

A Family's Tribute: A scholarship. A legacy.

Patricia (O'Connell) Sullivan (1967) led a life of service. She graduated from Mercy School of Nursing (today's Mercy College) in the late 60's with her eyes on starting a new career, just like today's students. Also, just like what many experience post-graduation in the present, she had a substantial balance due on her tuition. Yet, someone had a surprise in store for Patricia: an anonymous donor had stepped up to pay her tuition in full!

"We want to provide financial support to those in need. We really want to pay it forward in the same way an anonymous donor once did when he or she paid my Mom's Mercy tuition in-full."

Bridgette Sullivan-Emhuff

According to her daughter Bridgette Sullivan-Emhuff (also a Mercy College graduate), her mom 'Pat' never forgot the random act of kindness, and always intended to do the same thing for a fellow student, just as someone else had done for her.

"Mom was still working at the time she passed away, but her gratitude for what was a life-changing gift at the start of her career was always in place. Being a Mercy graduate opened up all kinds of doors and she wanted to do something to honor her past," Bridgette said. "So the idea of founding a scholarship in her name seemed like a good place to begin. Our goal was simple: raise enough money to repeat the




Maureen Sullivan-Freeman, Dennis Sullivan, and Bridgette Sullivan-Emhuff

same thing for someone else and pay it forward."

Working with the Mercy Foundation, Pat's surviving family members began their own personal mission of endowing a scholarship as a tribute in her honor. They wanted to celebrate her legacy: a 48-year nursing career that included tenures at The Toledo Hospital and the University of Michigan, but one that owed its start to Mercy School of Nursing.

"We wanted the scholarship to honor her work and sacrifice to the profession in perpetuity. And now, we are well on our way to ensuring that it will. Last September, we had our first golf outing/fundraiser for 'The Mercy College Foundation/Patricia Sullivan Memorial Scholarship' at Heatherdowns Country Club," Bridgett said.

"On top of that, the first scholarship recipient has been selected. Our family is so proud of what Mom meant to the nursing community. We are thrilled that others will one day follow in her footsteps without the burden of carrying tuition on their shoulders."

In Patricia Sullivan's lifetime, the one thing she always wanted to do was return the very big favor she received at the start of her career. Fittingly, her family saw to it that she did, and with her passing in 2012, founded the scholarship that will do the one thing in death that Pat wanted most to do in life: pass it on. 

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Mercy College Scholarship Reception




Donors, scholarship recipients, families and friends gathered at the Toledo Club on Tuesday, November 17. They were joined by members of the Mercy College Foundation Board of Directors and College administration, faculty, and staff. This annual event recognizes both the donors who support the mission of the College through donations to scholarship funds and the scholarship recipients.

Ohio Legislators Visit Mercy College

Ohio Legislators from Mercy Toledo's service area were guests of Mercy College of Ohio President & CEO Susan Wajert on November 20, for discussions on campus development, as well as neighborhood planning surrounding Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center. "Our advocacy to our delegation is essential at a time when Mercy College of Ohio continues to have an extremely high placement rate of graduates into full-time employment positions," said Wajert. Joining Dr. Wajert for the meeting were Mercy College of Ohio Advancement Director Michael Whalen, Regional Vice President of Advocacy & Government Relations Matt Sapara, and Mercy Health Advocacy & Government Relations Vice President Jon Fishpaw.

According to Sapara, the economic investment in the St. V's neighborhood is beginning to foster the creation of a workforce program that will benefit the greater downtown area. "As we better understand the Toledo economy, we have a workforce who earns traditionally higher wages than non-healthcare sector employees," said Sapara. "This is key to preserving a safety net of care and employment for downtown Toledo," he added.

According to Fishpaw, such outreach with elected officials throughout Mercy Health's service area in Ohio and in Kentucky reinforces our advocacy as a provider and an employer in every community we serve. 



Sen. Randy Gardner, Rep. Tom Brown, Rep. Barbara Sears, Susan Wajert, Rep. Michael Sheehy, Matt Sapara, and Michael Whalen

Employee Spotlight:

Mike Whalen

Completing the Circle in Charitable Giving

Mike Whalen, Director of Advancement, would be one of the first to agree with the statement that the value of higher education is truly priceless. Yet, he knows, as well as any current or former Mercy College student, that a certificate or degree does come at a price. While the cost represents a significant, yet reasonable number compared to other institutions in northwest Ohio, what students receive in return is much greater than their original investment – not only in terms of earning power, but also in the lifelong bond that’s created as a result.

