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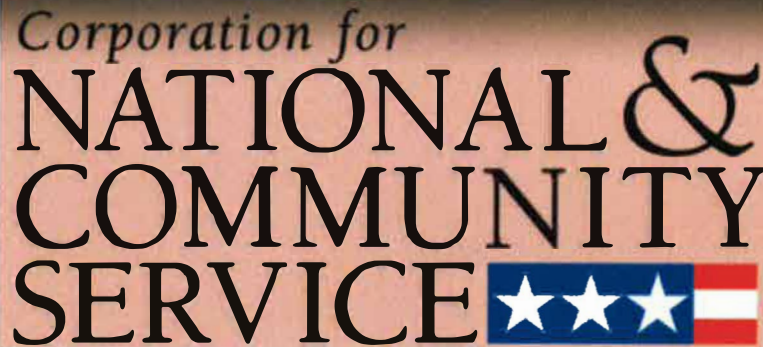
The Office of Academic Excellence and Assessment (AEA) is dedicated to Creighton University's commitment to excellence in teaching and student learning by offering faculty and staff the opportunity to:

Imagine...the Opportunities.
Reflect...on Best Practices.
Collaborate...with Campus Colleagues.
Transform...Student Learning.

Creighton University exists for students and learning. Faculty and staff pursue an excellence in teaching and student learning that extends beyond the brick and mortar of our classrooms into the communities in which we live, to include service learning.

Contact AEA to learn more about service learning processes, faculty development programming, assessment, course design, effective teaching methods, and/or the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL).

Find past issues of this newsletter [here](#).



2015 REPORT ON PRESIDENT'S HONOR ROLL

Creighton University has participated in the [President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll](#) since it launched in 2006 and recognized "With Distinction" in 2014 (previously 2007).

Thank you to the many individuals from different offices, colleges and schools who helped compile the data for our submission to the President's Honor Roll for Community Service.

Creighton University proudly reported **more than 1 million total student service hours for the reporting year (2013-2014)**. The actual number is 1,084,601 hours. The report shows that **4,520 Creighton students engaged in academic, co-curricular or community service; 65% (2,921) of Creighton students engaged in some form of academic service-learning and 3,571 students participated in more than 20 hours of service in a given semester.**

For more information, contact [Mary Ann Danielson](#) at 402.280.2535



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Continuing our series highlighting the programs in which our students have participated in service, we feature **OISSE Project Homeless Connect Omaha and Cortina Community** programs.

One of the [Office for Interprofessional Scholarship, Service and Education](#) (OISSE) flagship interprofessional engagement programs is Project Homeless Connect Omaha (PHCO), a one-day outreach program for homeless people in Omaha. PHCO took place on Friday, March 27, 2015.



Since inception, OISSE has strived to integrate interprofessional education and pedagogy into the PHCO model. Consequently, OISSE professional staff members, Dr. Ann Ryan Haddad, and Dr. Joy Doll supported Dr. Rusch as she served as the IOR for the IPE 413 course "Developing Care for a Vulnerable Population: An Interprofessional Collaborative Approach for Health Promotion." This course was adapted to support the concept of an interprofessional student leadership team designed to facilitate the health screening services for PHCO. [Read in-depth article on OISSE Grows Interprofessional Service Learning: Project Homeless Connect Omaha Highlighted.](#)

The [Cortina Community](#) is an academic, service-based, living-learning community within the Department of Residence Life that nurtures growth in students through service of faith, the promotion of justices and the well-educated solidarity within an intentional residential community. The program, which takes place during the academic year, focuses on the academic and service experiences in the Omaha community. Students participate in weekly community discussions and service, coupled with retreats, immersions, speakers, and more, to facilitate an understanding of the self in relation to a call to do justice in the context of community. [Learn more.](#) [Watch program video.](#)



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.

Creighton University will host the May meeting, scheduled for May 13; 11:30-1; Brandeis 112.

Sustainability is the theme for 2015.

SUSTAINABILITY AND SUSTENANCE (THE FUTURE OF FOOD)

Register to join faculty and staff from across the metropolitan area at the [Sustainability and Sustenance \(the future of food\) Program](#); Tues., Aug. 18; 8-1:30; at Nebraska Methodist College. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn, discuss, and engage in conversations about food and sustainability in the Omaha area. Program highlights include a panel presentation, two site visits, and a networking lunch.



Creighton registrations are limited. If interested, contact [Mary Emmer](#) at 402.280.1190 to register by May 18. The program is co-sponsored by: [The Center for Health Partnerships at Nebraska Methodist College](#) and the [Service-Learning Program at College of Saint Mary](#).



Julie Kalkowski, director of The [Financial Hope Collaborative](#), has been named one of [The Women's Center for Advancement Ten Distinguished Women of 2015](#). This award is a tribute to the women who make a difference in Omaha. Julie will be honored at the WCA's annual tribute to women event in June.



The [School of Dentistry](#) honored the community service efforts of more than half of the 2015 graduating class at a luncheon April 17. Forty-two students were given certificates noting their hours of dedication to a wide variety of programs. Dental students and faculty serve the community at the Special Olympics, Operation Smile Miles, Give Kids a Smile, the Child Oral Health Collaborative (led by Building Healthy Futures with the School of Dentistry as one of the partners and including the programs Healthy Smiles and Dental Care Coordination), Project Homeless Connect, St. Francis Dental Clinic on the Rosebud Reservation, Impressions and Oral Cancer Screening and Explorer Post. Students also participate in regular rotations at the [Creighton Dental Clinic](#).



