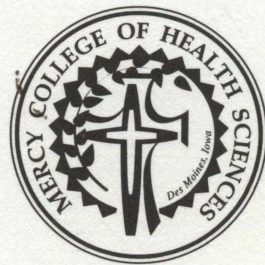


Mercy College
of Health Sciences

SUMMER *2006*
Graduation



August 18, 2006



Baccalaureate Service
Commencement Ceremony

SUMMER 2006

Graduation

Pinning Ceremony.....4
9:00 a.m.

Baccalaureate Service.....5
1:00 p.m.

Commencement Program.....13
2:30 p.m.

Mercy College of Health Sciences

August Eighteenth
Two Thousand Six
Iowa Events Center, Hy-Vee Hall
Des Moines, Iowa

Pinning Ceremony

Introduction	Libby VandeKamp
Presentation of the Mercy College Pins.....	Shirley Beaver Dean of Nursing
The Florence Nightingale Oath.....	Graduation Class Class of 2006

The Florence Nightingale Oath

“I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of this assembly to faithfully practice my profession of nursing. I will do all in my power to make and maintain the highest standards and practices of my profession.

I will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping in the practice of my calling. I will assist the physician in his work and will devote myself to the welfare of my patients, my family, and my community. I will endeavor to fulfill my rights and privileges as a good citizen and take my share of responsibility in promoting the health and welfare of the community.

I will constantly endeavor to increase my knowledge and skills in nursing and to use them wisely. I will zealously seek to nurse those who are ill wherever they may be and whenever they are in need. I will be active in assisting others in safeguarding and promoting the health and happiness of mankind.”

Baccalaureate Service Commissioning Ceremony

Welcome.....Barbara Quijano Decker, J.D.
President

Opening Song - "How Great Thou Art"

(Please Stand - Music can be found on page 7)

Please join in on our last verse.

Opening PrayerReverend Greg Leach, Pastor
All Saints Catholic Church, Stuart, Iowa

Liturgy of the Word

(Please Be Seated)

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-15Dr. Joe Moravec
Associate Professor of Religion

Response: Psalm 113..... Pamela Murphy
College Staff

Reader: Blessed be the name of the Lord forever.

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord forever.

Reader: Praise, you servants of the Lord,

Praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord,

Both now and forever.

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord forever.

Reader: From the rising to the setting of the sun

Is the name of the Lord to be praised.

High above all nations is the Lord;

Above the heavens is his glory.

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord forever.

Reader: Who is like the Lord, our God, who is enthroned on high
and Looks upon the heavens and the earth below?

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord forever.

(Please Stand)

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:46-52..... **Reverend Leach**

(Please Be Seated)

Message **Reverend Leach**

Prayers of the Faithful **Dr. Mark G. Stevens**
Professor of Microbiology

Commissioning Ceremony

Priest: Let us Pray...Lord our God, as we share together this prayer of unity, help us to live together in your household united in mind and heart. As we give thanks to you today, help us experience the peace you give to us. We ask all this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

People: Amen.

Calling Forth of Graduates **Reverend Leach and President Decker**

Lord's Prayer

(Please Stand)

Priest: Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy Kingdom come;
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those
Who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For the Kingdom, the power and the glory
Are yours, now and forever.
Amen.

Final Blessing **Reverend Leach**

Announcements **President Decker**

(Remain Standing - Music can be found on page 8)

Closing Song - "Abide With Me"

