

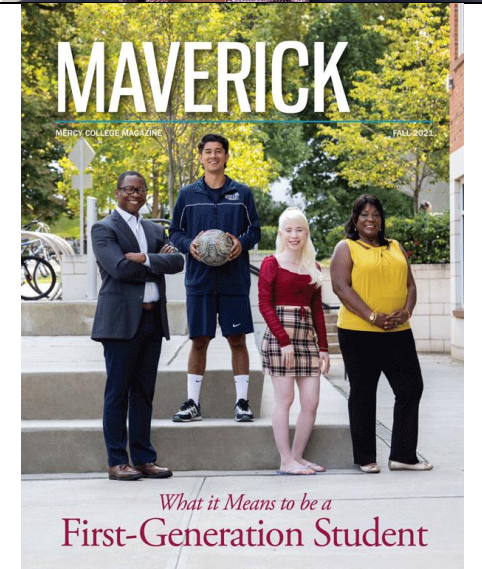


21 Highlights of 2021 from Mercy College

Mercy College is proud to share a “21 Highlights of 2021” recap showcasing stories from the year. Thank you to our students, faculty, staff, Mercy and CNR alumni and friends who helped make 2021 a successful year. We look forward to sharing more special moments with you in 2022. To read more news stories, visit Mercy’s Newsroom [here](#).

	<p>1. Mercy Welcomes Students Back to In-Person Learning Mercy’s campuses safely reopened in the fall 2021 after courses were moved online due to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
	<p>2. New Workforce Credentialing and Community Impact Division Launched To meet the expanding need to effectively prepare students of all ages to fill the skills gaps in the labor markets Mercy launched the Division of Workforce Credentialing and Community Impact in November, led by Dr. Brian Amkraut, vice president and general manager.</p>
	<p>3. Mercy Recognizes First-Generation College Students in Fall 2021 Maverick Magazine The Maverick Magazine explores <i>What it Means to be a First-Generation Student</i>. In addition, the College celebrated National First-Generation College Celebration Day in November.</p>



4. President Hall Recognized for Outstanding Leadership

President Hall was recognized by City and State New York in two Power lists including the [Westchester Power 100 List](#) and the [Higher Education Power List](#). In addition, he received the [Transformation in Education Award from Don Bosco Community Center](#), and was featured in articles published in [The Business Journals](#) and [Inside Higher Education](#).



5. The Mav Market Food Pantry Provides Critical Support to the Mercy Community

In October, the [Mav Market](#) entered its 5th year providing basic needs support to individuals within the Mercy Community. A new partnership with [alumnus and Hunts Point Produce Market CEO Phillip Grant, M.B.A. '08](#), provided members with access to nearly 1,000 pounds of fruits and vegetables this November.



6. Mercy Recognized for Education Excellence

For the 3rd year in a row, Mercy was recognized in [The Wall Street Journal / Times Higher Education 2022 College Rankings](#) and as a [National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense](#) by the National Security Agency. Mercy earned a spot on [Diverse magazine's](#) list of the nation's top higher education institutions that confer bachelor's and master's degrees to African American and Hispanic students.



7. New Alumni House Opens

The historic [Moller House](#) in Tarrytown is the new home for Mercy and CNR Alumni and serves as a gathering place for events and archives. We look forward to welcoming alumni to come by for a tour.



8. MercyManhattan Library Dedicated to Michele S. Lee, M.S. '06

The MercyManhattan Library was renamed, [the Michele S. Lee Library for Lifelong Learning](#), in memory of dedicated faculty and staff member, Michele S. Lee who passed away in June 2021. The College also [established the Michele S. Lee Endowed Scholarship for Lifelong Learning](#) to help carry on Michele's dedication to the success of Mercy students.



9. Alumni Dedicated to Serving Their Communities

Mercy is proud of its more than 70,000 alumni including

- United States Congressman [Jamaal Bowman, M.S. '06](#),
- Director of the New York State Division of Veterans' Services [Viviana DeCohen '16, M.S. '18](#) and
- [Meisha Porter, M.S. '03, H.D. '20](#), who has served as Chancellor of New York City Public Schools this year and will become the inaugural President and CEO of The Bronx Community Foundation in January.



10. Events Celebrate Mercy's Graduates, Donors and Alumni

Mercy [celebrated the accomplishments of nearly 3,000 graduates](#) during in-person academic processions and a virtual Commencement ceremony. The [Alumni Achievement Awards](#) and the [40th Annual Trustees' Scholarship Gala](#) were both held virtually and raised vital scholarship dollars for our students. This fall, the College [recognized the 20th anniversary of 9/11](#) with a special remembrance ceremony and safely held our annual [Founders' Festival](#).



