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As we prepare for the upcoming winter months, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank you for everything you do. Your contributions are critical to the success of the university. Although we're all busy, it was nice to be able to enjoy some rest and relaxation together at the recent 'Fun Day' event. I'm happy Mail/Card services was able to participate alongside Facilities Management for the afternoon. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at next year's Fun Day.

As I mentioned during the Fun Day event, Facilities Management and Mail Services will be moving to a new location over the next few months. The current schedule has the Facilities Management Administrative Staff currently in the Jelinek Building moving to the new location (1006 North 20th Street) by the end of 2018. Purchasing will move from the Jelinek Building into the lower level of the Linn Building. Mail Services will move from Murphy to our new location on North 20th Street. The skilled trades will move out of Jelinek to our location in Spring of 2019. These moves help clear valuable real estate needed to improve student support.

Our Department takes care of Creighton with amazing agility. Be sure and take care of yourself as well! Open Enrollment is just around the corner, please review your information and options for coverage so you can make any necessary changes between November 1-16. If you have questions or need help, please reach out to your Supervisor or Human Resources.

Thank you again for your service to Creighton University and its students.

Derek M. Scott

AVP for Facilities Management

President's Update

Daniel Hendrickson, Office of the President Messages to Campus
October 29, 2018

As we continue to enjoy the beautiful fall weather and the last days of October, please allow me to update you on a few items, including tomorrow's visit by Dr. Madeleine Albright and Gen. Colin Powell, strategic planning campus forums, a construction update regarding the mall east of 24th street, recent awards made through the Creighton Global Initiative, and a new endowed chair in the College of Arts and Sciences.

The final 2018 event of the Creighton 140 Presidential Lecture Series will occur Tuesday evening in the Ryan Center, as we welcome Dr. Albright and Gen. Powell to address issues facing our country and the world. CNN correspondent Suzanne Malveaux will serve as moderator for the evening event. I wish we could have accommodated everyone wishing to attend, but nearly the entire audience, which is expected to number more than 2,500, will be Creighton faculty, staff, students, and alumni.



In order to accommodate as many people as possible, a standby entrance line will be organized north to south along the 19th street sidewalk just west of the Ryan Center. You can learn more about this in Creighton Today.

It would be wonderful for Dr. Albright and Gen. Powell to see members of our campus community upon their arrival at the Harper Center at 3:30 p.m. If you would like to welcome our distinguished visitors, they will be entering the building through the doors closest to the front desk where our students are located. No individual photos with the speakers will be allowed, but you are welcome to take photos and say hello as they move toward classrooms, where they will be meeting with Creighton students prior to evening activities commencing.

Regarding strategic planning forums, which continue through November, I highly encourage you to participate as much as possible in order to learn more about the progress being made on plan goals. Please [click here](#) to view upcoming sessions, and thank you for participating in the forums that have occurred over the past week.

I have been asked by many individuals about the schedule for completing the mall renovation from 24th street to the Harper Center. Twenty-three rain delay days this fall have caused issues for the workers, but they are hard at work trying to beat freezing temperatures for cement pouring and settling.

The section currently under construction from the law school to the Harper Center is scheduled to be completed this calendar year. We are working to coordinate the schedule for the contractor's temporary shutdown of work over the winter. Our goal is to have the mall reopened to pedestrian traffic during the temporary shutdown phase of the contract.

Please look for additional updates from Facilities as the project continues.

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I am pleased to announce that several projects have received funding during the 2018 cycle of the ongoing Creighton Global Initiative, which was founded during my first year as president.

Curriculum Integration:

“Academic Service-Learning Faculty Training Program” (Tom Kelly, PhD, Daniel Walsh, and Catherine Medici-Thiermann – Office of Academic Service-Learning)

President’s Global Research Fund:

“Develop Sustainable Partnership in Professional Education and Practice for Health Sciences Students: Comprehensive Assessment of China Honors Interprofessional Program (CHIP)” (Keli Mu, PhD, Yongyue Qi, Angela Patterson, OTD, Bobbi Greiner, OTD, and Margaret Schumacher, DPT – SPAHP)

“International Conference on Human Trafficking Research (ICHTR)” (Terry Clark, PhD, Crysta Price, and Jennifer Bossard, PhD – College of Arts and Sciences / Heider College of Business / Doane University)

Visiting International Scholar Fund:

“Judge Dragoljub Popovic (European Human Rights Court) Teaching Fall 2018” (Michael Kelly, JD, and Rachel Goedken, JD, School of Law)

The 2018 CGI cycle remains open. Details for application are available online [here](#).

