



A Flock of Bluejays

"Getting Blue" is downright fun for Creighton alumni, who join together for Creighton athletic events. Come cheer with us. Go Bluejays!

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About Us



The Office for Academic Excellence and Assessment (AEA) at Creighton University provides ongoing support and resources to enhance teacher effectiveness and student learning.

To learn more about faculty development programming, assessment, course design, student learning processes and/or effective teaching methods, or the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL), contact [Mary Ann Danielson](#) at 402.280.2535.

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UPDATE ON SERVICE-LEARNING

FROM THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND ASSESSMENT



LUNCHEON TO BENEFIT SERVICE AND JUSTICE TRIPS

The Creighton Center for Service and Justice (CCSJ) will host its annual **Soup Luncheon and Auction on Friday, Feb. 1, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**, to raise scholarship funds and other support for its popular service and justice trip program. The oral auction will be from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.

Since the first trip 30 years ago, some 12,000 students have participated in spring and fall service and justice trips – providing service and living simply in community at sites across the country. Need-based and leadership scholarships are awarded annually to qualifying students. *(Pictured above: Students volunteer at a homeless shelter in Albuquerque.)*

Student interest in the trips continues to grow. Last fall, 182 participants served and learned at 24 host partner sites. And, this spring, 135 students will work with 18 agencies and organizations in cities ranging from Omaha to Chicago, New Orleans, Detroit and St. Louis. For 79 students, this will be their first trip. Thirty-three students have been awarded need-based scholarships (for a total of \$6,000) and 36 peer facilitators have been awarded leadership scholarships (for a total of \$4,020).

For more information about the luncheon or to make a reservation, contact Wendy Maliszewski at 402.280.1290 or wendymal@creighton.edu.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATES



PRESIDENT'S HONOR ROLL FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

We are proud to report that more than 4,000 Creighton students engaged in more than 389,000 hours of community service in 2011-2012. Thank you to the almost 30 individuals from 22 different offices, colleges or schools who helped compile the data for our submission to the President's Honor Roll for Community Service in December.



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHTS

Featured this month are two programs, the **Cortina Community** and the **College of Business' Youth Leadership Omaha**, in which our students participate in making a difference in our community through service.

Cortina Community is an academic, service-based, intentional living-learning community for sophomores. Participants visit community partners weekly and volunteer at the same site throughout the semester. The Cortina program seeks to nurture growth in sophomores through the service of faith, the promotion of justice and well-educated solidarity within an intentional, residential community. Cortina currently partners with 17 different sites throughout Omaha and Council Bluffs. [Learn more.](#)

MICAH House, one of Cortina's community partners, is an emergency family homeless shelter. Cortina students stay at the same service site for an entire semester, enabling them to form relationships with the families. The students meet with the children while the parents take job readiness classes. By doing this, the Cortina students learn the complexity of poverty.

Youth Leadership Omaha (YLO) is an interactive leadership development program that informs, motivates and increases the awareness of selected high school sophomores through issue-oriented seminars and interaction with community decision-makers. The program is supported by the Creighton College of Business and the Anna Tyler Waite Leadership Program. Since its inception in 1992, the annual program has brought together a diverse group of 40 participants each year to examine their schools, neighborhoods, ethnicities, faiths, leadership skills and life experiences. [Learn more.](#)

METROPOLITAN COALITION FOR SERVICE-LEARNING NEWS



ABOUT THE COALITION

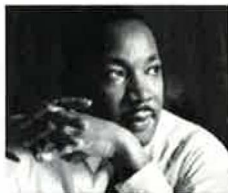
Creighton University is a member of the Metro Area Service-Learning Coalition. The Coalition seeks to: (1) increase collaboration and share selected service-learning programming among nine metro-area universities; (2) offer coordinated programming on a selected topic each semester; and (3) bring university and college resources to bear in educating students and the public about selected significant local,

national and international issues.

SHARING THE VISION

UNMC will host the Sharing the Vision Conference April 19-20 in Omaha. The conference will serve to facilitate communication among faculty preceptors, leaders and supporters of student-run clinics for underserved populations. [Learn more and register.](#)

CAMPUS EVENTS



CELEBRATING DR. KING

Join the campus community in celebrating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during a week-long series of events Jan. 21-25. [Learn more.](#)



PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT

Project Homeless Connect is a one-day event that serves as a "one-stop shop," connecting homeless individuals to needed services, including: housing, healthcare, legal resources, Social Security, food-stamp benefits and employment. Project Homeless Connect Omaha 2013 will be held at the Creighton Kiewit Fitness Center on March 22. Registration for volunteers is now open. [Learn more.](#)



SUPPORT PROJECT CURA

Project CURA is a School of Medicine organization that sends medical students and supplies across the world to provide free medical care. Savor the Flavor is the primary fundraiser for Project CURA. Featuring a silent auction and ethnic food from each CURA country, the event will be held Friday, Feb. 1, beginning at 6 p.m., at the Harper Center, Ahmanson Ballroom. Tickets in advance are \$30 for adults and \$10 for students. Tickets at the door are \$35 for adults and \$12 for students. Dress is cocktail attire. For tickets, e-mail SavorTheFlavor.CURA@gmail.com.



GIVING KIDS A SMILE

Creighton's School of Dentistry will offer free preventive dental care and education for 100 uninsured metro-area children on Saturday, Feb. 2. The event is held in conjunction with National Children's Dental Health Month. [Learn more.](#)



HEARTS ON FIRE

Campus Ministry hosts Hearts on Fire on Sunday, Feb. 10, from 3 to 4 p.m., with presenter John Parsons, founder of the Omaha Street School. [Learn more.](#)

RECOMMENDED READING

DEVELOPING TEACHERS WHO ARE JUSTICE-ORIENTED



The article *Developing Justice-Oriented Teachers: Reciprocal Mentoring in Marginalized Communities*, written by Joan Armon and Elizabeth Grassi of Regis University, offers insight into preservice teachers' cultural and environmental awareness of local injustices while building their knowledge and skills as future teachers of diverse students. However, all faculty interested in teacher-activism and who honor perspectives and assets of diverse people in classrooms, schoolyards and communities will benefit from [reading this article](#).

UPCOMING CONFERENCES



[IMPACT National Conference](#), Feb. 18-24, 2013, Albuquerque.

[24th Annual National Service-Learning Conference](#), March 13-15, 2013, Denver.

[Sharing the Vision](#), April 19-20, 2013, Omaha.

[National Conference on Volunteering and Service](#), June 19-21, 2013, Arlington, Va.

[Reinvigorating our Process of Discovery: Research and Best Practices in Service-Learning and Civic Engagement](#), Nov. 6-8, 2013, Omaha.

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