

MERCY NEWS

May 3, 2021



Welcome to Week 17 or EXAM WEEK!! Good Luck to All!! YOU DID IT!!!

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Commencement Plans – Toledo, May 7, 2021 at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral at 1pm and 4pm with limited guests. Please follow the guidelines sent by the Office of Student Records. (See special note re: Toledo ceremony).

Youngstown, May 10, 2021 at St. Columba Cathedral at 6pm with limited guests. Please follow the guidelines sent by the Office of Student Records and Darnell LaRosa. *(more on p. 4)*

Congratulations Graduates!!!

Nurses Week May 6-May 12, 2021!!!

Fall Plan Update: see p. 5

Mercy College Exam Week!

Welcome to Exam Week of the Spring 2021 semester. **This is the seventeenth week of on-campus activities that will take place in the skills labs, science labs, and simulation settings. Students will participate in their clinical and practicum experiences as directed by their faculty members (during exam week).**

Since we remain under pandemic protocol, all didactic/lecture content will continue in the online environment during spring semester (as directed during exam week).

Our college mission is to educate and inspire students to lead and to serve in the global community by living our values of compassion, excellence, human dignity, justice, sacredness of life, and service.

In the words of Catherine McAuley:

“We should be shining lamps, giving light to all around us.”



It is my sincere hope that you and your families are all well!

Safety and the health and well-being of everyone is first and foremost our top priority, which means that all safety plans must be followed to ensure a healthy environment.

Please continue to use all the safety and cleaning protocol by wiping surface areas, etc. Please continue to follow all signage that is in place.



Communication will be provided in weekly newsletters, president updates, Canvas, social media, and our website at www.mercycollege.edu/covid19.

Email is the official form of communication at the College!

EMERGENCY ALERTS

Please sign up for RAVE, the Mercy College emergency alert system.

Mercy College has partnered with Rave Wireless to provide an emergency alert system capable of delivering messages to your Mercy College and personal email addresses, as well as your land line and cell phone. Current students, faculty, and staff are automatically enrolled in Rave. To review or adjust your preferences visit <https://mercycollege.edu/student-affairs/rave-alert-system>

CURRENT COVID-19 NUMBERS

With spring allergy season upon us and the pandemic continuing – the College will provide the most current numbers (includes Toledo and Youngstown), noting that the numbers change frequently. As of May 2, 2021, 6 students are in COVID protocol with 0 COVID + under the direction of Jennifer Barber, college health nurse.

Since March 2020, there have been 100 COVID+ students with 100 approved to return to campus.

PLEASE DO NOT COME TO CAMPUS IF YOU HAVE COVID SYMPTOMS OR ARE RUNNING A FEVER OF 100 DEGREES OR HIGHER!!!

Campus Open with Safety Precautions in Place

Written by Dr. Susan Wajert

Toledo Directions for Entry

Enter Jefferson side of the building (grocery store type doors) with your face covering in place. Face coverings must **always** be worn while on campus unless alone in in a private office.

Please use good hand hygiene and/or hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizer stations are on walls and will be placed in classrooms and labs.

Anyone not following the guidelines will be subject to the Student Code of Conduct, and employees will be subject to Mercy Health HR guidelines.

If your temperature is 100 degrees or higher or you have COVID symptoms, please do not come to campus.



(Picture taken from halorecognition.com)
Celebrating Nurses Week May 6-May 12, 2021!!
Celebrating National Student Nurses Day on May 8, 2021!!
Thanks to all nursing caregivers for your dedication to the profession.

Cleaning supplies will be provided in all rooms – please clean work/study area before and after finishing work/student, etc.

Our wipes are from different suppliers so please read the directions for use.

Rad Tech students will follow **purple and pink** circles to their destinations: purple Jefferson and pink Madison.

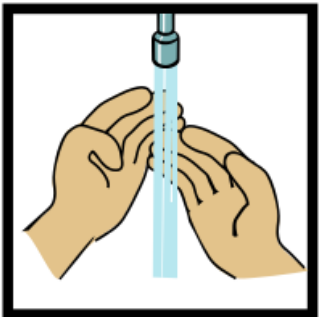
Science Lab students will follow **yellow** circles to their destination.

EMT/Paramedic students follow **orange** circles to their destination.

BLS and Polysomnographic students follow **red** circles to their destination.

Phlebotomy students follow **black** circles to their destination.

Nursing students follow **green** circles to their destination if on Jefferson second or third floor and follow **blue** circles to their destination if on Madison second, third, or fourth floor.



COMPUTER LAB AND STUDY CUBICLES

The **computer lab** on the sixth floor of Jefferson will be available from 8:30am-5:00pm Monday-Friday for student use. Please, urgent situations only and limit copying to 100 pages or less so that everyone may print.

Five computers have been moved to the study cubicle area with a second printer for those computers.

Study cubicles will be available for urgent situations only from 8:30am-5:00pm on the sixth floor of Jefferson.



PLEASE CLEAN YOUR WORK AREA BEFORE AND AFTER USE!! WIPES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED!!

