



Mercy MESSENGER

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CALENDAR of Events

May 2

Liberal Arts & Sciences Orientation
8:30 a.m. - Noon / SC 102

May 5

First Day of Class
Summer Tuition Payment Deadline or
Deferred Payment Plan

May 8

Website Launch Student Party
Sullivan Center Lobby - Noon - 2 p.m.

May 9

**Fall Scholarship Applications
Deadline** (check website for
the list) **Last Day to Add a Class**

May 16

Last Day to Drop Summer
Professional Program and
LAS 15 Week Session
with refund

May 19-23

Busy Person's Retreat
for Students

May 26

Memorial Day - No Classes

May 27

Student Senate Blood Drive
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bus outside Sullivan Center

June 5 & 7

Summer Open Houses
Sullivan Center
4-6 p.m. Thurs. & 9-11 a.m. Sat.

Bachelor of Science in Allied Health and Health Care Administration Program Scholarships

APRIL ASSOCIATE DEGREE GRADUATES WHO ARE INTERESTED in returning to complete one of our two newest Bachelor of Science degrees will be receiving a reminder along with their diploma about a great offer the College continues to make to recent graduates. Alumni interested in returning to Mercy College to earn either the Bachelor of Science in Allied Health or Health Care Administration degrees are eligible for a first year scholarship of \$1,000.

Together, this new scholarship along with many health care employer tuition assistance programs might make the difference that helps you to achieve your next level of professional development!

Any student who has completed an Associate of Science degree at Mercy College in the last 12 months and enrolls in the BSAH or BSHCA degree program by the third semester after completing their associate degree will be eligible.

A total of \$1,000 per alumni is available for two semesters the first year. There is no limit on the number of scholarships that will be awarded, so the money available won't run out! During your first semester enrolled in either bachelor's program you will receive a \$500 scholarship. During the second semester of your enrollment you will receive an additional \$500 scholarship. (The second semester must be consecutive to the first semester to earn the additional scholarship money.)

Many associate degree students put off returning to school in order to focus on taking their boards. While they often have a desire to earn their bachelor's degree, they move on and never accomplish their goal. We hope that this scholarship will give you the added motivation to return to Mercy College and further your education. Find out more by scheduling a visit with one of our admissions counselors.



THE STUDENT ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (SEP) provides

students with opportunities to enhance their education **FREE** through academic workshops, tutoring and counseling.

ONE-TO-ONE TUTORING

available in the following subjects:

- Algebra & Pre-Algebra
- Anatomy
- Biology
- Physiology
- Chemistry
- Nursing 131 & 132
- Pharmacology
- Writing

To schedule **one-on-one tutoring** please call **Marti Doyle** at **643-6659**.

SUMMER 2008 TUTORING SCHEDULE

Nursing Math Calculations

Call **Mandi Counters** at **643-6730** to set up individual sessions

Students looking for a tutor in a subject not listed above should contact **Marti, 643-6659** to see if one can be arranged.

Summer Semester Library & Computer Lab Hours

Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

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

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

Sunday CLOSED

Computer Lab Hours

Brennan Hall, Room 128

Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

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

Saturday - Sunday CLOSED

Building One, Room 122

Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

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

Saturday - Sunday CLOSED

Building 2, Room 154

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

Saturday - Sunday CLOSED

Busy Person's Retreat for Students Coming to Mercy College

MERCY COLLEGE IS HOSTING ITS FIRST BUSY PERSON'S RETREAT for students during the week of **May 19-23, 2008**. These "days of prayer and reflection for students while on campus" are a unique opportunity for students to deepen their relationship with God, while accepting the reality that health science students have very busy schedules – even in the summertime!

The retreat is designed to fit itself into any person's busy schedule. What makes this retreat experience unique is that each day participants will have the opportunity to meet and pray with an assigned personal Spiritual Guide. Guides will make themselves available throughout the entire day to sit down with participants for 30-minutes to reflect on pre-selected readings that are intended to help find God's message for you in your daily routine.

The retreat is free and open to the first 30 students who sign up on a first come basis. To register send an email message to **pmurphy@mercydesmoines.org** or stop by Pam Murphy's office in Building 1, Room 217. For a Busy Person's Retreat Brochure, visit the college website address **www.mchs.edu/news**.

The K-RICE Shop Update

MERCY COLLEGE WELCOMES ALYSIA DEATON as the new salesperson in The K-RICE Shop, who will continue to staff the shop between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday this summer. Due to the significant demand for fresh food items, a larger refrigerator is on order to allow the shop to continue to expand the selection of items available.

