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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,

UPDATE ON SERVICE-LEARNING

FROM THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND ASSESSMENT



PRESIDENT'S HONOR ROLL UPDATE

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

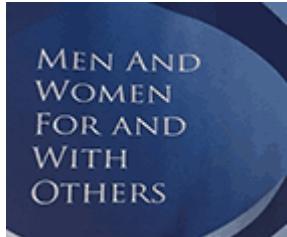
The 2015 submission status has been announced. Creighton University did receive recognition for the report which stated **more than 1 million total student service hours for the reporting year (2013-2014)**. The actual number is 1,084,601 hours. The report shows that **4,520 Creighton students engaged 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.**

The 2016 submission has yet to be announced. Creighton University reported **more than 1.25 million total student service hours for the reporting year (2014-2015)**. The actual number is 1,338,234 hours. The report shows that **4,799 Creighton students engaged in academic, co-curricular or community service; 72% (3,470) of those Creighton students engaged in some form of academic service-learning and 3,736 students participated in more than 20 hours of service in a given semester.**

and/or the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL).

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

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. 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 the **Global Connections and Engagement in Omaha** and the **School of Medicine's Magis Clinic**.



Global Connections and Engagement in Omaha is a [Creighton Global Initiative Project](#) that offers a variety of volunteer opportunities with [Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska](#) (LFS) and their collaborators. On July 8, the [Schlegel Center for Service and Justice](#) launched their weekly program that also includes education and promotions components. As of mid-September, 40 members of the Creighton community have contributed 172 service hours towards refugee resettlement.

Creighton students, faculty and staff are invited to sign up for the Friday service projects to help prepare a refugee home. [For more information](#). If you have questions, please contact [Kelly Tadeo Orbik](#).



The **School of Medicine's Magis Clinic** is a student-led effort to provide free healthcare and referrals to existing community services. It is the only free medical clinic in Omaha open on Saturdays that treats homeless men, women, children and the medically uninsured. Since its inception in October 2004, the clinic has been dedicated to providing the standard of care to those they serve, cooperating with other healthcare providers, instilling in patients a sense of value for one's own health, and fostering in students a lifelong commitment to service. [Program services](#).

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 hosted the September meeting and is participating in the coalition's "Community Impact" survey project.

ELECTION CONVERSATIONS

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



- Getting Involved in the 2016 Election on Oct. 5 at noon.
- Death Penalty Initiative on Oct 18 at 9:30 a.m.
- Expanding the Political Power of Young Nebraskans on Oct. 26 at 4 p.m.
- Gender and Elected Office Panel Discussion TBD
- Election Night Event on Nov. 8 at 8:00 p.m.

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

CAMPUS NEWS AND EVENTS

LAKOTA IMMERSION-MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The Lakota immersion-mentorship program is an opportunity for faculty and staff to work with Lakota high school students who are preparing for college. Mentors will also visit historical and cultural sites on the Pine Ridge



and Rosebud reservations and engage in a dialogue with Lakota students currently enrolled at Creighton ,as well as with other Lakota living on the reservations. We will work with students at Red Cloud High School, a Jesuit high school on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

[Learn more about mentor requirements.](#) Costs are covered for those participating.

For more information or if you are interested in participating, please contact [Jenny Tilleman, PharmD](#).

IMMERSION WITH COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE-LEARNING

Creighton colleagues who interested in learning about community-based service-learning in an international context for use in your discipline or school, we encourage you to please apply for the Creighton Global Initiative program. Travel to the DR/Haiti will occur for the duration of the 2017 Spring Break. There are 12 spots open.



[More information.](#) | [To apply.](#)
Applicants will be informed of a decision by October 15. Please Contact [Dr. Tom Kelly](#) or [Pam Yenko](#) with any questions.

NEBRASKA WOMEN IN HIGHER EDUCATION LEADERSHIP

Registration is now open for the 2016 NHWEL Conference, "Leading in Changing Times: Past, Present, and Future." **The NHWEL Conference will be held on Friday, Oct. 21 from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the College of Saint Mary campus.** Conference fees (\$45 faculty/staff and \$25 student) include breakfast and lunch.



Creighton conference presenters:
Faith Kurtyka, Ph.D, Assistant Professor of English, and **Tierney Powell**, M.A. Graduate Student
Candace D. Bloomquist, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Interdisciplinary Ed.D. Program in Leadership and **Fallon Watts**, M.S. Graduate Student

Amy Mayer, OTD, OTR/L, Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy; **Andrea Thinnes**, OTD, OTR/L, Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy; and **Katie Wadas Thalken**, M.Ed., Associate Director for Academic Success, Doctoral Student.

[View Program. | Conference Registration](#). For more information, contact [Mary Ann Danielson](#).

RECOMMENDED READING

The [Journal of Service-Learning in Higher Education](#), Vol. 5, Issue 1, contains two articles of interest:



[*Fostering Student Credibility through Sustainable Engagement Initiatives: The Service-, Operative-, and Lecture-Learning \(SOLL\) Model*](#) multi-disciplinary programs are growing and serve an integral role in fostering knowledge transfer among disciplines and the community. The integrative framework of the SOLL model summarized is one way in which to meet the multi-disciplinary needs.

[*International Service-Learning: Common Goals and Issues Among Programs Across Disciplines*](#) article presents a review of twelve studies on the effectiveness of international service-learning projects. The findings suggest that programs set goals that are not always readily met, and therefore, a few recommendations have been made for improvement.

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



Call for Papers to the [2016 CNCs Research Summit](#), Dec. 14-15, Washington, DC. **Submission deadline: Oct. 7.**

Proposals are now being accepted for the [Conference on Higher Education Pedagogy](#); Feb. 15-17, 2017, Blacksburg, VA. **Submission deadline: Oct. 14.**

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

ADOPT-A-PARK



[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.](#)

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.

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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