

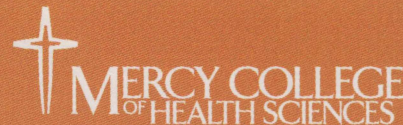
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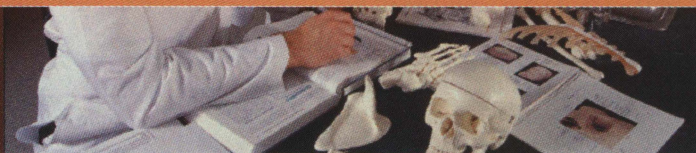
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# MERCY messenger



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## MCHS Students Participated in the First Reggies Sleepout



*The Mercy NS4 Team: Megan Collins, Sarah Grife, Elizabeth Ludwig & Patti Rotert.*

**FROM 7 P.M. FRIDAY NOVEMBER 10 TO 7 A.M. ON SATURDAY**

the 11th, a group of 4th semester Mercy College nursing students joined more than 200 others to sleep outside at Drake Stadium for the first Reggies Sleepout, to raise awareness for the homeless in Central Iowa. Reggie's Sleepout raised more than \$45,000 for The Des Moines Religious Council and Iowa Homeless Youth Shelters.

The Mercy NS4 Team (Megan Collins, Sarah Grife, Elizabeth Ludwig & Patti Rotert), gathered for the night to experience a small taste of what many homeless contend with, and raised a team total of \$1,950. After an unseasonably warm week of temperatures in the 60's and 70's – Friday's weather took a drastic change with the temperature plummeting to the 30's – not good, when

you plan to sleep outside. "I will never again underestimate the blessing of a mattress (no matter how many layers you sleep in, the icy ground penetrates through to your bones), to say nothing of my appreciation for my furnace," said Patti Rotert.

After returning home from this event most participants planned to enjoy a warm bath or shower to warm themselves... do the homeless ever truly warm up? These same people had the comfort of knowing that they would be sleeping in a warm bed for future nights to come...many homeless do not know where they will be from one night to the next. When you lay your head on your pillow tonight, think about those without one.

## Scholarship Deadline Brings Opportunity for Some

**THE CURRENT ROUND OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED** for January 2007 will be due on Monday, November 27 at 4:30 p.m. to Sherylea Downes, the new Director of Development. Her office is located in Building 1, Room 202. You can also drop off applications with the receptionist until 4:30 p.m. on Monday. Applications are available online at the Mercy College website.

New this year is the creation of the Schildberg Scholarship which has been established by the Schildberg Construction Company to benefit students who live in any of the counties where their firm operates. The Schildberg Foundation is providing four (4) scholarships totaling \$6,250 each. Two will be awarded to students who entered their professional program of study this fall. Two additional scholarships will be awarded to students who entered their second year of professional program study this year.

Candidates' home addresses at application must be within any of the following counties in Iowa: Adair, Ad-

ams, Cass, Fremont, Harrison, Madison, Mills, Montgomery, Page, Pottawattamie, Shelby, and Taylor. In addition, candidates must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or better at application, and be able to demonstrate a financial need by completing a Free Application for Student Assistance (FAFSA).

The four eventual recipients will be required to submit a single-page, follow-up letter addressed to The Schildberg Foundation within 30 days following the conclusion of each semester they receive support or risk forfeiture of future funds.

Several other scholarships are also available in the current round, including the Mercy Auxiliary General Scholarships, with nearly \$45,000 available to award to students enrolled in ASN program courses (including Accelerated BSN students who are taking ASN coursework in the spring and summer).

## CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

Campus Closes at 4 p.m.

**NOVEMBER 23-26**

Thanksgiving Break

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

Spring Scholarship application  
deadline

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1**

Tree Lighting

Sullivan Center - Noon



**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5**

Advent Service and Soup Luncheon

Brennan Hall Chapel and Commons  
Noon - 1 p.m.



**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15**

Last day of term

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 21**

Winter Solstice Celebration

Sullivan Center Lobby - 10 a.m.



