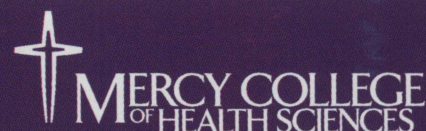


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Spring 2006 Commencement - April 28, 2006

ALL COMMENCEMENT EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE IOWA EVENTS CENTER – Hy Vee Hall B. The Baccalaureate Service is for all graduates and guests. It is a religious ceremony that acknowledges each graduate's commitment and service to their profession in health care. If you have questions, please contact **Susan Rhoades at 643-6609**.

April 17- April 27 Robe pick up

They may be picked up from **Missy Chapman between 8:00 am and 4:00 p.m in the Sullivan Center**. If you will not be on campus during pick up hours, please contact Susan Rhoades at 643-6609 to make arrangements. Robes are black or gray and look best with black shoes and hose or pants.

Library Changes

THE LIBRARY HAS IMPLEMENTED SEVERAL CHANGES designed to make the environment quieter for library users and to assure computer access for students who need to use Reserve software. Six computers have been moved to the study carrel area and no longer have Microsoft Word or PowerPoint available. The changes were made to address student complaints of noise and a lack of computers reserved for required software use.

Students are reminded that the library should be quiet. Students working on group projects are encouraged to use a group study room, Brennan Hall Commons, the lower level of Building 1, a Building 2 conference room or the second floor lounge area in the Sullivan Center. The three computer labs are readily available for word processing, working on Blackboard, RN CAT testing, and other computer uses.

Commencement Day Schedule

9:00 a.m.

Pinning Ceremony
Iowa Events Center
730 3rd St., Des
Moines, IA

10:00 a.m.

Rehearsal & Program
Group Photos
Iowa Event Center
- Hy-Vee Hall B

11:00 am

Lunch on your own
(We recommend you
make reservations for
lunch – this is Drake
Relays Week and res-
taurants will be busy)

1:00 pm

Baccalaureate Service
Iowa Events Center
- Hy-Vee Hall B

1:45 pm

Line-up / Robing

2:30 pm

Commencement
Ceremony
Iowa Events Center
Hy-Vee Hall B
Badge and Robe
Return

CALENDAR

APRIL 14

Good Friday
Campus closes at Noon

April 17

Extended deadline for Auxiliary
and Nursing Alumni Scholarships
to 5 p.m. Monday

April 21

Alumni CEU Workshop -
Cardiovascular Health in Women
8:30 a.m. - Noon
SC Rm. 210

APRIL 28

Last day of term
Spring Commencement

May 8

First day of class for Liberal
Arts and Sciences (Session 1)
First day of class for Summer
Professional Program

May 12

Fall Scholarship Application
Deadline (other than Auxiliary and
Nursing Alumni)

Last Day to Drop Summer
(Session I) Classes with Refund

May 29

Memorial Day
NO CLASSES

May 31

Last Day to Drop Summer
Session I Classes

June 12

First day of class for
10-week Science Session

Summer Library Hours

Starting **May 8th**, the library hours will be the following:

Monday-Thursday	7:30 am-9:30pm
Friday	7:30 am-4:30 pm
Saturday	9am-2pm
Sunday	CLOSED



Diversity corner

A Successful Event

Mercy College hosted the annual Celebrating Diversity in Health care Day on March 31, 2006. Middle and high school students, school counselors and principals, community leaders and others interested in diversity attended the event. We had a great turnout for a very informative program, with 130 attendees.



Pictured above are the student panelists from left to right: Denise Williams, Vivian Phabmixay, Skywalker Payne, Amanda Mason, and Marqueta Bibbins

Mercy College's Associate of Science in Nursing Program Accredited for 8 years

The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) has awarded Mercy College of Health Sciences' Associate of Science in Nursing Program continuing accreditation for 8 years. The NLNAC accreditation demonstrates a continued interest in having this program measured against the highest national standards of quality in nursing education.

"The review process for this program is rigorous," says Mercy College Dean of Nursing Shirley Beaver. She wants to be sure to thank everyone who had a part in the positive outcomes. "It is the teamwork of the entire faculty and staff of Mercy College," she says. "It starts with recruiting the students, admitting the students and continues with the entire faculty in teaching the courses and providing excellent opportunities for the students. Not only nursing, but liberal arts, library, and facilities. It's definitely a team effort to offer an excellent program."



