

Bradley Mikitko

President's Dinner Speech

A Great Start Lasts for Life!

Good evening, I would like to personally welcome all of you to Mount Aloysius College and the President's Appreciation Dinner! My name is Bradley Mikitko and I am currently a sophomore in the Medical Imaging/Radiation Sciences Program. My journey to Mount Aloysius College starts in my town of Hastings, PA during my junior year at Cambria Heights High School. I was attending a baseball game when something unexpected occurred. A baseball struck me right in the head and I miraculously did not pass out although I was in much pain. When I arrived at the hospital, I was taken straight to the CT scanner and had an examination done on me. During the procedure, I was fascinated by the equipment and images made by it. I talked to the technologist and she mentioned how much she loved her job and what is involved in a career as a radiologic technologist. Afterward, I decided to look up more information on a Medical Imaging career and I stumbled upon the Mount Aloysius website; I learned about the major, the school, and what I needed to do to attend the Mount. I guess the baseball was my key to finding out what I might want to go to college for, and it worked!

Before I started college, I was undecided on what 4-year major I should take. Radiology, Computer Technology, and Environmental Engineering all interested me. Several factors influenced my choice but the Medical Imaging field stuck out more to me than the others. The open-house day at MAC allowed me to see what the college had to offer and talk to the instructors of the Radiography program. After hearing all of the interesting information from the instructors, I was sure the radiography program at MAC was right for me. Everything I learned at the Open House came true my first year at Mount Aloysius. I was so excited when I

graduated from Cambria Heights to start my new journey to MAC.

My first year at Mount Aloysius was a big change. I learned so much from the classes I took. The four values of mercy were prevalent everywhere I went. Hospitality, Service, Justice, and Mercy were shown in all of the teachers, staff, students and community at MAC. The Medical Imaging program follows all the values closely since we are in a caring professional field. I experienced the challenges of the Medical Imaging program from day one and I have learned so much since that time. This program allows the students to work with modern technology and real patients in the many clinical sites that graciously accepts us. We are challenged to unique situations that can occur in the field and taught how to handle them.

We take the traditions of Mount Aloysius College everywhere we go and we use the skills and education learned in the classroom every day. Since patient's lives will be in our hands one day, the instructors at MAC make it a priority that we learn as much as we can to not only pass our exams, but excel in the medical field. I am glad that Mount Aloysius takes so much pride in the success of their students. This is evident in the medical imaging program at MAC.

Mount Aloysius is a place that I can call a second home. The staff, instructors, students, and community make me feel welcome and comfortable. The Mount provides a great value with all of the experiences, education, and activities the students participate in. I am excited and pleased with the major I am in and enjoy helping out the local community through clinical education. I feel confident that Mount Aloysius has prepared me for everything I may experience in life. Finally, I would like to personally thank the benefactors, my instructors, fellow students, friends, and most importantly, my mother who encourages and helps me do

my best here at MAC. I consider Mount Aloysius and the Sisters of Mercy a part of my family now and in the future! Congratulations to all of the students and their benefactors! Thank you all again!