“In my time in higher education, I’ve learned that people in general are very generous. They already have the incentive to give; all we do is give them a means to achieve their goals.”

Mike Whalen

Whalen believes in that bond. He feels it gives anyone touched by Mercy College a sense of gratitude, as well as the desire, to support the institution’s continuing mission to serve the community. Turning that sentiment into action and raising dollars is what he does in his day job. He’s been with Mercy since 2006 and his enthusiasm for “helping donors see their dreams become reality” is undeniable. Speaking with Mike, you quickly learn he’s in the right place at the right time.

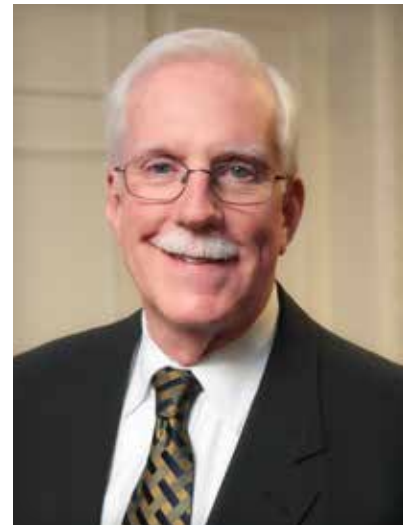
“Overall, we are responsible for the fundraising arm of the College, and

work to raise money for various scholarships, capital campaigns, and annual events. I’ve found most people impacted by Mercy in a positive way want to give back in some manner,” Whalen said. “I help them find an outlet to fulfill that desire, whether it’s providing financial support for an overdue renovation effort or merely making a modest contribution to the general fund. For donors on the higher end, it’s about creating a legacy that outlives their loved ones. That’s the exciting part.”

From Whalen’s perspective, every contributor to Mercy is important regardless of the dollar amount. For some, a \$10 gift can be as significant as a six-figure donation can be to others. No matter where a donor falls in the overall spectrum, he knows each is driven to give by the common impulse to “pay it forward.”

“One of the interesting things is that when contributors help others achieve their education, they never know just how their paths may reconnect down the road,” Whalen said. “We’ve seen instances where donors eventually become patients; then, find out later they received medical treatment from the very recipients of their financial support.”

As Mike points out, the coincidences can be extraordinary: “You just never know; we all do something in terms of philanthropy and the great unknown is always who you are going to impact. For graduates, the line of sight is straightforward. They simply want to help those who are following in their footsteps, just as they followed those mentors that came before them – passing the opportunity on to the next student.”




Mike Whalen

The broader impact of giving on society in general and the community at large is certainly a motivating factor for Whalen. He knows firsthand the quality of life in any area depends on it. So he tries to explain that angle in his “elevator pitch” to potential donors.

“People in Toledo know that donations really make an impact, but it takes working together as a unit,” Whalen said. “I’ve learned every gift is meaningful to the person who is contributing it. No gift is too small to help make a difference.”

Mike says that Mercy College has a unique and particularly important role to play. He describes the institution as “non-traditional, with a student body comprised of many members in their late 20s, many looking to come back for a second career, and subsequently, the ability to generate sustainable incomes for themselves and their family, knowing their skills are transferable everywhere they go.”

Not that Mike would like to see the region lose any of its best and brightest. He’s confident our area will continue to have the jobs graduates need, and he’ll be happy to explain it all in detail – with or without a signature in return – you’ve got his word on it! 

New SimMan: More than a manikin

Mercy College of Ohio welcomed a new teaching tool on campus in 2015. Through a partnership with Mercy Health and Mercy College of Ohio, Laerdal's SimMan 3G was purchased to aid in the growth and development of hands-on learning of nursing students in the Associate and Bachelor's degree programs.

Compared to previous manikins, SimMan 3G is much more realistic and has a wireless monitor that allows him to be moved throughout the College whether it is to a classroom lecture or to a scenario simulating a home environment.


