



# THE MONARCH TIMES



## From the President



Dear Friends,

Mercy Tech hosted an Occupations Day for our youngest students, the freshmen and sophomores, to plant seeds and make introductions to future career paths. We proudly hosted 22 all-Alum presenters, successful in their careers, and willing to share their words of wisdom.

Some of what I heard throughout the morning was:

*“Apply yourself every day. Get involved with sports, service. etc. Volunteering is so important on a resume because when employers see that, they realize that this person has a good heart and they want employees like that.”*

*“Challenge yourself every day!”*

*“Don’t let anyone define your limits. Ambitions without goals are nothing but dreams.” Involved. Manage your responsibilities”*

*“Mercy puts you on the right path.”*

*“I have always been happy that I chose Building Trades as my career path. I continue to use those skills. The faculty was always there for me; they would tell me when I was messing up and told me “to fix it”.*

*“Take advantage of what you learn in Financial Literacy. I use these skills every day.”*

Thank you to all of our Alum who participated and shared with our students. God bless you and your loved ones as we begin the season of love, sacrifice and forgiveness during Lent.

Sincerely,  
Sister Rosemary

## COVID-19 Update



*“I am doing this to protect YOU. I am doing this to protect ME. COVID-19 has taken countless lives and caused immeasurable sadness and loss, and now you and I have a chance to help our communities. I am grateful.”*  
- Ms. Weisler-Vega

*“As a doctor and even more fundamentally: as a human being and a Sister of Mercy I’ve seen enough. I don’t want anyone else to suffer needlessly. I urge each and every one of you to please get vaccinated. The life you save may be your own.”* - Sr. Karen



## Admissions Update

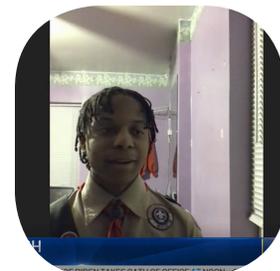
The Office of Admissions is hosting our Virtual Spring Open House on Wednesday, April 14th, 2021 at 6:30PM via Zoom. Anyone interested in attending should RSVP to Admissions by calling 215-226-1225 ext 153 / 148 or email [admissions@mercycte.org](mailto:admissions@mercycte.org). Keep your eye out for the Mercy Tech/SEPTA bus, traveling from South Philadelphia to Montgomery County, North and Northwest Philadelphia. Snap a picture and tag us, and use #mercyonthemove in it!

## Inauguration Parade

Amir McIntosh, C’24 marched with his Boy Scout Troop 358 for the virtual Inauguration Day Parade.

Did you know Amir is working his way up to Eagle Scout, and is part of a troop with more Eagle Scouts than any others in the area?

Hear what Amir had to say to NBC 10 news [https://www.mercycte.org/uploaded/Amir\\_McIntosh.mp4](https://www.mercycte.org/uploaded/Amir_McIntosh.mp4)



Mercy Career & Technical High School is a private, urban career and technical high school sponsored by The Sisters of Mercy. Within a 21st century learning environment, we provide a Catholic education and a comprehensive, academic, career and technical school experience which prepares students for the workforce and/or post-secondary education.

## Occupations Day



Our 9th and 10th grade students participated in Occupations Day. This all-Alum event included representatives hailing from industries as: IT, Healthcare, Cyber Security, Cosmetology, Business, Culinary, and Engineering Security. Our Freshman and Sophomore classes had the chance to learn from some of Mercy's best.

## Mercy Ministry



Students assembled Blessing Bags for local, Philadelphia folks experiencing homelessness. Bags were made possible from the generosity of Mercy Tech's administration, faculty, and staff.

Blessing Bags are filled with essential items, including hats, gloves, socks, hand warmers, soap, mouthwash, masks, and snacks. They also include personal notes of encouragement from our students.

Even during a pandemic, we can find ways to make someone's day a little brighter.

## Alumni Update

Hello and best wishes to all the Alumni of Mercy Tech,

Stay tuned for a virtual event or two. I am working on virtual gatherings to bring us together for now. It is my hope that we can meet and share stories with a teacher online until we can move ahead with in-person events. Watch for notice of such events through email. Please be sure that we have your correct email addresses so that you can hear all about our plans. You can send your updated information to [swalsh@mercycyte.org](mailto:swalsh@mercycyte.org).

In addition, I am looking for a few alums who might be interested in conducting a virtual "class" online. Cook a meal or bake a dessert. Give good tax advice for this current filing. Show a "Fix-it" Project. The sky's the limit on topics. Give me a call at extension 114 on the school's number (215.226.1225). Leave a message and your number on my voicemail. Thanks for thinking about this.

Please consider stopping by the Alumni Tab on Mercy Tech's website ([www.mercycyte.org](http://www.mercycyte.org)). Take a minute to update your information and tell us a story about your accomplishments. I would love to hear from you. Until we can meet again in person, please stay current with classmates and events on Facebook (Mercy Vocational/Tech Alumni), in the Monarch Times, and on the website.

Many blessings for you and yours in the coming weeks. May you find peace, health and happiness in 2021.

With prayers and gratitude,

*Sister Susan*

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## A Mercy Welcome



Meet Ms. Armington-Hollis. She is an experienced Registered Nurse with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Temple University. Her role at Mercy Tech, in the Health Occupations program, marks her first year as a teacher. Ms. Armington-Hollis is a military veteran and was a member of the Army Reserves. When not hanging out with family and friends, she likes to jog, knit/crochet, and watch scary movies.



