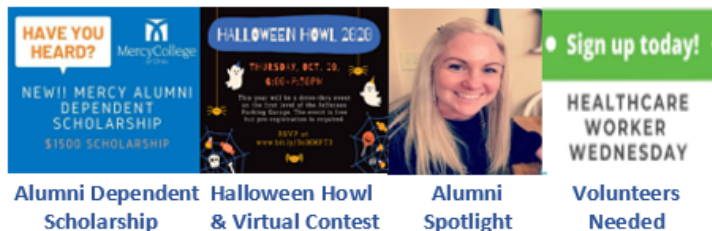


ALUMNI NEWS

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER BROUGHT TO YOU BY MERCY COLLEGE OF OHIO

Top stories in this newsletter:



MERCY COLLEGE RECEIVES FOUR-YEAR HRSA GRANT

Mercy College of Ohio received a four-year grant totaling \$740,998 from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to increase the number of peer support specialists and other behavioral health-related paraprofessionals who will work with families impacted by opioid use and other substance abuse disorders. The grant will provide tuition assistance and stipends to students in Mercy College's two-semester Community Health Worker (CHW) program. After completing the CHW certificate, graduates will have the opportunity to be placed in one-year paid apprenticeships that will immerse them in hands-on experiences.

The CHW program is available to Ohio residents with the lecture content provided online.

To learn more, [read the full news article](#).



ALUMNI DEPENDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Have you heard? We are now offering a \$1500 scholarship per semester for dependents of Alumni of Mercy College of Ohio. The dependent must be a first-year student (never attended college) within one year of high school graduation and have a High School GPA of 2.7 or higher.

Is your dependent a high school senior or 2020 graduate? For more information and additional requirements, visit

www.mercycollege.edu/dependent or contact the Admission Office at admissions@mercycollege.edu or 419-251-1313.

Whether or not your dependent qualifies for the Alumni Dependent Scholarship, they should also apply for Mercy College's Institutional Scholarships at: www.mercycollege.edu/scholarships. Through generous gifts from individuals, friends, and alumni, as well as academic, professional, and business organizations, Mercy College is pleased to offer these Institutional Scholarships. The scholarship application deadline for the 2021-2022 Academic Year is February 28, 2021.



HALLOWEEN HOWL

The Halloween Howl tradition at Mercy College of Ohio (Toledo campus) continues! The 2020 version will look and feel quite different compared to past years, but it will still be a *ghoulishly* delightful experience for all the ghosts, goblins, princesses, superheroes, etc. who visit campus later this month for the drive-through experience.

On Thursday, October 29 between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. EST, you are invited to drive through the Halloween Howl path. The path, which will be contactless and include treats for children who are in the vehicle, will take 5 to 10 minutes to complete. Participation in the event is free, but pre-registration is required! All Mercy College of Ohio students, staff, faculty, alumni, and friends are welcome! Costumes are not required but are strongly encouraged.

To register for the Halloween Howl, visit: www.bit.ly/3nMMPT3

The registration deadline is Tuesday, October 27.

DOOR DECORATION CONTEST

Participate in Mercy College's virtual Door Decoration Contest for a chance to win a \$15 Amazon E-gift card! Categories are Halloween and Fall Harvest.

Criteria: Must involve a door (Front Door, Garage Door, Bedroom Door, etc.)

All entries must be submitted by this Thursday, October 22 at 5:00 pm EST.

Photos of entries will be posted to social media and you will be able to vote for the winners!

Submit your photos at: <https://mercycollege.wufoo.com/forms/s1x7db5n0fk9nu6/>

See below for photos from last year's contest.





Martha Altman '14- ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Martha Altman completed Mercy College's Polysomnographic Technology certificate in December 2014. Prior to attending Mercy College, Martha received her Bachelor of Science degree in Community Health Education. After stepping away from the professional world for several years while her children were young, she decided to re-join the healthcare field. Martha attended an open house at Mercy College, where she learned about the Polysomnographic Technology Certificate. She shares, "My time at Mercy was so rewarding- I made great friends and mentors in the field of sleep. As someone who has experienced education at both a large university and a smaller specialized such as Mercy- I can say without question that I have been more successful with the tools that Mercy gave me. The clinical experience that Mercy College provided prepared me most for work in a sleep lab. It gave me an authentic perspective on what to expect once I finished my education."

Martha was hired immediately following graduation and soon moved on to a large healthcare system. She joined Mercy Health-St. Anne's sleep lab in August 2015 as a per diem tech, a role in which she continues to serve in today. "Being able to choose what shifts I'm able to work- as much or as little- has been a huge positive, especially when balancing work and family life."

Martha serves on the Polysomnographic Technology Advisory Board at Mercy College of Ohio- a team that works to maintain and advance the Polysomnographic Technology Certificate at Mercy College of Ohio. She states "thanks to the Mercy family for making the field of sleep health a priority in the well-being of our community. Because of this, I've found my professional niche, and for this, I'm so very grateful."

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.



**HEALTHCARE
WORKER
WEDNESDAY**

ALUMNI VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you interested in sharing information about your Mercy experience and your career in healthcare with prospective Mercy College students?

We are in search of alumni who would like to participate in Mercy College's virtual Open House opportunities this Fall. These virtual Open Houses, called Healthcare Worker Wednesday (HWW), take place every other Wednesday. Sign up [here](#) to be an Alumni Speaker for one or numerous sessions.

If you would like to attend HWW to learn more about the completion and graduate programs offered at Mercy College, sign up as a participant at: <https://mercycollege.edu/hww> Mercy College offers tuition reduction to alumni returning for another program.

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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