If you would like to suggest other fresh food items for the shop or additional items for sale in the store, you can contact Brenda Latham, Auxiliary Retail and Salon Service Manager at **blatham@mercydesmoines.org**. The Mercy Auxiliary is interested in our ideas and suggestions to make the shop more useful.

Schildberg Scholarship Joins Current List of Applications Available Online

We're pleased to report that the Schildberg Foundation has again agreed to fund up to four \$6,250 scholarships to students who live in communities where the Schildberg Construction Company conducts business. Eligible candidates must list a home address within one of the following Iowa counties: Adair, Adams, Cass, Fremont, Harrison, Madison, Mills, Montgomery, Page, Pottawattamie, Shelby, Taylor and Union. As a result, a new scholarship application has been posted online for current students who will be returning for the second year of their professional program in fall 2008.

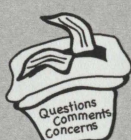
Other scholarship forms and the letter of recommendation form needed for the **May 9, 2008** deadline are available at the College website **www.mchs.edu/scholarship**.

Student Senate Election Announcement

The elections took place in April 2008 and the new officers will be officially announced before the Fall term in an upcoming Messenger.

Student Senate Corner

ATTENTION STUDENTS: The Office of Student Senate is located



in Building 1 - Lower Level, Rm. 016. Please email any questions, comments or concerns to one of the Student Senate Officers below.

The meeting schedule for Student Senate will be posted online at **www.mchs.edu/studentssenate**

Email Student Senate at **studentssenate@students.mchs.edu**

Student Senate Blood Drive on May 27

THE STUDENT SENATE RECEIVED A REQUEST from the Blood Center of Central Iowa to host another blood drive on campus this spring. For the first time, the Blood Center will be bringing its mobile bus to campus on Tuesday, May 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The bus will be parked along the curb outside the north entrance to the Sullivan Center.

The Blood Center especially needs mobile blood drives during holidays and summer months. These times of the year are the most difficult to maintain an adequate blood supply. The Mercy College blood drive will be held the day after the Memorial Day Holiday weekend, and near the start of the summer vacation season.

The donation process includes registration, a brief medical screening, the blood collection and time for refreshments in the canteen. For whole blood, the entire process usually takes between 45 minutes to an hour.

To sign up, please go online to **www.bloodcenterofiowa.org** and select Find a Mobile Drive, then select Search by Organization and type in "Mercy College". Time slots are available in 15 minute intervals.

Fall 2008 Registration - June 23-27

STUDENTS! MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR FALL REGISTRATION week. Remember, your advisor must approve and sign your registration form.

College Website Update Goes Live!

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Website Launch Party
Student Gathering
SC Lobby Noon - 2p.m.

JOIN US ON MAY 8, 2008 FROM 12-2 P.M. in the Sullivan Center Lobby for cake and punch to celebrate the launch of the new website. A give-a-way will be handed out to those who attend. If you haven't already visited the new College website, check it out! Computers will be set up to test drive the site.

The site underwent significant revisions over the last 18 months, following significant feedback from students and other users. The new site includes a search tool to help you locate what you're looking for along with PDF copies of forms you may need and have been

forced to stop on campus to pick up in the past. Now they're at your fingertips. If you have questions for other things you'd like to see on the website, contact Jim Tagye, Marketing Coordinator, at Mercy College at **jtagye@mercydesmoines.org**.



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Chance to Win an IPOD

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Deadline to Submit: May 19, 2008 by 5 p.m.

Multiple Choice. Please choose all that apply.



1. Who won the LAS Award?

- a. Sara Lydic
- b. Dr. Glenn Oren
- c. John Doe
- d. Leslie Moore

Here's how to win:

Email messenger@mchs.edu or drop off your answer at the **Receptionist's Desk** in

the **Sullivan Center**, and if correct, you will be entered into a monthly drawing* for a chance to win a 4GB (1000 songs) Silver IPOD nano. Make sure to include all the information necessary (see below).

- **Email** the answer and put in **subject line IPOD**.
- Provide the following information with your answer:
 - 1. Full Name
 - 2. Program
 - 3. Email address and/or phone number

*Contestants cannot win more than one IPOD during the year. One per person.
Contest open to currently enrolled Mercy College of Health Sciences students only.

Become a Tour Guide

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 **Summer Open House**, being held on Thursday, **June 5** from **4-6 p.m.** and **Saturday, June 7** from **9-11 a.m.**

Receive a \$50 Gift Card

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 \$50 gift card (good at major retailers of your choice) for your efforts.

Contact **Jim Tagye** at jtagye@mercydesmoines.org by **Wednesday May 28**.



Congratulations to Megan Kanne, an Associate of Science in Nursing student, who won the April IPOD.