

# MERCY CONNECTIONS

Summer 2022

## LET THE CELEBRATIONS BEGIN!

It is with great excitement that we announce Our Lady of Mercy Academy's 95th Anniversary celebration and the success of our Towering to New Heights Capital Campaign!

In 2020, we embarked on our ***Towering to New Heights - Fortifying Our Legacy*** Capital Campaign led by campaign chairman Paul Barnett. While there were many challenges due to COVID, the committee was able to meet potential donors via Zoom and, as of this printing, 70% of our \$8 million goal has been raised! We will continue our outreach and hope to complete our campaign by the time we celebrate our 95th Anniversary on April 27, 2023 at the Mansion at Oyster Bay Golf Course in Woodbury.

One of the main objectives of this campaign is to raise funds for our Endowment. Thanks to generous donors, we have been able to institute four new scholarships for incoming students as well as build up the Tower Fund (our Endowment). This assistance enables the Academy to be competitive in attracting new students. It also provides the ability to assist those families who may otherwise find a faith-filled education financially out of reach.

There are also campus enhancements included in the campaign. Developing a more modern, safe, and creative environment has begun! Last summer, we upgraded the WI-FI services throughout the campus. This upgrade allows students, teachers and staff to connect and interact seamlessly with each other to access educational resources from around the world.



The gymnasium hallway (aka "the tunnel") was remodeled with inspirational pictures of generations of proud Mercy Girls featured on the walls. The gym floor (Karen Andreone Court) was resurfaced with Ms. Andreone's signature embedded in the floor. Finally, we unveiled the new Our Lady of Mercy Academy Athletics Hall of Fame and we inducted its inaugural class in the Fall of 2021. (See more inside)



As we enhance our physical campus to new levels, we are mindful to maintain the welcoming atmosphere which is a hallmark of the Academy. To that point, this summer we are reconfiguring OLMA's entrance and adding a security office. Keeping our campus safe is vital in this "new normal" world. When our students return in September, they will begin to learn the digital side in multiple disciplines and be better prepared for higher learning. Some of the new features will include cameras for recording and photography, lighting, Apple/Mac computer products with the capability to make movies, as well as sound projection equipment.

With your support and commitment, we may broaden the physical campus enhancements to include classrooms, athletic facilities, and performing arts spaces. We invite you to prayerfully consider joining this historic campaign to ensure many years of educating young women with Faith, Compassion, and Promise. For more information, visit our website at [www.olma.org](http://www.olma.org).







*Our Lady of Mercy Academy*  
**CONGRATULATES**  
**THE CLASS OF 2022**  
We are proud to celebrate

- 82 Graduates
- \$25,000,000 Earned in Scholarships
- 1 Full Four-Year Scholarship
- 408 Partial Four-Year Scholarships
- 2 National Merit Commendations
- Over 8,000 Hours of Service

*Among other top-rated colleges and universities, recent college destinations include:*

*Cornell University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, The Ohio State University, Drexel University, Rensselaer Polytechnic University, New York University, Fashion Institute of Technology, Bucknell University, Fordham University, Villanova University, Sacred Heart University, Rochester Institute of Technology, Pennsylvania State University, Misericordia University, National University of Ireland, Galway.*



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# Class Notes

**Kathleen Murphy Meehan '71** is in her 46th year of service at St. John's University, dating back to her days as a women's basketball student-athlete in the early 1970s. Kathy was named Senior Deputy Athletic Director in December 2018 after previously serving as Associate Vice President for Athletics since June 2001. Kathleen was recently named the WBCA Administrator of the Year. Congratulations, Kathy!

**Dr. Nancy Johnson '73** attended College of Arts in Boston and is an author.

**Andrea Attivissimo Karassik '73** is a certified YogaFaith Christian instructor. Her website is YouandMeYogaTogether.com.

**Susan Evelyn, RSM '75** celebrated her 25th Jubilee in 2021. After entering the order at the age of 38, Sr. Susan has spent the past 26 years ministering in Catholic health care. She completed a Clinical Pastoral Residency in Philadelphia and became a board certified chaplain.