Today I am also announcing that Carol M. Zuegner, PhD, associate professor and department chair in Journalism, Media, and Computing, will be the inaugural holder of the Joella Cohen Endowed Chair in Journalism in the College of Arts and Sciences. The appointment is for an initial period of three years, beginning Jan. 1, 2019, and ending Dec. 31, 2021.

The Joella Cohen Endowed Chair in Journalism was funded through the estate of Ms. Cohen, BS’48. Ms. Cohen was an Omaha native and an ardent supporter of the University. The chair has been established to recognize a faculty member with a record of excellence in the teaching of journalism and in research or creative activity related to the broad field of journalism and media.

The chair will emphasize the teacher-scholar model that serves as the basis for the Jesuit education offered at Creighton University. The chair will also support excellence in the discipline by encouraging the next generation of journalism, media, and computing students and aligning programming dedicated to conducting teaching, research, and creative activity with insight and innovation.

Congratulations to Dr. Zuegner for this outstanding and well-deserved recognition.

I look forward to seeing many of you Tuesday evening in the Ryan Center or on campus in the weeks prior to the Thanksgiving break.

Sincerely,

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ

Notes from HR

General Benefit Updates and Announcements

Open enrollment dates for your 2019 benefit elections is Nov. 1-16

Look for more benefit information in Creighton Today, under [HR Corner](#), or on the benefit website at <http://www.creighton.edu/hr/benefits/>

Have You Moved Within the Past Year?

If so, Please make sure to update your address in [myHR](#) to receive important benefit mailings and year-end tax forms.

Winter Break Time Card Submission Dates

In order to ensure payment of checks on Friday, December 28, timecards must be submitted on Wednesday, December 19, by end of day including anticipated time worked on December 20-21. If the hours differ than what was submitted please contact payroll so the adjustment can be made for next pay period.

Managers must approve timecards by Thursday, December 20 by noon.

Campus Notes

Parking Information: 18th and Burt

Creighton Today

– September 27, 2018 Posted in: Headlines

Each day, many vehicles park in the center of 18th Street between the Jelinek Building and the Mystery Manor. This section of 18th Street south of Burt Street is often used by patrons of the Rasmussen Center; however, this is not a Creighton parking area—it is a city street and parking is not authorized in the middle of the street. The City of Omaha can and does cite vehicles parked there and also could immobilize or tow vehicles that are parked there. If you receive a citation while parked there, call 402-444-PARK (7275) to reach Park Omaha staff. If you discover that your car has been immobilized or towed, call the Omaha Vehicle Impound Facility at 402-444-5782. It is located at 7809 F Street. More information is available at <https://parkomaha.com/services/citations>.

Campus Announcements

Save The Date: Sustainability Forum on November 13th

Curating the Earth System: Building an Interdisciplinary Public History Exhibit on the Anthropocene

Tuesday, November 13, 2018
Noon - 1 p.m.
Skutt Student Center Room 104



Featuring: Dr. Adam Sundberg (Assistant Professor of History and Digital Humanities), Emma Sundberg (Curator of Collections, Durham Museum), Rebecca Hare (Mathematics and Secondary Education, CU '19)

The Anthropocene is a proposed new geological epoch. It makes the claim that humans have become a geophysical force in the earth system. This argument has significant environmental, history, and ethical implications, but what does evidence of the Anthropocene look like? The students of EVS/HIS 488: Global Environmental History have worked with the Durham Museum to build a physical and digital exhibit demonstrating that we are surrounded by that evidence. Three presenters will discuss the benefits and challenges of this type of collaborative, interdisciplinary research in public history and environmental studies.

Mary J. Duda, MS, CHMM
Chemical Coordinator
Environmental Health and Safety

A Tree Campus USA University

<http://www.creighton.edu/sustainability/awardsandaffiliations/>

We are celebrating 10 years of excellence! Creighton University continues to be named a "Tree Campus USA University" for its dedication to campus forestry management and environmental stewardship by the Arbor Day Foundation. Creighton is one of the inaugural Tree Campus USA honorees and has been honored every year since 2008. We are committed to promoting healthy trees and engaging students, faculty, and staff in the spirit of conservation.



Campus Announcements Cont.

5th Annual Spirit of St. Francis Sustainability Awards

<http://www.creighton.edu/sustainability/awardsandaffiliations/>

The 5th Annual Spirit of St. Francis Sustainability Awards were presented on October 4, 2018. The winners are listed below and are pictured left to right.

