



Mercy MESSENGER

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CALENDAR of Events

August 28

Professional Program
Start Day **Allied Health**
Begins at **8:30 a.m.**
Brennan Hall

August 29

Professional Program
Start Day **Nursing**
Begins at **8:30 a.m.**
Brennan Hall

August 31

Liberal Arts & Sciences
Orientation
Begins at **8 a.m.**
Sullivan Center Rm. 102

September 4

First Day of Class

September 25

Mercy Day

October 1

MCHS Spring Scholarship
Applications Available at
www.mchs.edu

Message From the President

Dear Students and Campus Colleagues,

Beginning a new school year offers new possibilities, hopes, and anticipation. No doubt as a new or returning student you may be experiencing the same feelings. I welcome you to the 2007 Fall Semester at Mercy

College of
Health Sciences.

It is with great pleasure I extend to every student and College staff a semester filled with learning, laughter, and achievement.

As you begin the semester, you are encouraged to take time to become acquainted with faculty, staff, fellow students, and clinical partners. Building positive and collaborative relationships will serve you well in your future success as a health care provider.

In choosing Mercy College, I know you will find a dedicated and supportive community of professionals who are committed to a positive educational and learning environment.

From our early beginnings, the Sisters of Mercy have fostered a mission and ministry of quality healthcare and higher education. Now more than 100 years later, our values of knowledge, reverence, integrity, compassion, and excellence provide

a core foundation for our relationships with patients and each other.

At Mercy College, you will also discover a diverse student population. Students from different backgrounds, geographical location, age, marital status, employment, and other areas. We value these differences, yet

recognize our common goal to ensure a quality academic experience.

Each semester we host a student luncheon with the President called **Campus Community Connection**.

The event is scheduled this year on Monday, September 17th, and Wednesday, September 19th. You are invited to attend as your schedule permits. This provides an informal opportunity to visit with other students, faculty, and staff and with me. I look forward to seeing you at the luncheons and throughout the semester.

Wishing you a productive and blessed semester,

Barbara Q. Decker

Barbara Quijano Decker
President

September 17 & 19

Campus Community Connection

Student Luncheon with the President



THE STUDENT ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (SEP) provides students with opportunities to enhance their education through academic workshops, tutoring and counseling. Check here in the *Messenger* to get monthly up-to-date tutoring and workshop schedules.

Possible tutoring available in:

- Anatomy
- Chemistry Peer Tutoring
- Math Peer Tutoring
- Nursing 120 Peer Tutoring
- Nursing Medical Calculations
- Pharmacology
- Physics
- Writing Group Tutoring

To schedule one-on-one tutoring please call Marti Doyle at 643-6659.

Fall Semester Library & Computer Lab Hours

Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Friday 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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

Computer Lab Hours

Brennan Hall, Room 128

Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Friday 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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

Building One, Room 122

Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Friday 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday - Sunday CLOSED

Building 2, Room 154

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday - Sunday CLOSED

REGISTRAR 2007-08 DATES

September 4

Fall Tuition Payment Deadline or Deferred Payment Plan Established

September 7

Last day to add a class

September 14

Last day to drop classes with refund

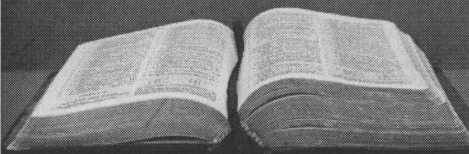
October 19

Last day to drop classes with W

WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICE

BRENNAN HALL CHAPEL
TUESDAYS AT NOON

LEAD BY DEACON DAVE O'BRIEN
DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE
MERCY MEDICAL CENTER - DES MOINES



Professional Program Start Days

THE START OF FALL SEMESTER is almost here. Professional Program Start Days begin **August 28** with Allied Health and continue with Nursing on **August 29**. All Start Days begin at 8:30 a.m. on campus in Brennan Hall.

Liberal Arts & Sciences Orientation will be held **August 31** in Sullivan Center Room 102 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Snacks will be served.

Each student should have received a reminder letting them know which to attend. Professional Program Start Day is **mandatory** prior to beginning your professional program courses.

Information such as, clinical and program expectations, parking, policies and procedures will be shared during each orientation. In the afternoon, you will have the opportunity to meet with your first semester professors/instructors. Lunch will be provided.

Parking and Security on Campus

STUDENTS ARE PROVIDED FREE ACCESS TO A SECURE PARKING LOT located at **701 Crocker Street**. The lot is accessible with your Mercy issued badge. Students parking anywhere but 701 Crocker Street will be subjected to a parking fine of \$40.

All vehicles must display the parking permit distributed at orientation or can be obtained free of charge from Mercy Public Safety, located across from McDonald's. Failure to display the parking sticker is subject to a parking fine of \$40.

Safety

In the event of an emergency, the 701 Parking lot is equipped with three Code Blue telephone stations that provide a telephone link to Mercy Public Safety staff. Exterior video cameras also monitor all lots.

Students may also call Security at **247-3111** to request an escort to their car.

