President’s Update – July 2012

Following the Annual General Meeting (AGM) that was held at Mercedes Thursday 9 February, the 2012 Mercedes Ex-Students’ Association (MESA) committee members were welcomed:

- Carol Mitchell (nee Mettam. Class of ’82)
- Rita Panebianco (nee Lombardi. Class of ’85)
- Dani Wares (nee Harper. Class of ’89)
- Rita Mola (nee Romeo. Class of ’84)
- Kate Ringvall (Class of ’88)
- Lydia Bordoni (nee Vieceli. Class of ’72)
- Sharon Fletcher (Class of ’87): Sadly, Sharon passed away after a brief, yet critical illness in June. Fellow classmate and former MESA committee member, Ayomi Perera has provided a dedication for Sharon (later in this publication).

I would like to extend thanks and best wishes to the outgoing members with most having been with the committee for many years. They include Theresa Davis, Ayomi Perera, Leanne Wilson and Ann Kinsman. The unique contributions these women made to MESA will always be appreciated. Thanks also to Mandy Ludovico who assisted MESA committee members for two years in her former role within the marketing department at Mercedes.

2011 saw celebrations for 165 years for the ‘School at the Square’ that were shared by many previous students from St Joseph’s, Our Lady’s College and Mercedes with the MESA highlight being the Sparkling High Tea celebrated on Sunday 2 October. Given one of the school executive priorities for 2012 has been investigation into the Victoria Square Alumni that recognises such shared history coming under the one
umbrella, this was very timely and a lovely joint celebration. This year the MESA committee has been working more closely with the Mercedes Principal, Sheena Barber, as well as the new Marketing Assistant, Tanya Finch. The committee fully supports the Mercedes executive prioritised task of expanding the database of ex-students to improve connections for as many former students as possible as this has been an ongoing challenge for MESA.

The first half of 2012 has already been recognised as a time of great change and expansion at Mercedes, with the Blessing of the Serisier Learning Centre and Coady Sports Centre on the 7 February being just the beginning. I’m sure the MESA committee members in attendance all felt a great sense of pride. Given the inclusion of year 7 classes at Mercedes since 2009 (this first cohort are now in year 10), two new Houses will commence in 2013: Cooper and Wright. It is worth noting that MESA provides a scholarship for one Year 7 student who is a daughter or grand-daughter of an ex-student of either St Joseph’s, Our Lady’s College or Mercedes.

Our first MESA function for the year was a Mocktail Party for the graduating class of 2011 held in Catherine's Garden. The evening was a wonderful success with a record number attending, providing a great opportunity for the girls to catch-up as a year group since leaving school. It was lovely for MESA members to meet our graduates and share their excitement of this new and exciting chapter in their lives since leaving Mercedes College. Support was also provided by committee members at the Mercedes Open Day in May with many enjoying their own walk down memory lane. The promotion of school reunions through MESA continues to encourage connections and a sense of belonging with the ex-students community. Reunions for the leaving class of 2002 (10 years); class of 1992 (20 years); class of 1982 (30 years); class of ’72 (40 years) and class of ’62 (50 years) are included in Upcoming Events. Blessings.

Carol Mitchell (nee Mettam ’82): President (2012)

MESA Mocktail Party

The class of 2011 Mocktail Party held at the College on Friday 9 March was an enjoyable evening filled with happy conversations, delicious snacks and thirst-quenching mocktails. With the tour of the new buildings definitely being the highlight of the evening.

Sparkling High Tea

By Rita Panebianco (nee Lombardi, ’85)

Last year MESA held a Sparkling High Tea to celebrate the 165th Anniversary of Mercedes College. The afternoon tea began with a tour of the school conducted by Theresa Davis, who gave a detailed account of the school history and new developments. It was great to see ex-students of all ages, across generations reminisce and share stories of their time at Mercedes College.
It was a rare opportunity for us to hear about the early years of the college at Victoria Square from ex-students who spoke so fondly of their school memories. It made us stop, reflect and appreciate the sacrifices and hard work of the Mercy Sisters. We are truly blessed to have attended Mercedes College and be nurtured in Mercy values that we have to carry us on our journey in life, no matter which path we may have chosen since leaving Victoria Square.

