick  1990
Elizabeth Cohen  Stephanni Schweitzer Cohen  1989
Olivia Dillman  Margaret Manegold Dillman  1987
Grace Dorr  Debbie Szucs Dorr  1987
Alexis Fehring  Kimberly Brenner Fehring  1987
Meghan Gabriel  Heather Siegert Gabriel  1991
Taylor Greene  Denise Russo Greene  1980
Sophia Hamilton  Marnie Farlow Hamilton  1988
Maria Hemmelgarn  Lori Berning Hemmelgarn  1983
Emma Hudepohl  Nikki Buerkle Hudepohl  1992
Kiersten Hughes  Jennifer Rebsch Hughes  1993
Maya Hughes  Jennifer Rebsch Hughes  1993
Lauren Humphert  Jodie Hoelker Humphert  1986
Bridgette Kahny  Jennifer Olberding Kahny  1986
Nicole Kerth  Theresa Masur Kerth  1985
Annie Klein  Joann Pfennig Klein  1975
Elena Kluener  Kelley Frey Kluener  1984
Abigail Koenig  Kathleen Miller Koenig  1986
Ashley Kuchenbuch  Julie Fehring Kuchenbuch  1985
Abigail Ludwig  Sue Beischel Ludwig  1988
Jenna Lustenberger  Suzanne Doerger Lustenberger  1986
Grace Mattingly  Deborah Corson Mattingly  1992
Emma Meiners  Mary Schmuelling Meiners  1985
Eleanor Nieman  Beth Vissing Nieman  1986
Josephine Salemme  Tracy Ohr Salemme  1986
Annie Schindler  Peggy Meiners Schindler  1990
Abby Schneider  Julie Krueger Schneider  1985
Madeline Smith  Ellen Bierman Smith  1988
Lindsey Soto  Cindy Ennis Soto  1989
Sydney Spinnenweber  Barb Wehmann Spinnenweber  1991
Audra Stueve  Karla Bernecker Stueve  1971
Kristen Stueve  Karla Bernecker Stueve  1971
Mirey Taite  Michelle Taite  1994
Anna Thomas  Kathy Campbell Thomas  1993
Lucille Torbeck  Theresa Payne Torbeck  1984
Grace Wells  Deborah Harmeyer Wells  1981
Abigail Ziegler  Milia Dick Ziegler  1985

Flying Pig Marathon

We extend a heartfelt thank you to the many alumnae and friends of McAuley who were part of our team for the 2017 Flying Pig Marathon in May! Many of our runners and walkers trained together, starting at McAuley every Saturday for several months leading up to the race. We also thank the many students, alumnae, parents and friends who cheered for our team at the McAuley rally station during the race. They gave our runners and walkers the “boost” they needed to finish strong!
Alumnae Father Daughter Dance

Many alumnae relived their high school years at our Alumnae Father Daughter Dance held at McAuley in March. Just like in the “old days,” the dance was held in the Cafeteria and included snacks, drinks, crowning of Kings and Queens, and of course, music and dancing! Many thanks to all who attended this fun event!

Alumnae Mother Daughter Brunch

McAuley alumnae and their moms enjoyed an elegant brunch together in April at our Alumnae Mother Daughter Brunch. This year’s brunch was held at a new location at the DiStasi Banquet Center at 400 in Wyoming. Attendees enjoyed a delicious brunch buffet, amazing basket raffles, split-the-pot and giveaways. Special thanks to all who attended!
Recent Reunions

Special thanks to the alumnae from these classes, who recently attended their reunions!
And, big thanks to those who planned the events!

Class of 1987

Class of 1996

New Alumnae Directory Coming Soon!

Over the past several months, McAuley has been working with Harris Connect Publishing Co. to publish another edition of our alumnae directory. Thanks to the many alumnae who verified their information to ensure our new directory is as accurate as possible. Those who purchased a directory can expect to receive it in June/July.
Athletic Hall of Fame Call for Nominations

McAuley’s Athletic Department is accepting nominations for our Athletic Hall of Fame. If you know an alumna who is deserving of this honor and has graduated from McAuley five or more years ago, please send her name and graduation year, along with a letter indicating why you feel she should be considered. E-mail nominations to Athletic Director Caryl Schawe at schawec@live.mcauleyhs.net or mail to McAuley High School, 6000 Oakwood Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45224 Attn: Caryl Schawe. Nominations are due by December 1, 2017. Hall of Fame award winners will be recognized at a dinner on Sunday, March 4, 2018.