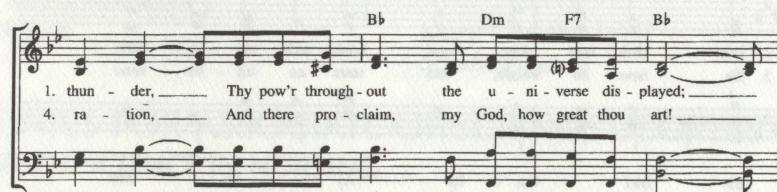
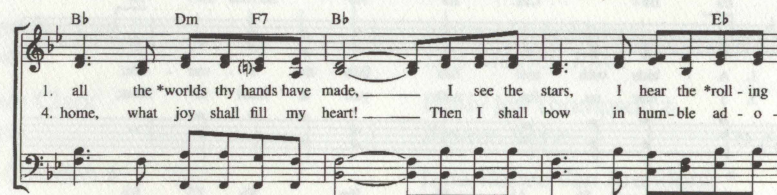
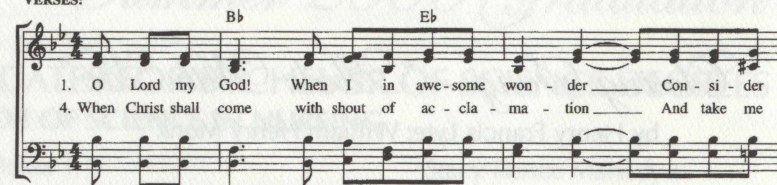
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Opening Song - "How Great Thou Art"

by Carl Boberg; Tr. Stuart K. Hine

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VERSES:



REFRAIN:



Closing Song - "Abide With Me"

by Henry Francis Lyte; William Henry Monk

The musical score for "Abide With Me" is presented in four systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is E-flat major (three flats). The first system has a key signature change to B-flat major (two flats). The second system has a key signature change to E-flat major (three flats). The third system has a key signature change to B-flat major (two flats). The fourth system has a key signature change to E-flat major (three flats). The lyrics are as follows:

1. A - bide with me! fast falls the e - ven - tide;
 3. I fear no foe, with you at hand to bless;

1. The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide;
 3. Ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness:

1. When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 3. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, your vic - to - ry?

1. Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me!
 3. I tri - umph still, if you a - bide with me!

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Summer 2006 Graduation

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Mercy College recognizes the outstanding achievement of its graduates by awarding the following commencement honors:

Recipients of the Bachelor's Degree

- ‡ **Summa Cum Laude.** Have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.8 or above.
- † **Magna Cum Laude.** Have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.650 to 3.799 inclusive.
- * **Cum Laude.** Have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.500 to 3.649 inclusive.

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- ‡ **Highest Honors.** Have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.8 or above.
- † **High Honors.** Have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.650 to 3.799 inclusive.
- * **Honors.** Have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.500 to 3.649 inclusive.
- **Completing final course work in the Spring 2007 term.**

Recipients of the Certificate's Degree

- ‡ **Certificate Highest Honors.** Have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.8 or above.
- † **Certificate High Honors.** Have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.650 to 3.799 inclusive.
- * **Certificate Honors.** Have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.5 to 3.649 inclusive.

Commencement honors are determined based on past semester cumulative grade point average. Final honors will be determined by final cumulative grade point average.

Commencement Program

Academic Processional

Pomp & Circumstance Edward Elgar

Music provided by Mary Rose Weiland, Class of 1976

Call to Order

Barbara Quijano Decker, J.D., President

Invocation

Rev. Greg Leach, Pastor, All Saints Catholic Church-Stuart

Musical Interlude

The Lord's Prayer Albert Hay Malotte

Vocalists Rachael Christenson, Natalija Crnkic, Marnee McCarthy, Carrie Park, Brynna Van Wyk
accompanied by Erica Yoder

Commencement Address

Sr. Stella Neill, RSM, Executive Director and Founder, Anawim Housing

Presentation of Candidates

John Nies, Ph.D., Provost

Conferring of Degrees

Barbara Quijano Decker, J.D., President; William Knowles, College Board Chair; and
Deans and Academic Program Chairs

Musical Interlude

Ave Maria Pietro Mascagni

Vocalists Rachael Christenson, Natalija Crnkic, Marnee McCarthy, Carrie Park, Brynna Van Wyk
accompanied by Erica Yoder

Farewell Address

Emily Foster, Associate of Science in Nursing Graduate

The Academic Recessional

With Trumpets and Horn Handel

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



SISTER STELLA NEILL, RSM

Executive Director and Founder, Anawim Housing

Sister Stella Neill, RSM is the executive director and founder of Anawim Housing, which developed and manages 145 units of safe, decent and affordable inner city housing for low income families. Anawim is the plural form of an Old Testament Hebrew word which is variously translated as "poor", "afflicted", "humble", or "meek". Through these efforts \$11 million has been invested in the Enterprise Community of Des Moines, which is located just north and west of Mercy Medical Center.

