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Mount Mercy Awarded Iowa Commission of Persons with Disabilities Employer of the Year Award

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (Sept 16, 2009) – Mount Mercy College has been awarded the Iowa Commission of Persons with Disabilities Employer of the Year Award. Mount Mercy was nominated by Options of Linn County, a publically operated service provider dedicated to providing employment services to adults with disabilities. Mount Mercy is the second largest employer of Options, partnering with the non-profit since 1987.

Mount Mercy was the recipient of the 2007 and 2008 Employer of the Year Award, nominated by Goodwill of the Heartland. The Employer of the Year Award recognizes employers in the public or private sector for outstanding achievements in enhancing employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

Mount Mercy has a reputation for reaching out in service to those with disabilities. Mount Mercy's Best Buddies program pairs Mount Mercy students with persons with an intellectual disability, providing one-on-one friendship and the chance for persons with disabilities to benefit from a friendship outside of their own environment.

"Mount Mercy's distinct brand of faith-inspired education spreads into all aspects of the campus and surrounding community," says Mount Mercy President Christopher Blake. "We are honored to be recognized with this award and are proud of the role we play in helping all members of the community strive to reach their personal best."

Located in Cedar Rapids, Iowa Mount Mercy College is a vibrant co-educational Catholic institution offering baccalaureate and graduate education to more than 1,500 enrolled students. Mount Mercy uniquely blends liberal arts education with professional preparation, and encourages its students to strive for excellence through service to the common good, strategic communication, reflective judgment, and purposeful living.

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