

The College of New Rochelle 2023 Post Reunion

On the weekend of June 9-10th, more than 100 CNR alumni, traveling from all areas of the US, gathered together for the second in-person CNR Reunion Weekend at Mercy College. Classes ending in 3s and 8s were welcomed to Mercy to reunite and celebrate their time at the College of New Rochelle. Once again, it was reaffirmed that the lasting impact of our CNR education continues to shape our lives in numerous ways, enhancing our families, careers, and communities. **Click here to read the full post reunion article and to see the reunion photos.**

The festivities began with a joint CNR and Mercy alumni barbeque on Friday evening at the Mercy College Hudson Café overlooking the Hudson River. We were joined by President Tim Hall and Lee Hall, and Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Eva Fernández.

Saturday activities started with the Sr. Dorothy Ann Kelly Lifelong Enrichment Series. The topic, “Navigating your Path in a World that is Ever Changing,” was very fitting and timely as there are many individuals who are seeking new life opportunities, whether career or personal. A special thanks to the panelists, [Patricia Keegan Abels SAS '73](#), [Renee Blackwell SAS '95](#), [Liliana Santizo SNR '12](#) who also served as moderator, and [Pearl Sullivan SNR '03, GS '15](#), for sharing their own personal experiences, barriers they have faced, and insights they have learned along the way to help others as they navigate their own journey. Due to some technical difficulties, our virtual audience was not able to participate, so we have decided to repeat this dynamic and sought-after panel discussion in October 2023 (*stay tuned for details*).

Following the lecture, a joyous Champagne Luncheon Buffet took place in the Mercy College Rotunda. Tara Alfano SAS '02, GS '04, Director of Development for CNR, opened the event with a welcome, emphasizing the enduring impact of CNR alumni at Mercy. She acknowledged the presence of the reunion classes and esteemed former faculty members, Sr. Marie-Celine Miranda SAS '53, Sr. Terry Eppridge SAS '53 (both celebrating their 70th CNR Reunion), and Sr. Mary Virginia Orna. She also presented a slide show of photos capturing CNR's journey through the years and shared a video featuring a recipient of the CNR Legacy Scholarship, who expressed her gratitude for the scholarship's impact on her education and future. Marlene Tuteria SAS '71, co-chair of the CNR Legacy Council and Mercy College Trustee, extended heartfelt reflections on CNR's profound impact on all of us and expressed gratitude to Mercy College for providing a home for CNR's alumni. She introduced Mercy College President, Tim Hall, who just retired in June. President Hall warmly welcomed the reunion classes and echoed Mercy's ongoing commitment to CNR. The legacy that Tim Hall leaves behind will be forever remembered and treasured by CNR alumni.

To add a delightful surprise to the occasion, Marlene Tutera SAS '71 and Helen Wolf, former director of campus ministry at CNR, led all of attendees in singing both the original and updated versions of our CNR Alma Mater, which can be [viewed here](#).

Following the luncheon, each class organized distinct and personalized ways to celebrate together. Some of these included special tributes for classmates who have gone before us.

At the close of the day, the CNR 3s and 8s joined Mercy alumni for a celebratory dinner at a local restaurant, while the CNR Class of 1973 celebratory 50th reunion dinner was held at the [Moller House](#), a three-story Gothic-Revival Mansion in Tarrytown, NY, which is now the home of the CNR Alumni Room featuring nostalgic items and archives from the New Rochelle campus. Mercy College hosted the dinner, which was very reminiscent of CNR 50th reunion dinners in the Castle.

The reunion weekend was filled with an abundance of joy, excitement and the making of new memories.

For those classes ending in 4s and 9s celebrating a reunion next year, now is the time to start planning. Please reach out to Tara Alfano SAS '02, GS '04, Director of Development - CNR at talfano1@mercy.edu or 914-446-0207.

- Tara Alfano SAS '02, GS '04

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