**Lora Tortorici Sandler '82** is a gifted author, teacher, and Registered Nurse who resides near Atlanta, GA. There she uses her talents in many venues, including teaching piano and Spanish, cooking gourmet meals, enjoying the outdoors, gardening, and writing children's stories. Lora is also active in her community and in her church. She and her husband of 35 years have five grown children and six grandchildren (with, hopefully, many more in the future). Much of her inspiration comes from the wonderful antics of her charming family. You can learn more about her and send her messages at Lora E. Sandler Author of Facebook.

**Maureen Farrelly Marsala '88** donated a kidney to her husband John. Both are doing well!

**Kelly Florio Kasouf '99** is the Chief Marketing Officer at Kassatex.

**Daniela Landon Mahouski '00** is a Special Ed teacher in Lynbrook SD. She is married with two daughters.

**Maureen Quinn '05** was married at the Church of St. Aidan in Williston Park on August 20, 2021. She was surrounded by many OLMA alums! Mary Kate (Kane) Carlucci '05, Katie (Worth) Wengenosky '05, Meghan (Wellenbrink) Doherty '05, and Kathleen (Reedy) Powers '05 were all there to help her celebrate.

**Samantha Gentile Rotchford '06** serves as a Principal at MSD Partners, LP, within the Real Estate Credit Opportunity Fund. MSD Partners, L.P. deploys capital on behalf of Dell Technologies founder and CEO Michael Dell and his family, as well as other like-minded, long-term-oriented investors.

**Nicole Sprotte, '09** spoke to members of the Medical Explorer Club about her nursing career. She is a registered nurse at Hassenfeld Children's Hospital at NYU Langone Health for the Pediatric and Neonatal Transport Team. Prior to her work at NYU, she was a clinical neonatal intensive care nurse at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital at New York Presbyterian Hospital. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from New York University's Rory Meyer's School of Nursing. She also founded friendRN ([www.friendRN.com](http://www.friendRN.com)), a newborn resource to scale what she feels is a resource gap in the world of new parenthood."

**Brianna Weist Boyd '10** Three of her books are currently on the Globe & Mail bestsellers list, and are in the process of being translated into 14+ languages worldwide. Brianna is a partner at Thought Catalog, where she helps to acquire new authors for the publishing house. Brianna lives with her husband in Big Sur, CA.

## Friendships that Last a Lifetime



**Michelle Maier '06** couldn't image walking down the aisle without her Mercy Girls by her side!

Left to right: Ashleigh Orr (Sacred Heart Academy), Mary Kate Maclean (Sampson)'06, Michelle Maier '06, Kristen Lee (Collins)'06, Nicole Leonetti (Khalife) '06, Samantha Rotchford (Gentile) '06.

# Keeping Up

## OLMA Alumnae Association

OLMA Alumnae Association meetings are open to all who wish to attend. Some of the topics that are discussed are upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, networking, and philanthropic goals. The meetings begin at 7:00 PM and last approximately one hour.

The following are the meeting dates for the 2022--2023 school year:

**Tuesday, September 20, 2022 – OLMA**  
**Tuesday, November 8, 2022 – VIRTUAL**  
**Tuesday, January 10, 2023 – VIRTUAL**  
**Tuesday, March 7, 2023 – VIRTUAL**  
**Tuesday, May 9, 2023 – OLMA**

Please email Pat DiLollo at [pdilollo@olma.org](mailto:pdilollo@olma.org) if you wish to join the Alumnae Association.

### Pray the Rosary with the Sisters of Mercy



On the first Friday of each month, members of the Alumnae Association gather with the Sisters of Mercy to pray the Rosary at noon. Join us as we pray via Zoom. All are welcome. Email Amanda Corbo at [acorbo@olma.org](mailto:acorbo@olma.org) to sign-up for a reminder.

