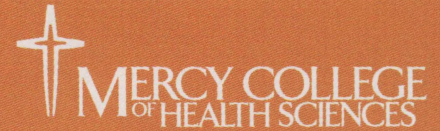


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Surgical Technologists "Watchdogs"

A SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST IS AN ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL with an 11-month certificate or a two year associate's degree. Their education is centered on optimal care of the patient in surgery. The surgical technologist is a vital member of the surgical team assisting the surgeon, circulator and anesthesia provider by performing special duties throughout all phases of the patient's surgical experience. They create a sterile field for each procedure and by using their surgical conscience, they are the "watchdogs" of that sterile field to maintain its integrity. Their special knowledge of equipment, instruments, supplies, and surgical procedures used in surgery are just a few of the attributes they provide.

This year at Mercy College of Health Sciences the Surgical Technology Program has an enrollment of 17 students. Each one brings a unique set of gifts and talents to share. These talents were displayed last week during observance of **National Surgical Technology Week, September 17 - 23**. You may have had a chance to witness these talents as the students took part in several activities in the courtyard of the college.

On Monday we divided into teams and tried our hand at brain surgery. We had two Operation Brain Surgery games and quickly found out that our abilities as surgeons have a lot to be desired. Day two we grouped together in the courtyard for a rousing Glove Balloon Relay. Two students put a glove (blown up by the students) between their heads and tried to keep it there as they raced from one side of the courtyard to the other. Day three we also met in the courtyard and did a Surgical Attire relay. Students raced from one point to a wrapped package of surgical attire, put it on, took it off and raced back to the next team member who did the same. A good time was had by all.

As always instructors have a lesson to be shared in all these activities and the students learned how important communication, cooperation, and teamwork are to a surgical team.



Surg Tech students participated in activities planned during National Surgical Technology Week.

Meet the Surgical Technology Program Team



Nancy Zylstra, Surgical
Technology Chair

Kathy Balmer, Surgical
Technology instructor



CALENDAR

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

Speaker, Alba Perez, *The Greater
Des Moines Partnership, Diversity
Development Director*

11:30 a.m. Sullivan Center Rm. 130

Movies at Mercy

Watch "In America"

7:30 p.m. Brennan Hall

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

Limited Spring scholarship
applications available online

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

Fall Open House

4-6 p.m. Sullivan Center

FRIDAY OCTOBER 6

Sample Hispanic Foods

11:15 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Commons Area, Brennan Hall

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

Fall Open House

9-11 a.m. Sullivan Center

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Watch "Tortilla Soup"

11:30 a.m.

Brennan Hall Auditorium

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

Student Senate Blood Drive
Building 2 Room 255

(details to come)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

Last day to drop a class

with a W

Writing Seminar Thursday, Sept. 28th

"HOW TO TAKE THE ANXIETY OUT OF WRITING A PAPER" Seminar will be held on September 28, 2006 from 4:45 - 5:45 p.m. in room 130 of the Sullivan Center. Come to learn a writing strategy that will:

- Take the apprehension out of paper writing assignments.
- Help you to write papers quicker and easier.
- Help you to avoid procrastination by encouraging you to want to "jump in" and write.

Feel free to bring your writing assignments to use for a "hands on" application of what you will be learning.

Thursday September 28th

4:45pm- 5:45pm

Sullivan Center Room 130

Library & Computer Lab Hours

Fall Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Friday 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sunday 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Computer Lab Hours

Brennan Hall, Room 128

Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Friday 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sunday 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Building One, Room 122

Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Friday 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday CLOSED

Sunday CLOSED

Building 2, Room 154

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday CLOSED

Sunday CLOSED



Anatomy Tutoring

Thursdays

3-4 p.m.

Location: Brennan Hall Commons

Chemistry Peer Tutoring

Mondays

4-6 p.m.

Wednesdays

3-5 p.m.

Location: Brennan Hall Commons

Math Peer Tutoring

Tuesdays

11-1 p.m.

Thursdays

2-3 p.m.

Location: Brennan Hall Commons

Nursing 120 Peer Tutoring

Mondays

12-2 p.m.

Thursdays

2-4 p.m.

Location: Brennan Hall Commons

Nursing Medical Calculations

TBA

Ultrasound Physics Tutoring

Tuesdays

1:30-3:30 p.m.

Thursdays

4-6 p.m.

Location: Brennan Hall Commons

Writing Group Tutoring

Tuesdays

11:30-1:30 p.m.

Thursdays

1-3 p.m.

Location: Sullivan Center Library

Pharmacology Peer Tutoring

Tuesdays

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Location: Brennan Hall Commons



Student Enrichment Program

Marti Doyle, Building 1, Room 315

Student Enrichment Program Coordinator

Office Hours

Monday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Tuesday Noon - 5 p.m.

Wednesday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Thursday 9 a.m. - Noon

Friday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Parking Reminder

STUDENTS ARE PROVIDED FREE ACCESS TO A SECURE PARKING LOT located at **701 Crocker Street**. The lot is accessible with your Mercy issued badge. Students parking anywhere but 701 Crocker Street will be subjected to a parking fine of \$40.

All vehicles must display the parking permit distributed at orientation or can be obtained free of charge from the Missy Chapman, the receptionist located in the Sullivan Center.

If you drive multiple cars throughout the course of the year, a second parking permit can be requested as well from the the receptionist in the Sullivan Center.

