



Mercy College Alumni Awardees 2023 Alumni of Distinction



Pamela M Cole, '72, a professor at Penn State University and former Fulbright Scholar, who has dedicated her more than 45-year career to child clinical and developmental psychology. She is currently leading five research projects and has authored or co-authored more than 90 publications.



Phillip Grant, MBA, '08, Chief Executive Officer of the Hunts Point Produce Market, the largest wholesale produce market in the nation. Under his leadership, the Market partners with local food rescue and food-service organizations to donate surplus produce. It has provided fresh produce to Mercy's Mav Market Food and Resource Pantry for the last two years.



Liz Longmore, '09 M.S. '11, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Stamford Health, who began her career in nursing, first in women's health care and then expanding to emergency services and critical care. Before her current position, she spearheaded the design, construction and operationalization of the new Stamford Hospital.



Shannon Freeman, '14, an intern for News 12 Westchester while earning her bachelor's degree, she has worked as a Television Director for CBS News streaming channel for the last eight years. She also mentors students of the Reels Works program, assisting them with short documentaries to be shown at film festivals around the New York City area.



Cynthia Borges LaMonica '69, was influenced by the social values taught by the Sisters of Mercy and became a case worker for the City of Mount Vernon. She later served as a social worker for the Mount Vernon City School District for 18 years. Now retired, she volunteers with several organizations including Open Table, an outreach program assisting youth aging out of foster care.



Brian Sweeney '07, played baseball for Mercy from 1993-95, setting school records and earning sports awards. He signed with a Major League Baseball team in 1996, and later returned to Mercy, graduating in 2007 with a bachelor's degree. After his playing career ended, he turned to coaching professional baseball.