A number of the Sisters of Mercy joined us for our special celebrations and a personal highlight was spending time with Sr Molly Wright. It was overwhelming to meet families who had three generations attend the High Tea and hear them speak with such pride in the family tradition of having their daughters, granddaughters and nieces attend the College.

To celebrate the special anniversary Ann Kinsman (class of ’65) created a beautiful patchwork quilt that was raffled on the day. The quilt was not only made with love but Ann carefully created the design and incorporated the colours of the College to create a family heirloom for the lucky winner.

Thank you to everyone who attended the 165th Anniversary Celebration and a special thank you to the MESA committee members for their time and efforts to making it such a special and memorable day for our ex-students.

Barbara Rudman (Class of ’32) and Sheelah Rudman (Class of ’60) with a fellow ex-student.

(L to R) Rita Panebianco (nee Lombardi, class of ’85) (left), Sister Mollie Wright (Mercedes College Principal 1978 - 1996) and Margaret Hegney-Hall (nee Hall, Class of ’84)

Year 7 MESA Scholarship

2012 Scholarship Winner
By Dani Wares (nee Harper ’89)
One of the aims of MESA is to provide a link between past students and Mercedes College. Each year, MESA awards a scholarship to an incoming Year 7 student who is the daughter/grand-daughter of a current MESA member. It gave me great pleasure to award the 2012 Scholarship at the 2011 Mercedes College Speech Night to Madeleine Carroll.

Madeleine is a well deserving recipient of the Scholarship. Following in her grandmother’s footsteps (an ex-student of the College), she possesses a love of sport and represented her Primary School in a number of different events. She has a range of other passions including cooking and languages and hopes to graduate from Mercedes and study medicine.

To receive her Scholarship, Madeleine disrupted her travel plans to the remote Aboriginal communities of Jarlmadangah and Liveringa where she was attending the local community school and helping out where needed in order to develop an appreciation for and embrace the Indigenous Culture of this land. We hope Madeleine has enjoyed her first semester at Mercedes and we will be catching up with her in future editions of the Link.
Update on 2011 Winner
By Rita Panebianco (nee Lombardi ‘85)
In 2010 the MESA Scholarship was awarded to Georgia Mola. Georgia had attended St Dennis’ Catholic Primary School in Joondanna and was excited to start her College years at Mercedes in 2011, following in the footsteps of her mother Rita (Romeo) who graduated in 1984. In her application, Georgia wrote about the friends for life her mum had made at Mercedes and how she was looking forward to going to Mercedes and making her own group of lifelong friends.

Georgia’s personal account of her first Year at Mercedes... “I really enjoyed my first year at Mercedes College. I made lots of new friends in my homeroom and in my house and I enjoyed learning from different teachers and doing option subjects. I liked the feeling of independence and having a locker, following a timetable and going to different classes for different subjects. I had the privilege to be an Environmental Steward and represent my homeroom to Make Mercedes Greener. I joined the Glee Club and performed at the annual Choral Night. Even though I did not get into House Dance I went and supported my House at the Octagon Theatre and was entertained by the amazing talent of the girls. I swam in the Interhouse Swimming Carnival and I was impressed with the enthusiasm of the Houses and their House leaders (Year 12s). I helped out at two major events, the fun and successful Fete and the Annual Open Day where I was a tour guide and felt very proud of my school.”

Now in year 8, Georgia has continued to be actively involved at Mercedes; she is a Student Class Representative, and is always trying out for different things offered by the College. This year Georgia has participated in House Choir, House Dance, Interhouse Swimming and Athletics and performed in the school production ‘Aladdin’. At this year’s Open Day, Georgia assisted with conducting tours of the College, proudly taking families around. She kindly informed families about MESA and the Scholarship for upcoming Year 7 students of past students.

I was privileged to have had the opportunity to meet Georgia; she is a delightful young lady. I am sure Georgia’s Mercedes experience will continue to be as positive and memorable as her mother’s and mine. And it is true at Mercedes most of us leave with not only the Mercy values and traditions, but lifelong friends that we cherish. Georgia is a great ambassador and a worthy scholarship winner.

MESA offers a scholarship to support the education of girls and to promote the business and identity of MESA. The Scholarship is awarded to an incoming Year 7 daughter or grand-daughter of an ex-student of the College. Applications close 24 August 2012. The recipient of the MESA Year 7 scholarship for 2013 will be awarded at the Mercedes College Presentation Night on 19 October 2012.