**DECEMBER 16 - JAN. 7, 2007**

WINTER BREAK

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 2**

2007-08 Financial Aid applications available  
at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) - MCHS code  
006273

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 5**

Professional Program and LAS  
Student Orientation

**MONDAY, JANUARY 8**

First day of classes

Spring tuition payment deadline or de-  
ferred payment plan established

**MONDAY, JANUARY 15**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
No Classes



Holiday Events

# CAREER resources

## How Do I Interview?

by Anne Dennis, HR coordinator

**LAST TIME WE TALKED ABOUT WHAT TO WEAR** to an interview, now lets talk about you in the interview.

How you behave in an interview is as important as the answers to the questions. You're all experienced in giving presentations. Think of an interview as a presentation of yourself. I'm not trying to scare you...sometimes giving a presentation can be kind of nerve wracking. A lot of organizations are into "team interviewing" which means you may have several individuals in the room all at once. But if you can transfer some of those skills you've learned in giving presentations to interviewing, you'll do awesome! (You do learn some valuable stuff in college!)

Handshakes. You've heard this before. They are important! A wimpy handshake can mean you may be a wimp at work! Now, if you have a cold and don't want to shake hands, just say that. The interviewer will understand and will appreciate your not wanting to spread the cold. Ok, but what if the interviewer has a cold and holds out his/her hand for you to shake? My advice....shake hands! After the interview, find a restroom and wash your hands. Use the anti-bacterial hand gel, too.

Always maintain eye contact. We HR people like to know that the candidate is truly interested in what we have to say (even if it's the most boring stuff you've ever heard).

Sit up in the chair. Don't slouch! (You've heard that before, uh?)

Try not to fidget! Stay as still as you can. Now, I'm not saying you can't move in your chair once in a while. But, straightening your socks every 2 seconds is a bit much! (This really happened!) Try not to use your hands too much. It can take the focus off what you are saying.

Take your time answering the questions. HR folks are always trained that silence is ok. Give the candidate time to answer and don't break.

**Mercy Medical Center Employment Opportunities**  
<http://www.mercydesmoines.org/employment/employment.asp>



### Anatomy Tutoring

**Thursdays**

3-4 p.m.

**Location: Brennan Hall Commons**

### Chemistry Peer Tutoring

**Mondays**

4-6 p.m.

**Wednesdays**

3-5 p.m.

**Location: Brennan Hall Commons**

### Math Peer Tutoring

**Tuesdays**

11-1 p.m.

**Thursdays**

2-3 p.m.

**Location: Brennan Hall Commons**

### Nursing 120 Peer Tutoring

(Last day is Dec. 7th)

**Mondays**

12-2 p.m.

**Thursdays**

2-4 p.m.

**Location: Brennan Hall Commons**

### Nursing 128 Tutoring

**Mondays**

4:15-6:15 p.m.

**Thursdays**

12:30-1:30 p.m.

**Location: Brennan Hall Commons**

### Nursing Medical Calculations

**1st and 3rd semester students**

Monday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**4th semester students call 643-6729**

**for appointment**

**Location: Brennan Hall 132**

### Ultrasound Physics Tutoring

**Tuesdays**

1:30-3:30 p.m.

**Thursdays**

4-6 p.m.

**Location: Brennan Hall Commons**

### Writing Group Tutoring

**Tuesdays**

11:30-1:30 p.m.

**Wednesday**

12:30-2:30

**Thursday**

1-3 p.m.

**Location: Sullivan Center Library**

## Thanksgiving Week Library & Lab Hours

### Holiday Hours

**Monday - Tuesday** 7:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.

**Wednesday** 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Thursday - Saturday** CLOSED

**Sunday** 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.

### Computer Lab Hours

**Brennan Hall, Room 128**

**Monday - Tuesday** 7:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.

**Wednesday** 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Thursday - Saturday** CLOSED

**Sunday** 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.

### Building One, Room 122

**Monday - Tuesday** 7:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.

**Wednesday** 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Thursday-Sunday** CLOSED

### Building 2, Room 154

**Monday - Tuesday** 7:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.

**Wednesday** 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Thursday-Sunday** CLOSED

## Student Enrichment Program

**Marti Doyle, Building 1, Room 315**

Student Enrichment Program Coordinator

### Office Hours

**Monday** 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Tuesday** Noon - 5 p.m.

**Wednesday** 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Thursday** 9 a.m. - Noon

**Friday** 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.