



Dear Mount Mercy University alumni and friends,

As we are embarking on the beginning of another academic school year, I want to reflect on many of the successes across Mount Mercy's expanded campus. We've seen transformations to physical spaces, new and exciting academic programs launch, and watched a record number of seniors walk across the Commencement stage to receive their degrees—and these successes were only possible *through your support*. Thank you!

While there are truly too many successes to list all, I would like to share some of the highlights:

- Raised a **total of \$2,895,344.73** in support of Mount Mercy and our Mustangs.
- Raised **\$1,034,360.98** to the **Mount Mercy Fund**. The Mount Mercy Fund provides unrestricted support to the University and allows us to allocate these resources to areas of greatest need, including scholarship support, student resources, campus upgrades, new and exciting technology, and *much more*.
- Provided 400+ students on the Hill with **scholarships** to help their dreams of a Mount Mercy education become reality.
- Received the rank of **#1 college in Iowa** by Money Magazine. This ranking is based on affordability, quality of academic programs, and success after graduation. This is our fourth consecutive year appearing on the best colleges and universities list—and our second consecutive rank of #1 in Iowa!
- Secured funding to build MMU's first-ever indoor athletic facility, the **Rinderknecht Athletic Center** – Mount Mercy's new state-of-the-art athletic wellness facility for our students, faculty, and staff.
- Completed the first academic year in our newly-named **Martin-Herold College of Nursing and Health**—allowing Mount Mercy's Nursing Department to offer students bachelors, masters, and doctorate-level degrees in Nursing.
- Showcased our Mustang Spirit as over **550 donors** shared their Mustang Pride and donated over **\$88,000** on Mount Mercy's second annual **#HaveMercyGiveMercy**—*save the date for next year's #HaveMercyGiveMercy on May 1, 2020*.
- Began to renovate the new **Wente Education Center** thanks to an estate gift from the late **Janice Nie Wente '71** and her husband, Arlin. This education center will convert a portion of the Busse Library into classrooms and office space, improve campus accessibility, and establish endowed funds for teacher education scholarships and professional development for the department of education.
- Added an **Exercise Science Major**—Exercise science is an interdisciplinary field that spans the physiological, psychological, nutritional, motor, and functional adaptations and responses to exercise, physical activity, and sport. This major is suitable for students pursuing professional study in physical therapy, athletic training, and occupational therapy.
- Updated the Chapel of Mercy by installing **new audio-visual equipment and kneelers**, increasing the versatility of this tremendous space.
- Continued **our partnership with local businesses** in the Corridor as 32 area businesses contributed *over \$113,000* in support of Mount Mercy's Scholarshare program.

Mount Mercy University takes great pride in providing a high-quality, Catholic, liberal arts education to a diverse population of students. We offer programs for traditional and non-traditional students seeking an education and offer bachelors, masters, and doctoral level programs available to students in traditional, accelerated, and online formats—and your gift helps to ensure that each of our students has access to the transformative Mount Mercy experience.

These tremendous accomplishments—and countless others—are only possible through the support and generosity of *donors like you*. Thank you, again, for supporting Mount Mercy University!

Gratefully,

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