

New Nursing Dean Lives Among Students

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If you live on campus you might have seen the new dean of the Martin-Herold College of Nursing, Chandice Covington. That's because she has chosen to live in Andreas Hall. She notes how in previous years, she has lived in all sorts of homes, in many different places, while enjoying those diverse experiences.

"I don't need the burden right now of a home, and a lawn, a long drive to work... I need a way to build exercise into my life without having to struggle to much," says Covington.

Covington is happy just living in a middle state like Iowa, which is between her four children and seven grandchildren.

A positive factor to choosing Mount Mercy University was the vegan options at the cafeteria, being able to take short, non-stop flights to see any of her family in the Midwest. Mount Mercy also linked up with her values. That there are basic human values, including, she notes, freedom of religion. After careful deliberation, she went with Mount Mercy.

Covington comes from a diverse, and prestigious background where she rubbed elbows with big donors and celebrities at UCLA. She worked on a Native American reservation as a nurse practitioner. She has been a tenured professor at several top ten nursing universities, and says she became a star wherever she went. She is bringing her passion for getting grants to Mount Mercy.

When discussing Martin-A Herold College's greatest strengths, Covington said among the top is the "Fantastic, dedicated, experienced and engaged faculty." She also noted that being

a now endowed college, the nursing school cannot afford to rest on its laurels, and Covington says it will not cease to strive.