If you would like more information about the OLMA Alumnae Association, becoming a class representative, or to receive Memorial or Blessings cards please email [pdilollo@olma.org](mailto:pdilollo@olma.org).

***This past year, OLMA lost some very prominent members of our community! Please pray for the repose of the souls of:***



**Mrs. Mary Frinquelli**  
August 26, 2021



**Ms. Karen Andreone**  
August 30, 2021



**Mrs. Dolores O'Hara**  
October 3, 2021



**Sr. Jeanine Toppin, RSM**  
October 29, 2021



**Miss Mary Conlin**  
November 21, 2021



**Sr. Maureen Gregory, RSM**  
January 18, 2022



**Ms. Dawn Flynn '84**  
April 27, 2022



# With OLMA

**Gina Marchese '12** has been busy at Molloy College working on her masters degree in Music Therapy and doing clinicals at Huntington Hospital.

**Akexia Ipiotis '13** was featured in an article in *Cove Living*. She was interviewed about her experience in the Peace Corps where she was sent to the Republic of Liberia. "In tenth grade, my high school (OLMA) invited a speaker to give a presentation on the Peace Corps. His words still serve as a touchstone for me when he said, "It feels like you have a calling. You should follow that." Alexia is presently at Columbia Graduate School.

**Kristin Krumenacker '14** graduated from the Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University in May 2022, where she completed an MD/MA dual-degree program. She will be pursuing a Diagnostic Radiology residency program at VCU in Richmond, VA, after finishing her intern year in Internal Medicine.

**Sarah Kendrick '18** graduated from Parsons School of Design and has secured full time employment post graduation with Milk Makeup. She will be working directly for the Creative Art Director.

**Katherine ("Kate") Morse '18** graduated from Elizabethtown College (PA) with a B.A. in Education. She has a dual major with Special Education and a minor in Human Services. She is an Education Honors Society Member, member of the college dance team, and President of EMotion, a dance club which holds benefits for charities and is the largest club on campus.

**Deanna Rochler '18** will finish her degree in Nuclear Medicine this September.

**Elizabeth Marchese '19** is at Farmingdale College working on a degree in criminal justice and volunteering her time at the Plainview Fire Dept as a firefighter and EMT.



**Erin Nicastro '21** met Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan when he visited the US Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD. The Cardinal was there to commemorate Veteran's Day 2021 and thank our service women and men for their dedication and commitment to our country. Way to go, Erin, and thank you for your service!



**Alumnae enjoyed each other's company on Saturday, March 5th! Members of the Dots & Stripes Leadership Association gathered at Six Harbors Brewery in Huntington to reconnect and celebrate Sports Night 2022!**

**STRIPES WON, BY THE WAY**

## New OLMA Board President Appointed



**OLMA alumna and past parent, Virginia (Ginny) Saladino Ewen '76 was named OLMA Board President. Her three daughters, Maggie '07, Joanna '15 and Julia '17 are all Mercy graduates. Ginny served as the first president of the OLMA Alumnae Association. She follows in the footsteps of past parent Margaret Serravalli, CFO of Fidelity.**

# MERCY THROUGH THE DECADES

*After a one year hiatus, the annual Mercy Through the Decades Reunion Luncheon took place on October 16, 2021 at the Mansion at the Oyster Bay Golf Course. Proceeds from this event fund the OLMA Alumna Association Scholarship. Current recipients are Jill DeAveiro and Casey Shannon. A very special thank you to Diane Palmara Trupia '71 and her committee for their hard work tracking down classmates. Congratulations to the Classes of 1970 and 1971 on their 50th Reunion!*

*After the reunion luncheon, alumnae returned to OLMA for school tours and ended the day with our Annual Family Mass in our beautiful Chapel.*

## OLMA HONORS PAST FACULTY FOR THEIR SERVICE AT REUNION LUNCHEON

*In addition to welcoming special reunion classes, we also honored these four special OLMA educators for their years of service.*



Mary Conlin photographed with Mrs. Maria Ward and Pat Genovese DiLollo '70.



