

# Building An Archive of SCHOOL SPIRIT

**T**hroughout the decades, Mercy College and The College of New Rochelle have amassed countless stories – some hidden in sock drawers, weathered photo albums or perhaps even stored on old hard drives. Capturing these memories in one common place has been an unattainable goal, until recently.

Beginning in fall 2020, Mercy partnered with Publishing Concepts, Inc. (PCI) to begin a yearlong oral history project to collect the stories, photos and comments of Mercy and College of New Rochelle alumni. Leveraging PCI's resources and trained staff, we have to date collected more than 6,000 stories, images and insights of alumni on their experiences

at each respective institution. The project will continue to collect these stories until April 2, 2021, and will later publish them in a printed book, along with a digital version that will be sent to alumni who pre-ordered their copy.

"It's so exciting to be able to gather all these stories in one place. It really gives alumni a chance to share the stories that mean something to them with us," said Alexis Rothenberg, M.B.A. '17, director of alumni relations and special events.

Eileen Niedzwiecki CNR SAS '72, director of CNR development, added, "This project will produce a priceless treasury of historic tales and reflections that is all the more meaningful since our alma mater is no longer in existence."



## Stories Like Yours:

"I benefited tremendously from the intellectual and spiritual guidance of my professors, the Ursuline nuns."

**Sandra Smith Gangle, J.D., CNR SAS '64**



"For me, Mercy College means mercy because I got a chance at a life that my parents didn't have. It gave me the chance to move forward and have somewhere to be, somewhere to go, and something to accomplish."

**Gianny Gomez '16**



"My parents were immigrants. I've used something that I learned from Mercy every day in my business. I've been all over the world. I took my degree and started my own insurance agency. My goal in life is to give back to school. Mercy College means the world to me. I talk about the school all the time. It launched me to where I am today."

**Joseph Iannelli '96**



"I felt that going to an all-women college would afford me the opportunity to focus more on earning my degree. I had opportunities afforded to me to grow within my field because I had attended The College of New Rochelle. It breaks my heart that it's closed. It actually is bringing tears to my eyes because it was such a wonderful institution with so much history. The women that I went to school with were amazing and dedicated individuals that I still keep in touch with to this day. We talk about our great memories from CNR."

**Kelly Homan CNR SAS '95, GS '03**

