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Where are they now?

Introducing

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*Thanks for sharing
your story!*



Do you remember what it was like at College and when you left?

I remember my time at Mercy College as a period of growth, learning and self-discovery. While I wasn't at the top of the class, I always tried my best and focused on my own goals rather than comparing myself to others. Everyone had different aspirations and paths, and while there was definitely some pressure to ace every SAC and exam, I also made sure to prioritise my health, well-being and maintaining a balance.

One of the things I appreciated most was how supportive the school was in allowing me to be my own person and pursue things my own way. It was a great environment with amazing people, and it was a fun place to spend those formative years, learning not just about academics, but also myself and the world around me.



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Did you set out with a career plan?

Yes, I did set out with a career plan. Ever since I can remember, I wanted to become a primary school teacher. My time at Mercy College really helped set me up for that by providing a supportive learning environment and opportunities to develop the skills I would need.

When I graduated, I felt prepared and ready for university and my life beyond high school.



What were the significant milestones that have impacted your life journey so far?



There have been several significant milestones that have impacted my life journey so far. After finishing high school, I went to university and graduated as a primary school teacher. I landed a teaching job right away, working with grade 3/4 students and to make it even better, I was working at the same place as my sister. Since then, I got married, had two wonderful children, Elio and Vinnie, and we've added a gorgeous dog named Luigi to our family.

I've also been able to continue my passion for music by becoming a music teacher and organising and overseeing the school productions and concerts, which has been incredibly rewarding.



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Where has your career path taken you in terms of connecting with wider organisations, meeting people of varying cultures; locally and internationally?

My love for music has allowed me to connect with people beyond my immediate school community. Through organising school productions and other school music events, I've worked with musicians and theatre professionals from diverse cultural backgrounds and have been able to incorporate an abundance of multicultural experiences in the learning opportunities I offer my students.





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Have you maintained any school friendships?

While life naturally takes people down different paths, and some friendships evolve over time, I've been fortunate to maintain a strong friendship with my best friend from Mercy College, Madeleine D'Ambrosio Scott.

She has been the best person to navigate life's highs and lows with, and our bond has only grown stronger over the years, particularly with her also being a teacher.

She was a bridesmaid at my wedding and now I have the honour of being a bridesmaid in hers. It's been incredibly special to share these milestones together and to have a friendship that has stood the test of time.



What's next for you?

Right now, I'm loving the life I've built and want to continue down this path, enjoying the little moments, sharing the magic of music with my students and embracing any exciting opportunities that come my way. Watching my son, Elio, who is almost two, explore and learn about the world has been such a beautiful experience. It's inspiring me to live my best life, stay curious and never stop learning.

Would you like to share a message for current students?

To current students, I'd say: school might feel like your whole world right now, but it's just one chapter of a much bigger journey. It's important, and it helps shape who you are and where you want to go, but perspective is key. Your well-being matters just as much as your achievements. Take on every opportunity that comes your way because each one teaches you something about yourself. Some of my best memories are from the musicals and choirs I was part of, the co-curricular activities I joined and the leadership positions I took on, and I'll cherish them forever. So say yes to everything, you never know where it might lead you.

Thank you, Amanda, for sharing your insightful reflection with the
Mercy College Community.

We wish you the best for your future endeavours!