

# Mercy High's Class of 1991

Following are the Mercy High School graduates of 1991:

Zina Michelle Abbo, Amy Frances Adcock, Jennifer Michelle Antoun, Heidi Kathleen Apol, Tamara Lin Asmar, Susan Margaret Atchinson, Kristine Hope August, Robin Michelle Baker, Diane Saud Barbat, Charla J. Barbieri, Maura Grace Batcheller, Annelise Michele Beaman, Mariann Ikhlas Binn, Ellen Marie Black, Danielle Patricia Bodnar, Chrystal L. Brooks, Maureen Bryan, Danielle Jennifer Bryson, Kathleen Ann Buckley, Rachelle Anne Busser, Beth Ann Cadwell, Kelly Marie Carroll, Denise Marie Cawley, Laurie Kathryn Chapp, Lauren Elisabeth Coman, Kelly Ann Cosgriff, Catherine Daneshvar, Gina Maria DeGastino, Malinda Rene Demray, Jennifer Marie Denba, Veronica Elaine Denba, Jennifer Lynne Dennison, Jennifer Elizabeth DeWard, Stephanie Michelle Dickow, Darlene Elizabeth Dimmer, Jessica Lynn Doman, Kathryn Joan Dudley, Megan Eileen Dunn, Ann Marie Duwel, Michelle Ann Evangelista, Charla A. Ewing, Miranda G. Falcon, Barbara Ann Fitzpatrick, Heather Flowers, Kimberly Lynn Freund, Leslie Erin Gaiser, Jennifer Ayako Garcia, Stacie Anne Garmo, Kristen Ann Gentella, Kathleen Erin Gerick, Michelle A. Geyer, Kimberley Renee Green, Lisa Marie Greenlee, Nora Colleen Hand, Amy Lynn Hoffman, Tricia Leigh Holm, Anne Marie Homesyn, Joan Marie Huellmantel, Cindy Anne Hagan, Meredith Ann Lig, Lisa Marie Jackson, Tara Mary Jackson, Raneem Regina Jamil, Julie Elizabeth Jensen, Natak Jett, Melinda M.V. Johnson, Keesha Tonique Jones, Jennifer Angela Jorissen, Narmia Vijaya Kamath, Jill Ann Kaminski, Denise Karmo, Stacy Ann Kato, Karen Marie Kearney, Nicole Trenease Key, Melissa Alison Killing and Jennifer Lynn King.

becca Ann Leddy, Dana Marie Lehmkuhl, Rebecca Ann Lewandowski, Audra Kristine Lindenmuth, Cheryl Ann Lobocki, Megan Grace Lombardi, Tiffany Kelly Loesla, Tara Maria Luzod, Courtenay Marie Lyons, Jennifer Anne Magee, Ayesha Anwar, Mahmood, Maya Manias, Zena Najib Mansour, Bridget Ann Marliatt, Jennifer Marie Marrs, Laura Ann Martindale, Angela Mastroloni, Elisha Rena Eileen Mazzola, Michelle Lynne McCaffrey, Kathleen Frances McGowan, Mary Desmond McKenna, Angela Nichole McPherson, Kelly Cameron Meagher, Andrea Marie Meck, Jennifer deLeon Mendoza, Anna Rachel Michaelson, Stephanie Monique Miller, Tricia Ann Miller, Jennifer Lynn Mison, Sarita Renee Moore, Mari-beth Irene Mrgan, Janet Christine Mueller, Gail Ann Murie, Elizabeth Kim Myers, Dana Monette Newman, Patricia Diane Norden, Colleen Terese Nowicki, Colleen Ann O'Connor, Judith L. O'Donnell, Jane O'Driscoll, Tiffany Michelle Ogletree, Tara Jade Parzuchowski, Maureen Rachel Paulin, Ellen Marie Peck, Maura Patricia Phene, Elizabeth Marie Plezia, Michelle J. Power, Heather Powser, Arundhati Ray, Stephanie Lynn Reed, Kimberly Mary Reichard, Tonia Sue Rex, Margaret Joe Rhew, Wendy Marie Richard, Judith Anne Rosowski, Karen Cheryl Sanders, Lauren Eva Schwartz, Ann Marie Scott, Lora Lisa Scott, Nicole Maureen Shankie, Jessica Ann Siegel, Katrina Ann Siskierka, Marlena Roxanne Simmons and Erin Virdell Smith.

Jennifer Kaoru Smith, Shelly Ann Soenen, Andrea Michelle Sokalski, Juliet Elise Stockhausen, Megan Ann Stoneback, Andrea Renee Styra, Heather Anne Sullivan, Alexis Maria Taylor, Pollyanna Amelia Tenuta, Heather Teresa Thomas, Tiffany Renee Tyra, Jennifer Joan Valvona, Gina Marie Vidrio, Angela Joy Wallace, Lenae Annette Waller, Carrie A. Walton, Mary Elizabeth Ward, Tammy Ann Wells, Allison Carol West, Hillary Dawn Williams, Laila Camille Wilson, Shelia May Wisely, Colleen Ann Wright and Kari Anne Zimmerman.



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Instead of tossing caps or moving tassels, the capless young women graduates of Mercy High School wave their bouquets of red roses. Graduates include (from left) Kelly Cosgriff, Lauren Coman, Laurie Chapp and Denise Cawley.

## Mercy seniors graduate in style

WHITE-GOWNED graduates carrying red roses floated across stage at Baldwin Pavilion at Oakland University Friday night, accepting their diplomas as the Mercy High School Class of 1991.

Some 177 young women graduated from the private, Catholic all-girls school located in Farmington Hills. This was the school's 46th graduation ceremony.