Upcoming Student Senate Blood Drive

THE MERCY COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2006 in the Building 2, Room 255 from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM. Scheduling your appointment is a click away! Simply go to:

1. www.bloodcenterofiowa.org
2. click on find a mobile drive
3. search by Organization or Sponsor code: (Mercy College)
4. for more information contact Shelby Johnson at sjohnson23@students.mchs.edu

The Blood Center of Iowa is committed to serving the needs of Iowans by saving lives through volunteer blood donation. Never donated blood? Give it a try. Eligible donors must be at least 16 years of age, be in general good health and weigh at least 120 pounds. To learn more about The Blood Center of Iowa, call (800) 287-4903 or visit www.bloodcenterofiowa.org.

More than 101,000 IOWANS will need to donate blood this year to maintain an adequate blood supply in central and northern Iowa. The Blood Center of Iowa provides blood for 49 hospitals and 44 Iowa counties.

Here are a few facts about blood and donating blood. Did you know?

- One out of every ten people entering a hospital needs blood
- Just one pint of donated blood can help as many as three people
- If all blood donors gave two to four times a year, it would help prevent blood shortages
- If you began donating blood at age 17 and donated every 56 days until you reached 76, you would have donated 48 gallons of blood
- About three gallons of blood supports the entire nation's blood needs for one minute
- 94% of all blood donors are registered voters

Fall Open House Tour Guides

Show others why you chose Mercy

Are you interested in promoting Mercy College to those people who are in the College search? If so, then become a student tour guide for the **Fall Open House**, being held on **Thursday, October 5** from **4-6 p.m.** and **Saturday, October 7** from **9-11 a.m.**

Each guide **must be dressed in either clinical uniform or nice Mercy College branded attire** and be present for the entire 2 hour period to receive a **\$25 gift card** (good at major retailers of your choice) for your efforts. Yes, if you participate both Thursday and Saturday, you will receive \$50 worth of gift cards.

We also need one room at Mercy Court to show prospective students, so those of you who live there and are willing to **"show your room"** you will also be eligible for the gift cards.

We will provide tour maps for each of you to use, and have a **Practice Tour at 3:45 on Wednesday October 4**, that will begin in the Lobby of the Sullivan Center.

If you are interested e-mail **Jim Tagye** at jtagye@mercydesmoines.org by **Tuesday, Oct. 3 at noon.**

Security Alert

THE MERCY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY has received reports of purses and other personal property that have disappeared during normal hours of operation over the past week. These were taken from offices and non-patient areas when employee traffic was normal to light. The areas were lockable but were not secure.

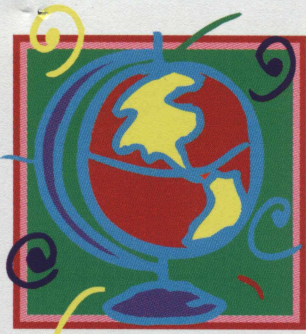
There have been reported incidents of persons roaming the hospital, and other public buildings appearing to conduct business or asking for departments. In fact, they are likely looking for unsecured purses, and other valuable items to steal. **We have had reports of a middle aged female who may be moving in areas where she is not authorized to be. These persons are BOLD, and will enter unsecured office areas and work cubicles without hesitation to attempt these thefts.** There have been no threats of violence connected with these crimes, nor has there been any confrontations with these individuals, but please take the following actions to help ensure a safe and secure work environment.

1) PLEASE make sure that you secure your valuables in LOCKED lockers or by your person while on any Mercy campus. If possible, do not bring large amounts of cash with you to class or clinical. It only takes a few minutes to loose cash, credit cards, and other personal properties.

2) Ask anyone that is in an area where they are not authorized if you can help them. This is good customer relations.

3) Call the Mercy Department of Public Safety if you see someone in an unusual area not normally accessed by the general public. Officers will respond to verify that these persons are authorized to be here and to verify their identity. Vendors will have an identification badge displayed.

Please contact Mercy Department of Public Safety at 247-3111, with any questions or concerns that you may have.



Diversity corner

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

MERCY COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a number of events through October. All events are open to faculty, staff, administration, and students.

Friday, September 29, Speaker

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Location: Sullivan Center, Room 130

Alba Perez, The Greater Des Moines Partnership, Diversity Development Director will present a topic on "Hispanic traditions, cultures, practices and the many issues and challenges faced by Hispanics and Latinos."

Friday, October 6, Sample Hispanic Foods

Time: 11:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Location: Commons Area, Brennan Hall

Taste and sample popular and delectable Hispanic foods such as tostadas and enchiladas for \$1.50 each. Patti Iseminger of Student Services will take the lead role in this event.

Thursday, October 12, Watch "Tortilla Soup"

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Location: Brennan Hall Auditorium

This film is set in the Latino community of Los Angeles, a retired Mexican-America chef Martin Naranjo shares his home with his 3 unmarried adult daughters. Though he long ago lost his ability to taste, Martin still loves to cook for his loved ones and to serve them in a family-style ritual at traditional sit-down meals. Although the women humor their father's old-fashioned ways, each of them is searching for fulfillment outside the family circle.

Language: English

Running time: 1 hour and 40 minutes.

Genre: Comedy, drama and Romance

I-235 Construction Update

I-235 CONSTRUCTION HAS CHANGED THE ROUTE TO MERCY COLLEGE. Below you will find maps that will assist you when using I-235 to and from the College.

To Mercy College of Health Sciences from I-235



To I-235 from Mercy College of Health Sciences

