

## Reflections on Angela Kalischer

"I took her dance class my first term at MHS. I gained incredible confidence in myself because of her. She always believed in her students. 💙💛🙏" — **Colleen Makkay Mulgrew '85**

"I was not part of drama or dance at school, but I always remember her warm smile. 💙"  
— **Sandra Carrillo '82**

"A truly remarkable spirit!" — **Laura H. Harris '74, MHS Trustee**

"Rest In Peace, Angela! You are a vision and an inspiration to us all. ❤️😍"  
— **Thasha Brignol '09**

"She shaped us in so many ways. We will love you forever! 💔💔💔" — **Arezou Soleimani '97**

"I loved acting in her productions! I loved the gender fluidity in her productions! She was passionate about her craft, thoughtful, and made of iron! It was the perfect combination to bring the BEST out of her students and actors!" — **Emma Mekinda '92**

"😭 What an *amazing* woman. ❤️" — **Stephnie Wright '88**

"She was such an incredible resource for us. Always there. Always warm. She was honest and tender with her wisdom. She never left my heart." — **Lynn Zuckerman '88**

"She was fantastic! Farewell, Angela." — **Kiki Granda '95**

"She was a beautiful soul and a great drama teacher. I always remember her sweet smile. 😊"  
— **Karla Bejarano '96**

"Mrs. Kalischer was a person who truly loved the theater and arts and helping students. She was a newer teacher when I was in her Drama and Dance class. I was one of her challenging students. I never took things seriously and probably was on the spectrum of A.D.D. I was in two productions. One was a play in which I played a kleptomaniac and the other play was *Our Town*, in which we all played multiple characters. I never could memorize my lines, which drove her nuts ..... But, after every performance she would say, 'You stayed in character, you did your best and had fun. I am proud of you.' Those words have been with me since then. She was an inspiration. So, for all of you, it's a great way to live your life. 'Stay in Character. Be your best, and enjoy what you do.' Thank you for being a part of all our lives." — **Carolyn Bell '85**

"What a beautiful soul she was. She transformed many insecure young girls into confident women!" — **Deborah Murphey-McFarland 1984**

"What a full life! Such a peaceful soul with a feisty drive. Angela, thank you for the encouragement." — **Marisa Ferguson '93**

"She made such a difference in my life. Dance, choreography, and four years of theater! I recently unearthed the programs from my eight shows as techie, and I still have the Technical Theatre Award she gave me at Graduation." — **Nefer Lewis '95**

"I loved being in all the musicals at MHS and all the roles that I had. She was a great teacher and always had a great attitude. I loved joking around with her when she was around."

— **Hillary Waldbaum '90**

“Such a vibrant and passionate soul. I will always remember how enthusiastic and encouraging Angela was. It was always such a pleasure being around her. I wasn’t in too many classes with Angela, but I loved my time in choreography and in the one play I was in. She will truly be missed.” — **Maria Montefusco Miller '04**

“Choreography with Angela was always a hoot. There were so many times I tried to make a dance that was cool, and she’d always push me to do more. It wasn’t until I made a super-awkward, uncoordinated dance that she absolutely loved the originality of it.”  
— **Pesha Miller '07**

“She was a lovely person and an excellent teacher.” — **Alison Beach '81**

“I remember her always smiling and being positive, and she helped me a great deal with my language fluency during her drama class.” — **Laleh Firouzabadian '87**

“I enjoyed drama classes very much. Thank you, Angela, for trusting me.”  
— **Alejandra Espinosa 2004**

“She was an amazing teacher! Completely devoted to her art.” — **Diana Guerrero '00**

“What a wonderful woman! Rest in peace.” — **Claudia Sanchez '91**

“I have so many fond memories of her during my time at Miss Hall’s, especially the productions of *Once Upon a Mattress*, *The Crucible*, and *The Diary of Anne Frank*. She was a one-of-a-kind special lady.” — **Nani Sinha '99**