Applications and further information regarding the MESA Year 7 Scholarship are available through the MESA link on the College website, or email Tanya Finch at the College on tfinch@mercedes.wa.edu.au.

Open Day
On Sunday 20 May 2012, Mercedes College held their annual Open Day. The wonderful autumn weather gave many prospective and incoming students and their families an opportunity to tour the school grounds, experience the classroom learning and share in the Mercedes atmosphere. The MESA stand welcomed any ex-students that came through with a visual trip down memory lane of old photos and annuals. The committee members signed up several new members on the day and enjoyed catching up with fellow ex-students.

A major highlight of this year’s Open Day, was the chance to explore the latest and most modern learning environment of the College; the Serisier Learning Centre and Coady Sports Centre. The new buildings were blessed and officially opened on 7 February 2012 by the Archbishop of Perth, Most Reverend Barry James Hickey.
With 4 new science laboratories, the Serisier Learning Centre was a buzz of excitement, with several interactive displays, including a forensic science display. The fitness centre in the Coady Sports Centre that overlooks the sports facility on the Mezzanine level, attracted many people who enthusiastically trialled the equipment or enjoyed the volleyball training session that took place in the multi-purpose indoor sports hall.

The clever design by Site Architecture sees the buildings form an integral part of the College’s historical buildings with beautiful views to the Chapel, St Mary’s Cathedral and the CBD. Two beautiful stained glass windows, which Sr Mollie Wright (Principal 1978-1996), retrieved from Sisters of Mercy Convent in the UK many years ago, now have a new home on the western end of the building providing a historical link to the College’s beautiful heritage buildings.

The Serisier Learning Centre is named after Sr Mary Dolores Serisier who was Principal of St Joseph’s School, and following the amalgamation of Our Lady’s College and St Joseph’s in 1967, became Principal of Mercedes Catholic School for Girls.

The Coady Sports Centre is named after Sr Raphael Coady who was involved with Our Lady's College Victoria Square from 1935-1967. She was Principal of Our Lady’s College from 1958-1967.

Going to the Chapel...

Renewal of Wedding Vows in the Mercedes Chapel

On the 25th day of January, 2011 on their 25th wedding anniversary, Carol Mitchell (nee Mettam) renewed her wedding vows with Tom Mitchell in front of family and friends. Given this was also the 165th year for the ‘College at the Square’, Carol considered this special timing. She recently reflected on the occasion:

‘My husband was College Captain in his year group at Aquinas in 1981; and I was Head Girl at Mercedes in 1982. So we both wanted to get married in our respective school chapels. The eventual choice to be married at Aquinas was based on the structure and size of the chapel that better met our needs at the time.

I had been thinking about renewing our vows at the Mercedes Chapel for quite a while so it was wonderful when it actually happened. Given my two sisters also went to Mercedes (Susan was in the leaving class of 1980; and Robin was in the leaving class of 1985); and our Nanna went to St Joseph’s ‘way back when’ (Our Dad’s mum, Marion Mettam, nee Franklin), it really had great significance.

Renewing our vows was initially intended to be a time to share only with our children as we really wanted them to be a part of the celebration; although we eventually chose to share the occasion with extended family, God-parents of our children and other close friends.

We now have another generation at Mercedes with Miranda currently in Year 10; and Bronte starting in Year 7 next year, 2013. Our son Xavier has continued the tradition at Aquinas. He is currently in Year 8.

After our renewal of vows at the beautiful chapel, we then went back to where we live at Trinity, UWA Residential College, in Crawley. It was a wonderful celebration!’

- Did you or a former classmate at Mercedes recently get married in the Chapel? Or have you recently renewed your wedding vows there?
- Are you an ex-student of St Joseph’s or Our Lady’s College who was married there and has been reflecting on the occasion? Perhaps your mother or grandmother?

If so, we would love to hear from you (photos are most welcome) - contact mesa@mercedes.wa.edu.au
Ex-Students
Where are they now?