Summer Road Trip!

Alumnae are invited to events on the McAuley Road Trip in July! We’ll be on the road visiting alumnae in these locations:

- Columbus, OH – July 12
- Cleveland, OH – July 13
- Chicago, IL – July 18 & 19

*Other cities and dates may be added, based on availability.

Get connected to McAuley by joining us in your city, where you’ll meet other alumnae in your town, including Brigitte Foley ’89, Vice President of Advancement. In some cities, there will be a special guest in attendance (possibly one of your former teachers)! You will also receive information about McAuley and the new school forming in 2018. This summer road trip is a convenient way for you to learn how you can be involved with McAuley. You’ll also love the giveaways, including McAuley spirit wear items! Individual invitations will be mailed in June. Visit www.mcauleyhs.net/roadtrip for more details.

Don’t see your city listed and want the McAuley caravan to come to your town?
Email Brigitte Foley at foleyb@live.mcauleyhs.net

Reunions

Class of 1967
50-year reunion

Invitations with full event details will be mailed in early July.

Friday, September 22, 2017
Mercy Day at McAuley, 9:30 a.m. Mass
Reception and tours immediately following Mass.

Official Reunion at
The Cincinnati Woman's Club
330 Lafayette Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45220
6 p.m. Cocktails • 7 p.m. Dinner

Sunday, September 24, 2017
Brunch at Market Street Grille in Harrison at 10:30 a.m.

Class of 1982
Saturday, October 14, 2017
7:30 – 11:30 p.m.
Club Room at the Radius at the Banks
44 West Freedom Way, Cincinnati, OH 45202
More information coming soon; invitations will be mailed over the summer. Any questions, contact Debbie Zeinner Sandhas at dsandhas@rkpt.com or Leslie Huesman at leslie@huesmaninsurance.com.

Class of 2007
August 5, 2017

Contact Katie Powell at powell.451@gmail.com or Jill Wiebell at jillwiebell8@gmail.com if you would like to help or want more information.
**1970s**

Maria Eckhoff ’76 has written a new book titled *I’m Doing Fine. Don’t Forget to Write!* The book provides today’s audience with a glimpse of what life was like for the Class of 1943, their friends, relatives, and neighbors during World War II. It specifically follows one young man, Larry, with a supporting cast of many, often nameless, peers. Letters, postcards, journal entries, photos and other historic memorabilia weave together the story of one young man whose experiences mirrored those of so many others. Maria says, “As we remember the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor and continue to lose World War II veterans daily, it is important that we pass along the stories so they are not forgotten.” The book is available from many online bookstores (and from various local outlets such as The Bookshelf in Madeira and Ohio Books downtown). If you belong to a Cincinnati area organization and are interested in a World War II presentation suitable for ages 10 – 110 with show and tell items (plus books available for sale), contact Maria at storiesbyMaria513@fastmail.com.

**2000s**

Elizabeth Lind Overberg ’09 graduated from the University of Cincinnati with her Master’s Degree in August 2016.

**Recent Births**

Our congratulations to the parents of these newest members of the McAuley family:

- Gina Paulinelli Meyers ’00, girl, Emma Marlene, 8.22.16
- Nicole Howison Carvelli ’02, girl, Brynn Makenzie, 12.1.16
- Sarah Collins O’Brien ’03, boy, Sean Dennis, 12.6.16
- Amy Gall Moor ’03, girl, Flora Walsh, 2.6.17
- Leah Huhn Slicer ’03, girl, Josephine Kate, 10.3.16
- Abbie Novosel Erdman ’04, boy, Eli Jordan, 10.3.16
- Jennifer Yager-Schweller Colvin ’06, boy, Raymond James, 3.15.17
- Andrea Dollenmeyer Sheppard ’08, girl, Laurel Tytiana, 10.5.16

**Recent Weddings**

Our best wishes to these newlywed couples:

- Nicole Oaks Hering ’07 to Jason Hering, 9.24.16
- Abbey Horton Hillesheim ’07 to John Gabe Hillesheim, 10.15.16
- Elizabeth Lind Overberg ’09 to Benjamin Overberg, 9.17.16

**OUR SYMPATHY**

Please remember the family and friends of the following alumnae in your prayers:

- Susan Kohl Klaine ’64, November 5, 2016
- Peggy Walsh Czimal ’72, September 5, 2016
- Kathleen Gigandet Johnson ’73, January 6, 2017
- Jennifer Thomas Witt ’79, December 12, 2016
- Kristen Nadler English ’92, December 10, 2016
On the Death of her Husband…

Jane Parkinson Ulrick ’65
Diane Digiovenale Hartmann ’66
Ann Schneider Schmidt ’66
Linda Miller Graf ’68
Maria Ambrosiano Meyer ’84
Polly Meiners Deitschel ’84
Julie York Coppens ’90

On the Death of her Son…

Linda Miller Graf ’68

On the Deaths of their Fathers…

Kathy Kaiser Duggan ’68
Karen Kaiser Froelicher ’68
Pam Kaiser Miller ’77

Pat Creed Sagel ’68
Susan Creed Robben ’82

Jo Ann Neumann Semancik-Ogburn ’69
Jill Neumann Powers ’76

Kathy Grote Moss ’70
Mary Grote Goetz ’72
Jan Grote Poock ’74
Tricia Grote Davis ’76

Mary Freeman Jackson ’73
Susan Freeman Ruoff ’77
Michele Giuliani ’74
Patricia Trame ’76

Alma Ruehl Helpling ’76
Teresa Ruehl Mouch ’79
Jackie Ruehl Schanz ’83

Mary Hartmann Gron ’79
Lynda Thole Hannan ’84
Susan Hartmann Barbee ’91
Sandra Hartmann-Heisserer ’94
Carrie Ulrick Pleiman ’93
Katie Evans ’97
Mary Anne Evans Ott ’98
Staci Graf Hairston ’97
Rae Glassmeyer ’05
Jill Glassmeyer ’07

On the Deaths of their Mothers…

Mary Anne Burger Veite ’68
Rita Merritt Broun ’68
Diane Decker Snodgrass ’68

Karen Kluener Curry ’68
Janet Kluener Hellman ’70
Joyce Kluener Bowman ’72
Julie Kluener Wallace ’78
Gayle Kluener Frazer ’82
Betty Jacob Smith ’69
Maria Teresa Thome Costello ’71
Nancy Daum Staudigel ’72

Cathy Hemsath Johnston ’72
Bonnie Hemsath Korbar ’75
Lynda Kress Rust ’75

Cindy Kasselmann Zoller ’77
Nancy Kasselmann Raymond ’80
Karen Kasselmann ’81
Julie Kasselmann Brucato ’89

Mary Jo Powers Strauss ’77
Peggy Powers Sellmeyer ’80
Maureen Powers ’82
Katie Powers ’84
Julie Wiest Flavin ’82
Sharon Wiest ’84

Kathleen Muench Poulos ’82

Lori Dwyer Caldwell ’83
The late Kelly Dwyer ’91

Michele Fellinger Ciaccio ’85
Patricia Fellinger ’87
Jennifer Fellinger Herppisch ’92
Libby Houser Hodapp ’89
Shannon Carroll ’91

Katie Evans ’97
Mary Anne Evans Ott ’98

Rachel Calme Ryan ’01
Christine Calme Casciato ’05
Leslie Beck ’08
Laura Beck ’10

Keep in Touch!

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OR FAX (513) 681-1802 OR submit your news online at www.mcauleyhs.net/news.
We want to keep all our alumnae informed about what’s happening at McAuley – from news about the transition to the new Mercy McAuley High School, to upcoming events, reunions, updates on your classmates, and more! To do this, we need your updated contact information. E-mail is one of the fastest ways for us to communicate with alumnae, so please send us your e-mail address and other contact information by completing the online form found at www.mcauleyhs.net/update. It takes less than one minute to complete the form! We will not sell or provide your contact information to any outside organizations.

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