

March/April 2014

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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HEALTH LITERACY EVENT SPONSORED BY MACSL

Join us for an afternoon dedicated to the development of collaborative health literacy service learning projects. Connect and network with engaged faculty and staff from metro-area institutions and numerous community partners. Build relationships with the goal of expanding healthcare access in our local community.

Hosted by the Metropolitan Area Coalition for Service Learning (MACSL), the program, "The New Age of Healthcare: Expanding Community Access through Health Literacy," will be held on Thursday, April 3, from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at University of Nebraska at Omaha, Community Engagement Center, 2nd Floor,

newsletter [here](#).

Room 205. (Reserved event parking, Lot E, University Drive North-north of bell tower)

1:30 p.m. — Registration/Check-in

2 p.m. — Health Communication and Health Literacy; Keynote speaker: Dr. Denise Britigan, University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Public Health

3 p.m. — Breakout Session Options: Policy, Practice and Promotion

4 p.m. — Networking reception with Community Partners and Faculty/Staff from Institutions

[Register today!](#)

MACSL Institutions in partnership include: College of Saint Mary, Metropolitan Community College, Nebraska Methodist College, University of Nebraska at Omaha, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Iowa Western Community College and Creighton University

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATES

PRESIDENT'S HONOR ROLL

The Office of Academic Excellence and Assessment is accepting and gathering 2012-2013 service-learning institutional data to submit for the 2014 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll program, managed by the Corporation for National and Community Service. The Honor Roll recognizes higher education institutions in four categories: general community service, interfaith community service, economic opportunity and education.

If you are in a position that gathered 2012-2013 institutional data on service-learning and community service, please contact [Mary Ann Danielson](#) or [Michele King](#) to ensure the data is reported in the Honor Roll report.

Deadline for submission of institutional data is today (Monday, March 31).



Creighton University has participated in the [President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll](#) since it launched in 2006. The Honor Roll annually highlights the role colleges and universities play in solving community problems and placing more students on a lifelong path of civic engagement by recognizing institutions that achieve meaningful, measurable outcomes in the communities they serve.

Last year, our joint efforts in collecting the service-learning data was instrumental to the communication of

the success of more than 4,000 Creighton students engaged in more than 389,000 hours of community service in 2011-2012. Creighton University has been named in the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll since 2006.



PROGRAM/COURSE SPOTLIGHTS

Continuing our series highlighting the programs/courses in which our students have participated in service, we feature the **Water Quality Program 2014** and the **Multicultural Enrichment Institute**.

The Water Quality Program 2014 is lead by the Institute for Latin American Concern (ILAC) and will be held May 12 through June 6, 2014.

Students visit rural *campos* to analyze water samples and correct problems with water filters. Following the analysis, students return to the *campo* to explain the results and educate the Dominicans about correct usage and maintenance habits.

By working with the Dominicans, this program has the ability to impact the current and future health of rural communities.

Students experience service that is not about serving the community, but rather about serving with the community and creating a shared sense of dignity and accomplishment.

For more information contact: Professor [Gary Michels](#), Ph.D., (chemistry).

The Multicultural Enrichment Institute (MEI) is a joint partnership between the Office of Student Success, Welcome Week and the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

The Institute is an educational day dedicated to new, first-year students of color attending Creighton University.

MEI includes sessions such as "Communicating with your Faculty," cultural activities, information on how to communicate via email and instant messaging, how to join a cultural student organization, strategies on how to be successful at Creighton, and

resources available to students via the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

[More information.](#)

CAMPUS EVENTS

HAND-IN-HAND DONATION REQUEST

Hand-in-Hand is an annual event that invites adults with developmental disabilities to campus for an afternoon of fun. They are partnered with Creighton students and take part in activities put on by student organizations, such as bingo, karaoke, a photo booth, games, crafts and more. The event will be held on Sunday, April 6, from 1-4 p.m., in the Skutt Student Center, Mutual of Omaha Ballroom. Donations such as movie gift cards, bath sets, sports equipment and household items, etc., are needed for door prizes. Items do not need to be anymore than \$10-\$20 in value. Deadline for donations is April 2. Questions can be directed to [Katherine Johnson](#) or [Jennifer Kennedy-Croft](#).



[More Information](#)

CREIGHTON CLEAN UP

Each year Inter Residence Hall Government sponsors one of the campus' largest spring events, a campus-wide day of service to benefit our community partners called Creighton Clean Up. This year Creighton Clean Up will be Saturday, April 12, beginning at 8 a.m. This is a truly special opportunity to give back to the Omaha community. Contact IRHGpresident@creighton.edu to participate or for more information.



SUNDAES ON SUNDAYS

Held periodically throughout the semester, Faith and Food is a time for members of the Creighton community to come together to discuss and share ideas on featured topics in religion and spirituality. Not a debate forum, nor a formal class, these events give people the opportunity to listen to the wide range of views of current issues. Topics in the past have included Faith and Violence, Faith and Women, and Understandings of Sacred Texts. The next Faith and Food will be held Sunday, April 13, 9:30 p.m., Lower St. John's Church. For more information, contact [Jennifer Kennedy-Croft](#), campus minister.



RECOMMENDED READING

2011-2012 PRESIDENT'S HONOR ROLL REPORT

The 2013 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll recipients were announced at the American Council on Education's 95th Annual Meeting, "Leading Change," on March 4, 2013, in Washington, D.C. The Honor Roll annually highlights the role colleges and universities play in solving community problems and placing more students on a lifelong path of civic engagement by recognizing institutions that achieve meaningful, measurable outcomes in the communities they serve. [Read full 2011-2012 recipient report.](#)



COMMUNITY CONTACTS

LATINO CENTER OF THE MIDLANDS

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Volunteers are welcome at the Latino Center of the Midlands. Areas in need of volunteers include: adult basic education, minority parent engagement services, community services and technical assistance. To get involved, complete the Application for Volunteer Position. [More information.](#)

SACRED HEART MINISTRY CENTER



Volunteers are essential to operations at the Heart Ministry Center as their service makes a difference in the lives of people throughout the community. Volunteers are needed to: sort and stock donations, answer phones, pick up and deliver donations, enter and process data, make food pantry bags and more. To volunteer your time and talents, please fill out the [online form](#) or contact John at 402.451.2321 at the [Sacred Heart Ministry Center.](#)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NEW PUBLICATION ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS

The International Journal of Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement (IJRSLCE) is an open-access, peer-reviewed online journal that features high-quality research focused on campus-community



engagement, service-learning and the promotion of active citizenship through education.

This new publication is now accepting submissions for its fall 2014 issue. The journal is multidisciplinary and draws upon literature and contributions from numerous fields, including education, psychology, political science and sociology.

The editorial board invites manuscript submissions to the following four sections: research articles, theoretical or conceptual articles, review articles and book reviews. Submission deadline: May 15. [More information.](#)

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

[25th Annual National Service-Learning Conference](#), April 9-12, Washington, D.C.

The Midwestern Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, April 11-12, hosted by Creighton University. More information, contact [Brandon Leppke](#).

[2014 Upper Midwest Civic Engagement Summit](#), June 12-13, Menominee, Wis.

[National Conference on Volunteering and Service](#), June 16-18, Atlanta, Ga.

[2014 International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement \(IARSLCE\)](#), Sept. 29-Oct. 1, New Orleans, La.

[Assessment Institute 2014](#), Oct. 19-21, Indianapolis, Ind.



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