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Mount Mercy University unveils the Sister Cora Marie Billings Diversity and Inclusivity Program

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa – During Mount Mercy University’s Martin Luther King Jr. celebration held on January 18, the Student Government Association unveiled the Sister Cora Marie Billings Diversity and Inclusivity Program.

“The Sister Cora Marie Billings Program Endowment is part of the first phase of our effort to create more inclusivity on campus, and we are allocating \$10,000 to begin this endowment,” said SGA President Emma Lantz. “It will support programs on campus such as this breakfast, speakers, or other events that foster community conversations and encourage unity at Mount Mercy.”

The announcement of this new endowment was a surprise to Sister Cora.

“Whatever I can do, just ask me and I will be there,” Sister Cora reacted. “Thank you for the trust you have put in me. Thank you for making me really responsible for what I need to be. Thank you.”

Readings, reflections, and music were also a part of the MLK celebration. Following the program, Cara Reilly, coordinator of volunteerism & service, shared service opportunities during the day for Mount Mercy students and staff.

Sister Cora was the keynote speaker.

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Located in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Mount Mercy University is *the* regional Catholic, Mercy University that promises students of diverse backgrounds, ages and faiths a challenging, practical education that inspires them to discover knowledge, build community and lead courageous lives. Mount Mercy offers baccalaureate and graduate education to 1,800+ enrolled students and uniquely blends an outstanding liberal arts education with equally outstanding professional preparation.