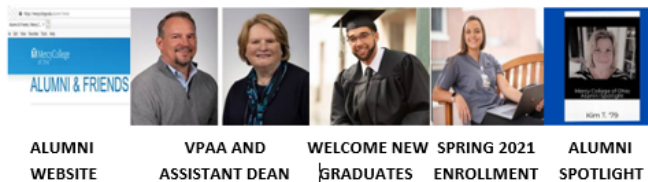


ALUMNI NEWS

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER BROUGHT TO YOU BY MERCY COLLEGE OF OHIO

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On the [Alumni and Friends website](https://mercycollege.edu/alumni-friends), you can find all the information you need about the [Alumni Association](#) and [Auxiliary](#). You can also learn more about ways to [stay informed](#), get involved, and [give back](#).

Our Alumni and Friends website includes resources for those looking to further their education by providing information about [Alumni Tuition Reduction](#) and the [Alumni Dependent Scholarship](#).

Looking to further your career? Learn more about [Career Assistance](#) offered to alumni, including: [job opportunities](#) available to you, tips for creating a resume/cover letter, a practical guide to creating a quality profile on LinkedIn, and more!



[MERCY COLLEGE WELCOMES NEW VPAA AND ASSISTANT DEAN](#)

Mercy College welcomed Dr. Kenneth Ryalls who has begun as the Vice President of Academic Affairs (VPAA) and Dean of Faculty. Dr. Ryalls previously served as the Vice President for Academic Affairs at Nebraska Methodist College, a hospital-based college very similar to Mercy. He shares, "Some of my goals are to forward the cause of quality education at Mercy by expanding program offerings, becoming more innovative in how we support the teaching and learning of our students, and providing excellent professional

development opportunities to our faculty." Dr. Ryalls replaces Dr. Trevor Bates, who became the President of Wilmington College.

Mercy also welcomed Dr. Gail Lis, DNP, ACNP BC as the Assistant Dean of Nursing and Professor. Dr. Lis has an extensive background in program and curriculum development, serving in several diverse leadership positions, including Nurse Practitioner Program Director, graduate chairperson, associate dean, and professor of undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOMES NEW GRADUATES

Congratulations to the 195 students that graduated from Mercy College in Fall (December) 2020! We excitedly welcome you into this next chapter in your journey as healthcare professionals.

Due to concerns from COVID-19, the in-person graduation ceremony scheduled for Fall was cancelled and a virtual ceremony was offered. Though graduating in a time of uncertainty, our graduates have proven diligence and perseverance.



MERCY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES SPRING 2021 ENROLLMENT NUMBERS

Spring 2021 enrollment at Mercy College is 1331 students which include 176 students that are beginning their first semester at Mercy and 74 students that are dual enrolled at partner schools. Total enrollment is up compared to this time last year. Due to COVID-19, Mercy students are learning through a hybrid approach with lectures provided online while labs and clinical assignments are taking place face to face.

We welcome students beginning at Mercy College of Ohio this semester, as well as those returning to continue their healthcare education!



Kim Troike '79– ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Kim Troike is a 1979 graduate of Mercy College of Ohio's (formerly Mercy School of Nursing) Diploma Nursing program.

After graduating from Mercy, Kim completed a few assignments with Traveling Nurses Corps before making her way into an Intensive Care Unit and then into Open Heart Surgery. She served as the Clinical Manager at St. Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta. Today, Kim is a writer, hair stylist, and mother. She has written nine fiction novels, which have included details

about her medical experiences. You can find Kim's novels on Amazon and other online book sellers under the pen name of Caroline Clemens.

Kim shares, "Mercy prepared me for a wonderful career in nursing from Ohio to Florida and all the way out to Los Angeles. I never thought I would make the huge leap (to become a Clinical Manager), but my hands-on education at Mercy provided that opportunity for me. I held the confidence that I could do anything with my nursing diploma degree. Thank you, Mercy."

We're proud of the ambitions and accomplishments of our students and alumni. Each month, current students and/or alumni will be recognized. Tell us your Mercy story. Please email suggested names to Alumni@mercycollege.edu or complete a nomination form [here](#).

Peer-nominations and self-nominations are accepted.

MAY THE NEW YEAR BRING NEW HOPES AND JOYS, HEALTH AND HAPPINESS TO ALL.

The Mercy College of Ohio Alumni Department is committed and focused on providing Mercy alumni an experience which is informative, engaging and fun! We're there for you whether you're enjoying one of our alumni events or supporting Mercy as a volunteer.

Your Alumni Department goes the extra mile to keep you informed.

Your Mercy Pride is ours as well – To ensure this newsletter is as informational as possible, please send your comments and article submissions to:

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