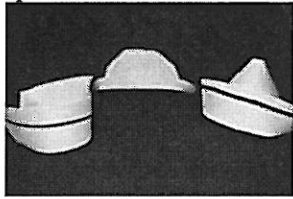


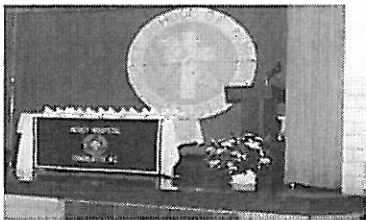
Sister Mary Julianna designed the first class ring in 1924. The design was changed in 1942 using a skull and crossbones on a black stone. This skull and crossbones design was replaced by a caduceus on a blue stone in 1953.



The first class wore a cap that they designed. It required starching and had many pleats. Due to the difficult and time consuming task of laundering and repleating the cap, it was redesigned in 1921 by Margaret Sharrock and was worn until 1967. In 1967, the official National Mercy cap was adopted and was worn until 1990 when caps were no longer required.



Students earned their caps and received them in a capping ceremony. In 1950 black bands were added to the cap to signify graduate status. In 1951, blue bands were used to distinguish senior nursing students. In 1963, junior students were given a burgundy band. Freshman students wore the cap without any adornment. Some of our graduates continue to purchase caps when they graduate and a small number still wear them as they care for clients.



The uniform worn by the first students was made of a blue striped material with long sleeves and reached to ankle length. A white bib and apron, white collar and cuffs were worn with the uniform.

In 1928, plain white uniforms were worn. In 1938 the uniform changed to short sleeves and seniors wore yellow emblems on their pockets. The Mercy blue emblem was added to the student uniforms in 1949. The uniform was changed to blue and white stripes and white apron in 1964.



In 1967 the uniform was changed to a blue pinstripe dress with a front apron to be removed when not in the clinical area.