SimMan 3G has the ability to display:

- seizure activity and convulsions
- palpable pulses (radial, brachial, femoral, popliteal, dorsalis pedis and posterior tibialis) which vary with vital signs
- bleeding wounds
- secretions from the eyes, ears, nose, mouth, blood, mucous, and CSF
- urinary output
- diaphoresis
- cyanosis
- tongue edema

- pupillary response to light, blinking, winking, partially open, and closed reactions
- extensive drug formulary allowing for automatic drug recognition system that identifies correct medication and dosage administration

A major learning tool for simulation is the debriefing aspect that allows students to receive constructive feedback and recommendations for educational improvement within the clinical setting. During simulation when cardiac arrest occurs, SimMan 3G offers quality CPR feedback regarding depth of compression and adequate ventilation.

One of the most beneficial aspects of simulation is that it is a safe learning environment. SimMan 3G has the ability to come back to life following a traumatic event.

In addition to serving Mercy College students, the College has had the opportunity to allow local elementary and career and technical high school students the ability to explore the many features of SimMan 3G. Students have demonstrated excitement about the technology and the world of healthcare related fields. 



Mercy College Graduate is Connecting Residents to Services

From Healthy Lucas County's website

Heartbeat of Toledo touched Monique Guerrero's life long before the south Toledo native started volunteering and then working there. Her young, low-income mother was pregnant with Monique when she turned to the support center for help with her first child.

Now Monique is a community health worker at Heartbeat of Toledo and Your First Look's east Toledo office, where she works with low-income pregnant women so they have healthy babies. Monique not only helps pregnant women get insurance coverage, needed medical services and transportation to appointments, but she connects them to community resources for food, shelter, baby items, clothing and other needs.

"We're fortunate to live in a city that has so many resources," Monique says. "But even I didn't realize what all is available until I started studying to become a community health worker, and I've lived here most of my life."



Monique Guerrero

Pathways Expansion


Monique and other community health workers employed by care providers throughout Lucas County are coordinated by the Northwest Ohio Pathways HUB. Formed in 2006, Pathways has worked to improve birth outcomes in Lucas County by securing needed medical and community resources for pregnant women most at risk for having low birth weight babies.

Pathways is expanding to include community health workers who will help coordinate care for Toledoans, particularly those living in low-income neighborhoods, with diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease – or who are likely to get them. Community health workers get medical coverage for clients, navigate the healthcare system with them, and provide health education through regular home visits.

Community Health Workers

One key of the Pathways model is using community health workers to find and assist residents with managing their care. Community health workers are on the frontlines of public health, and they either are trusted members of the community they serve or have an unusually close understanding of its needs.

Monique from Heartbeat of Toledo and Your First Look was laid off from an information technology job in the healthcare industry when she heard about the community health worker program. Doing a more hands on healthcare job interested her, so she decided to pursue a career as a community health worker and attend Mercy College of Ohio.

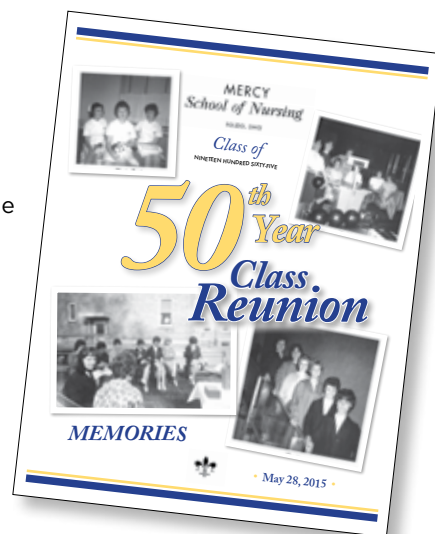
"I can speak to the city," Monique says of helping fellow Toledoans get the services they need. 

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Alumni News

Class Reunion

Following the May 2015 reunion, members of the class of 1965 who were not able to be present received a copy of the class memory book. Rosalie Schafer Vlahutin who lives in Saint Paul, MN wrote: "Many thanks for the class picture and the 50th year class memory book. I enjoyed reading the notes from my classmates while remembering those who have died. It was nice receiving updates as I had lost contact with most everyone, no doubt due to moving from one end of the country to the other more than once! Regardless of where I ended up working, I could always count on the excellent training and experiences the Mercy faculty provided, to see me through."



