

2007 Thoele Scholarship Recipients are Named

The Sisters of Mercy Health System (Mercy) has named 20 students as recipients of the 2007 Charles E. Thoele Scholarship Program. Recipients will receive \$1,000 each to be used toward educational expenses at undergraduate and vocational-technical schools during the coming school year.

The Charles E. Thoele Scholarship Program was established by Mercy in 1993 to honor Thoele, a retired Mercy executive and board member. The program awards 18 \$1,000 scholarships annually to dependents of Mercy co-workers. Two additional scholarships are awarded each year to students from Sisters of Mercy-sponsored high schools.

This year's Thoele Scholarship recipients were selected from a pool of 162 applicants. Recipients are selected based on academic achievement and personal character, as demonstrated by participating in school and community activities, work experience, leadership qualities, awards and honors, goal setting, and personal and school references.



JUSTIN BUZZARD
Son of Greta Buzzard
Registered Nurse, Surgery
St. John's Health System
College: Princeton University
Major: Undecided



ROBERT CAVIN
Son of Tracey Cavin
Preschool Teacher, Child Development
St. John's Health System
College: Ozarks Technical Community College
Major: Paramedic/Nursing



WESLEY GUNSELMAN
Son of Ray Gunselman
Sr. Reimbursement Specialist, Accounting
St. Edward Mercy Health Network
College: University of Central Arkansas
Major: Pre-engineering



MEGAN HULSIG
Daughter of Mark Hulsig
Administrator, Outpatient Physical Therapy
St. John's Health System
College: University of Arkansas
Major: Chemistry



LESLIE KIBBLE
Daughter of Kathy Clark
Receptionist
Mercy Health System of Kansas
College: Cox Health School of Diagnostic Medical Sonography
Major: Medical Sonography



JEFFREY KURZ
Son of Karen Kurz
Registered Nurse, Women's Health
St. John's Mercy Health Care
College: Truman State University
Major: Biology



THOMAS LAGRANGE
Son of Ricarda LaGrange
Manager, Community Relations
Mercy Health Plans
College: University of Missouri-Columbia
Major: Psychology



ALYSSA MALONE
Daughter of Brenton Malone
Medical Technologist, Laboratory
Mercy Health System of Kansas
College: Pittsburg State University
Major: Elementary Education



KELSEY MICHNIOK
Daughter of Janice Michniok
Business Analyst-ERP, Genesis Project
Sisters of Mercy Health System
College: Southeast Missouri State University
Major: Nursing



SUSAN ONDAK
Daughter of Karen Ondak
Registered Nurse
Mercy Health System of Oklahoma
College: University of Central Oklahoma
Major: Biology



JAMES PAPPAS
Son of John Pappas
Physician, Rogers Clinic for Women
Mercy Health System of Northwest Arkansas
College: University of Notre Dame
Major: Chemical Engineering



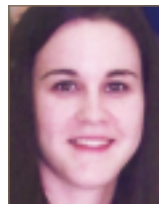
MARY POMERENKE
Daughter of Susan Pomerence
Physical Therapist, Inpatient Therapy
St. John's Health System
College: Creighton University
Major: Nursing



LORI REED
Daughter of Karla Reed
Senior Buyer, Purchasing
St. John's Health System
College: Ozarks Technical Community College
Major: Radiology



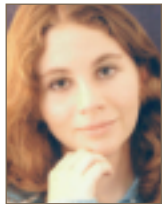
STACY REED
Daughter of Jere Reed
Supervisor, Environmental Services
St. John's Mercy Health Care
College: St. Louis Community College
Major: General Studies



AMY SMEDLEY
Daughter of Karren Smedley
Accreditation Coordinator, Performance Management
St. Joseph's Mercy Health Center
College: University of the Ozarks
Major: Biology/Pre-medicine



JANE ZHANG
Daughter of Juliang Fu
Medical Technologist, Hematology
St. John's Mercy Health Care
College: Brown University
Major: Medical Education

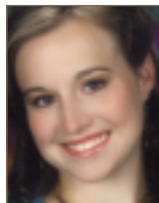


ANNA BAHR
Daughter of Jerald Bahr
Medical Technologist, Laboratory
Mercy Health System of Kansas
College: Fort Scott Community College
Major: Medical Technology



