

CNR Legacy Council Update

The first Legacy Council meeting of the school year was held on October 11th.

Co-Leads Rosa Napoleone and Marlene Tuteru welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced new attendees, Josephine Agyei SN '18 and Stephanie Woods SNR '17, who shared their backgrounds with the group. The opening prayer was offered by Mary Ann Marriott SAS '59.

Tara Alfano, Director of Development – CNR, provided some updates:

- Mercy became an official University this past August. Since then, Mercy created new branding, which includes the CNR flame within Mercy's new seal/logo. This is a nice touch that solidifies CNR's home at Mercy.
- Susan Parish was inaugurated as Mercy's 13th President on September 22nd.
- A Sculpture dedication event was held during inauguration week on September 20th. A sculpture by artist Martín Rubio was donated in recognition of Mercy's designation as a Hispanic Serving Institution. This gift was facilitated by CNR alumna Laudelina Martinez, CNR SAS '63.
- Hispanic Heritage Celebration event will take place on Thursday, October 12th at the Westchester Campus.
- The third Sr. Dorothy Ann Kelly Lifelong Enrichment Series will take place on October 21st at the Moller House in Tarrytown, NY. We will be repeating the June session, ***Navigating your Path in a World that is Ever Changing***.
- The Alumni of Distinction awards will take place on Friday, February 9th. Emails have been sent requesting nominations by the deadline of October 31st.
- On February 15th Black History Month will be celebrated with a community reception at the Bronx campus.
- Several alumni regional events will be taking place as follows:
 - October 19 – Westchester Alumni Reception at the Moller House
 - November 1 – NYC Alumni Reception at the Manhattan Campus
 - January 18 – Connecticut Alumni Reception
 - March 9 – Malibu, California reception
 - March 14 – Bronx Alumni Reception at the Bronx Campus
 - April - Possible event in the Albany area
- On May 15th we are hoping to host a joint CNR/Mercy Nursing alumni reception.

Chairs of the Communications/Newsletter, Service and Community Outreach, Networking and Career Development, and Programs committees reported the following:

- Communications – Annalinda Ragazzo SAS '74
The committee held a meeting on October 10th to discuss plans for the December issue of the newsletter. The second installment of the Sr. Dorothy Ann Kelly retrospective will be featured. This retrospective was started with the July issue and will end with the March issue in recognition of the month of Sr. Dorothy Ann's passing. In addition, the newsletter will continue to include regular features such as CNR Connections, Did you know, Tech Corner and more. Once again, if anyone has an interest in joining the Communications Committee or has ideas for types of articles to pique the interest of different alumni, please reach out.
- Service/Community Outreach – Pat Mastellon SAS '65
In September pantries on the three Mercy campuses officially opened. Due to an initial staffing shortage, there were limited hours of operations. Nevertheless, 56 individuals were served at the MAV Markets.

Dobbs Ferry's pantry has a new refrigerator, so perishable foods such as yogurt, cheese, eggs, milk, fruit, veggies, etc., which are very popular, are available to students.

Free emergency meal swipes are now being provided to students experiencing food insecurity and in need of a hot meal on campus.

Mav Market's current needs are microwavable meals, cereal, peanut butter, tuna, and pasta. Thanksgiving items will be needed shortly.

Kudos to fellow CNR alumni who have heeded the call for "Serviam" in stocking the Mav Market.

General Mav Market Donation: <https://alumni.mercy.edu/mercymavmarket>

Amazon Wishlist:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/305E3L2KQQD5V?ref_=wl_share

Physical items such as non-perishable food or personal care products can be mailed to:

Mercy University
Mav Market
828 S Broadway
Tarrytown, NY 10591

- Networking/Career Development – Rosa Napoleone SAS '75
On October 24th there will be a Lunch and Learn on the Bronx Campus organized by Student Life. Jennifer Ludwig SNR '05, GS '19 and Josephine Agyei SN '18 will be participating in this networking opportunity for the students.
- Reunion – Marlene Tuteria SAS '71 and Tara Alfano SAS '02, GS '04
The third in-person Reunion since Covid will be held in June. The reunion schedule is as follows:

June 14th

BBQ - Location TBD (combined with Mercy Alumni)

June 15th

Morning - Sr. Dorothy Ann Kelly Lifelong Enrichment Series (open to all)

(Marlene asked that if anyone has any ideas for topics, please let Tara know)

Afternoon -Champagne Brunch (CNR alumni only)

Individual class gatherings to follow brunch

Evening – Dinner for 50th Reunion Class at the Moller House

Upcoming Legacy Council meetings will be held on January 10th, March 13th, and May 8th at 7 p.m. via Zoom.