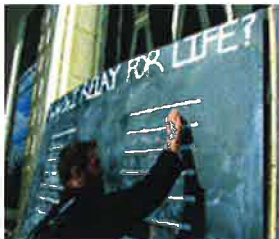
The Institute for [Latin American Concern](#) (ILAC) program is currently hosting the Creighton physical therapy rotation which includes 17 students and 16 professionals. Students are providing daily service at nine therapy service sites in and around the city of Santiago. Students are expected to make over 300 patient contacts during their four-week program in the Dominican Republic. Students engage in regular reflection on their experience and participate in an immersion with a rural Dominican family. ILAC is also currently hosting 15 students from St. Albert's High School from Council Bluffs.



This year's [Creighton Clean-Up](#), hosted by [Inter Residence Hall Government](#), was a huge success. In coordination with the AJCU's National Jesuit Day of Service, Creighton had over 220 students, faculty and staff participate in this half-day community-wide service event with visits to 14 community organizations. Creighton Clean Up collaborated with Alumni Relations' Hunger Collaborative to provide service opportunities with Creighton alumni.



The [Creighton Doctor of Occupational Therapy Class of 2016](#) and [Love Your Melon](#), an organization created to provide hats and therapeutic events for children undergoing cancer treatment, were highlighted by [WOWT](#) on a March 27 visit to Children's Hospital and Medical Center. This visit was the culmination of a service initiative started in November 2014. The team exceeded a 50-for-50 challenge goal of providing a hat to a child with cancer for every hat sold, selling 170 hats in total.



This year was [Creighton's 13th Relay for Life](#) and we had another record-breaking year. The organization raised \$85,000 and had 1,240 participants. Three cancer researchers presented on current cancer research projects and 30 cancer survivors from the Omaha community were honored. Creighton Colleges Against Cancer recently was the winner of the March Mission Challenge for colon cancer awareness, competing against other college campuses.

CAMPUS EVENTS



GIVE AND GO 2015

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 2015](#) 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 6-8, special donation bins were strategically placed across campus for students to use while cleaning out their residence hall rooms. [Learn more](#). In 2014, the program collected 80,000 pounds of materials and in 2013, the program collected 40,000 pounds of material to be re-purposed and/or re-used.

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](#).

ALL-NATIONS POW WOW

Creighton University's [Native American Association](#) and the [Office of Multicultural Affairs](#) hosted the **11th Annual All-Nations Pow Wow** in April. In addition to featuring the unveiling of Creighton's first tipi, the event included: 60 APO students helping with the set-up/tear-down of the event; students from the Markoe Leadership Program; students from the Women's Journey program; and 119 other students at large who came to the event. The event also included 13 drum groups from the Midwest.



RECOMMENDED WEBINAR SERIES



The [International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Service](#) (IARSLCE) will host a second webinar in the Advancing Research Webinar Series, "*Five Distinctive Components of GSL: Framing a Research Agenda*," presented by Eric Hartman and Richard Kiely on **May 19; 12 Noon**

CDT. During the webinar, presenters Dr. Eric Hartman and Dr. Richard Kiely will share their understanding of the distinctive characteristics of the field of global service-learning, clarify the theoretical roots of these distinctive characteristics, and share reflection regarding promising opportunities for current and future research. This webinar will draw on the presenters' considerable research, facilitation, and field-building specific to global service-learning. [Register for Webinar.](#)

The first webinar, "*Getting Service-Learning Research and and Community-Engaged Scholarship Published,*" presented by Jeffrey Howard, editor of the Michigan Journal of Community Service Learning, can be accessed online at [IARSLCE's YouTube channel.](#)

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

ADOPT-A-PARK



**KEEP OMAHA
BEAUTIFUL**

[Keep Omaha Beautiful, Inc.](#), has been working for over 50 years with litter reduction, beautification and environmental education. Volunteers are needed to help clean, beautify and maintain a park location near your association, school or home. Keep Omaha Beautiful, Inc. will supply bags, equipment or gloves if needed. [For more information.](#)

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Do you know how to perform basic construction tasks? Do you like working with groups? Your help is needed on the construction site. As a volunteer you will learn new skills and – of course – build a beautiful home! For more information to volunteer at [Habitat for Humanity](#), contact [Turner Morgan.](#)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CALL FOR RESEARCH FELLOWS

[Campus Compact](#) is launching a project to develop a better understanding of the competencies and professional development practices of community engagement professionals. The research aspects of this project, including review of literature and data collection, will be completed by a corps of Research Fellows in the summer and early fall of 2015. Research Fellows' work will be coordinated by Lina Dostilio, director of the [Center for Community-Engaged Teaching and Research at Duquesne University](#) and is a program of the Graduate Student Network of the International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement. You need not be a graduate student to participate: the opportunity is an inclusive invitation to those who are interested. For those interested in being a Research Fellow, please submit a statement of interest (a brief description of your interest in the project and previous research experience or explanation of where you are in your graduate coursework) via email to [Lina Dostilio](#) by Friday, June 5th.



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AWARD NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN



[International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement](#) (IARSLCE) is accepting nominations for the following 2015 awards. A new award category being recognized this year is the Community-Engaged Research Team Recognition. Nominations due June 12. Awardees will be recognized at the 2015 IARSLCE conference, Nov. 16-18; Boston, MA. [Conference information.](#)

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

[2015 Upper Midwest Civic Engagement Summit](#), June 9-10, 2015, St. Peter, MN.



[National Conference on Volunteering and Service](#), Oct. 19-21, 2015, Houston, TX.

[International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement \(IARSLCE\)](#), Nov. 16-18, 2015, Boston, MA.

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