Technologist of the Year Award

Amanda Narlock Dziak was honored with the Technologist of the Year Award during the Pinning Ceremony for our Radiologic Technology graduates on July 31. Amanda holds two degrees from Mercy College: an Associate Degree in Radiologic Technology awarded in August 2008 and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Healthcare Administration awarded in May 2010. Currently Amanda serves at Mercy Tiffin Hospital. Her nominator cited many examples of Amanda's excellence in the clinical setting and wrote: "I believe this award should go to a technologist who loves to teach; one who encompasses the Mercy Core Values every day, for every patient; a technologist who has an endless reservoir of patience." Congratulations, Amanda!


Missing Alumni

As we prepare to celebrate our anniversary classes - 5 years through 70 years - please notify the Advancement Office if you have contact information for any of the following:

Class of 1961	55th anniversary	Loraine Morris Croll and Sandra Young Przybysz
Class of 1966	50th anniversary	Judith Emerson Rublaiteus
Class of 2006	10th anniversary	Deanna Collings and Ashley Halsey
Class of 2011	5th anniversary	Ashley Halsey, Katelyn Jackson, Brett Jurek (class of 2009 and 2011), Andrew Kazmaier (class of 2009 and 2011), and Krystina McClure

Mercy Alumni Distinguished Graduate Award

This award was established to recognize the humanitarian, professional, and philanthropic accomplishments of Mercy Alumni. Alumni of Mercy School of Nursing or Mercy College of Ohio who have graduated at least ten (10) years ago and who have demonstrated commitment to the Mercy Core Values of compassion, excellence, human dignity, justice, sacredness of life, and service are eligible. Alumni may self-nominate or may nominate another Mercy graduate.

The nomination form can be found on the Mercy College webpage, mercycollege.edu/distinguished-graduate. Alumni may request a copy of the form by contacting Sister Barbara Davis, SC at 419-251-1704 or by email at barbara.davis@mercycollege.edu. Nominations must be submitted by March 1, 2016 to be considered for the award that will be presented at the May reunion. 



 Mercy College
of Ohio

2014-2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Mercy College of Ohio Family and Friends:

First, I would like to thank you for the warm welcome! It has been a pleasure getting to know so many great people over the last year, and to hear the stories that you tell about the College. Your commitment and dedication to the mission, vision, and values is extraordinary.

During the past academic year, there was high energy on campus as many noteworthy accomplishments were achieved:

- The campaign goal of \$3.8 million for the new science project renovation was exceeded! Faculty, staff, and students returned second semester to the newly designed and high-tech labs. An open house was held in February 2015 to showcase the renovated space. College faculty, staff, and students thank everyone who contributed time and funding for this state-of-the-art learning environment. Please stop by if you have not seen the labs!
- Renovations to the Youngstown location were completed and welcomed by the faculty, staff, and students. A dedication and blessing of the new space was conducted by The Most Reverend George V. Murry, S.J., Ph.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Youngstown.
- In a collaborative effort, faculty, staff and students completed the Higher Learning Commission self-study in preparation for the November 2-3, 2015 site visit. A final report from the Commission will be sent to the College prior to April 2016.
- The College welcomed 1243 students in fall 2015, an increase of 50 students from fall 2014!
- In May and August 2015, the faculty and staff participated in professional development training that focused on the changing environment of higher education related to federal compliance. Ms. Hayley Hanson from the law firm, Husch Blackwell conducted the training.
- The 2016-2020 Strategic Plan was approved by the Board of Trustees on November 10, 2015. The new strategic plan is built on the College's Catholic Identity, the Charism of the Sisters of Mercy, and the six values of: compassion, excellence, human dignity, justice, sacredness of life, and service.
- The College will celebrate its centennial year in 2018, and the planning process for the celebration of 100 years of educating healthcare professionals is underway.
- Many safety and security improvements were made on the campus premises and surrounding areas. A new digital alert system will be launched in January 2016.
- An admission coordinator has been hired to increase the College's presence in the Cincinnati market.