Before establishing the agency in 1988, Sr. Stella was the Director of Planning and Pastoral Councils for the Catholic Diocese of Des Moines. In that role, she was instrumental in organizing and implementing a planning process involving Catholic churches throughout the Diocese, including improving the structure and management of the Diocese.

Sr. Stella holds a Masters of Social Work from the University of Nebraska, Omaha and a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from the College of Saint Mary in Omaha.

She is currently a member of the board of the Community Housing Development Corporation and the Leadership Team of the Omaha Regional Community of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas. Recent past board service includes nine year terms on the Mercy College of Health Sciences (1997-2006), Mercy Medical Center – Des Moines (1997-2005) and the Investment Committee of the United Way of Central Iowa (1997-2006).

Sr. Stella is a member of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas – Omaha Regional Community.

FAREWELL SPEAKER

EMILY FOSTER

Associate of Science in Nursing Graduate

Emily Foster receives her Associate of Science in Nursing today. Her peers nominated her because of her caring, leadership, and commitment to her profession. The faculty recommended her for her enthusiasm, professionalism, and support for her fellow students.

ACADEMIC TRADITIONS

The traditions surrounding academic ceremonies, such as inaugurations and commencements, are rooted in the customs of the Middle Ages when universities were first formed. Gowns and mortar boards, for example, were a common form of dress during the era. Today, graduates wear colorful academic apparel, signifying their alma maters and highest degrees received.

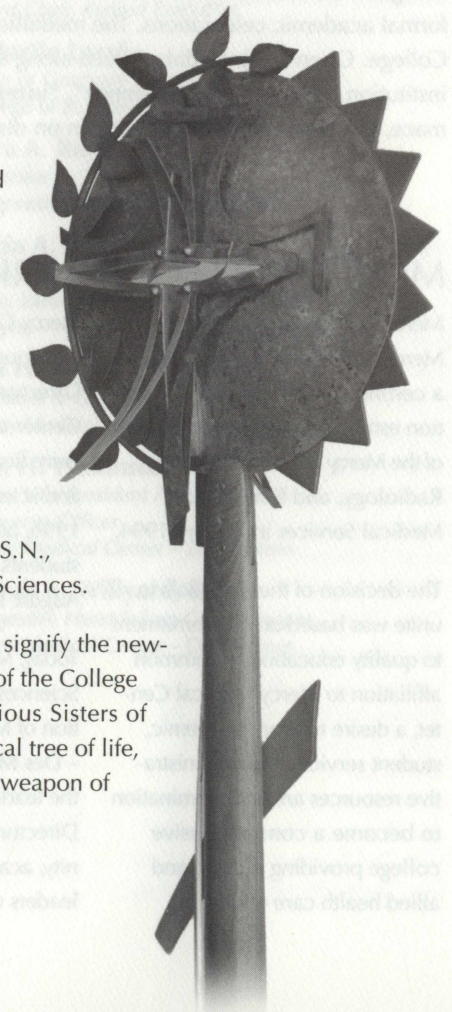
This academic garb and other similar symbols in evidence at today's ceremony reflect the continuity and strength of higher education in our culture. Two particular symbols, important to Mercy College of Health Sciences, are its mace and newly-minted presidential chain of office, containing the medallion incorporating the seal of the College.

The Mace

Maces were war clubs used during the Middle Ages as weapons of last resort by military officers. They evolved over time into powerful symbols of rulership and became associated with the pride of a nation. In the university, the mace became a traditional symbol of protection and later evolved into use as a longer, walking stick. It is carried at academic processions not only to bring authority to ceremonial occasions but to symbolize the unity and aspirations of the collegial community.