Cheryl Bradley (1974)
Cheryl attended Mercedes College from 1970 to 1974. Since leaving Mercedes College, Cheryl has spent a lot of her time in life caring for the most vulnerable of our community, ‘the Aged’. At present Cheryl is the Cultural Coordinator (ALO) for Mater Dei College and has been involved in Catholic Aboriginal Education for almost 20 years. Having begun her involvement in Aboriginal Education as a volunteer for the CEO, she is now a committee member and the current Chair of the Catholic Education Aboriginal Committee for the Perth region which enables her to sit on the State Committee and oversee, support and act as an advisor to the Catholic Education on matters of Catholic Aboriginal Education in Western Australia. Cheryl is also a current, proactive member of the Aboriginal Teaching Assistance Networks.

Being exposed to Mercy Values, throughout her life Cheryl has learnt “When you see yourself in Service, you work with Compassion, you give Excellence in everything you do, you seek Justice for those you serve and you do it with Integrity.”

Alyce Hofmann-Fitz (2003)
After graduating from Mercedes College, Alyce completed her engineering degree and stepped straight into the family engineering company, one of the oldest and largest manufacturing firms in Australia. Working in a male dominated environment has its challenges but is something that she is used to and has some attractive benefits. Her job sees her travelling far and wide, from working in engineering fabrication in Wyoming, USA to overseeing huge mining equipment in Finland.

But it’s not all work. Alyce obviously has an adventurous spirit, sailing on a big ketch with her grandfather and several other men from Buenos Aires to Fremantle. She also takes time when work allows to fit in some community work for an orphanage in India. Alyce has recently married and continues her community work both here and abroad.

Lauren Sells (2002)
Lauren followed her passion of textiles and design and is now in the fashion industry. After completing three years at the WA Institute of Fashion and being awarded the ‘Merge’ award for most ‘Sell-able Clothing Line’ from the graduation parade, Lauren started her own company. Her designs are now stocked in retail stores from Perth to Melbourne.

After a few years of her business venture Lauren wanted to stretch her wings and travelled to London where she worked and gained more valuable experience from many designers and fashion houses.
Two years later she is back in Perth working part time for a bridal couture company and freelancing within the local industry. Lauren specialises in bridesmaids, wedding dress, school ball dresses and formal wear. She can be contacted at loz@trystlove.com if anyone would like a special design.

**Louise Arbuckle (1976)**
Having come from a musical family Louise was destined for great things. She began learning music at the age of 6 and by fourteen Louise was selected as a member of the University of WA’s Youth Orchestra where she remained for four years. The presentation to her of a beautiful Maggini violin from an anonymous benefactor and the attendance of a music camp where she was to meet her future husband, were significant moments during her school years. The beloved violin is still with Louise to this day.

Having graduated from Mercedes in 1976 and completing a Bachelor of Social Sciences Degree at W.A.I.T., now known as Curtin University, Louise went on to teach her instrument to students at many of Perth’s Colleges.

Some forty years on Louise is still heavily involved in many facets of music. She continues to teach and is also heavily involved with the West Australian Philharmonic, Perth’s’ 2nd major Orchestra.

A staunch advocate for the Arts in Western Australia Louise prefers to work behind the scenes. Her focus now and for the future is to see the WA Philharmonic achieve the status it deserves all the while providing vital work opportunities for talented West Australian musicians now and into the future.

Louise is married to former W.A.S.O. Concertmaster and renowned Australian and International violinist Ashley Arbuckle, the mother of three sons, and proud grandmother to Zana.
Victoria Square has always had a very vibrant House System since the first record of house factions in 1935. The first House names recorded in 1935 were Moran, Xavier, Newman and Vincent. When the amalgamation occurred the names were changed to Mannix, Dominic, Damian and Chanel and in 1974 the House names changed once again to; McAuley, Frayne, McDonald and Serisier. The Houses are named to reflect the history of the College and honour the contribution of the Sisters. They strengthen the student’s knowledge of the College’s history and traditions and facilitate a greater understanding of the Sisters’ role in the history of the College and as models of women of Mercy.

Students are allocated to Houses to participate in many co-curricular activities some of which are: Sports, Dance, Drama, Music, Choir, Film, Debating and Chess. Students are expected to identify with their House and support fellow house members through active participation. Since the introduction of Year 7 students in 2009, the student population has grown and as a result two new Houses were introduced in Term 2 this year, to facilitate greater participation and leadership opportunities.

