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UPDATE ON SERVICE-LEARNING

FROM THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND ASSESSMENT

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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,



SERVICE LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT SYMPOSIUM

The third annual University Assessment Symposium “*Service Learning and Assessment through an Ignatian Lens*” celebrated evidence of engaged student learning, showcased the depth and breadth of service-learning and assessment activities across the university, and highlighted the advanced curricular and co-curricular assessment efforts at Creighton. The Symposium offered an opportunity for rich academic discourse and engaged discussion of “**high impact practices in service-learning and assessment.**”

Over 85 Creighton colleagues attended the Symposium. The program, included 23 poster presentations with a Creighton Libraries table and keynote presentation by Dr. Patrick Green, Director of the Center for Experiential Learning, Loyola University Chicago on “Excellence in Learning and Teaching: How the Ignatian Paradigm Informs Service-Learning and Assessment.”

The presentation provided:

assessment, course design, effective teaching methods, and/or the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL).

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

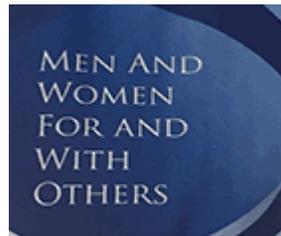
- an increased understanding of how to develop, refine and produce evidence of student learning in the area of service learning, keeping Ignatian pedagogy and tradition as the lens;
- information to implement collaborative practices and efforts in the area of service learning between curricular and co-curricular areas of the university;
- additional creative ways to advance service learning among less-traditional areas of study or across modalities for learning; and
- Provided tools to apply to the formation of a robust service-learning program that serves the entire university.

[Watch keynote presentation and access presentation slides.](#) | [Access program and poster PDFs.](#)

[View previous symposium resources include keynote presentation and poster PDFs.](#)

- “Making Purposeful Change” (Fall 2015 Symposium)
- “Creating a Culture of Learning” (Spring 2015 Symposium)

For over 19 years, the [University Assessment Committee](#) and the [Office for Academic Excellence and Assessment](#) offer programs that facilitate and assess student learning in an integrated culture of assessment consistent with the Creighton mission. The combined efforts coordinate assessment at the University level; represent all academic and co-curricular areas in articulating an integrative assessment program; and provide feedback and assistance to programs, colleges and schools to advance efforts to enhance University support for assessment.



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Continuing our series highlighting the programs in which our students have participated in service, we feature the **Milton R. Abrahams Legal Clinic** and the **School of Dentistry Healthy Smiles Program**.

The [Milton R. Abrahams Legal Clinic](#), the civil practice clinic at Creighton University School of Law, provides invaluable experience for law students—and free legal assistance on civil matters for low-income residents of Douglas County, Nebraska. Students are involved in all aspects of a client’s case, from the initial client intake, to the identification of legal needs, the preparation of legal documents, and even representation of clients in court. Creighton School of Law students learn about the range of legal issues that arise from inequalities within our society and the challenges lawyers face representing clients with serious educational, economic, intellectual, cultural and psychological disadvantages. [More information.](#)





The [School of Dentistry, Healthy Smiles Program](#) provides preventive dental services to Omaha community schools. For 2015-2016, dental students visited 10 schools twice a year. The impetus for the program was the need to address the existing oral health disparities in the community. [More information.](#)

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.



ELECTION CONVERSATIONS

College of Saint Mary to host a series on Election topics to boost Millennial voter turnout.

- Election Night Event on Nov. 8 at 8:00 p.m.

[More information.](#) | To register contact [Kristin Mattson.](#)

CAMPUS NEWS AND EVENTS

STUDENT STORIES SHARED FROM FALL BREAK SERVICE TRIP LUNCHEON

Join the [Collaborative Ministry Office](#), in partnership with the



[Schlegel Center for Service and Justice](#), for an inspiring lunch to listen to the stories of our students who have returned from their Fall Break Service Trips. They share how their fall break touched them and what they learned from those they encountered.

Wednesday, Nov. 2; 11:30-12:30;
Lower St. John's Parish Hall
Complimentary lunch will be served, beginning at 11:15 a.m. [Register to attend program.](#)

VETERANS CARE PACKAGE DRIVE

The [Office of Military and Veterans Affairs](#) is coordinating a **campus-wide care package drive Nov. 7 through Veterans Day, Nov. 11**, in support of service members currently deployed overseas.



Through [Adopt a US Soldier and Project Frontlines](#), we have adopted the 67th Armor Regiment which is a unit comprised of approximately 50 soldiers presently deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. The unit's wants/needs from us are: personal hygiene items, DVD movies, snacks, cookies, and candy. [More information.](#)

If there are questions regarding the effort or you need to arrange an alternative drop-off time, please contact [Jenni Austin](#) at 402.280.4910.