The mace bearer is traditionally one of the institution's senior faculty members and, at Mercy College of Health Sciences, that honor today goes to Barb Braband, R.N., M.S.N., M.A., Associate Professor of Nursing and Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Mercy College's mace is made of a contemporary design to signify the newness of the College. The three-dimension rendering is that of the College seal, which has a primary focus on the cross of the Religious Sisters of Mercy, surrounded symbolically by the leaves of the biblical tree of life, which are transformed into the serrated edge of a medieval weapon of which it shares a historical reference.



The Chain of Office

The tradition of a chain of office goes back to the colorful life of the integrated town-community in the Middle Ages. Temporal symbol of community harmony was the mayor, who at his investiture was given a chain with medallions that represented all of the guilds working together for the welfare of the town. In the medieval university, the chief official – or rector magnificus – held authority similar to that of the mayor in civil society. Thus, he, too, was honored with a chain of office, but his consisted of insignia of all of the colleges of his university.

Mercy College of Health Sciences' chain of office made its first appearance earlier this month at the inaugural of President Decker and will now be part of all future College commencements and other formal academic celebrations. The medallion at the end of the chain of office is again the seal of the College. Open book medals spaced along the length of chain are engraved with the core values of the institution "knowledge", "reverence", "integrity", "compassion", and "excellence". Along with the mace, the chain of office will remain on display in the Office of the President.

MERCY COLLEGE - A BRIEF HISTORY

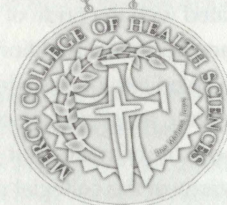
Mercy College evolved from Mercy School of Health Sciences, a certificate and diploma institution established as a consolidation of the Mercy Schools of Nursing, Radiology, and Emergency Medical Services in January 1994.

The decision of these schools to unite was based on a commitment to quality education, a common affiliation to Mercy Medical Center, a desire to share academic, student service, and administrative resources and a determination to become a comprehensive college providing nursing and allied health care education.

Mercy College of Health Sciences was founded by the Board of Directors of Mercy Medical Center on July 14, 1995. Students were first enrolled in liberal arts and science courses in May 1996, and the first degree-seeking students entered the College in August 1996.

Today, Mercy College of Health Sciences is a subsidiary corporation of Mercy Medical Center – Des Moines and operates under the leadership of a Board of Directors comprised of community, academic and health care leaders committed to the vision of

the institution, which is "to be nationally recognized for excellence in the delivery and innovation of health sciences education as demonstrated by distinguished graduates who serve and lead in their community".



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*Celebratory Marshal

**Ceremonial Marshal

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Nursing Graduates: The Mercy College Nursing Alumni Association has a long history of activity for nursing alumni. The nursing alumni association's mission is five-fold: build a communications network and provide social and professional functions; maintain a bridge for nursing alumni to stay informed of activities at the College; assist students through sponsored scholarships; support the efforts of the Division of Nursing; and provide periodic continuing education programs for its members and the nursing community.

Allied Health Graduates: The Mercy College Allied Health Alumni Association is currently being organized to foster a mission similar to that of the nursing alumni association. The new alumni association is open to all graduates, including certificate and degree recipients of the College, and its predecessor programs. You are invited to contact the Institutional Advancement staff for more information on upcoming meetings and events.

Special Thanks

Vocalists: Rachael Christenson, Natalija Crnkic, Carrie Park,
Brynna Van Wyk, Marnee McCarthy, and Erica Yoder

Accompanist: Erica Yoder

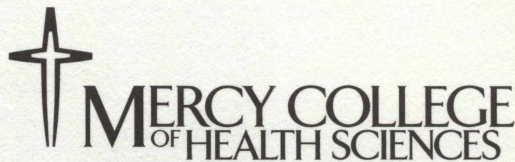
Pianist: Mary Rose Weiland

Please turn off cell phones and pagers during the Ceremonies.

Thank you.

Family members are invited to come forward to take pictures
of their graduate during the pinning ceremony,
commissioning ceremony and the conferring of the degree.

A formal photograph will also be taken with the
academic program dean or chair and
made available for purchase at a later date.



A partner with Mercy Medical Center – Des Moines