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UPDATE ON SERVICE-LEARNING

FROM THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND ASSESSMENT

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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.



UNIVERSITY COLLEAGUES ATTEND MACSL-SPONSORED EVENT

Creighton is a member of the Metropolitan-Area Coalition for Service-Learning (MACSL), along with representatives from the College of Saint Mary, Metropolitan Community College, Nebraska Methodist College, University of Nebraska at Omaha, University of Nebraska Medical Center and Iowa Western Community College.

The coalition seeks to: (1) increase collaboration and share selected service-learning programming among seven metro-area universities; (2) offer coordinated programming on a selected topic

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each semester; and (3) bring university and college resources together in educating students and the public about selected significant local, national and international issues.

In April, Creighton colleagues attended the immersion program **“The New Age of Healthcare: Expanding Community Access through Health Literacy,”** at the University of Nebraska at Omaha Community Engagement Center, sponsored by MACSL. Comments from those in attendance:

“I enjoyed hearing the keynote speaker, Dr. Denise Britigan, University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Public Health, discuss health literacy. The breakout sessions on policy, practice and promotion were rich with discussion. I benefitted from the [health literacy resource handout](#) with useful web links.”

“The speaker was fabulous and the event was really well done and helpful. I will incorporate information from the immersion into my coursework to aid in ensuring students understand the health literacy subject which I am teaching.”

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATES

PRESIDENT'S HONOR ROLL

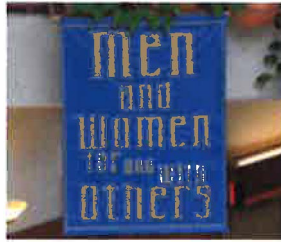
The Office of Academic Excellence and Assessment gathered and submitted the 2012-2013 service-learning institutional data for the 2014 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll program, managed by the Corporation for National and Community Service. The Honor Roll recognizes higher education institutions in four categories: general community service, interfaith community service, economic opportunity and education. A special thank you to the individuals from offices, colleges and schools who helped compile the data for our 2012-2013 submission.



Last year, our joint effort in collecting the service-learning data was instrumental to the communication of the success of **more than 4,750 Creighton students engaged in more than 471,000 hours of community service in 2012-2013** — an all-time high in our reporting. For the first time, Creighton reported more than 2,500 students engaged in academic service-learning. For more information, contact [Mary Ann Danielson](#), 402.280.2535.

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.



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHTS

Continuing our series highlighting the programs in which our students have participated in service, we feature the **Give and Go: Move Out 2014** and the **Street Law** programs.

The Sustainability Council, Department of Residence Life and the Inter Residence Hall Government partner with Keep America Beautiful and Goodwill in the national **Give and Go: Move Out 2014** program. The program is designed to put to "good re-use" items students don't want as they leave campus for the summer. During May 7-10, special donation bins will be strategically placed across campus for students to use while cleaning out their residence hall rooms. [Learn more.](#)

Also, a special thank you to **John and Shirley Walker** and others for all the work they have done over the years with their "**Creightonians Helping the Less Fortunate**" program. For more than 10 years, they developed a robust program to collect, sort and donate materials left behind by the students in the residence halls at the end of the school year. By doing this, they saved many thousands of pounds of materials from the landfills while providing much-needed goods to charities across Omaha. You can read more about the Walkers and their program in this [article from the Omaha World-Herald.](#)

Creighton's Street Law program provides an opportunity for law students to serve the public and the community while in law school. A unique blend of content and methodology, Street Law uses interactive techniques that promote cooperative learning, critical thinking and the ability to participate in a democratic society. The Creighton model focuses on community-based topics of timely and particular interest to the students. In teams of two, law students travel to local middle and high schools and teach students some of the basics of law. [More information.](#) Questions? Contact professor [Palma Strand](#), 402.280.3592.

HONORS AND AWARDS

STUDENT NONPROFIT NOMINATED FOR NATIONAL AWARD

Heider College of Business freshman Madelyn McGlynn and her four Creighton alumni sisters, Kathleen, Margaret, Mary Claire and Maura, formed a foundation called [NETwork Against Malaria](#) that tackles the disease by providing mosquito nets for families. Since its inception in 2007, NETwork Against Malaria has distributed 23,500 nets, enlisted the help of over 40,000 volunteers in 38 chapters across the country and raised \$140,000 to fight malaria's deadly effects.