Sr. Kate Geaney, RSM photographed with Pat Genovese DiLollo '70.



Sr. Regina Williams, RSM photographed with Karen Hannon Bluementhal '73, Pat Genovese DiLollo '70, and Cathy Manion '76.



Mrs. Patrice DeStafano could not make the event and received her honor on a later date.



# REUNION LUNCHEON RETURNS



**Members of the Class of 1997 returned to reminisce about their time at OLMA.**



**Members of the Class of 1960 returned to OLMA to celebrate their 60 year reunion.**



**Members of the Class of 1970 celebrate 51 years since graduating OLMA.**



**Members of the Class of 1971 returned to OLMA to celebrate their 50 year reunion.**



**Members of the Class of 1981 celebrated 40 years since graduating the Academy.**



**Alumnae and family members attended the luncheon to catch up and talk about their favorite times at the Academy.**

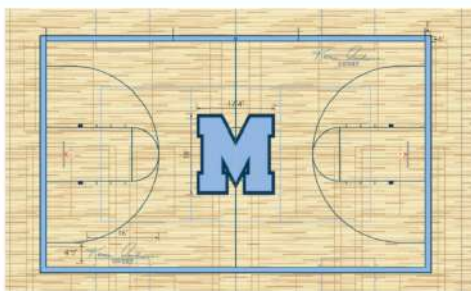


# ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

## *Inaugural Class Induction*



**Inductees included the following:** Karen Andreone, Claire Wooley, Mary Irene Burns '61, Denise Hammersley '91, MariPat Campbell '92, Shannon Knapp '94, Colleen Jamison '95, Julie Westing '96, Susanne Westing '98, Suzanne Keilty '98, Katie Keilty '00, Bridget Moody '13, Charlotte Molloy '14, and Tara Sweeney '15



### OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2022

#### Student Athletes

Pat Milton '66  
Margaret "Peggy" Williams '67  
Kathy Murphy Meehan '71  
Breida Sullivan Geesaman '71  
Jeanine Murphy Charkar '96  
Mary Hogan Jacob '96  
Jaclyn Smith '11

#### Coach/Administrator

Sister Meghan McArdle '89  
Margaret "Peggy" Williams '67

#### Championship Team

1991 Federation Championship Basketball Team

## OLMA Athletic Hall of Fame

Be Who You Are  
Be A Mercy Girl

### SAVE THE DATE

Saturday,  
October 29, 2022



For More Information:

[www.OLMA.org](http://www.OLMA.org)



# CAREER DAY 2021

## Keynote Speaker: Alex Carter '93



Alex is a Clinical Professor of Law and Director of the Mediation Clinic at Columbia Law School. She has spent the last eleven years helping thousands of people negotiate better, build relationships and reach their goals. In 2019, Alex was awarded the Columbia University Presidential Award for Outstanding Teaching, Columbia University's highest teaching honor.

Alex received her Juris Doctor degree in 2003 from Columbia Law School, where she earned James Kent and Harlan Fiske Stone academic honors. She won the Jane Marks Murphy Prize for her mediation work and the Lawrence S. Greenbaum Prize for oral advocacy.

Her first book, *Ask for More: Ten Questions to Negotiate Anything*, was published in May of 2020 by Simon & Schuster and became an instant Wall Street Journal bestseller — the first negotiation book solo-authored by a woman to make that list.

Alex lives in Maplewood, New Jersey, with her husband Greg and their daughter Caroline. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking and practicing yoga.

## Communications Workshop Presenter: Pat Milton '66



Pat Milton is an award-winning journalist, and a senior producer of the CBS News Investigative Unit, specializing in national security, terrorism and federal law enforcement.



## Finance Workshop Presenter: Rebecca Orlich '10



Rebecca Orlich is a Financial Literacy Specialist. After becoming a Certified Public Accountant, Rebecca noticed a lack of financial basics amongst her peers. She quickly found a passion in financial literacy — helping others learn to take control of their money and future.

