



Dear Graduating Class of 1972,

We are preparing to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of graduation on October 1, 2022, as part of Mount Mary's Alumnae Reunion 2022. I invite you to return to see for yourself how Mount Mary has changed, and how it has remained the same. For instance, there are several new buildings and programs on campus, yet the School Sisters of Notre Dame's values of COMPETENCE, COMMUNITY, COMPASSION, AND COMMITMENT remain steadfast.

Just like Mount Mary, the same goes for all of us, except none of us has remained the same! Gray hairs, knee replacements, hip replacements, a few more pounds, places that sag and bag that never used to and of course some wrinkles that have all been earned! What fun it would be to see all of those changes and reconnect. Please consider putting Reunion 2022 on your calendar.

A tradition of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion is a class donation to help enhance an academic program, provide student scholarship, or update a campus space for the good of the Mount Mary community. One of the new, must-see things at Mount Mary is the renovation of our gym. Renovations are scheduled for this summer to facilitate the opening of the Exercise Science major scheduled to begin fall semester of the 2022-23 academic year. On the planning committee zoom call, Lisa Breitsprecker, of the Alumnae & Donor Relations Office, spoke of excitement from current and incoming students around this new field of study at Mount Mary, as well as the 23% projected job growth in the field through 2026.

A bit of history- our class of 1972 paved the way for intercollegiate sports at Mount Mary. Our interest in basketball, field hockey, volleyball and playing other schools, and not just intramurals, led Mount Mary to join the NCAA in 1974. Mount Mary now plays at the NCAA Division III level.

Now to the project/cause. The Exercise Science program is seeking assistance in funding several pieces of equipment; a hip flexor, a back flexor and a leg extension machine. Each one of these machines cost approximately \$2,200 to \$2,500. These machines will complement a new state-of-the-art biometrics lab designed specifically for students in the exercise science program.

We are all part of the Boomer Generation. We are, for the most part, aging well, are healthier and have remained more active than those before us. Supporting the Exercise Science program is a collaboration worthy of all of us.

Please join the planning committee in support of this new program with a gift of any size; no gift is too small or too large! Don't forget that a gift to Mount Mary from your IRA is a tax-free qualified charitable distribution. Contributions can be sent directly to the University by mail, made online at [mtmary.edu/alumnae/events/alumnae-reunion](http://mtmary.edu/alumnae/events/alumnae-reunion) (please make note that your gift is from a Class of '72 graduate), or can be made along with your reservation to join us at Reunion 2022 on October 1.

Hope to see you there!

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