From 2013 Mercedes College will have a House System comprising of six Houses: McAuley, Frayne, McDonald, Serisier, and the two new Houses Cooper and Wright.

The new House patrons were chosen by the Mercedes community of staff, parents, students and ex-students.

**Sr Mary Loyola Cooper** (Esther Gertrude Georgina Cooper 1893 -1987)
Sr M Loyola, an ex-student, was a very successful English and French teacher at the College between 1920 and 1980. As with all teachers during the early-mid 1900’s she taught all subjects in the senior school. Sr. M. Loyola was the first woman to receive a Bachelor Degree at the University of W.A. (1918). After joining the Sisters of Mercy she completed her Masters Degree in French in 1926. Sr M Loyola set up a class library, a very new and innovative venture in those days! She was also a member of the Staff of the Teacher Training College which commenced at Victoria Square in 1938. Sr Mary Loyola, was able to enjoy the company of all she met and have conversations about almost everything. She had a great laugh and her sense of humour was a key trademark. She herself was reluctant to speak about her academic achievements and would do so in such a way that expressed a gratitude that she had an opportunity that others did not have. She was always very grateful to her own teachers and their interest in her learnings. Sr M Loyola would always assist the younger Sisters with their studies and made herself available as often as she could. Her teaching career spanned 60 years – and it was often said she had the same interest on the first day as the last.

**Sr Assisium Wright** (Mollie Wright)
Sr Assisium was a border at St. Joseph’s Victoria Square and entered the Convent Victoria Square in 1950. She was appointed to Mercedes staff in 1970 and served the College as Deputy Principal from 1971 to 1976 and Principal from 1978 to 1996. During her time as Principal the College underwent much development and change. This included the building of the McDonald classrooms, College Hall, Mercy Wing Administration and Library block, the Performing Arts Centre and the adjoining Catherine’s Garden. She oversaw the acquisition of Radio 6PR and Gliddons buildings for the land to become the present oval. She also acquired the Rostrevor building for the College.

Sr Assisium is remembered as an energetic Principal who related well with students, parents and all staff members. Sr Assisium had a devotion to St Francis of Assisi and introduced the Prayer of St Francis as the College Prayer.

In more recent times she served the College in a part time Pastoral Care role.
In Memoriam
By Ayomi Perera (‘87)

Sharon Fletcher (Class of 1987)
14 March 1970 – 23 June 2012
Sharon attended Mercedes College from 1983 to 1987, after attending primary school at St Augustine's Primary School in Rivervale. From the time she started at Mercedes, Sharon participated in a variety of activities the school had to offer. She represented the school in public speaking, and at numerous choral singing eisteddfods. In the sporting arena, she played softball and cricket.

Sharon is probably best remembered at Mercedes for the contribution she made to the Performing Arts life of the school. She was always involved in the major school productions, often with a leading part. With a voice, second to none, she managed to constantly stun audiences with the richness and depth of her singing, especially in a person so young. At Mercedes, Sharon participated in the productions of Toad of Toad Hall, as the Judge, in The Boyfriend as Madame Dubonet, and in Fiddler on the Roof as Golde. In 1986, she also performed in the Trinity College production of South Pacific in the part of Bloody Mary. Her outstanding contribution to drama at Mercedes College was recognised in 1987 with an Award for Services to Drama.

In Year 12 in 1987, Sharon was elected to the Student Council and served the student body responsibly and with good humour. She worked enthusiastically organising the Quiz Night and helping at the School Fete, among other things.

After graduating from Mercedes, Sharon attended Curtin University, where she gained a Bachelor of Arts with a major in English. While at university, she continued to be involved both on stage and back stage in numerous productions during the course of her degree. In 1991, she moved to Sydney, and commenced working for Leisure and Allied Industries at Timezone. She returned to Perth in 1996, with her partner Paula and her two-year-old daughter, where they settled to building their life among family and friends. Sharon returned to university, to WAAPA, to complete a one year Diploma in Classical Voice, where one of her lecturers was Mr Maydwell, her former music teacher at Mercedes. In recent months, Sharon returned to singing when she joined the GALSWA choir, where she was able to once again sing and enjoy the thrill of the performance.

