

Mercy Messenger

EVENTS

November 11-15

Registration Week for Spring 2003

November 18

Late Registration Fee for Returning Students Begins

November 27, 4:30 p.m.

Scholarship Deadline (Correction from College Catalog), Turn in to Financial Aid Office (Room 110)

November 28-29

Thanksgiving Holiday, no classes

December 14

Fall Commencement, St. Ambrose Cathedral

Please watch the monitors for dates, times and places of the **Student Senate** meetings. All interested students are welcome to attend!

Reminder: Rooms 152, 153 & 154 in Building 2 are often open student study areas.

Federal Grant to Assist With New Construction

Mercy College received a \$1,968,875 grant from the Federal government this fall to begin construction on a new health science building.

The College Board of Directors voted to approve the selection of Ball Construction Services as the construction manager for the project at a special meeting on October 7. The process of selecting the project architect should be complete by early December. Meetings to begin design of the new building will begin in January.

The plan calls for ground to be broken in July 2003, with construction complete in July 2004. Student input into the design of the building will be requested during the spring semester.

New Parking Lot First Step Before New Building Construction

Before construction can begin on the new building, Mercy College plans to construct a new 265-space surface parking lot on the city block directly west of the main campus. The lot will be built on the area currently an open field.

Construction of the parking lot is scheduled to get underway next spring, once weather permits. The project will take about two months to complete. Funds for construction of the parking lot have been provided by Mercy Medical Center – Des Moines.

Financial Aid Exit Interviews for December Grads

All students who graduate this December that have used any type of financial aid during their educational experience here at Mercy College are required to attend an Exit Interview.

In order to make things simpler this year, there will be a group session on December 10, 2002, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the auditorium. Mary Jo Smith, our representative from Iowa Student Loan, will be here to give a presentation and to answer questions.

Please contact Sara or Carlene in Financial Aid if you will be unable to attend this session. An exit form is "required" to be completed BEFORE you can receive your diploma.

FAFSA filing for new and returning students

Students registering for spring classes are reminded to make sure they have completed their Financial Aid arrangements.

Nuclear Medicine Students Hold Pie and Soup Sale

Nuclear Medicine Technology students are working to raise money for a planned trip to their national conference next spring.

Students are currently selling frozen fruit and cream pies and frozen soup as a fund raiser in time for the holidays. They will be taking orders in Brennan Hall from 11-Noon, Mon through Thurs, Nov 4-14. These items keep in the freezer for months.

Product will ready for pick up on Wed Nov 27 from 3-6:30 p.m.

Student Input Sought on Food Vendor

In October, a survey was distributed during several classes to gather student input on establishing an on-site food vendor contract and to gather information on student housing needs.

Data from the survey is being compiled in an effort to determine student interest in obtaining hot food during the lunch and dinner hours.

With the significant increase in enrollment this fall, the College continues to monitor student interest in more local housing options. Survey results will be shared with students through Student Senate.

Spring Registration: Starts Next Week!

Spring 2003 registration begins next week. Students need to meet with their advisor in order to submit their registration schedule during the week. Beginning November 18, a \$25 late registration fee for returning students will be imposed. Don't delay.

Scholarship Deadline Approaching

The deadline for the spring 2003 round of scholarships applications has been set for Wednesday, November 27 at 4:30 p.m. This is a change from the date in the College Catalog, due to the fact that the College will not be open the Friday after Thanksgiving.

Applications and other scholarship materials can be found in Brennan Hall Commons. Completed applications should be returned in to the Financial Aid Office

(Room 110). Late applications cannot be accepted.

MCANS Students Elected to State Office

Congratulations to two nursing students who were elected to leadership positions in the Iowa Association of Nursing Students at a convention in late October.

Jenny Morlan was elected State Secretary, while **Deb Tolander** was elected State Treasurer for the next calendar year. A total of nine Mercy College students attended as voting delegates.

Best of Luck to the Fall 2002 Graduates

Mercy College President Deanne Remer, on behalf of the College Board, faculty and staff, will confer diplomas on 60 students on Saturday, December 14, 2002 during Fall 2002 Commencement Exercises at St. Ambrose Cathedral in downtown Des Moines.

Associate of Science in Nursing recipients: Kathleen Frances Anania, Michele Alisha Ball, Cecily Marie Baumann, Heather Marie Burns, Kristin Marie Callahan, Michelle Renee Collette, Maria Jo DeFrancisco-Elliott, Jean A. Drilling, Amy Melissa Duff, Brian Allen Dumstorff, Katherine Jean Gamble, Ronda Jean Graney, Lisa Erin Griffin, Betsy Ann Barglof, Cassandra J. Boyer, Melon Greene, Adrianna Ann Hauskins, Kerri Michele Hilsinger, Theresa Lynn Huisman, Larelle Lee Kunkle, Brandy Jean Logsdon, Rebecca Mae McCann, Sarah Lynn McGraw, Tammy Lynne Mead, Carrie Ann Meiners, Amanda Lynn Naeve, Nicole R. Nielsen, Lee Diane Olsen, Heidi Kaleena Parkins, Susan Lynn Pommer, Kaylyn Rae Probasco, Sarah Kay

Schultes, Megan Jill Simmons, Jennifer D. Sears, Carolyn Ann Smith, Molly Ann Spannaus, Jennifer Renee Sprouse, Heather M. Thomas, Joy Rebekah Vermillion, Amy Spaur Vernon, Kathy Marie Waldron, Laura Ellen Walker, Teresa Jo Washington, Wendy Frances Weitzl, JoAnna Sue Wiles, Lynna Marie Wirth, Jennifer Marie Woods.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing recipients: Joy Marie Bowman, Kayla Lea Campbell, Marcia Sue Coughenower, Renee' D' Allen-Glynn, Jana Marie Harmon, Angela Colleen Lippold, Jean S. Meinders, Michelle Lee Neyens, Cheryl Ann Ouellette, Diane Faye Stanton, Maggie Lee Wells, Dawn Lynette Wilbur, Jill Renee Wolken.

Nursing Caps Available for Sale

Graduates interested in purchasing the original Mercy College nursing cap may do so by contacting Mary Jankowski, Annual Fund and Alumni Affairs Coordinator, at 643-6638. The Nursing Alumni Association sells the caps for \$7 each. A limited supply of caps is still available. Make checks payable to the Mercy College Nursing Alumni Association.

Kris Bush Offers Thanks

Assistant Professor, Nursing

I would like to thank everyone for the compassion that you showed to me during my father's recent hospitalization. It was very uplifting and encouraging knowing that so many people cared.

I would also like to thank who ever sent me the beautiful bouquet of flowers and note of encouragement. My dad continues to improve each day. Again, thanks for all your support.