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MERCY COLLEGE COLLABORATES WITH URBAN DREAMS

THE CARING HANDS OF HEALTHCARE: CAREERS THAT CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

MERCY COLLEGE was approached by **WAYNE FORD** of Urban Dreams and asked to collaborate with their Full Service Community Schools program at Moulton School and Harding Middle School. The goal of the program was to share information with elementary and middle school students about careers in the health sciences and to motivate and interest them in careers in healthcare.

The first phase of the program was coordinated by Dr. Jennifer Bradley. It started in April 2005 and involved 91 students at the two schools. The program lasted six weeks and consisted of presentations in the various program disciplines, i.e., nursing, radiology, surgical technology, nuclear medicine, diagnostic medical sonography, and medical assisting. Participants included students in three age groups: kindergarten to second grade, third and fourth grade, and fifth through eighth grade.

There were twenty-four presentations

that included PowerPoint, games, experimentation with devices and equipment, videos, role-playing and coloring books.

Mercy College recruited and benefited from the volunteer hours of 25 staff/faculty members and 28 students.

Urban Dreams has requested the continuation of the program for the Fall 2005 semester. Dr. Sapphire Cureg is leading the next phase of the program with a special focus at Moulton School. A few changes will be made to allow for increased efficiency and optimization of time and human resources. This semester, all third, fourth, and fifth grade students are combined in a single class size of 42. The method of instruction remains relatively unchanged. Below is the schedule of class presentations by program discipline:

Fall Semester 2005 - Careers That Can Change The World Urban Dreams Project Schedule

Nursing – October 18, 2005 Tuesday, 4 -5:30 pm

Surgical Technology – November 8, 2005 Tuesday, 4-5:30pm

Nuclear Medicine – November 22, 2005 Tuesday, 4-5:30 pm

Medical Assisting – December 6, 2005 Tuesday, 4-5:30pm

Healthcare Management – December 20, 2005 Tuesday, 4-5:30pm

Pharmacy Technician Program – December 20, 2005 Tuesday, 4-5:30pm

EVENTS

October 24

College Senate Meeting
Sullivan Center Boardroom
1:00 - 2:00 pm

October 24

Reception for Interim President
Barbara O. Decker
3:30 - 5:30 pm
Building 1 Lobby

October 28

Social Committee - Judging of
Pumpkin Contest

November 7

Mercy College Blood Drive
10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. in Old Library
Schedule appointment online at
www.bloodcenterofiowa.org, click
on find a mobile drive, search by
Organization name and enter:
Mercy College. Contact Annie
Doose with questions,
adoose25@students.mchs.edu.

November 7-11

Registration week for Spring
Semester

November 8

Student Senate Meeting
Noon

November 10

Business After Hours Reception
for Des Moines Chamber of
Commerce
5:00 - 7:00 PM
Sullivan Center

November 14

Late Registration for Spring
Semester Begins

November 23

Campus closes at 4:00 p.m. for
holiday

November 24-27

Thanksgiving recess

November 28

Spring Scholarship Application
Deadline. Turn in applications to
the Receptionist by 4:30 p.m.
Applications and Letters of
Recommendation Forms are
available on the College website
www.mchs.edu.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

JORDAN CREEK TOWN CENTER is looking for volunteers to help with Gift Wrapping and Coat Check during the following dates: December 8 through December 24th. For more information please contact Joyce Skidmore at 643-0802 or email jskidmore@mercydesmoines.org. This service is sponsored by Mercy Auxiliary of Central Iowa and Jordan Creek Town Center. All proceeds go toward scholarships for Mercy College students. See below for times needed for volunteers:

Volunteer Hours Needed

Monday - Saturday

12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sunday

12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY NOTICE

OVER THE LAST FEW DAYS, a male has been approaching employees asking them for money. The Mercy department of Public Safety is working closely with the Des Moines Police Department to resolve this matter. On Tuesday, October 18, Public Safety staff apprehended an individual and turned him over to Des Moines Police.

Public Safety will continue to aggressively monitor the exterior parking areas and lots during the morning employee shift changes. A reminder, that Public Safety provides a 24-hour escort service. If not the escort services then Public Safety strongly encourages students to walk out in-groups. Student observations and their information are vital. Please remember to report suspicious activity to the Mercy Public Safety at extension 7-3111 or 515-247-3111.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO URBAN DREAM PROJECT VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEERS WORKING WITH forty-two Moulton Middle School students on October 19, 2005 included Dr. Joan McCleish, Dr. Connie Clark, JoAnn Olson, Mary Schemmel, Anne Citarella, along with Megan Barnard, Sarah Wille, Greg Betz, Brandon Perry and Kristina Meyers. Their efforts were performed with excitement, encouragement, and warmth. Through their involvement in this project, they have enlightened young minds about the nursing profession.

FAITH SHERMAN RETIRING FROM LIBRARY

IT IS WITH GREAT RELUCTANCE that Eileen Hansen announced the retirement of Faith Sherman from the Mercy College Library. During her years in the library Faith has provided outstanding and dedicated service to college community. She assisted in the growth of the library's resources and services and was instrumental in planning the move to our new location. We are fortunate that she is willing to continue to work on an occasional basis.

Faith's last regular day will be November 2. Jennifer Thompson will then fill her role as Assistant Library Director. We all wish Faith well in her new role as devoted grandmother, church and community volunteer, and world traveler.

HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES HOSTED BY STAFF SOCIAL COMMITTEE

A PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST organized by the Staff Social Committee begins Monday, October 24, 2005. Tables will be set up in the hallway in front of the Sullivan Center Library to display the pumpkins. Each college division will have one week to decorate three pumpkins. (NO carving of pumpkins allowed.)

The contest will have 3 categories: Most Scary, Most Creative and a Look-Alike Category (this category will be judged on the pumpkin that most resembles a famous person).

There will be a prize for the best pumpkin in each category. Judging by Dr. Nies and Dr. Green will take place at Noon on Friday, October 28.

UPCOMING EVENTS WHERE STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS WILL SELL PARKING SPACES

UPCOMING EVENTS WHERE PARKING SPACE WILL BE SOLD INCLUDE:

Paul McCartney Concert	Thursday October 27	8:00 pm
National Arenacross	November 4 & 5	7:30 pm (both nights)
2 Rivers Art Expo (TENTATIVE)	November 12 & 13	Sat- 10-6 pm Sun 10-5 pm
Steven Curtis Chapman & Mercy Me Concert	Thursday December 1	7:30 pm

