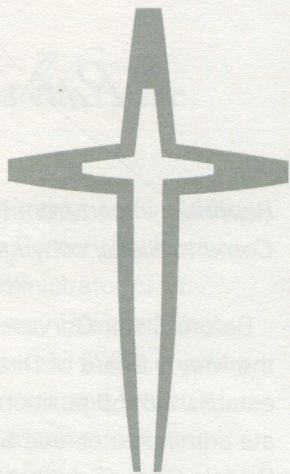


Patricia Clare



*Sullivan
Center*

Dedication Ceremony

Mercy College of Health Sciences

September 22, 2005

Patricia Clare Sullivan

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Before Sister Gervase's death, the Mercy Board of Directors established the position of associate administrator, and Sister Patricia Clare (Timothea) Sullivan applied for the position. "It was really different for me because I had never applied for any position as a Sister of Mercy," recalls Sister Pat. I wasn't used to saying: "This is why you should hire me."

Sister Patricia Clare had spent two previous "tours of duty" at Mercy in Des Moines. From 1955 to 1958, Sister Pat (then Timothea) supervised the pediatrics department. She remembers fondly: "Mercy was exciting for me because it was my very first assignment as a Sister of Mercy. My appointment card said: Pediatrics Supervisor of Mercy Hospital, Des Moines, August 1955. [On my first day,] I really thought God had me in the wrong place ... Three children died ... a very traumatic day."

Those were the days of the com-



plete, "hands-on" nursing, no suction in the walls, only machines moved from place to place, and simple croup tents to treat the children.

In spite of the hard work, Sister Pat recalls that the 1950's were "happy times." On many evenings for recreation, she and the other sisters walked in twos through the neighborhood surrounding Mercy. "We [sisters] never had a day off

A Life of Service in Health Care

... and being supervisors, we went back in the evenings when there wasn't enough help." Sister Pat stayed at Mercy for three years, through the planning and most of the building of the South Wing.

Her next assignment was in Durango, Colorado. Sister Pat was in charge of obstetrics of Mercy Hospital there and instructor for public health nursing in a rural setting for the Denver school of nursing students. "Durango was marvelous."

In 1960, Sullivan returned to Des Moines to serve as Director of Mercy's School of Nursing where she presided until 1964.

During her school of nursing years, she served as president of the Iowa Nurses' Association. One of the students of that time remembered "how proud we all were to have our director be president."

Patricia served as a panelist on the "Know Your Neighbor Panel," examining the issues of prejudice and emerging women's rights. In 1964 she was reassigned to Williston, North Dakota as a

director of nursing, and in 1965, was sent to Centerville, Iowa to become administrator of St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital. She served there until 1969, enjoying the environment and feeling a spirit of ecumenism within the whole community.

Sullivan received her master's in hospital administration in 1970. From 1971 to 1974, she worked as a member of the Renewal Team for the Sisters of Mercy. From 1974 to 1977 she worked as community relations director of Bergan Hospital in Omaha.

Within a few months after Sister Pat's arrival back in Des Moines, Sister Gervase had died, and Sullivan interviewed again for the position of Mercy's administrator and president. She remained at that helm until 1993.

Thinking over her Mercy career, Patricia Clare recalls more than 30 years of association with Des Moines: "I think Mercy is number one in human resources, technology, and education. Sister Gervase's and the board of directors' foresight in establishing the tower

system was an innovative decision. Mercy's clinic and networking services have made a difference. We are providing services to rural hospitals which help them.

Mercy's focus as a heart center — **a center of excellence** — has raised the prestige for the whole of Central Iowa."

Patricia Clare has received many honors: A Women of Vision Award from the Young Women's Resource Center, Distinguished Iowa Citizen

from Mid-Iowa Boy Scouts of America, Iowa Women's Hall of Fame Award from the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women, People of Vision Award from the

Iowa Society to Prevent Blindness, Administrator of the Year from the American Academy of Medical Administrators, and National Conference of Christians and Jews Leadership Award.

She also fulfilled the following roles over the years: vice president of the Greater Des Moines Chamber of Commerce, president of the Hillside Neighborhood Development Corporation, member of the board of directors of Boatmen's National Bank and the Catholic Health Association.

She served as a chair of the Iowa Caucus Project '88 and on the boards of directors for the: Convalescent Home for Children, Grand View College, and the American Academy of Medical Administrators.

When Patricia Clare came back to Des Moines for the third time, she felt as though she was "really coming home." One of her favorite phrases is the commitment to the community, caring for people,

through the help of the church and the Sisters of Mercy ... what Mercy Hospital and my work as administrator are all about ... I have dedicated

my whole life to healing, and I look at Mercy Hospital and I say 'What a Blessing,' and I would like everyone to see it that way."

