

MERCY CONNECTIONS

Summer 2018

*You are cordially invited to attend
Mercy through the Decades Luncheon
honoring*



Sister Elaine Hanson, RSM



Ms. Loretta Sweeney



Mrs. Shelley Stoltz



Mrs. Peggy Kaminski Williams '67



Mrs. Claire Woolley

*on
Saturday, October 13, 2018
at
The Mansion at Oyster Bay
Details and response form inside*

Our Lady of Mercy Academy Congratulates the Class of 2018



\$27 Million
awarded in scholarships

86%
of the class earned full or partial scholarships

9
full scholarships awarded

1
National Merit Winner

11
student-athletes signed to play college sports

4
students attending Ivy League Schools



Madison '12, Kendall '18 & Katherine '10 Fressle



Sarah '18 & Katherine '16 McCusker



Christina '18 & Stephanie '11 Veljacic



Elizabeth '15, Anna '18 & Catherine '13 Radzuil



Natalie '18 & Brianna '20 Patane



Ellen Cammarata '84, Tara '18 & Kristin '14 Krumenacker



Gracie '18 & Gabriella '17 Schmitz



Lauren '18 & Caroline '11 Shank

Class Notes

1960's

Nancylee Combe Michaels '64 was selected as a Top Nurse in Boynton Beach, Florida by the International Nurses Association (INA) and was spotlighted in the renowned publication, *Worldwide Leaders in Healthcare*.



Elizabeth Cassidy '69 created "Little Love Letters: A Peaceful Revolution." Elizabeth is an artist and her idea was to spread peace and joy throughout the world through her note cards with uplifting sayings. As of March 2018, 70,000 cards have been sent all over the world. All she asked is for help paying the shipping and handling. To learn more about this movement go to www.Littlelovelettersapeacefulrevolution.com. In Elizabeth's words, "People say that I started a movement. I think that is wrong. We started a peaceful revolution together. And we are not going to stop spreading love and peace. My hope is that we will continue to grow until everyone knows that their lives matter to all of us."

1980's

Nassau County Legislator, Laura Schaefer '86, received the Community Achievement Award at the Garden City Chamber 2017 Pineapple Ball.

Kerriann Flanagan Brosky's '86 newest book, *Historic Crimes of Long Island*, is available now. She formally launched her book at the Book Revue in Huntington.

1990's

Kimberly Beer '92 is Director of Public Policy at Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation.

Jennifer Segura '92 is a Financial Advisor at Morgan Stanley.

Alexandra Carter '93 is a Clinical Professor of Law at Columbia University.

Anne Nienstedt Field, MD '94 is an East End Long Island, physician working in two offices, Wading River and Riverhead. She also sees patients at Peconic Landing Nursing Home in Greenport.

Dina Frinquelli '95 welcomed her second child, Mia Elizabeth, in July 2017.



Dana Koos '95 was named Partner at the law firm of Goldberg, Miller, & Rubin, P.C. Since 2013, Dana has been managing their New York Office overseeing the firms daily operations of all New York litigation.

Jessica Seyer '96 received her law degree from Union University, Albany School of Law, and practices law at Aaronson Rappaport Feinstein Deutsch, LLP in NYC.

Jeanne Egan '97 was appointed Director of Operations at St. Francis Hospital and was married in June 2017.

Amanda Corbo '99 married Andrew Mericle in September of 2017. Amanda serves as Director of Communications at OLMA.



2000's

Colleen P. Eren, Ph.D. '00 authored the book *Bernie Madoff and the Crisis: The Public Trial of Capitalism*, which was published by Stanford University Press in June. Rooting her argument in critical sociology, Colleen analyzed media coverage of this landmark case alongside original interviews with dozens of journalists and editors involved in the reportage, the SEC Director of Public Affairs, and Bernie Madoff himself. Colleen is the Associate Professor of Sociology at William Patterson University of New Jersey.

Morgan Ressa '01 is the lead publicist at Amazon Studios.



Danielle Bertellotti '01 married Christopher Neff on Sunday June 3, 2018 at St. Rose of Lima in Massapequa surrounded by OLMA girls from the class of 2001, namely Keira Ewerling (Hammer) maid of honor, Cory Ruff, and Kelly Arnstein.