Senior class valedictorian was Farmington Hills resident Jennifer Angela Jorissen, who offered the "class" farewell at the ceremony.

A three-year Student Council member who plans to attend Albion College this fall, Jorissen is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and the school's Pastoral Team.

She worked on the school yearbook, participated in junior varsity tennis and graduated Phi Beta Kappa with the Webster Scholarship and the Presidential Academic Award. She is also a Michigan Competi-

tive Scholar. Susan Margaret Atchinson of Plymouth was class salutatorian. She plans to attend the University of Notre Dame this fall.

During her tenure at Mercy, Atchinson was the National Honor Society president, Varsity Club president and was active in a number of sports playing basketball and volleyball for four years, soccer for two years and running track for one year. She also won an honorable mention for All-State Volleyball. Atchinson also graduated S. Atchinson Phi Beta Kappa and was awarded the Catherine Repecci Scholarship Award and the Presidential Academic Award. She is also a Michigan Competitive Scholar. Atchinson offered the class greeting Friday.

Friday's commencement address was given by Diane McCarthy, acting president and chief executive officer of Phoenix Children's Hospital.

A baccalaureate Mass was also held at the high school on May 30 honoring the graduates.

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A joyful graduate, Karen Sanders, hugs a friend after completing Mercy High's commencement.

## Land acquisition a priority for Hills parks department

By Joanne Maliszewski  
staff writer

As promised, land acquisition is a priority in the proposed Farmington Hills parks and recreation special millage budget.

City officials expect to have a total of between \$1.2 million and \$1.7 million from the half-mill levy and \$75,000 from interest on investments — all for parks and recreation — in this first year of the eight-year millage proposal approved by voters May 7.

"That's our goal for the year," City Manager William Costick said.

The largest allocation by far, \$821,000, is proposed to buy additional land for baseball and soccer fields. The next largest allocation, \$200,000 is for the expansion of a senior adult facility and transportation.

Efforts to buy more land for athletic fields are now focused on the so-called old sod farm owned by Glen Eden on Eight Mile Road, between Gill and Halsted roads. City officials are trying to get a state land trust grant to buy the more than 90 acres of flat land for ballfields and soccer fields.

By early September, the city will know whether it has made it to the preliminary grant funding list. And by October, officials will know whether that list — with the city on it — will be approved. Money, however, wouldn't come down from the state until after June 1992, when the state Legislature would finance the grants.

BUYING THE sod farm is expected to be a significant gain, youth baseball and soccer leaders have long complained of a shortage of fields.

"We can't execute any option to purchase prior to that October approval date," Costick said.

The city council is expected to authorize Costick Monday to hire an appraiser to appraise the sod farm, according to state Department of Natural Resources guidelines. The DNR considers the projects involved in grant requests.

The proposed special millage budget also includes \$15,000 to develop a site plan for the sod farm. Money

for a drawing to show how the sod farm frontage would look as a sports park will come from the total \$821,000 for land acquisition, Costick said. That drawing would be shown to Glen Eden officials before the proposed purchase.

Some city officials want to use the sod farm while work continues on the state grant and purchase terms.

"There must be some way that would allow us to put on few soccer fields, since that's where the pressure is coming from," councilman Terry Sever said.

But Costick said he doesn't think the DNR would approve of Sever's idea.

"I don't think we would want to attempt to lease it until after that October (grant approval) date," Costick responded.

Meanwhile other sites, primarily quasi-public sites such as the Mercy Conference Center and high school, William Tyndale College, and land still owned by Little Caesar's on 12 Mile, are being studied to see how the land can be used for parks and recreation needs, primarily sports fields.

"I'm somewhat optimistic," said Dan Potter, Farmington Hills special services director, adding that price has not been discussed.

POTTER SAID he has offered that the city could help maintain these sites in return for their use. "That's what we've offered. But no one said, 'We'll take it.'"

Dennis Fitzgerald, parks and recreation commission chairman, said he's concerned that the city might miss the ball if it pays attention right now only to buying the sod farm.

"I don't think we hurt ourselves by having more choices. Right now, we have only one choice," Fitzgerald said, referring to the sod farm. "Because of the intensity of development of the quasi-public and the work on the sod farm, we may be letting some things slip to the wayside."

Sever agreed. "I think we should make that known up front — that we're shopping."

Costick is expected to prepare a list of sites the city might be interested in for a city council executive session.

## Farmington adopts budget of \$9.36 million for 1991-92

The city of Farmington adopted a \$9.36 million budget for the 1991-92 fiscal year Monday, after making adjustments to handle recapture of state money expected in the coming year.

Highlights of the new budget, which is effective beginning July 1, include:

- No change to the city's current millage rate of 10.05 mills for operations, continuation of 2 mills for Downtown Development Authority operations, and an increase from .98 mills to 3.62 mills for debt service due to a voter-approved \$12 million sewer improvement project.

- Although the millage rate is unchanged, property owners will see about a 5.4-percent increase in their property taxes because of State Equalized Valuation In-

creases.

- Revenues and expenses for various funds include \$4.6 million for the General Fund, \$1.3 million for the Highway Fund, \$1.5 million for Debt Service Fund, \$130,000 for the Capital Improvement Fund and \$1.6 million for the Water and Sewer Fund.

- In the General Fund, which is used for general city operations, major expenditures include \$1.5 million for public safety, \$966,000 for general government, \$808,700 for public services, \$810,900 for insurance and fixed expenses.

The city council held several special work sessions this spring to review the new budget. No changes were made to the proposed budget or millage rate first offered to the council in April.



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