Today, Patricia Clare enjoys her retirement in Florida and nearby Panora, Iowa and is still very active in the Des Moines community. She is also a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher and a board member of Casey's General Stores Inc.

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Program

Blessing of the Building

Gather outside in the courtyard, weather permitting.

Greeting **Brian Tingleff**

Vice President, Institutional Advancement

Celebrant **Most Reverend Joseph L. Charron, C.P.P.S.**

Bishop of the Diocese of Des Moines

Reading from Matthew 5:1b-2, 13-16 **Annie Doose**

Student Senate President

Responsorial Psalm **Sr. Stella Neill, R.S.M.**

Mercy College Board Member

Response: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Intercessions **Barb Braband, R.N.**

Associate Professor of Nursing and College Senate President

Response: Lord, give us the Spirit of wisdom.

Prayer of Blessing and Concluding Rite **Bishop Charron**

Dedication of Building

Gather inside Sullivan Center Library, overflow may remain in courtyard.

Welcome **Deanne M. Remer, Ph.D.**

President, Mercy College of Health Sciences

Explanation of Mercy Momentum **David Vellinga**

President and CEO, Mercy Medical Center – Des Moines

Reflections on Patricia Clare Sullivan:

..... **Sr. Patricia Forret, R.S.M.**

President, Sisters of Mercy, Omaha Regional Community

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Unveiling of Sullivan Portrait **Brian Tingleff**

Artist **Bill Fultz**

Response **Patricia Clare Sullivan**

Concluding Remarks **Brian Tingleff**

Luncheon and Tours

Lunch will be served immediately following the ceremony in the library.

Self-guided tours will be permitted until 1:30 p.m.

Students are invited to Brennan Hall for lunch to help reduce congestion at the reception.

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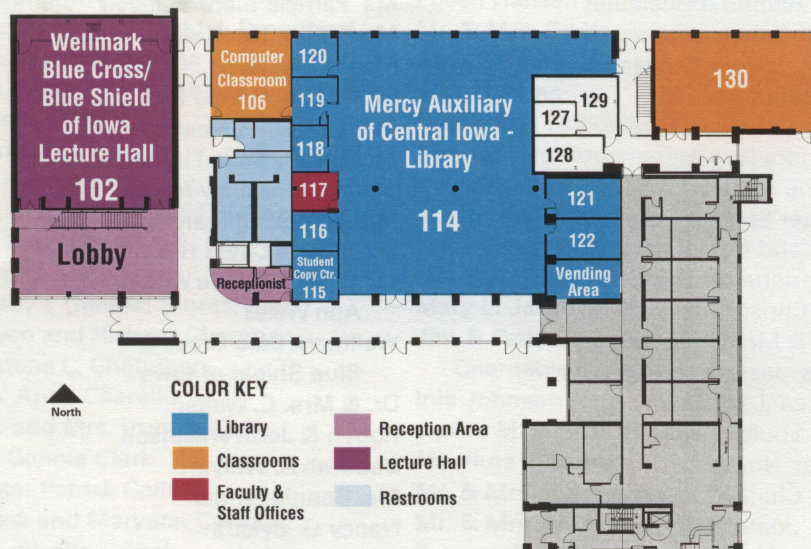
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Building Size:	38,216 square feet, 2-story building
Construction Cost:	\$4.4 million
Equipment Cost:	\$1.2 million
Funding Sources:	\$4,428,364 Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA), U.S. Department of Health & Human Services \$1.2 million Charitable Contributions from Private Donors

Start Date:	October 11, 2004
Completion Date:	October 7, 2005 (estimate)