PLEASE CHECK MONITORS FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

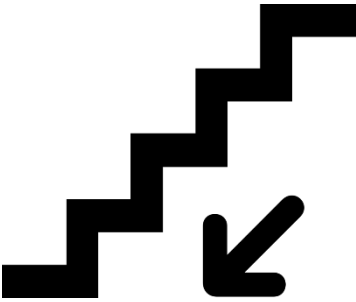


SAFETY FIRST



Please follow all signage on campus for

- Restrooms
- Stairwells
- Elevators
- Safety and Hygiene



Stairwells may be used to go down or for emergencies. Elevators should be used to go up. Limit is two per elevator car.

TOLEDO COLLEGE HOURS

Monday-Friday
8:30am-5:00pm



YOUNGSTOWN COLLEGE HOURS

Monday-Friday
8:30am-5:00pm

STUDENT SERVICES



All student services will be provided in the online/remote environment except urgent needs where an appointment is scheduled. All safety protocol must be followed in these circumstances.

All open/congregate spaces on-campus will be closed – no lounge accessibility, etc.



No congregating permitted.



YOUNGSTOWN
DIRECTIONS
FOR ENTRY

All Youngstown students are to enter the building through the rear door (from the Cardiac Health Center parking lot).

If using the stairwell going up, please stay at least six feet away from other students.

If you are going to the Skills Lab on second floor, exit the stairwell at the 2nd floor and proceed directly to the Skills Lab.

If you are going to the fourth floor Administrative Offices, take stairs to the 4th floor and exit the stairwell at the 4th floor.

You may also proceed to your destination using the elevator, only TWO students at a time in the elevator.

If your temperature is 100 degrees or higher, please do not come to the College and monitor for further COVID symptoms and contact your Primary Care Provider (PCP).

SPRING SEMESTER
ENDS!!

Spring semester is ending. The faculty, staff and administration wish everyone the best of luck during exam week.

Please reach out to the student success center if you need any assistance. The tutors and advisors stand at the ready to assist.



WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

Please visit the Mercy College webpage at www.mercycollege.edu/covid19 and review the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's). If you cannot find the answer to your question, please complete the Ask a Question form and submit. Someone will get back to you within 24-48 hours. Thank you.

Mercy Café Menu

May 3-May 7, 2021

The 2021–22 FAFSA® Form is Here!

Planning on attending Mercy College between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022? You will need to complete the 2021-22 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which is now open. The 2021-22 FAFSA application will be used for determining your financial aid beginning in summer 2021. You will report your 2019 tax information. There is no need to update the form after you complete your 2020 taxes. Apply now at www.fafsa.gov. Mercy College's school code is 030970-00. If you have questions, please contact the financial aid office at financialaid@mercycollege.edu and they will be happy to assist you.

Prayer Before an Examination

Dear Lord, as I take this exam, I thank you that my value Is not based on my performance, but on your great love for me. Come into my heart so that we can walk through this time together. Help me, not only with this test, but the many tests of life that are sure to come my way.

As I take this exam, bring back to my mind everything I studied and be gracious with what I have overlooked. Help me to remain focused and calm, confident in the facts and in my ability, and firm in the knowledge that no matter what happens today you are there with me.

- A Salesian Prayer (Taken from Xavier University website)

OTHER
OFFICES OPEN
FOR
ASSISTANCE

Please email the department that you need instead of calling. This will facilitate a faster response with all of the College offices. Department email addresses are:

studentsuccesscenter@mercycollege.edu

registrar@mercycollege.edu

financialaid@mercycollege.edu

bursar@mercycollege.edu

admissions@mercycollege.edu

CAFETERIA
HOURS
(Toledo)

Monday – Friday
7:30am-1:30pm

NO FOOD OR
BEVERAGES
PERMITTED IN
CLASSROOMS OR
LABS.

A water bottle or
water container is
permissible.

Youngstown
Location

CONGREGATE
SPACES



YOUNGSTOWN
LOCATION

CAFETERIA HOURS

See posted hours in
Youngstown.

Commencement Plans

Toledo – Commencement will be held on Friday, May 7, 2021 at Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral. Associate and Certificate candidates for graduation will participate in the 1pm ceremony along with their guests. Baccalaureate and Master candidates for graduation will participate in the 4pm ceremony along with their guests. Candidates for graduation (in full regalia) and their guests should come to the cathedral fully outfitted to participate in the commencement ceremony. You and your guests will be escorted to a reserved pew. Your honor cord, (*if applicable*), diploma or certificate and master hood will be placed in the pew. Hand sanitizer and Mercy College masks will be provided in the pews although all participants and their guests must be wearing a mask upon entry to the Cathedral. A photographer will be at the Cathedral to take pictures and depending on the COVID numbers at the time, the candidates for graduation will proceed to the front of the church with diploma in hand to have their picture taken with the College President and Chair of the Board of Trustees. A second picture will be taken (only) with the graduate at a separate location in the Cathedral. Once both photographs are taken the graduate will return to their seat.