Meet Ms. Mullen, who, after finishing student teaching with our beloved Mr. Maicher and graduating from St. Joseph's University, completed a volunteer year of service with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest in Seattle, Washington. Upon returning home to the Philly area, she ran an after school program for middle schoolers in Camden, NJ and is now the newest face in our English department.

## A note from Advancement

Mercy Tech expresses its heartfelt gratitude to all the donors that contributed \$1,500 or more to Sponsor a Career Path! Together, these benefactors contributed over \$328,000 to ensure the excellence and affordability of a Mercy Tech education. Thank you!

### Building Trades

- Campus Apartments
- Jim & Aileen Clearkin
- Exelon Generation
- Colleen M. Lange
- Allan Myers, Inc.
- NECA Penn-Del-Jersey Chapter
- Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority
- David and Kim Panichi
- Anne & Bob Riethmiller
- Dick & Nancy Swanson
- TN Ward Company
- Total Risk Management Services, Inc.
- Turner Construction Company
- W.B. Homes, Inc.
- J.J. White Incorporated

### Business

- 901 Innovation
- Burke, Lawton, Brewer & Burke
- The Cozen & O'Connor Foundation
- Bill & Patricia Devlin
- Deborah E. Dorsey & Michael F. Green
- William & Diane Fink
- Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority
- Philadelphia Insurance Companies
- WSFS Community Foundation

### Health Occupations

- BAYADA Home Health Care
- Julie & Chip Behr
- Gwynedd Mercy University
- Independence Blue Cross
- Beth & Paul Leis
- Bonnie & Ed Mullin
- Daniel & Mary Walsh

### Culinary & Pastry Arts

- Lori & Jim Egan
- Maryann & Laurence Genuardi
- Alix Gerz & George Matysik '99
- The Kirk Family
- Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority

### Computer Technology

- Michael & Nancy Caramanico
- Michael Cavanaugh & Carol Chiodo
- Mary & Bill DiSipio
- Michael J. Morris
- Patrick & Judy Welde

### Cosmetology

- Nancy C. Green
- Anthony & Eileen Maginnis
- O'Donnell Family Foundation
- Annemieke & Joseph Pistone
- Janice A. & Joseph A. Zadlo

### Advertising Art & Web Design

- Kathy & Josh Greenbaum
- John Moran
- Nerney Family Foundation
- John & Mori Sasso
- Christopher and Mary Weidig

## Tech Talk

The Mercy Tech Team has developed the Student Tool Box, a collection of videos that guide you through using many of Mercy's technologies. It can be found on your Class Of Google Classroom!

## Virtual Career Day



Like many other events, our Career Day was virtual. Students had the chance to meet with such an inspiring, diverse group of employers including: branches of the military, colleges, associations, the Phillies, Septa, and Coca-Cola Liberty, to name a few.

## What Mercy Means to me



**Manny Morales**  
C'24

My name is Manny Morales and I am a Freshman at Mercy Tech. To me, Mercy means exploring a future career through my shop classes. Not only will I be learning a trade, but Mercy is also providing a good, Catholic education. Mercy is my opportunity to learn everything I can that will prepare me for my future.



# SHOP SPOTLIGHT



## Advertising Art & Web Design



Exciting times at Mercy Tech during CTE Month! Recently, we unveiled our student-designed Septa bus wrap! Specifically, Seniors Jadyn Carrasquillo-Martinez and Bill Nguyen, with the oversight of their Advertising Art & Web Design teacher, Mrs. Tees. We've always known it, and now you do, too: Mercy Tech is "On the Move", showing the benefits of a career & technical education. The 32 bus runs from North to South Philly so don't be surprised when it pulls up next to you at the light!

### Building Trades



### Business



### Computer Tech



### Cosmetology



### Culinary & Pastry Arts



### Health Occupations



## Guidance

### Guidance Department

Our goal is to meet with each student at least twice a year to assess their progress academically, emotionally/socially and moving forward on career goals. **SENIORS: NOW is the time to contact Ms. West, your guidance counselor, for post-high school planning! Do NOT wait until graduation day, June 12th, or the following Monday to call Ms. West!** Remember: “Failing to plan is planning to fail.”

### Our staff:

Ms. Candace West Senior Guidance Counselor  
Grade 10 & 11 Last Names L-Z

Ms. Caitlin Foley Guidance Counselor  
Grade 9, 10 & 11 Last Names A - K

Ms. Mary Terese Lopata School Social Worker  
Counselor Grade 9 Last Names L-Z

Mr. Matthew Butler School Social Work  
MSW Intern West Chester University

Jameson Therapy Dog-in-training

### Grief Counseling:

Referrals are made to the Uplift Center for Grieving Children, where families can receive FREE counseling. Visit their website: <https://www.upliftphilly.org> We hope to offer a Grief Support Group at Mercy during the second semester, facilitated virtually by the staff from Uplift.

### Suicide Prevention:

Suicide is now the second leading cause of death among adolescents. To address this growing problem, we are showing “Ryan’s Story”, the true story of Ryan Halligan, who completed suicide after continuous cyberbullying. View the website <http://www.ryansstory.org> for information and resources.