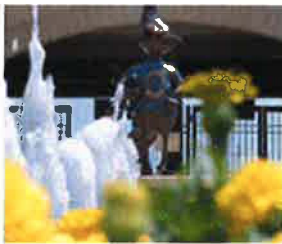


On March 26, NETwork Against Malaria was announced as one of the 27 finalists for the CLASSY Award. The award recognizes social innovators who seek solutions to social problems. It is the largest social impact awards ceremony in the United States, recognizing efforts in various categories like education advancement, health services and poverty and hunger relief. In May, McGlynn and her sisters will travel to San Diego for the annual CLASSY Awards weekend and ceremony. [More information.](#)

The McGlynn sisters were featured in the Fall/Winter 2010 issue of *Creighton University Magazine*. You can read that story [here](#).

CREIGHTON RECOGNIZED FOR SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS

The Princeton Review listed Creighton University as one of 322 colleges with a strong commitment to the environment and sustainability in its [Guide to 322 Green Colleges](#). Creighton is the only school listed from Nebraska. The schools were selected based on results from an annual survey of administrators at hundreds of four-year colleges. Data about course offerings and the environmental and sustainability-related policies and practices were analyzed.



CAMPUS EVENTS

SALVATION ARMY BACK TO



SCHOOL BACKPACK CAMPAIGN

The Staff Advisory Council is trying to collect 5,000 boxes of crayons through May 30 for the Salvation Army Back to School Backpack Campaign. The crayons will be included in backpacks with other donated items and given to local youth. [More information.](#)



ALL NATIONS POW-WOW

The 10th annual All Nations Pow-Wow was held at Creighton in April, with 2,000 participants and 17 tribal nations celebrating their heritage in traditional song and dance. With more than 100 volunteers, the Pow-Wow, presented by Creighton's Office of Multicultural Affairs and Native American Association, is one of the largest student-coordinated events on campus.

RECOMMENDED READING



IGNATIAN VALUES AND REFLECTIVE PRACTICES

The University Assessment Committee offered programming in 2013-2014 on student learning and engagement with a focus on Ignatian values and reflective practices. University faculty and colleagues created and provided useful resources and program materials in the ["Discerning the Journey: Assessing Ignatian Values"](#) and ["Weaving Reflective Practices into Student Learning"](#) workshops. Those resources are now available to the campus via Dropbox by clicking on the links above.

COMMUNITY CONTACTS



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DISASTER ACTION TEAM

American Red Cross Disaster Action Team volunteers respond to single-family fires 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Volunteers work on an on-call basis, according to their schedules. The Disaster Action Team provides support for affected families, as well as emergency workers on scene. To learn more, contact [Nathan Woodruff](#), 402.441.6391, operations manager, at Red Cross in Omaha.

HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS



NEEDED

Alegent Creighton Health Creighton University Medical Center is seeking adult volunteers to help in various areas of the hospital. If you like to meet new and interesting people, have a servant's heart, and have some time to spare, you are invited to apply to become a hospital volunteer. [More information/apply.](#)

ONGOING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



At the [Boys and Girls Clubs of the Midlands](#), volunteers are always needed for such activities as tutoring, athletic coaching, mentoring, accounting, fundraising, groundskeeping, working as camp staff, or helping with homework, art classes, field trips, etc. For more information and to volunteer, contact [Josh Towey](#), volunteer coordinator, 712.347.2308.

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.](#)

AWARD NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

The International Association for



Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement (IARSLCE) is accepting nominations for the following [2014 awards](#). Nominations are being accepted for the Distinguished Research Award, Early Career Research Award, Dissertation Award, and Graduate Student Scholarships, with nominations due May 30. Awardees will be recognized at the 2014 IARSLCE conference, Sept. 29-Oct. 1, in New Orleans. [Conference details](#).

UPCOMING CONFERENCES



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

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

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

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