A soloist will be present at the ceremony and we ask that all participants and their guests refrain from singing during the ceremony.

At the conclusion of the ceremony each family will be escorted from the Cathedral to avoid a mass exodus.

We thank you for your patience and understanding and look forward to a safe and healthy commencement ceremony for everyone.

SPECIAL NOTE: Rosary Cathedral is having repair work completed on the front of the church so the front entrance will be closed – Please use the side entrance (south door off the west parking lot) to enter the church to be escorted to your seat. This entrance is directly across from the school and parish office.) Thank you.

Youngstown – Commencement will be held on Monday, May 10, 2021 at St. Columba Cathedral at 6pm. Youngstown will only have one ceremony, but all other instructions apply as outlined for Toledo.

Live Stream Information for Toledo Graduation and Pinning Ceremonies

The 2021 Pinning ceremony will be broadcast from Gesu Parish Thursday, May 6, 2021 from 6-7pm.

<https://livestreamstoledo.com/mercy-college-pinning-cer>

The 2021 Mercy College of Ohio, Toledo Campus, May Commencement Ceremonies will be broadcast live from Our Lady, Most Holy Rosary Cathedral on May 7, 2021:

- for Associate and Certificate students from 1-2 p.m.
- for Baccalaureate and Graduate students from 4-5 p.m.

<https://livestreamstoledo.com/mercy-college-graduation>

Recordings of the events will be available at www.mercycollege.edu/graduation and for purchase.

Spring Textbook Buyback Event

The textbook buyback event for material purchased from Matthews will run from Monday, May 10, 2021, through Friday, May 28, 2021. It will be an online-only event, and there will be a link on the Matthews website with instructions about what you can sell back and how to go about it.

Mercy College Food Pantry

Not sure where your next meal is coming from? Struggling to put food on the table this semester? You're not alone. 1 in 3 Mercy College students have experienced food insecurity in the last 30 days. We can help. The Mercy College Food Pantry has food and resources available at any time. Find out more information at www.mercycollege.edu/foodpantry or contact us at foodpantry@mercycollege.edu.

Tell us how you're living out the Mercy College Values

We are creating a video highlighting our Mercy College Values and we want to hear from you! How have you been living out the Mercy College Values this past year? We want to include your stories, thoughts, and examples. Need a refresher on our Values? Visit www.mercycollege.edu/about/mission-vision-values.

You can share what our Values mean to you or it how you live them out. Perhaps you've practiced the value of Excellence by perfecting your banana bread recipe this year. Maybe you've practiced the value of service by volunteering to administer vaccines. You might have seen the value of Human Dignity as you worked with patients or colleagues. You can also share what the Values mean to you, if you don't have a specific example in mind. If you have a picture of yourself putting the Mercy College Values into practice, we'll take that too! You can submit your comments and thoughts at: <https://mercycollege.wufoo.com/forms/sl1enilzv1qtfyl7/>

The first 25 submissions that provide a comment for at least one Value and include their Mercy College email address will receive a \$5 gift card of their choice to Amazon or Starbucks, as a thank you. Survey responses are due by May 16, 2021.

If you have questions, please contact Annie Devine at annie.devine@mercycollege.edu

Board of Trustees approves tuition freeze until August 2023

Follow story using this link: <https://mercycollege.edu/news/mercy-college-extends-tuition-freeze-until-august-of-2023>

Summer Plans for On-campus activities

The College plans to continue with on-campus activities this summer with skills labs, simulation activities and science labs. All other work will be completed online or using digital mediated technology.

As a pilot this summer, the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) students will be meeting entirely in-person for classes and their skills labs and simulation activities. The Physician Assistant Program (MPAS) will be meeting in the online/remote environment.

The College will continue to be open Monday-Friday from 8:30am-5:00pm for those faculty/staff on rotations and for those who need to visit campus for other reasons. Students will also have accessibility to the printers and study cubicles on Jefferson 6th floor during these hours to print and study. Summer classes begin Monday, May 17, 2021. Welcome to two new programs this summer: Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) and Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS). Welcome to all students starting summer 2021 classes at Mercy College of Ohio.

Fall Plans for On-campus activities

Mercy College expects to increase its face-to-face on campus instruction for the fall 2021 semester. Plans are underway to provide a phased-in return following all health guidelines in place at the time. Mercy College will continue to monitor the latest information related to COVID-19 and communicate all updates to the College Community.

Mindwise, an online behavioral health screening, has launched

Mercy College has added a new, completely anonymous online tool to assist students, faculty and staff with screening their overall behavioral health - including mental health, substance use and more. The link to connect to Mindwise can be found on the [Counseling and Wellness page](#) on the Mercy College website as well in the [Student Success Center Module in Canvas](#) under Counseling and Wellness. Just click on the green button to begin. Participants will be directed to college, community, and online resources if desired. Please contact Ann Bair (Youngstown) or Suzanne Hall (Toledo) with any questions or concerns.