Shuttle Service

Shuttle transportation between MCHS and Mercy Medical Center is provided. The pick-up and drop-off area is located in the 701 Crocker Street parking lot. The hours of operation are **- 6:15 and 7:45 M-F and 3-4. Monday - Friday**. The shuttle is also available 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday - Friday upon request. Missy Chapman can request a shuttle for you. Remember to call ahead.

CAREER resources

By Anne Dennis,
College HR Coordinator

SOME OF YOU MAY be just starting your educational journey to your chosen career. Congratulations! We're excited for you and pleased that you've entrusted us to help you.

As you begin your journey, remember to do the best you can. Your educational journey is not only a journey to obtain the education needed, it will also be a journey in securing a position within your chosen field.

You are probably saying to yourselves, "what does this mean?" As you come in contact with others in your chosen field, they will be teaching you, as well as assessing your abilities and desire to be in the field. They will be looking at how well you take direction, how you react to constructive criticism, your relationships with others and how serious you are about joining the profession.

This is the beginning stages of your career. Listen carefully to those who have "been there, done that." Learn how to react positively when given feedback in which you may not agree. Don't be afraid to ask questions, but do so in a tactful and professional manner. When doing your clinical rotations, take it seriously. Arrive on time and in uniform.

There will be times when you wonder why you chose the profession you did, but hang in there, it will be worth the effort.

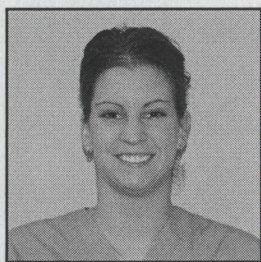
Meet Student Senate

The 2007-08 Officers of Student Senate would like to increase awareness of its influence and involvement from the student body. They would like to see students use the Senate as a voice to help build student relations.



Shawna Davidson
Student Senate President

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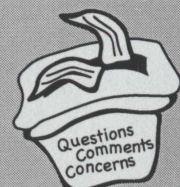
Brittany Kruisselbrink
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ATTENTION STUDENTS: The Office of Student Senate is located in Building 1 - Lower Level, Rm. 016. Please email any questions, comments or concerns to one of the Student Senate Officers above. **Please join us for our next meeting on September 13th at 5:00 at the Student Senate office.**

MERCY COLLEGE GiftShop

NEW FALL HOURS

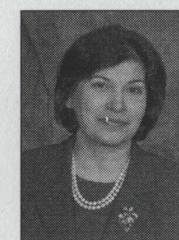
8 a.m. - Noon

Monday - Friday

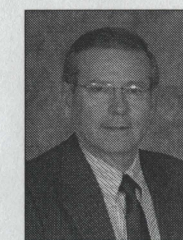
Brennan Hall Rm. 137

**Check out the
NEW merchandise!**

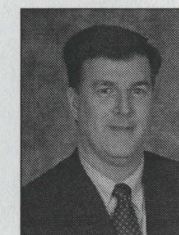
Faces of the College Cabinet



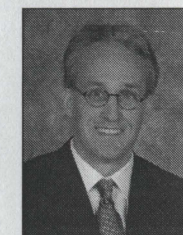
Barbara Q. Decker, J.D.
President



Dr. John Nies
Provost



Brian Tingleff
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Institutional Advancement



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Vice President and
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Surgical Technologist Week September 16-20



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Be a Winner...

CHECK OUT HOW YOU CAN WIN AN IPOD THIS YEAR! Recent student surveys showed the Messenger has not been widely read as the official student publication. In an effort to increase readership, the Department of Institutional Advancement is sponsoring a contest to win an IPOD monthly for current students.

Every month look for the **IPOD icon** (to the left) in the *Messenger*. Starting in the October 2007 issue, a question from the September issue will be asked.

Here's how to win:

- To enter for a chance to win an **IPOD** watch for the icon in each issue. A question derived from the previous issue will be asked.
- Email the answer and if correct, you will be entered into a monthly drawing* for a chance to win a 4GB (1000 songs) Silver IPOD nano.

Email messenger@mchs.edu and put in subject line **IPOD**.

*Contestants cannot win more than one IPOD during the year. One per person. Contest open to currently enrolled Mercy College of Health Sciences students only.

Need Open House Tour Guides

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PROMOTING MERCY COLLEGE to those people who are in the College search? If so, then become a student tour guide for the **Fall Open House**, being held on Thursday, **October 4** from 4-6 p.m. and Saturday, **October 6** from 9-11 a.m.

Each guide must be dressed in either clinical uniform or nice Mercy College branded attire and be present for the entire 2 hour period to receive a **\$50 gift card** (good at major retailers of your choice) for your efforts. **Yes, if you participate both Thursday and Saturday, you will receive \$100 worth of gift cards.**

We also need one room at Mercy Court to show prospective students, so those of you who live there and are willing to "show your room" you will also be eligible for the gift cards.

We will provide tour maps for each of you to use, and have a Practice Tour at 3:45 on Wednesday, October 3, that will begin in the Lobby of the Sullivan Center.

If you are interested e-mail **Jim Tagye** at jtagye@mercydesmoines.org by Friday, September 21.