King scholarship recipients pose with Lt. Gov. Pederson. Left to Right: Jonnell Marion, Sterling Cannaday, Michelle Bobo, Skywalker Payne

Mercy College's Payne Receives Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Fund, Inc. announced that Skywalker Payne, a nursing student at Mercy College of Health Sciences in Des Moines, is among 10 Iowa minority students that have been awarded a King Scholarship for the 2006-07 academic year.

Lt. Governor Sally Pederson attended an announcement reception held at Mercy College on April 4.



Writing Group Tutoring

Sally VanderLinden

Tuesdays

8-9:30a.m.

12-1:00p.m.

Thursdays

12-1:00p.m.

3:30-5:00p.m.

No Tutoring on Thursday, April 27

Brennan Hall

Math/Chemistry Group Tutoring

Mike Harris

Mondays

2:00-4:00p.m.

Thursday

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Room: 123, Building #1

Nursing Medication Calculation Group Tutoring

1st - 3rd Semester Students

Mondays

4:30-5:30p.m.

Tuesdays

4:30-5:30p.m.

Room: BH131

4th - 5th Semester Students

By Appointment

Contact Nancy Tremmel at 643-6729
or ntremmel@mercydesmoines.org

Community Service Binder

LOOKING FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE IDEAS OR OPPORTUNITIES? Your advisor is a great source of information for community service. In addition to your advisor and Student Services Staff, a community service binder has been placed in the library as a resource for students needing some local contacts for community service.

Students are encouraged to add information if they are aware of other opportunities to serve.

Student Survey

THE SPRING 2006 STUDENT SURVEY on Survey Monkey is available for students through student email accounts. We strongly encourage all students to participate in the survey so we can continue to improve Mercy College.

Alumni CEU Workshop, Students Are Welcome

THE MERCY COLLEGE NURSING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION is proud to present Dr. Margaret Verhey, Beth Chia and Diane McIlhon who will present. Cardiovascular Health in Women, a Alumni CEU Event, on April 21, 2006. The event will be held on campus in the Sullivan Center Room 210 from 8:30 a.m. - Noon.

Students are welcome to attend and admission is free.

Any student interested must pre-registration by calling the Mercy Nurse at 243-2584 by April 17, 2006.

Mercy Idol

THE ALLIED HEALTH FACULTY ASSOCIATION sponsored *Mercy Idol* on Thursday, April 13.

Students gathered for food and karaoke. Awards were given out to the "Mercy Idol" and "Most Entertaining." Fun was had by all.



Students from Mercy Court, 4th floor were well represented.



Pictured left: Julie Hinzman, Associate of Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography won the "most entertaining" award.

Pictured right: Rachael Christenson, Associate of Science in Nursing, won the "Mercy Idol" award.

Severe Weather

If you're in the Sullivan Center, the appropriate locations to go in the event of severe weather are the following:

People on the first floor of the Sullivan Center should proceed to the Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Iowa Lecture Hall (SC-102). This room is very large and does not have windows. The receptionist will transfer telephone coverage to that room so that when the all clear is issued, we can spread the word.

For those on second floor, the general rule is to proceed to the hallway in Sullivan Center, away from windows at either end of the hall. Generally, you do not want to travel too far from classrooms on the second floor, because of the sudden nature of storms, you don't want to be caught near glass while trying to exit the second floor. Don't attempt to reach the lecture hall on first floor (too much glass exposure).

The all clear will be relayed by the facilities staff or after 5 p.m. staff members can contact the medical center operator (7-3121) for a status report on the all clear.

Other Locations for Severe Weather

Building 1 – proceed to the lower level student commons

Building 2 – proceed to the inner hallways away from glass

Brennan Hall – proceed to the inner hallway at the south end of the building

Epidemic of Mumps

Iowa is experiencing an epidemic of mumps, and about half of the cases are happening in college age people. Generally, mumps is a mild to moderate disease, but the complications can be serious. Since many college students have only been vaccinated with one dose of the mumps vaccine (MMR vaccine) rather than two, they are at greater risk of getting this disease. More information on mumps and this situation can be found at <http://www.idph.state.ia.us/adper/mumps.asp>

Scholarship Deadline Extension

Because of early College closing on April 14th, the deadline for scholarship applications for the Mercy Auxiliary and Nursing Alumni Association scholarships has been extended to 5 pm on April 17th.

New Faces in Student Senate

For the academic year of 2006-07 your new officials for student senate are:



Shelby Johnson
President
Associate of Science in Nursing student



Ann Oltrogge
Vice-President
Bachelor of Science in Nursing student



Courtney Cuthrell
Secretary
Bachelor of Science in Nursing student



Justin Boyd
Treasurer
Associate of Science in Nursing student