

A Tribute to Michele S. Lee



Michele S. Lee, MSLIS, M.S. '06, Pd.M.,
honoris causa, '15

Mercy College suffered a great loss with the passing of Michele S. Lee, MSLIS, M.S. '06, Pd.M., *honoris causa*, '15 in June 2021. Michele was the Head Librarian of the Manhattan Campus and a beloved faculty member for nearly 30 years. At the time of her death, she was completing her dissertation to earn a Doctorate in Organizational Leadership from Walden University. Michele truly exemplified life-long learning. She was instrumental in establishing the Manhattan Library, overseeing the transition to the new campus space and ensuring that our students had access to all of the support services needed to pursue their dreams of a college degree.

Mercy has memorialized Michele by naming the MercyManhattan Library in her honor and establishing the Michele S. Lee Endowed Scholarship for Lifelong Learning. Please visit mercy.edu/MicheleLeeScholarship to make a gift or for more information.

A Tribute to Dr. Eileen C. Karlik



Dr. Eileen Karlik

The Mercy College Nursing Program lost an esteemed faculty member, well-respected colleague, staunch student advocate and a dear friend on June 20, 2021. Eileen became part of the Mercy College Nursing Program fabric over time. She first served on the Nursing Advisory Board, then as an adjunct. Her expertise as Dean at Westchester Community College and her ability to lead that program to a 100% NCLEX pass rate, led the nursing leadership team to ask her to be the official NCLEX advisor to the undergraduate nursing programs.

Eileen spent hours developing course content, analyzing data, making herself available at all hours to students and faculty alike. In 2017, she became an unofficial advisor and mentor to our newly minted Nursing Program leaders Dr. Miriam Ford and Dr. Susan Moscou. We will miss her brilliant mind, her kind manner, her insightful analysis and her wonderful sense of humor.

The Dr. Eileen Karlik Scholarship Fund has been established at Mercy College with an inaugural donation from the Sobecki family. To make a gift to the Scholarship fund in Eileen's memory, please visit: www.mercy.edu/magazine/karlik. If you have any questions, please contact Katy Coppinger, Executive Director of Development at kcoppinger@mercy.edu.