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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, effective teaching methods, and/or the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL), contact [Mary Ann Danielson](#) at 402.280.2535.

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CREIGHTON CENTER FOR SERVICE AND JUSTICE RECEIVES 2014 ROOTS OF JUSTICE AWARD

The Creighton Center for Service and Justice received the [2014 Roots of Justice Award](#) from Nebraska Appleseed on Thursday, October 2, 2014. The Roots of Justice Award recognizes grassroots advocates who have made outstanding contributions to justice, provided opportunities for all Nebraskans and have helped build a stronger community. On behalf of the university, Ken Reed-Bouley, director for the Creighton Center for Service and Justice, accepted the award. [Watch acceptance speech](#).

For more than 20 years, [Creighton Center for Service and Justice](#) (CCSJ) has worked on such key issues as economic justice, peace and nonviolence, and environmental justice. Through their work, students connect with direct service, justice education, and advocacy opportunities while promoting "reflection and action." These experiences empower students to continue service work in the community and promote justice well beyond their Creighton education.

HONORS AND AWARDS



STUDENT ENGAGEMENT LEADS TO TOP RANKING IN WASHINGTON MONTHLY

Creighton University is ranked #1 in the Best Master's Universities category in the 2014 Washington Monthly College Rankings.

Washington Monthly's college rankings measure institutions based on three criteria: civic engagement, research and social mobility.

The indicators of Creighton's commitment in the three criteria include:

More than 4740 Creighton students engaged in more than 471,000 hours of community service—an all-time high, as reported to the President's Community Service Honor Roll. For the first time, Creighton reported more than 2,500 students engaged in academic service-learning. Service-learning is a key component of the curriculum.

[Read about the other criteria and full article.](#)

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATES

RECOMMENDED READING

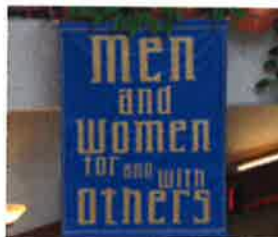
The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) recently issued the following reports on volunteering and service.



The [Volunteering and Civic Life in America](#) annual research report shows that volunteering in the U.S. remains a strong component of the fabric of our nation across generations, enriching both our communities and those who serve.

CNCS supports collaboration among national, state, and local entities. View the [National Service in Your State – Nebraska](#) report.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHTS



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.

Continuing our series highlighting the programs in which our students have participated in service, we feature the **Community Economic Development Clinic** and **Porto Urgent Care Clinic** programs.

The [Community Economic Development \(CED\) Clinic](#) through Creighton University [School of Law](#) provides vital experience for third-year law students—and free legal assistance for micro-enterprise entrepreneurs and nonprofit groups who cannot afford or access legal services. Students gain critical experience and provide services to encourage economic growth. [For more information.](#)

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The Creighton University [School of Pharmacy and Health Professions OISSE office](#) coordinates interprofessional service opportunities with many local community partners. The [Porto Urgent Care Clinic](#), at the [Heart Ministry Center](#), was created by Ann Franco Laughlin, Ph.D., associate professor in the School of Nursing and 2013 recipient of the Mary Lucretia and Sara Emily Creighton Award. As a nurse practitioner, she realized the needs and benefits of treating clients with acute health care problems at no cost every week.

The Center offers dental services to provide triage care to patients. Pharmacists volunteer their time to consult patients on issues related to their medication as well as to operate a prescription assistance fund. Physical Therapy faculty and students provide services to clients in need of physical therapy.

METRO-AREA COALITION FOR SERVICE-LEARNING NEWS

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

Sustainability is the theme for 2014. Look for email announcements on sustainability programs.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Books are Treats Event

(FREE books)

Sunday, Oct. 26; 1-4 p.m.

Old Market; 11th & Howard Streets (in front of Spaghetti Works)

Sponsored by Metropolitan Community College, AIT Worldwide and

AmeriCorps in collaboration with the Old Market Business Association and Metro Transit. [More information.](#)



Bridge to Care Refugee Health Fair

Saturday, Nov. 8; 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.;
Monroe Middle School

For [more information](#) contact [Laura Vinson](#). Sponsored by University of Nebraska Medical Center, COPH, SLA.

The American Nurse-Healing America Film

(viewing and panel discussion)

Tuesday, Nov. 18; 7:00 p.m.; [Film](#)

[Streams](#). [Watch film trailer.](#)

Registration announcement coming soon. Cost: \$7 per person. Program sponsored by The Center for Health Partnerships in coordination with Nebraska Methodist College.

CAMPUS EVENTS

SERVICE AND JUSTICE TRIPS



Service and Justice Trips are week-long trips (except 5 day local Omaha trips) during Fall and Spring break on which students serve and learn with one of several community partner hosts across the country. During the trip, students engage in a variety of service experiences, learn about local social justice issues, and have a blast getting to know other Creighton students.

The Fall 2014 [Service and Justice Trips](#) are scheduled for Oct. 17-25. For more information contact [Jeff Peak](#).

SERVICE AND JUSTICE VOLUNTEER FAIR

The Service and Justice Volunteer Fair held Wednesday, Sept. 10, 1-4 p.m., Harper Center, Ahmanson Ballroom proved to be beneficial for all attendees. More than 70 community partners and agencies shared with students, faculty, and staff what needs there are in the community and how a class, student organization, or an individual can meet the needs of the community.



Ken Reed-Bouley, director of the Center for Service and Justice, said he believes the fair was a success this year.

"I think this is a great way to start the year, in terms of Creighton's mission, to try to bring together the community, and for students to see that their classroom extends beyond the physical campus of Creighton to include all of Omaha," Reed-Bouley said. "If the community benefits, then we all benefit."

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO OLDER ADULTS



Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging (ENOA) provides programs, case management services, community services, and counseling to older adults in Nebraska, to ensure they live independently, with dignity, and remain for as long as possible in their own homes. To volunteer in one of the many program, contact [ENOA](#).

BE AN ADVOCATE FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES



For more than 60 years, families have counted on [Ollie Webb Center, Inc.](#) for assistance, advice, advocacy and services when it comes to helping a family member with developmental or intellectual disabilities. The services and support offered by Ollie Webb Center, Inc. will be there for families on their entire journey. At every level, volunteers make an impact. For more information and to volunteer, contact [Lisa Dougherty](#) at 402.346.5220, ext. 22.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

[IMPACT National Conference](#), Feb. 19-22, 2015, Los Angeles. Look for additional information in future newsletters.



[2nd Annual International Service-Learning Workshop](#) hosted by the [Institute for Sustainable International Studies](#), Dec. 13-18, 2014, Punta Gorda, Belize. **Registration Deadline: October 17.**

[Annual Service Engagement Summit](#), March 26-27, 2015, Indianapolis.

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