Raquel Warley

Associate Professor & Program Director, Social Work
Featured in Documentary Film on Discovery Plus

11. Mercy's Faculty Featured in the News

Faculty continued to be recognized as experts in their fields this year. Highlights from each of Mercy's schools include: [Business](#), [Education](#), [Health & Natural Sciences](#), [Liberal Arts](#), [Social & Behavioral Sciences](#). To read a complete list of news stories, visit [Mercy's newsroom](#).



12. Student-Athletes Nationally Recognized

The Mercy Athletic Department [earned the 2021 East Coast Conference Community Cup](#), for the greatest number of community service and community engagement hours per student-athlete. The Number 1 seeded [men's lacrosse team won their second straight East Coast Conference Tournament Championship](#) in May. The [women's soccer earned a spot in the NCAA Sweet 16 Tournament](#) for first time since 2017 and the third time in program history. To read more about Mercy Athletics [click here](#).



13. Mercy Awarded Prestigious Grants to Enhance Programs and Provide Support for Students

Mercy secured funding through numerous grants to:

- [prepare math and science teachers](#),
- [increase the number of Hispanic and low-income students attaining degrees in STEM fields](#),
- support Mercy's [Student Emergency Fund](#),
- [train graduate students to work with at-risk youth and](#)
- support and expand the Mercy College Speech and Hearing Center.



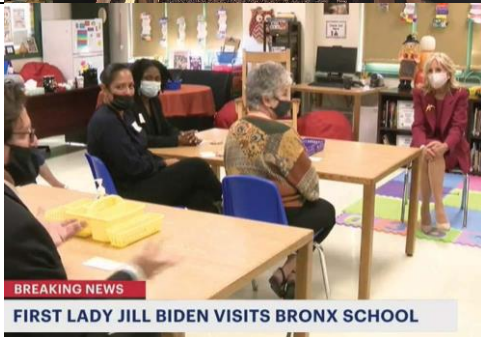
14. Dedicated Leaders Take on New Positions Within the College

- [Peter West](#), previously dean of the School of Liberal Arts took on the role of Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.
- [Andrés Matías-Ortiz](#) is serving as Interim Dean of the School of Liberal Arts.
- [Scorpio Rogers](#), previously assistant dean in the School of Business assumed the role of Interim Vice President for MercyManhattan in August
- [Kathleen Golisz](#), previously associate dean for the School of Health and Natural Sciences, assumed the role of Interim Dean in September following Joan Toglia's retirement after 27 years of service to the College.



15. Mercy's First Community Garden Gives Back

In celebration of Earth Day, students spearheaded a project to establish the [College's first community garden](#). The Garden yielded enough produce to supply the Mav Market, Mercy's on-campus food pantry.



16. First Lady Jill Biden Visits Bronx School P.S. 83 – A School Led by Mercy Alumni

First Lady Dr. Jill Biden paid a visit to P.S. 83, a school located in the Morris Park neighborhood, two miles from Mercy's Bronx Campus and [employs at least twenty Mercy alumni](#), including the principal Brandon Muccino, M.S. '05.

BREAKING NEWS
FIRST LADY JILL BIDEN VISITS BRONX SCHOOL



Sumir Sahgal, Founder and Chief Medical Officer of Essen Health Care with Mercy President Tim Hall

17. New Partnerships Advance Health Outcomes

Mercy signed an [agreement with Essen Health Care](#) for the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Jumpstart Program, creating a pipeline for qualified employees to enroll in Mercy’s FNP Master of Science Program at a lower tuition rate. Westchester County partnered with Mercy College through a grant to [improve vaccination rates and increase health literacy](#) among residents most at risk of COVID-19.



18. CNR Alumna Paving the Way for COVID-19 Research

[Jellicia Green](#) CNR SAS '17 is part of a vast team working on the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine against COVID-19 at Pfizer’s Research and Development campus in Pearl River, New York.



Maria Trusa, CEO of Formé Medical Center & Urgent Care and Mercy President Tim Hall at the Hispanic Heritage Month Event

19. Building Community Connections

In honor of [Black History Month](#), [Women’s History Month](#), [Hispanic Heritage Month](#) and [Veterans Day](#), President Hall hosted community receptions to bring together community leaders, elected officials and the Mercy community.



20. Vice President of Mercy’s Bronx Campus Hosts “Public Health America” on BronxNet

Dr. William Latimer, a clinical psychologist and epidemiologist, launched a new weekly show, [“Public Health America.”](#) on local television network BronxNet in which he interviews national health experts. The show [aims to promote health and social justice.](#)



21. Mercy Scholars Welcomes New Cohort

With 41 alumni and 82 students currently enrolled, [the Mercy Scholars Program](#) continues to make the dream of a college education possible for so many deserving students.