“I remember my classes with Angela fondly, dance and drama. I specifically remember a relaxation exercise where you would lay on the floor and start at your toes/feet and tighten then relax and move your way up the body, every part, until the top of your head. I always felt so relaxed afterwards, and actually remember teaching this technique to my kids when they were younger. She was an amazing teacher, mentor, advisor, and friend. Loved her positive attitude and free spirit!” — **Kathy Gallagher Haft '82**

“I used to LOVE how she would prance/dance into a room!!!” — **Randi Pritikin Levinson '93**

“@ Randi Pritikin Levinson, Yes!! With the flowing skirts or pants.” — **Sara Badger Wilson 92**

“She was such a wonderful, creative and kind person.” — **Vicki Rutkowski Longcor '69**

“The world has lost one of the kindest and inspirational souls.” — **Rachel Ferrer Eaton '86**

“She really encouraged me to participate in the school plays when I thought I couldn't do it. One of my favorite memories was playing the Ringmaster in the play *Carnival!*” — **Ebony Morris '92**

“I have such fond memories of Mrs. Kalischer. What stands out most is a fabulous NYC weekend she took a group of us on. It was full of seeing Broadway shows and learning about the world of theater. Mrs. Kalischer was full of enthusiasm, and I’m certain that is where my love of theater was sparked.” — **Jenny Monroe '90**

“Even for those of us who weren't directly involved in theater performances or dance, Angela's presence was felt throughout the School by all — her spirit, her energy, her passion for her work, and her love for the students. She gives us all so much to aspire to.”  
— **Masha Jones Slavin '07**

“She touched our hearts with her love of dance and sharing her enthusiasm for the arts. I am forever grateful for her beautiful presence in my life.” — **Valorie Walker '71**

“Oh, Angela. You are the reason I was a lighting designer and the reason I am a nutritionist now. Thank you for allowing me the freedom to be me. I love you, and your light will always shine in me and my work.” — **Amy Robertson Nielsen '90**

“She was a support to me, and I am grateful for the time I spent with her.”  
— **Courtney Trabon '88**

“What a wonderful personality who conveyed memorably her love of the arts, cultures, and people with warmth, passion, and creativity! A gem at MHS.” — **Tristane de La Presle '89**

“She was an inspiration and a comfort to so many of us. ❤️”  
— **Catherine Murphy Haber '93**

“All the dramas all the time. She was a wonderful director to work with, and let us build the sets we thought would enhance the productions. She was encouraging when I went from building to acting my senior year, and she always gave positive feedback. She appreciated you for who you were. She will be missed.” — **Chris Mitsinikos '84**

“She was such a full force, inspiring us kids to try. Great personality and wonderful person to have as such a memorable influence.” — **Lieve Huybregts Saether '90**

“Such a truly beautiful soul.” — **Eliza Rodrigs '08, MHS Resident**

“Angela was a powerhouse filled with passion and love. She'll be greatly missed.”  
— **Aisha Roman'00**

“So many amazing memories of her! She will forever have a place in so many hearts.”  
— **Dani Yarwood '04**

“Angela touched so many lives and will live in the hearts of so many.” — **Ryann Wolf '06**

“Angela will always be magic to our family and to so many others.” — **Jenny Gonzalez '99**

“She'll live in all our hearts forever.” — **Laurence Coziol-Caron '96**

“She was indeed original, beautiful, and one of a kind. Her heart was a zillion times her little frame. Her smile lit up the entire world. I thank her for being a light in our lives, a movement in our world, a most dear friend, the brightest guiding light, and most of all, ‘Angela.’ She was a woman who didn't need more than one name; if someone said ‘Angela,’ everyone knew exactly who you were talking about.” — **Kelley Doswell Bird '99**

“Angela was an incredible person. I am so beyond grateful to have known her when I was a student at MHS. She will be so missed.” — **Adrienne Lazes '05, MHS Math Teacher**

“This world has lost a very special and amazing woman. We are all better for having her in our lives.” — **Susan McFadden Poincelot '84**

“I will be forever grateful to have learned from her, laughed with her. She was a life-changing mentor who invited her students to live with open hearts and kind eyes. So much of who I am today was shaped by knowing her.” — **Häna Kenny '05**