As we all come together as the Mercy College community, we thank those who have supported the College in many different ways. The College has a bright future guided by the ministry of the Sisters of Mercy and Mercy Health. With the implementation of the new strategic plan, and in 2018, celebrating 100 years of excellence, Mercy College is *"Transforming healthcare education one student at a time."*

Susan C. Wajert, PhD
President and CEO

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

- Biology
- Healthcare Administration Online Completion
- 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

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

MERCY COLLEGE EMPLOYEES IN TOLEDO AND YOUNGSTOWN

Full-Time Faculty **61**

Adjunct Faculty **115**

Administrators **18**

Full-Time Staff **43**

Part-Time Staff **4**

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

STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO*

11:1

**Reported to the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio (AICUO)*

STUDENT PROFILE



ENROLLMENT FALL 2015

Toledo: 1067
Youngstown: 177
Total Enrollment: **1244**

GENDER

Female **86%**
Male **14%**

AVERAGE AGE

28

ETHNIC ORIGIN

Caucasian **78%**
African American **9%**
Hispanic **5%**
Other **8%**

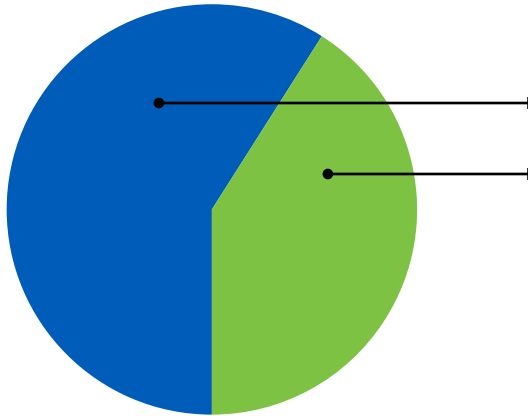
FINANCIAL AID

As of October 1, 2015, **80%** of Mercy College of Ohio's total student population (both campuses) has applied for some type of financial aid (grants, scholarships, work study, and loans) for the 2015-2016 academic year. The financial aid department has awarded **\$12,578,783.00** in financial aid.

2015/2016 TUITION

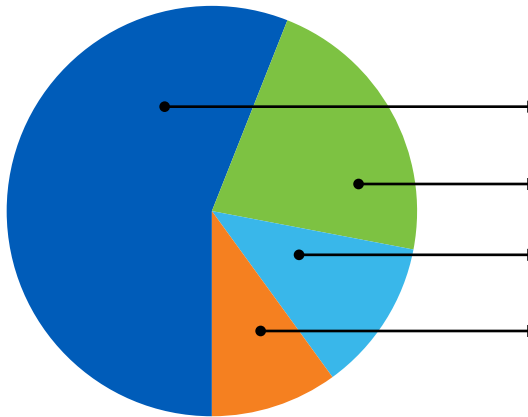
Tuition for full-time students is **\$381 per credit hour**.

2014 FINANCIALS



59%	Student Tuition & Fees	\$11,015,587
41%	Revenue from Affiliates	\$7,724,072
REVENUE		\$18,739,659

The Mercy College Foundation received **\$521,414.56** in gifts and grants during the 2014 calendar year.



56%	Instruction	\$9,080,149
22%	Institutional Support & Student Services	\$3,538,308
12%	Academic Support	\$1,941,574
10%	Plant Operations	\$1,642,829
EXPENSES		\$16,202,860

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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
Excellence
Human Dignity
Justice
Sacredness of Life
Service

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.whelen@mercycollege.edu**. 

Employee Accomplishments

Lynn Alvanos MSN, RN successfully passed the stringent Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) exam in September.

Dr. Susan Bernheisel, MSN, RN presented *The Four Common Errors of New Leaders* at the International Women Women's Leadership Association in Virginia September 8, 2015.

David Burgin was hired as the Director of IT Services position and began August 31. Dave is not new to Mercy Health. He was part of the IT team located in Toledo and served as the Project Manager of Field Services.

Dr. Sung Chun published an article entitled "Low Pension Participation among Minority Workers in the U.S." in the International Journal of Financial Research Vol 6 No 4, September 15, 2015. Dr. Chun also won the Diversity Award given at the 1918 awards ceremony in April 2015. Finally, Dr. Chun participated in the American Sociological Association 2015 Annual Meeting, "*Sexualities in the Social World*" in Chicago: August 22 through 25, 2015.

