

# THE MONARCH TIMES

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

This summer, we welcomed in the Class of 2023 and I watched as they arrived. Some students were happy, others inquisitive, and still others, anxious. I made the connection between their range of emotions and mine. As it is the first year at Mercy for some, it will also mark my last year at Mercy, after 25 years. First as Principal and then as President. I am so proud to have been a part of this school's history, but I believe it is time.

Since its founding in 1950, Mercy Tech has graduated thousands of successful young men and women, skilled in their chosen career paths and instilled with Mercy values, who have brought competence and compassion to their chosen industries. Many Mercy Tech alumni remain in Philadelphia and invest in this city as homeowners, business leaders, dependable employees, and good citizens.

I am thrilled to have worked with many business leaders and generous benefactors. These educational partners make it possible for young people to attend Mercy Tech and become successful, contributing members of society. I am confident that this investment will continue.

Please know your children are in good hands now, and will be in the future. We will ensure the next President will approach new challenges for Mercy Tech with courage and confidence. I will work with the new President to prepare for a smooth transition.

Thank you for trusting me to lead this unique school. Please keep me in your prayers and be assured of my prayers for all of you, as well.

May God continue to bless us all!

*Sister Rosemary Skerrow, RSM.*

## GUIDANCE

### Teenage Love and Relationships: What Parents Can Expect



#### Teen and Mental Health Treatment, Newport Academy

Falling in love is an intense emotional experience at any age. But during adolescence, when everything feels bigger and it's all happening for the first time, the ups and downs can be even more extreme. Read the following article for more information!

## TECHNOLOGY

Senior and Junior Computer Tech students have been helping install the phone and speaker system across the street! Primarily, they've been running cable, mounting speakers and making sure all devices are operational for the improvement of the school.

## ALUMNI



### Greetings from Mercy Tech!

Hello to all Alumni of Mercy Technical Institute, Mercy Vocational High School and Mercy Career & Technical High School.

I hope this newsletter finds you well and successful. We at Mercy Tech are grateful for the years you spent with us. Please encourage family members, colleagues and friends to consider sending their children to this unique school. Spread the good news of a solid education here at Mercy Tech. Just have the prospective families contact our Admissions Office.

If you have not already done so, please join your fellow Alums on the [Mercy Vocational/Tech Alumni Facebook page](#). 🖱️ I have enjoyed "seeing" so many of you there. Join us with conversations and pictures. Update your classmates and former teachers on happenings in

your life. Share pieces of good news.

Read and post information on this Facebook page. During November, Thanksgiving and remembrance, we gathered names of classmates, teachers and administrators who are now with God. Please comment on my early November post to add the names of the deceased for the prayers of the Mercy Tech Community. I want to collect the names to remember these people in prayer during November and beyond.

Members of the Class of 2022 returned for their yearbooks and video flash drive on October 6th. These recent graduates were happy to see one another and their teachers. If any other member of the class or a family member wants to come back for their yearbooks, please feel free to stop in during school hours or give me a call. Actually, I do have old yearbooks for most years. Let me know if you want a yearbook from your class.

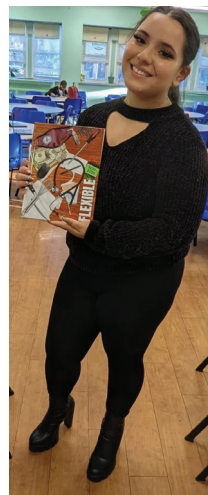
Stay tuned for more information on in-person alumni gatherings in the future and a virtual Zoom meeting with a long-time member of the staff. Please let me know if you are having a class gathering. I would love to stop by and talk to everyone about today's Mercy Tech.

I would love to stay in touch with you through more editions of the *Monarch Times* which spotlights other news from your high school. We want to keep you connected with other Mercy alumni. Please provide current contact info including email address to make sure you receive the *Monarch Times* in the future. Please email me at [alumni@mercycte.org](mailto:alumni@mercycte.org) 🖱️ or head to the school's website under Alumni for a brief survey.

Blessings on you and your family.

