



CLASS LETTER 2019

Dear Class of 2017,

It is my honor to write to you. My name is Hayley Hove, and I graduated in May of 2017. The Mount Mary experience was nothing less than incredible to say the least. I thought to myself when I received the email about class delegates, "why the heck wouldn't I do this!" When I was a student, I was involved with a LOT as the Student Government President for 2015-2016, one of the four Fashion Association leaders for 1.5 years, and a SAAC member and president. I also ran on the cross country team and sang in the Gospel Choir for two years. My involvement at Mount Mary enriched my experience beyond belief. I was able to connect with those outside of my major and learn skills that are helping me to this day.



I guess I should mention where I am today. I grew up in Minneapolis. So when I graduated, I moved back to where my family resided and where my heart knew it needed to be. I loved Milwaukee, and all those who made Milwaukee my home while I attended school there. As far as my career, well, I get to thank Mount Mary for that. I work for a mail order catalog company called Universal Screen Arts. I work for their What On Earth catalog as their Merchandise/Purchasing Analyst. I work directly with buyers on choosing merchandise and have had the opportunity to travel. My dream to become a buyer is becoming more real every day. If I can give any woman advice that are nearing the start of their first "big-girl" job, I would tell them to "buckle up, and be ready to LEARN." I have learned so much in the past year and half that I have been at my job, it amazes me. The corporate world can be very challenging, to succeed in it you need to put yourself out there. Make yourself irreplaceable.



The weekend of October 5, I traveled to Milwaukee for Alumnae Weekend and Reunion. I cannot say that there was a huge show of graduates from our class, and that was okay! This gave me the opportunity to connect with so many other women from graduating classes before me. It's amazing to see how Mount Mary has impacted so many other lives. I was able to attend a class with two of my former professors Dr. Paula Reiter and Dr. Julie Tatlock. I got to stand in front of my old dorm room that was my home for two years and attend mass with faith leaders that I strongly look up to. You may have seen me on the Alumnae Instagram that weekend, I had the honor of running their Instagram for the weekend. Sharing photos of the beautiful art that was featured in the Marian Gallery, photos of ladies that hadn't seen the dorms for over 50 years, and art that I had made with Melody Todd, all of these were a part of my special weekend

STAYING CONNECTED

Do you know what exciting things are happening at Mount Mary? When the next alum event is? If you would like to continue to receive news, invitations, e-communications, and more from Mount Mary,

please update your contact info with the Office of Alumnae Relation by calling (414) 930-3025 or emailing mmu-alumnae@mtmary.edu.

By keeping your contact info current, you stay informed about our classmates through class letters and the Mount Mary Magazine. In each magazine, we celebrate and remember the lives of our classmates and their families in the [In Memoriam](#) listing, and we learn about their professional and personal accomplishments, weddings, births and more in [Class Notes](#). Please submit any class notes or in-memoriam notices at mtmary.edu/alumnae/update.

Another great way to stay connected is by liking the Alumnae Association Facebook page or joining the LinkedIn Alumnae page. Here, you will find the most up-to-date information, event reminders and news from your fellow alums.

GETTING TOGETHER

Alumnae Weekend and Reunion is a fun, festive time for us to reconnect with old friends and come back to Mount Mary. Each class is invited to participate with special recognition to the milestone anniversary years. In the past few years, there have been class programs, lunches, entertainment, presentations and so much more. What would you like to see at this year's Alumnae Weekend and Reunion? Let's talk with our classmates and brainstorm some ideas to send to the Office of Alumnae Relations.

More information about Alumnae Weekend and Reunion will be available in summer.

MOUNT MARY UNIVERSITY AND ALUMNAE EVENTS FOR 2019

- [Mount Mary Week Celebration](#) | Feb.18-22 | Including "Show the Love" Giving Day on Feb. 20
- [Women's Leadership Institute: Voices of Leadership featuring Jessica Shortall](#) | Mar. 21
- [CREO Fashion Show](#) | Friday, May 10
- [50th Starving Artists' Show \(Alumnae Association Scholarship Fundraiser\)](#) | Sunday, Sept. 8
- [Alumnae Weekend and Reunion](#) | The Weekend of October 5
- [Alumnae Christmas Luncheon](#) | MILWAUKEE: Tuesday, Dec. 3 | CHICAGO: Tuesday, Dec. 10

PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR ADDITIONAL EVENTS IN 2019!

For full event descriptions and registration, visit mtmary.edu/alumnae/events.

Personal Message from Mount Mary President, Dr. Christine Pharr

These days when I think of generosity, I often think of our alums. Whether you graduated 5 years ago or 50 years ago, I'm continuously inspired by your ongoing gifts of time, talent and treasure.

Some of you have volunteered tirelessly for decades. I see you at the Starving Artists' Show or making popcorn for students. I know some classes have set up endowments for student scholarships, and individuals make donations to all sorts of things including the unrestricted fund, which allows Mount Mary to use the funds where they're needed most. You might be interested to know that during the last fiscal year, alums donated nearly \$1.7 million, largely for student scholarships. And I know you pray for us because I can feel it and see it in the transformation of lives happening on campus.

What I want to tell you is that whether you give \$20 a year or an estate gift, whether you have volunteered for years or only once, whether you share your expertise with us, recruit for us or pray for us...whatever you give... we are extremely grateful. You are paying it forward to the next generation of women who are now attending Mount Mary as they seek to find their way, their calling, and their vocation in life.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Christine

ANNUAL CLASS GIVING & MOUNT MARY GIVING DAY

Mount Mary shaped us into the people we are today. It was the place where we built lifelong friendships and gained knowledge and learned lessons that have sustained throughout our lives. I want to ensure that the future remains bright and full of potential for today's students. Will you join me in making a gift to Mount Mary this year?

The best time to give is during Mount Mary's 2nd annual **Giving Day on February 20** from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. You don't want to miss this opportunity. **All gifts will be matched dollar-for-dollar through the federal Title III Grant** that Mount Mary received in fall 2018. It doesn't matter whether you give \$10 or \$1,000 because every gift makes a difference in continuing the Mount Mary tradition.

Throughout the day, there will be special challenges that unlock additional money including the opportunity to make a gift in honor of your favorite program and a virtual scavenger of Mount Mary. Let's show the love and ensure that all students have opportunities to discover their passions and become world changers. Visit app.mobilecause.com/vf/MMULove to learn more.

If you have any questions about giving to Mount Mary, please call 414-930-3034 or email mmu-dev@mtmary.edu.

I hope you enjoyed reading about news and updates from our class and Mount Mary. Wishing you and your family a blessed, joyous, and healthy new year.

Sincerely,
Hayley Hove
Class Delegate