Our Lady of Mercy Academy

Our Lady of Mercy Academy celebrated its 90th Anniversary on Thursday evening, April 19, 2018, at Carltun on the Park, East Meadow. This milestone served as a reminder of the beginning of the Academy and more importantly, the promise of the future for OLMA. For nine decades, the faculty, staff and students have stood on the shoulders of the inspirational and dedicated Sisters of Mercy who had the foresight and vision to establish Our Lady of Mercy Academy in 1928. The proceeds from this historic gathering were designated for scholarships and financial aid.

The event was an opportunity to bestow upon special members of the Mercy family the Lifetime Achievement Award beginning with the Sisters of Mercy who were also alumnae of the Academy. Sr. Patricia Vetrano, RSM, President of the Sisters of Mercy Mid-Atlantic Community, spoke of the many years of dedicated service the sisters gave not only as educators at Our Lady of Mercy Academy but also in other ministries including child care, journalism, parish ministry, and social work.

Our Lady of Mercy Academy's Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes faith-filled individuals who uphold Catholic values and principles, and who have consistently provided inspiration and demonstrated outstanding enthusiasm, leadership, commitment, generosity, and tireless devotion to Our Lady of Mercy Academy.

In addition to the Sisters of Mercy, OLMA's Lifetime Achievement Award was given to the following long-time supporters:



*Paul and Kathi Barnett
(parents of Aimee '93)*



*Thomas and Sue
(Greco '75) Chambers*



*Mary and Michael
Frinquelli (parents of
Dina '95 and Darci '06)*



*The Echausse Family, including Joan Crampton Echausse '51, Mary Ellen Echausse '77
and Nancy Echausse '80, Beth Cochrane Echausse '80 and Meghan Echausse '13*

my Celebrates 90 Years!

Just as the Sisters of Mercy envisioned and established Our Lady of Mercy Academy amidst the complex cultural challenges of the late 1920's and the devastating economic challenges of the depression era of the 1930's, each subsequent decade brought its' own set of challenges. And yet through this period, guided by the principles of Fides (Fidelity to Principle), Mores (Moral Integrity) and Cultura (Enrichment of Life), the mission and message of Our Lady of Mercy Academy has remained steadfast—preparing young women with a faith-filled education within a compassionate and nurturing environment so that they will engage in the world with a strength of purpose and values.



OLMA Alumnae Sisters of Mercy from left to right:

Sr. Seton Agovino, RSM '62, Sr. Camille D'Arienzo, RSM '50, Sr. Barbara Faber, RSM '59 Sr. Mary Beth Faber, RSM '61, Sr. Aileen Purvey, RSM '49, Sr. Suzanne LePre, RSM '64, Sr. Fran Picone, RSM '64, Sr. Margaret Ann Hartigan, RSM '59, and Sr. Jeannine Toppin, RSM '58.



Samantha Ceglia '07 and her husband, Steven Vifiadou.



Sr. Kathleen Geaney, Joanne Irace Duffy '81, Cathy Casey Bjorklund '81 and Ann Kelly Coughlin '81.



Mary Ellen Treacy Warch '76 and Allison Murray Morris '83.



Class

2000's continued...

Keri McCaffrey '02 is Senior Compliance Program Manager, Global Talent Acquisition for Amazon.

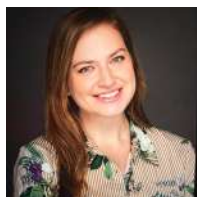
Alexandria Zendrian '02 is an Adjunct Professor at Adelphi University.

Stephanie Folan '04 is a clinical pharmacist at U Mass in Worcester, MA.

Megan Ford '04 is in Retail Management as a Store Manager for Aeropostale.

Erica Molé Kane '04 went to Columbia University undergrad, and then culinary school at the Institute of Culinary Education. She has her own business, Orchard Street Ventures, a boutique licensing agency based in Manhattan.

Janelle Buoniello '05 was married in Charlotte, North Carolina in 2017.



Tara Turtell Caiazza '06 is working in integrated sales and marketing for Fox Broadcasting Company while pursuing her MBA at Baruch College.

Gina DeStefano Zannetti '06 graduated from Columbia University with a Ph.D. in Genetics and is now working at a medical research company in NYC.

Samantha Gentile '06 is a VP at Starwood Mortgage Capital and serves on the OLMA Alumnae Board. She was married in 2017.

Ashley Wilson '07 is a 2016 graduate of Ross School of Veterinary Medicine and practices in the Harrisburg, PA area.

Arrial Finnerty '08 was married in May 2017.