Lorraine Coalmer, MSN, APRN-BC, CCRN successfully defended her PhD in Nursing Education and is now Dr. Lorraine Coalmer.

Beth Colon, COT was recognized as the 2015 recipient of the Virginia S. Boyce Humanitarian Award by the Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (JCAHPO) Education and Research Foundation. The Virginia S. Boyce Humanitarian Award was established in 2000 in honor of Virginia Boyce, CEO of Prevent Blindness from 1972 to 1982, who gave eighteen combined years of devoted volunteer service to JCAHPO and the Foundation. Beth was selected as the 2015 Boyce Award recipient in recognition of her many years of volunteerism.

Karen Kuene has been appointed the Interim Manager of Innovative and Transitional Education.


Dr. Sr. Karen Elliott, C.P.P.S. was the keynote speaker and presenter "*Consecrated Life: Waking Up the World for the Future*" at the full day celebration for men and women religious ministering in the Diocese of Little Rock; Little Rock, Arkansas; September 12, 2015. In addition, Dr. Elliott participated in the full day training, "*Board Governance: Understanding Nonprofit Boards and Expectations of Board Members.*" presented by Patricia L. Ioas, CPA, CMA of Brady Ware and Company (Tax and Accounting Services) at Salem Heights; Dayton, Ohio; September 19, 2015. Finally, Professor Elliott participated in the full day presentation, "*Fall Congregational Day - Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati*", at Mount Saint Joseph, Cincinnati, Ohio; September 26, 2015.

Kristian Emerich was hired for the part-time Library Services Assistant position.

Cindy Miller, MAOM, RT(R), has accepted the position of program chair of the Radiology Technology program.

Linda Shaw BSN, MEd. was hired to fill the ASN Program Nursing advisor position. She comes to Mercy College with experience in clinical coordinating and advising and began in her new role September 21, 2015.

Carman Tolles, BS, RT(R)(CT), former radiologic technology adjunct clinical faculty, is the new clinical coordinator for the Radiologic Technology program.

Deborah Zajac, MSN, RN, CCRN, CNE, has been certified as a CCRN for 35 years, demonstrating her dedication to advanced clinical knowledge and lifelong learning. 

Alert!

Congress has renewed the IRA Charitable Rollover for 2015 and beyond. Be sure to check with your tax advisor before year-end about this tax saving idea and be sure to consider Mercy College for your gift. Contact us for additional information about making an IRA donation. Contact Mike Whalen at Michael.whelen@mercycollege.edu or 419-251-1824.



Let us hear from you

The Mercy College Advancement Office is here to serve you. Keep your classmates and the College informed of your achievements, career changes, honors and accomplishments through the *Mercy News*.

Your full name (include maiden if appropriate)

Graduation year (earliest degree)

Street Address

City State Zip

Is this a new address? Yes No

Do you have a seasonal address? Yes No

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Place of employment

Please submit news of any accomplishments on a separate sheet.

Mail this form to:

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You may contact her by email at barbara.davis@mercycollege.edu or by phone at **419-251-1704**. Updates can also be submitted from the Mercy College web site at: mercycollege.edu/alumni-friends

In Memoriam

Since the last issue of *Mercy News*, the Advancement Office has received word that the following alumni have passed away:

03/03/2013

1969

Hollace (Holly) Ziegler Doblinger

12/26/2014

1948

JoAnne Myers Prowant

07/03/2014

1960

Jane Langenderfer Fritsch

06/09/2015

1960

Patricia Garvin Cook

07/22/2015

1966

Sharonanne Vargo

07/26/2015

1960

Patricia "Patsy" Hoey Gill

08/01/2015

1981

Francine Fratus Blackford

08/29/2015

1961

Anita Spurgeon Hupp

09/04/2015

2003

Shonda Woods-Floyd

10/27/2015

1946

Valeria Stasiak Lee

11/15/2015

1964

Barbara Galbraith

SAVE THE DATE!

Alumni Reunion and Banquet

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2016

The Premier in Toledo

5:00 - Social Hour

6:00 - Dinner

All alumni are welcome.

Classes celebrating five year anniversaries will be honored.