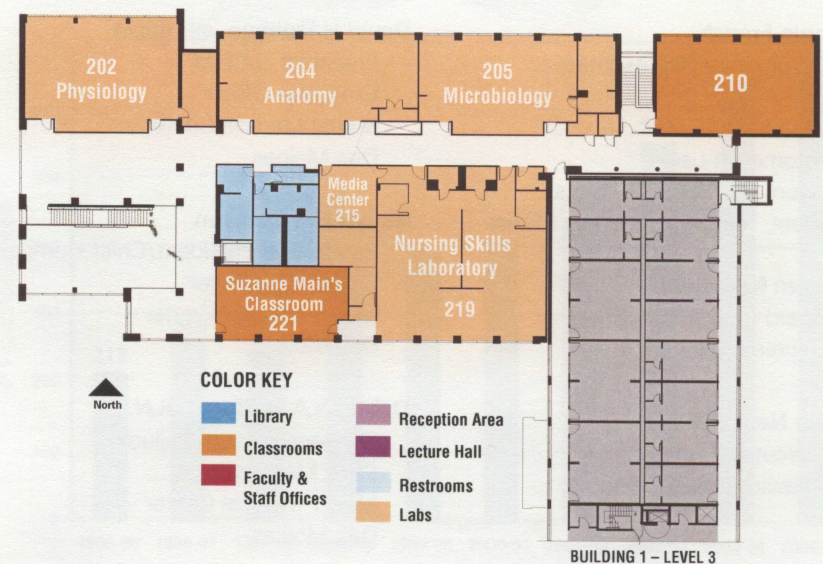
First Floor



Special Building Features:

- Mercy College Library honoring the Mercy Auxiliary of Central Iowa (6,600 sq. ft)
- Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Iowa Lecture Hall (96 seat capacity)
- Suzanne Mains ICN Classroom and two (2) additional ICN classrooms (seating 30-54)
- Three (3) health science laboratories (anatomy, microbiology, physiology)
- 16-bed Nursing Skills Laboratory (NSL) with an 8-workstation multi-media computer laboratory
- 25-workstation computer classroom

Second Floor



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Enrollment Growth Fuels Expansion

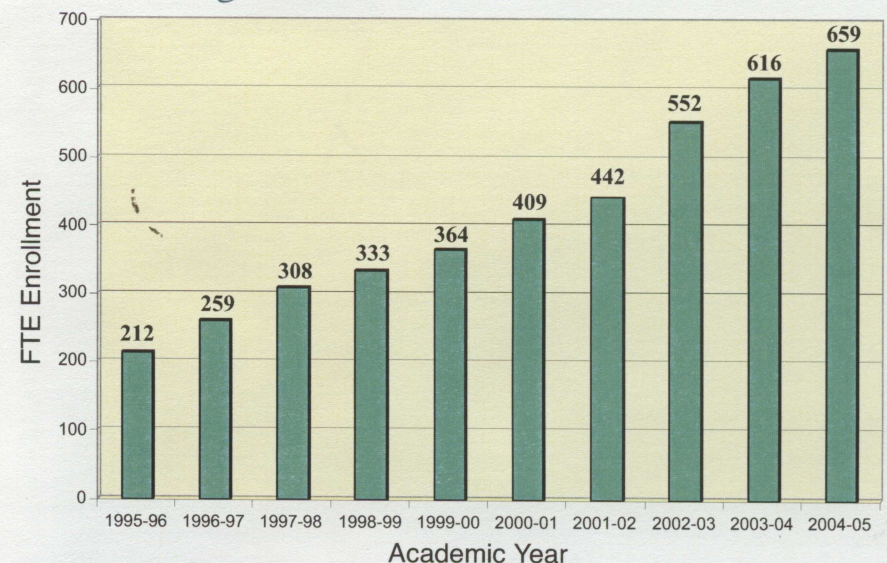
Predictions of a health care worker shortage in 2001-02 lead administrators at Mercy College and Mercy Medical Center—Des Moines to approach Iowa Congressional delegation members to determine their support for funding an expansion on the campus to meet the future workforce needs in central Iowa.

With federal funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through the Health Resources and Services Administration, Mercy College undertook a Campus Master Planning process to determine where and how facilities needed to grow, based on demographic changes anticipated over the next 5-25 years.

The result was a Master Campus Plan with two phases. The first phase, now known as the Patricia Clare Sullivan Center, is an academic and library facility that will better serve a growing student population. The second phase is anticipated to address the need for allied health skills laboratories, modern offices and additional classrooms.

With the addition of the second building, it is anticipated that Mercy College will then be able to support an enrollment of 900 students on its downtown campus.

10-year Enrollment Growth



In Appreciation

Mercy College of Health Sciences would like to express its thanks and appreciation to several individuals and groups that have helped in the process of constructing the Patricia Clare Sullivan Center and the planning for this special day. We would like to call attention to the following:

Patricia Clare Sullivan for her willingness to share her name and legacy with us.

Bishop Joseph L. Charron, C.P.P.S. for his continued support, prayers and willingness to reach out to our campus community.

Bill Knowles, Chair of the College Board of Directors, for his personal involvement and professional expertise throughout the design and construction project as a board liaison to the Construction Committee.

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Bill Fultz, Artist for his beautiful portrait of Patricia Clare Sullivan that will hang in the lobby of the building.

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