Deana Vitrano '08 majored in Neuroscience in college, and is in a Cognitive Psychology Ph.D. program. Deana instructs a statistics course for undergraduates, as well as manages a laboratory.

Elizabeth Ayan '09 is the Development Officer, Special Events, at Mass General Hospital.

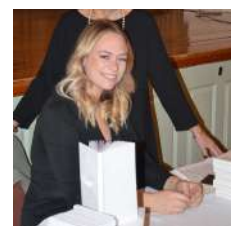
Kaitlyn Kralick '09 has recently moved from the fashion industry to the entertainment industry, and now works at Viacom in NYC putting commercials on Nickelodeon. She is also recently engaged to Brian Olsen and will be married in August 2019.

Nicole Piasio '09 is engaged to Jake Sprotte (Chaminade '08) and will be married in December of 2018 on the East End of Long Island.

Emilee Walsh '09 married former OLMA Science Teacher and JV Softball Coach, Matthew Musumeci, in November 2017.

Giana Marie Schenone '10 attended Molloy College and graduated with her B.S. in Speech Language Pathology and Audiology in 2014. She also received a dual M.S. degree for Childhood Education and Special Education with honors (Kappa Delta Pi and Delta Epsilon Sigma) from Molloy College. She is currently a first grade teacher for the New York City Department of Education in Queens.

Brianna Weist '10 was the featured author at OLMA's 2017 Christmas Tea. To date she is the author of four books; *The Truth About Everything*, *101 Essays that Will Change the Way You Think*, *The Human Element*, *Salt Water*.



Jackie DeStefano '11 is a Certified Public Accountant at PCW. She also published a poetry book, *Water Lillies*.



The Petrucci sisters at the 2018 graduation from left to right: Alessandra '16, Samantha '18 & Anna '14.

Notes



Members of the Class of 2010 and Mrs. Wilson enjoying a wonderful night celebrating 90 years of OLMA. Pictured from left to right: Aime O'Rourke '10, Sheila Frye Wilson '68, Rebecca Kender '10 and Giana Marie Schenone '10.

Meredith Krim '11 is Account Executive at Matter Communications.

Nicole Reda '11 is a third grade teacher in the Smithtown School District. Her Dad, Deacon Jerry Reda, serves on OLMA's Board of Directors.

Ashley Scaglione '11 is a Negotiator, Performance Video Investment at Media Assembly

Danielle Schafer '11 is studying to become a veterinarian.

Brittany Shepherd '12 is a Staff Writer at *Washingtonian Magazine*.

Meghan Echausse '13 graduated from Molloy College with a BS in Nursing and will be interning at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Caileigh McGoldrick '13 will serve as a Global Advocate Fellow for MAMA HOPE, a US based organization that works with grassroots organizations in South America and Africa.



Danielle Izzo '14 graduated from Fairfield University with a double major in Finance and International Business. She will be attending Hofstra Law School in the fall.

Emily Stearns '14 graduated from Johns Hopkins and began working at Google in Austin, TX in March as representative on the Cloud Sales team, working with U.S. based Fortune 500 customers.

Kelly Turtell '14 graduated from Purchase College (SUNY). While at Purchase, Kelly played attack for four years on the Women's Lacrosse team, serving as Captain in her junior and senior years. Last year due to her success academically and athletically along with being a dedicated leader on campus, Kelly was selected to participate in the 5th Annual NCAA Inclusion Forum in Providence, RI.



Nicole Macedo '15 is in her junior year at the Connell School of Nursing at Boston College and will be studying in Rome in 2018

Anne Collins '15 is a Nursing Major at Molloy. In her spare time she finds time to be the Student Body President, a Student Ambassador, Head Orientation Leader and Social Media Ambassador. Some things never change! (Editorial note!)

Danielle Macedo '16 is working towards a health science degree at Quinnipiac University.



The Martins sisters at the 2018 graduation from left to right: Vanessa '18 & Kaitlin '16.



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Thank you for Being the Light!

"I will be forever grateful to the donors at OLMA who provided for my daughter in our time of need."

- Kathy Fava, mother of Katelyn '18

Thanks to the lead gifts from Joan Buzzallino '62, Maria Condon Schwartz '69, Cathy Manion '76 and the generosity of over 200 members of the OLMA family we exceeded our goal of \$90,000 in honor of our 90th anniversary.

All donations in the 2018-2019 year are applied to scholarship and financial aid for OLMA families.