JOSHUA BARBEAU
Son of Lisa Barbeau
Financial Coordinator
St. John's Mercy Health Care
College: Washington University
Major: Undecided

Sisters of Mercy-sponsored high school recipients:



MARGARET LEE
Mount St. Mary Academy
Little Rock, Arkansas
College: St. Louis University
Major: Nursing



MARIE ROSSOW
Mount St. Mary High School
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
College: University of Oklahoma
Major: Drama

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SISTERS OF MERCY PROFILE

Sister Teresa Kelone, RSM

Sister Teresa Kelone, RSM, grew up in Little Rock, Arkansas, where she often joined her parents in volunteering at their parish church. Through these experiences, she learned the value of helping others in need - a quality that would later serve her well in all aspects of her professional life.

When Sr. Teresa was in high school at Mount Saint Mary's Academy, she joined

the school's newspaper staff. The two Sisters of Mercy who sponsored the paper were great influences on her and became more than just faculty advisors - they became her friends. Sr. Teresa knew even at that young age that someday she wanted to become a member of the Sisters of Mercy community.

"I felt right at home. God was calling me to religious life and giving me opportunities to get to know the sisters better," Sr. Teresa recalled.

She answered God's invitation by joining the Sisters of Mercy in 1966 after graduating from high school. Not long after, Sr. Teresa received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Maryville University in St. Louis and spent the next 20 years as an elementary school

teacher at parish schools in Mississippi, Missouri and Texas. After leaving teaching in 1991, she held the position of coordinator of family services at Southside Community Catholic Services, a Catholic Charities outreach center in St. Louis.

In 1998, Sr. Teresa began a new chapter of her life by joining the Sisters of Mercy Health System's (Mercy) healthcare ministry. As part of Mercy Health System of Kansas in Independence, she was a sister presence in several integrated-physician clinics, as well as acting as a liaison to the administrative team at Mercy Hospital. A few years later, Sr. Teresa moved to Springfield, Missouri, where she began ministering at St. John's Hospital, while at the same time receiving four units of clinical pastoral education.

Sr. Teresa earned her graduate certificate in theology from Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis in 2004 and became a staff chaplain at St. Joseph's Mercy Health Center in Hot Springs, Arkansas, where she remains today. One of her responsibilities is coordinating the fetal demise and bereavement programs. In this role, she 'walks with' mothers/fathers who have just lost a baby and assists them through this difficult time of loss and grief.

"These are the moments when I know I have touched a person's life," Sr. Teresa said.

"I support the parents and extended family by assuring them that their emotions and expressions of grief are normal. I also validate that their baby knew their love, even if for a short time, and will continue to be in their hearts forever."

Sr. Teresa also visits with outpatient surgery patients prior to their procedures. "Many times, people are frightened before they have surgery and need someone to listen to their feelings," she said. "I enjoy helping our patients by listening to them and bringing them their spiritual and emotional support."

Despite the winding path that led her to healthcare, Sr. Teresa enjoys working in this field. "Giving of myself to help others is in my God-given nature. When I became a chaplain, I looked at all different arenas in which I could minister, such as schools, prisons, etc. I chose healthcare because of Mercy's emphasis on ministry with those who are poor, especially women and children. Ministering in healthcare gives me the opportunity to bring Christ's love, compassion and mercy to the people in the community. I believe the presence of the Sisters of Mercy is making an essential impact on their lives, just as Jesus and Catherine McAuley have called us to do." •



Sister Teresa Kelone, RSM

TOP 10 "FUN FACTS"

1. **Favorite food:** Fried okra
2. **Favorite color:** Lavender
3. **Favorite movie:** *Fiddler on the Roof*
4. **Favorite season:** Spring
5. **Favorite memory:** Watching a beautiful sunset in the Irish countryside
6. **Favorite beverage:** Milk
7. **Favorite travel spot:** The beach
8. **Favorite flower:** Iris
9. **Favorite holiday:** Christmas
10. **Personal motto:** Find the face of Jesus in every person you meet