JUSTICE IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

["Justice in the Global Economy"](#) is a Jesuit report issued this year to give direction to Christians in their economic considerations and practices. The introduction explains building inclusive and sustainable



communities; that is communities that allow everyone to share in the wealth accumulated by generations, with special concern for the most vulnerable, and communities that are committed to protect the environment. This is the challenge taken up in this document.

Professor Gene Lacznik, Sanders Emeritus Professor of Marketing at Marquette University will facilitate a discussion on the issue on **Monday, Nov. 7; 12:30; Harper 3023**. Please contact [Andy Gustafson](#) with any questions regarding the program.

OPUS PRIZE PROGRAM AND REGISTRATION

In partnership with Creighton University, the [Opus Prize](#), the world's most prestigious faith-based humanitarian award, will be given during a ceremony at the Holland Center on Thursday, Nov. 17 at 7:00 p.m.



[Learn more about activities being held during Nov. 14-17 related to the Opus Prize.](#)

Register to attend:

- [the award ceremony on Nov. 17; 7:00 p.m.; Holland Center](#)
- [the campus sponsored events during the week of Nov. 14-17](#)

COAT DRIVE FOR YATES COMMUNITY CENTER



The Yates Community Center, a Creighton community partner, is collecting coats (sizes infant through adult large). **Coats can be dropped off at SCSJ (Harper 2067) and the Global Engagement Office (Creighton Hall 324).** The goal is to collect 500 coats by November 18. Please contact [Vincent Salazar](#) with questions.



SCSJ 2017 SOUP LUNCHEON AND AUCTION

Save-the-Date: Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017 for the 2017 Soup Luncheon and Auctions. The program will include: 11:00 silent auction; 11:30 lunch; and 12:10 live auction. All proceed to benefit the [Service and Justice Trips Program](#).

RECOMMENDED READING



In the [International Journal of Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement \(IJRSLCE\)](#), Vol. 3, No. 1, the article, [The Emerging 360 Degree Model](#) for Global Citizenship Education presents a formal approach for developing students into well-equipped global citizens. This model provides a framework for creating educational environments and academic coursework that promotes global citizenship education. Qualitative and quantitative data from student surveys and reflective essays offer information on students' growth in global citizenship understandings.

UPCOMING NEWS TO SHARE

SHARE YOUR NEWS

It is energizing to witness the students become "men and women for others" on their educational journey at Creighton University. To that, AEA would like to continue in the spirit, by inviting you to share information on service that will be taking place in your division/college/school during the spring 2016 semester, focusing on:

- campus events (are you hosting any campus event which incorporates service-learning activity?)
- course work (are you incorporating a service-learning event or activity to your fall schedule)
- recommended reading (any service-learning article that you've recently read that would benefit the Creighton community)



- upcoming conferences (any upcoming conference in your area related to service-learning?)
- community connections (any outside organization/non-profits you are working with on upcoming events which may need volunteers?)

To submit information or if you have questions, contact [Mary Emmer](#) at 402.280.1190.

REQUEST FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS AND MANUSCRIPTS



Nominations are now being accepted for the [2017 John P. Schlegel, SJ, Diversity Award](#), which recognizes and celebrates innovative and/or effective initiatives to support and advance diversity at Creighton University. [Nomination Application](#). **Deadline: Nov. 7.** The award will be presented to awardees at the 2017 Martin Luther King Recognition Ceremony on Jan. 16.

Proposals are now being accepted for the [Conference on Volunteering and Service](#); June 19-21, 2017, Seattle, WA. [Proposal Information | Application](#). **Submission deadline: Nov. 11.**

COMMUNITY CONTACTS



ROAD TO RECOVERY

The [American Cancer Society](#) is seeking volunteers for the Road To Recovery program. The program provides transportation to cancer patients to and from their treatments. [More information](#). [To volunteer](#).



SENIOR HELP PROGRAM

[Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging](#) (ENOA) Senior Help program assists older adults to preserve their independence. Volunteers help as personal visitor/companion, home maintenance, household assistance, and other projects. [More information.](#) [To volunteer.](#)



HOLIDAY HELPERS 2016

The [Open Door Mission](#) is looking for volunteers to sort and bag, unwrapped new toys in preparation for Project Santa. Dates and times available November through early December. [Learn more.](#) [Register to volunteer.](#)

UPCOMING CONFERENCES



[IMPACT National Conference](#), Feb. 16-19, 2017, St. Louis, MO.

[National Service-Learning Conference](#), March 22-24, 2017, Anaheim, CA.

[Conference on Volunteering and Service](#), June 19-21, 2017, Seattle, WA.

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