Sharon spent the last 5 years volunteering her time on the committee of the Mercedes Ex-Students Association (MESA). It was through her skills and expertise that MESA Link entered the digital age and she worked tirelessly to produce the magazine, while also working fulltime. Sharon loved her time at Mercedes and was passionate about the school. She fondly remembered both teachers and fellow students, and often amazed people with her memory of events and incidents which others had long forgotten. She often looked back on her time at Mercedes College as among the happiest years of her life.

It was with great sadness that we learnt in April this year that Sharon had an incurable form of cancer. She fought bravely against the illness and never gave up the belief that she was going to get better. Her faith was an inspiration to all those around her and she continued to quietly urge us to pray. Unfortunately, Sharon lost her battle on 23 June 2012. She is remembered for her unfailing smile, loyalty, her story-telling and her wonderful voice. Sharon leaves behind her partner, Paula, their daughter Nairah, her sister Lindsey (Class of ’95) and her parents.

Rest in peace our dear and loyal friend.

Sharon Fletcher – Academic Honours
1987 – Mercedes Medal Winner
1987 – Theatre Arts Prize
   - Award for Services to Drama
1985 – Drama Prize
1984 – English Prize
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If so, MESA, the ex-students’ association is here to help you reconnect with your former class mates: To bridge the gap between the past and the present. We have a detailed list of ideas that can be forwarded to you to help get you started: ‘Tips for organising a reunion’.

Although each year group self-funds their own reunion, we can assist by helping you to get the word out. This can be through the MESA page of the school website, or this newsletter, The Link; or by reminding you of other PR strategies or some of the social marketing tools that can help you.

Some tips:

Remember to **start planning your reunion as early as possible.**

**Form a small committee to establish a class list** (MESA could help with this) and then to get started with the potentially tough task (especially if there are a lot of name changes and decades since you last caught up) of **locating former class mates.**

**Let MESA know of your planned date ASAP** so we can put out a **date claimer** to ‘save this date’ through our networks to assist you getting the word out.

**Have you considered:**

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- Will you have a photographer?
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**Reunions: How MESA can help**

By Carol Mitchell (nee Mettam. Class of ‘82)

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Upcoming Events

Year 12 MESA Lunch - Friday 31 August 2012
Conference Centre, Mercedes College, 3.30pm / For more information please contact Chiara Zaffino at chiarazaffino@gmail.com

Class of 2002 (10 Year Reunion) - Saturday 15 September 2012
Botanical Cafè, Fraser Avenue, Kings Park / 7pm-11pm / $80 / For more information or to RSVP contact Belinda on mercedesclassof1992@gmail.com

Class of 1992 (20 Year Reunion) - Saturday 27 October 2012
Botanical Cafè, Fraser Avenue, Kings Park / 7pm-11pm / $80 / For more information or to RSVP contact Belinda on mercedesclassof1992@gmail.com

Class of 1982 (30 Year Reunion) - Saturday 20 October 2012
Reunion for the leaving class of ‘82 (or any classmates from year 8 in ‘78 to Year 12 in ‘82) / 1907 Bar, 26 Queen Street, Perth / 6pm / $30 per head (includes a drink on arrival and finger food) / RSVP and payment by 21 September 2012 - contact Antonella (Scalisi): antsc@optusnet.com.au / For more information contact Carol (Mettam): cazmitc229@gmail.com, Tara (Hogan): tara.tiara13@gmail.com, or Anna (Scurria): ascurria@westnet.com.au

Class of 1972 (40 Year Reunion) - Saturday 13 October 2012
Reunion for the leaving class of ‘72 (or any classmates from Year 8 in 1968 to Year 12 in 1972) / Time and venue to be confirmed / If you are interested in attending contact Lydia Bordoni (nee Vieceli) - marylydia55@gmail.com / 0409 200 476

50 Year Reunion - Sunday 7 October 2012
Reunion for students from the Leaving Class of 1962 and Junior Class of 1960 at Our Lady's College Victoria Square / For more information contact Maureen Quilty - 0409 317 774 or Kath Heagney - 0438 064 193

The MESA Stand at Open Day this year welcomed ex-students from several generations with a visual trip down memory lane of old annuals and photos (L—R) Rita Mola (nee Romeo, class of ’84), Tanya Finch (College Alumni Officer), Rita Panebianco (nee Lombardi, Class of ’85), Carol Mitchell (nee Mettam, class of ’82) and Dani Wares (nee Harper, class of ’89)