*Susan Walsh, R.S.M.*

Sister Susan Walsh  
Alumni Director



## ADVANCEMENT



**THANK YOU** to the 166 donors who contributed \$512,000 to the fall fundraiser on October 13th at the Blue Bell Country Club honoring Sister Rosemary Herron, RSM as she retires after 25 years of service, first as principal then as president of Mercy Career & Technical High School.

She was truly touched by the outpouring of love and support, for her personally, and for this important educational ministry.

If you missed this inspiring event, you can find the program book, pictures, and a video online at [mercyccte.org/giving/fall-fundraiser-2022](https://mercyccte.org/giving/fall-fundraiser-2022). 🌟

### THANK YOU

to the following foundations that gave generous grants to Mercy Tech in the past year (partial list):

<b>Ambassador's Fund for Catholic Education: \$16,966</b> Faculty professional development	<b>McLean Contributionship: \$35,835</b> New science lab
<b>Connelly Foundation: \$56,450</b> VoIP phone and digital PA system	<b>Merck &amp; Co., Inc.: \$25,000</b> New science lab
<b>Paul E. Kelly Foundation: \$25,000</b> Financial aid	<b>Mercy Fund for Ministry: \$40,000</b> Summer programs
<b>Patricia Kind Family Foundation: \$20,000</b> School social worker	<b>Henry A. Quinn Charitable Foundation: \$100,000</b> General operating support
<b>Brook J. Lenfest Foundation: \$35,000</b> General operating support	<b>Santulli family Foundation: \$100,000</b> General operating support



**NEW  
SCIENCE LAB**

## ADMISSIONS

Mercy Tech's Admissions Team is excited to report we are off to a strong start of our recruiting season.

Prospective students and their families have been touring the school, having interviews, and applications have been steadily coming in.

In November, we hosted a very successful Open House, met many new families, and are excited to see them through the Admissions process.

If you know someone interested in applying to Mercy Tech, please have them email us at [admissions@mercyccte.org](mailto:admissions@mercyccte.org) 🌟 or call 215-226-1225 ext 153 or 148. Want to know the process to apply? [Click here](#). 🌟

Lastly, we will be hosting our Taste of Mercy summer camp this year. Take advantage of the [early bird registration pricing](#). 🌟 It will be a 5-day multi-career experience.

As always, thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to the mission of Mercy Tech.



## WELCOME NEW FACULTY & DIRECTORS



MR. BISHOP  
Social Studies



MR. COLLUM  
English Language Arts



MR. DOUGLAS  
Health/Phys Ed



MS. DRAUGHN  
Health Occupations



MS. KOFF  
Activities Director



MS. NUNNO  
Director of Ministry



MR. PRICE  
Mathematics



MR. ROLLAND  
Science



MR. SYTSMA  
English Language Arts



## SHOP SPOTLIGHT

### Building Trades

Need a demo team? Our 11th and 12th grade Building Trades students safely and successfully demolished the shed in our back parking lot. Taking it section by section, they designated a foreman and worked tirelessly until its completion.



Advertising Art & Web Design



Business



Computer Tech Services



Culinary & Pastry Arts



Health Occupations



Cosmetology







## Mercy Weekly Update

**Make sure to check your email each Friday** for updates about the coming school week, including important dates, early school dismissals, sports and E-Sports schedules. You can also update your emergency contact information, access PowerSchool, and more.

## Interested in buying Mercy Tech fleece?

We recommend the purchase of a Mercy fleece, as hoodies are NOT part of the required school uniform. The Mercy Tech fleece is a navy blue quarter-zip with an embroidered logo. Many sizes are available. Please bring \$20 to Mrs. Vollaro's office, directly across from the elevator on the 1st floor, in the main building.



**Voted Best Trade School in  
Philadelphia 2 years running and  
2022 Best High School Spirit.**



*Mercy Career & Technical High School provides a Catholic education and a comprehensive academic, career and technical experience which prepares students for the workforce and/or post-secondary education. Compelled by Mercy, faculty and students live the Gospel in word and action and promote service to others. Mercy Career & Technical High School graduates a highly competent, compassionate, contributing member of the global community.*