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ALL MASK-FREE AND GROUP PHOTOS WERE  
TAKEN PRIOR TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

## MESSAGE FROM President Timothy L. Hall



It is hard to believe it's been one year since the beginning of one of the most unique and challenging years any one of us may ever experience. I am grateful to say that as a Mercy Community we're stronger than ever, having persevered together. And as we traversed the ups and downs of 2020, Mercy's focus has been ensuring students had the necessary resources to continue their education in a safe manner and finding ways of keeping our community connected. When reflecting on the last 12 months, what I've learned to cherish most is the opportunity for connectedness.

Social distancing meant learning how to reinvent meaningful moments of connection – moments that allowed me to join in casual conversation and see faces light up as I learned about faculty becoming new grandparents, students being first in their families to graduate, alumni getting promotions, or staff members getting engaged. Mercy has been focused on finding creative ways to mirror this experience of the joy of being together.

Throughout this edition of Maverick Magazine, you'll see how during the past year we worked tirelessly to keep our community healthy and safe, successfully completed the fall 2020 semester and found innovative ways to replicate the connectedness we all so dearly miss. I'm proud of how the Mercy Community organized and pivoted to achieve this essential connectedness while distanced.

Communications instructor Marc Palmieri wrote the first-ever play meant for online broadcast, which brings audiences together with humor and sentimentality and addresses social isolation while navigating virtual online platforms. Three of Mercy and CNR's esteemed alumni, who are now presidents of their own colleges, have ensured their students have unfettered, uninterrupted access to their courses, professors, support systems and each other. The School of Business is full steam ahead equipping students with technological tools such as Bloomberg Terminals that will put them ahead in a competitive market after graduation. Mercy's Student Counseling Center pivoted their normal operations to provide virtual counseling services and expand online programming.

Fostering strong connectedness is important now more than ever, especially for our students and recent graduates. In maintaining close relationships with our students, we have provided them with the necessary tools and technology as well as social connections to succeed during this challenging time. We are confident this will keep them on their path toward graduation with bolstered confidence in their ability to succeed amidst even the toughest challenges.

We have also maintained Mercy's strong footprint in the community as we continue to cultivate partnerships to ensure recruitment, retention and additional investment in the College. Connectedness – meaning our relationships with you, and your investment in us – has kept Mercy going strong.

Sincerely,

Tim Hall  
President

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