“What a beautiful, brightly shining soul to have walked this earth plane. While some people choose to pass through life, Angela LIVED it thoroughly and with purpose and passion — leaving it all on the stage. She taught so many others how to play and express themselves and breathe and laugh, too. She taught me to let go and not be so serious when life felt that way (most things did at age 18). Everyone raced to choose her drama class, because that meant a moment of scheduled fun and reprieve in the middle of a class day. And you weren't graduating without being coerced into at least one of her plays! I'll be forever grateful for the meaningful moments she shared with me, the advice she gave freely, and (in hindsight, not during my high school years) the way in which she SHOWED us how to approach life.”  
— **Louisa Doswell Cosmo '01**

“She was a remarkable woman, such a big influence on my life. May her memory be a blessing.”  
— **Maressa Waber '05**

“Love you always, Angela Kalischer. You always believed in me, supported me, and welcomed me into your home with open arms during the hardest time of my young adult life. You will be missed and forever cherished in my heart. Thank you for being you.” — **Jensen Kugle 1999**

“What a courageous woman. I am honored that I had three years of her brilliance. Angela, I will be calling on you as an ancestor to show me how to be so embodied, beautiful, and courageous. I love you.” — **Bethanie Hines '96**

“What a model for us all. I feel honored to have been one of Angela's students and even more so, to have been a recipient of her joyful and loving legacy through Tanya as well. I'm so sorry for your loss and hope that there is some solace to be found in her unforgettable legacy and the expansive community of people she touched and taught to relish life. ”  
— **Kristy Delgado '09, Miss Hall's School Trustee**

“I am so grateful to have had Angela in my life, she gave me confidence in myself and helped me open my creativity. She will always have a special place in my heart.”  
— **Sarita Ahooja Aregalo-Rivera '90**

“Besides her many talents and attributes, I have always appreciated how she made me feel welcome from my first day on campus, and how she was quick to offer encouragement and a confidence boost. ” — **Mary Quirk Kline, former MHS Latin Teacher**

“She was the light of my teenage years and brought me and everyone around her absolute unconditional love. I know Angela's light continues to illuminate all that crossed her path, and her legacy lives on in all of us.” — **Isaure de la Presle '88**

“Angela was such a driving force for becoming our authentic self at such an important time in our lives. Her fabulous spirit will always be remembered with flair and panache. She was unlike anyone I’ve ever met and was such an integral part of my experience at MHS and as a growing young woman.” — **Lisa Greenfield ’86**

“Angela was always so full of life — and my life was brighter because she was in it. I loved her dearly and can’t fathom how empty Miss Hall’s will feel without her there.”  
— **Mariel Beasley ’02**

“I absolutely would not have made it through Miss Hall’s without Angela. She was a kindred spirit, and I was a braver version of myself because of her.” — **Kit Crossman ’02**

“I will always remember Angela's laughter, zest, and mischievous spirit. She was a teacher for life itself. I have no doubt that when she crosses over, she will be met with a chorus line of dancing and singing, as the heavens celebrate the joy she brought to so many.”  
— **Andie Tomkins Holman ’86**

“It’s amazing how Angela connected so many of us and how much stronger I am (we all are) for knowing her.” — **Liz Farrell ’98**

“Angela was a gift and I feel lucky to have known (and sang and danced with) her. ”  
— **Xann Schwinn ’08**

“Her passion for life and all its beauty was uplifting and contagious. I always think of her laughter, compassion, and infinite patience.” — **Mari-Elizabeth Gomez ’86**

“None of us will ever forget Angela — her strength, resilience, dynamism, beauty, immense creativity, and powerful spirit will always be an inspiration to me and to so many others. I know in some realm she will still be shining in her unique and brilliant way, and she will certainly shine on in our hearts and memories.” — **Marion Jackson ’95**

“She really was one-of-a-kind. Her zest for life was infectious. And, I’ve never met anyone like her.” — **Lindsay Book ’01**

“Word travels fast when a woman as legendary as Angela Kalischer passes away. I feel truly blessed to have known her. She offered me so much love, knowledge, and grounding as a teenager.” — **Sawyer Pouliot ’98**