*Career Day 2021 was a hybrid event with alumnae and parents from various careers presenting virtually. They included John Durham P '23, Kathleen Rincon Garcia '92, Brittney Grella '10, Aine O'Roarke Lobato '10, Trisha Hettrich Martorella '91, Elizabeth McNulty P'22, Catherine Morris '08, Elizabeth Delaney Purvis '83, Stephanie Reda '14, Samantha Gentile Rotchford '06, Deirdre Ryan '88, Marie Zoleta Terazakis '89, Arianna Wedin '09.*



# MERCY THROUGH THE DECADES 2022 REUNION INFORMATION

Saturday, October 15, 2022 at The Mansion at Oyster Bay



## Schedule of Events

**Luncheon at Mansion at Oyster Bay**  
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

### *Celebrating milestone reunion years*

**1942, 1947, 1952, 1957,  
1962, 1967, 1972, 1977,  
1982, 1987, 1992, 1997,  
2002, 2007, 2012, 2017**

All alumnae are welcome to attend,  
regardless of when you graduated!

**Tours of the Academy**  
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

**Reunion Mass**  
5:00 PM

**Reception in Auditorium**  
6:00 PM



## *Honoring*



***Sr. Madeline Moore, RSM***



***Dr. Val Serpe '83***



***Mr. Nick Troiani***

Please mail your **RSVP form** to:

Our Lady of Mercy Academy 815 Convent Road, Syosset, NY 11791    Attn: Mercy Through The Decades  
OR

You may also pay online at **[www.olma.org/Alumnae](http://www.olma.org/Alumnae)**

Please RSVP no later than October 1, 2022.



# "Mercy through the Decades" Reunion Luncheon

Saturday, October 15, 2022



## Schedule of Events:

11:00 AM - Luncheon at The Mansion at Oyster Bay

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM - Tours of OLMA

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Family Mass

6:00 PM - Reception - OLMA Auditorium

## Sponsorships

- ☐ **The Catherine McAuley Sponsor:** \$ 5,000  
Your sponsorship will provide one year of financial aid for one student  
One table of ten with Premier Seating  
One table of ten sponsored for the Sisters of Mercy & Honorees
- ☐ **The Dots & Stripes Sponsor:** \$ 2,500  
Your sponsorship will provide a half-year of financial aid for one student  
One table of ten with Premier Seating  
Five tickets for former Faculty
- ☐ **The Tower Sponsor:** \$ 1,000  
Your sponsorship will provide a registration fee for one student  
One table of ten with Preferred Seating
- ☐ **The Mercy Circle Sponsor:** \$ 750  
Your sponsorship will provide two athletic fees for two students  
Five tickets with Preferred Seating
- ☐ I would like \_\_\_\_ Individual Tickets \$ 75
- ☐ I would like to make a Class gift in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Yes, I would like a school tour.
- ☐ Yes, I will be attending the Family Mass and Reception with \_\_\_\_\_ guests.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Class of: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Please accept my sponsorship/donation as noted; a check will follow.
- ☐ Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to OLMA.

Please charge my ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa ☐ Amex ☐ Discover

in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Call Our Lady of Mercy at 516.921.1047 (ext. 117) or email [pdilollo@olma.org](mailto:pdilollo@olma.org).

Mail your RSVP to: OLMA 815 Convent Road, Syosset, NY 11791

Attn: Mercy Through The Decades





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## Save - the - Date

**Parking Lot Party (PLP 3.0)**  
**Friday, September 9, 2022**  
**6:00 PM**

**OLMA Open House**  
**Sunday, October 2, 2022**  
**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Mercy Through the Decades  
Reunion Luncheon**  
**Saturday, October 15, 2022**  
**11:00 AM**

**OLMA Athletic Hall of Fame Induction**  
**Saturday, October 29, 2022**

**MAPA Christmas Tea**  
**Saturday, December 3, 2022**  
**1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

**Career Day**  
**Friday, December 9, 2022**  
**8:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**95th Anniversary Gala**  
**Thursday, April 27, 2023**

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