Jess Benjamin, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Fine and Performing Arts

Jess Benjamin was awarded the 2018 Spirit of St. Francis Faculty/Staff Award for her work on *Metamorphosis*, the *Sayaka Ganz Reclaimed Plastic* exhibit. As director of Creighton's Lied Art Gallery, Jess brought together Creighton students, faculty, staff, and alumni, as well as members of the Omaha Community to produce a high profile and deeply impactful exhibit by artist Sayaka Ganz. This project combined reclaimed plastic sculpture with education and advocacy for sustainable consumption practices. It also had a secondary lasting legacy; the Ganz exhibit incentivized recycling among Creighton faculty in the Fine and Performing Arts and prompted public demand at Lauritzen Gardens for recycling bins. The important and broad educational impact of the Ganz exhibit was due, in no small part, to Jess's commitment to sustainability education and her creative vision for how to engage the Creighton community.



Patrick Marta, CSU President, Class of 2019

The 2018 Spirit of St. Francis Student Award was presented to Patrick Marta. Patrick received multiple nominations for his work, and each nomination highlighted his enthusiastic and collaborative commitment to sustainability at Creighton over the past year. They noted that "Patrick is a true leader and demonstrates the Jesuit Charism of being a contemplative in action."

Dasha Sudar, Coordinator for Adult Learners, Educational Opportunity Center

Dasha Sudar was presented with the 2018 Spirit of St. Francis Community Partner Award for her work at Creighton University's Education Opportunity Center. Dasha has demonstrated exemplary leadership in holistically advancing sustainability goals for the EOC. These include the establishment of a speaker series that brought community sustainability leaders to campus to build partnerships with first generation and low-income adult participants. In the words of her nominator, "Dasha is passionate about sustainability and has worked hard to create opportunities to integrate campus partners as well as those in the community into her plans."

Fall Coat Drive to Support Refugee Families

October 1 - December 3

Now accepting gently used and new coats.

Donation Boxes are located in:

- Schlegel Center for Service and Justice
- Creighton Residence Hall Lobbies
- Campus Ministry Lobby
- Reiner Memorial Library
- Global Engagement Office
- Mutual of Omaha Lounge
- Skutt Student Center
- Lied Center

Campus Announcements

Veterans Day Care Package Drive

November 7 - 9

Join this effort to show our support, offer gratitude and encourage continued strength of the men and women defending our freedom abroad.

Donation Requests:

Snacks, drink mixes for water bottles, energy bars, jerky, nuts, trail mix, cookies, gum, candy, sunflower seeds, hot sauce, toothpicks, toiletries, Q-tips, baby wipes, and/or games. Personal notes are welcomed, too.

Please note: Refrain from any aerosols as they may not be shipped. Items do not need to be packaged for shipping. The Office of Military and Veteran Affairs will combine the donations for efficient shipment.

Drop Off Donation At:

Please drop off items during regular office hours.

Criss 1 Entrance
Hixson Lied Room G06
Creighton Hall, Suite 236
Creighton Hall, Suite 324
School of Dentistry, Suite 327A
Harper, Suite 4011
Jelinek Building Lobby
Bergan Mercy, Room 21321

Facilities Management Announcements

Facilities Holiday Potluck

Please see your supervisor or the front desk for a food sign up sheet.

Be sure to get signed up by December 10th.

Wednesday, December 12, 2018
11:30AM –1:00PM
3E Facilities Management Building
1006 N 20th Street
Omaha, NE 68102

Wellness Updates

Now that you are done with your SimplyWell Member Health Assessment and Biometric Screening, what's next? Check out this short webinar that will take you through how to check your results, connect with a coach and earn points so you can be entered into the quarterly wellness drawings:

<http://www.brainshark.com/Creighton/vu?pi=zH8z6Ykyez33Hkz0>

Putting Down Roots

In early October, members of Creighton's Landscape crew led six student and staff volunteers in a planting event in cooperation with the student group Putting Down Roots and the Staff Advisory Council.

Staff and volunteers planted three 'Relict' Bur Oak trees (*Quercus macrocarpa* 'Relict') on the slope south of Burt St between Hixson Lied and Markoe Hall. These trees were grown by a Nebraska nursery from acorns collected from the Burr Oak Canyon in southwest Nebraska. The name 'Relict' refers to a plant that exists as a remnant of a formerly widely distributed group in an environment. Surrounded by nothing but pasture land today, the oaks are found only below the horizon, hidden down in the canyon. It is believed that the trees have been sheltered by the canyon, untouched by prairie fires and devastating storms and surviving for hundreds of years. Each tree inside the two-mile-long canyon is different from the one next to it with characteristics from both post oak and gamble oak seen from one tree to another.

As part of the University's affiliation with the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, volunteers also planted more than sixty native perennials on a bare area of the slope. Species planted include Solidago (goldenrod), Echinacea, Rudbeckia, Aster, and Asclepias (milkweed).

Putting Down Roots is a student organization, formed as part of a Creighton Global Initiative grant, intent on offsetting carbon emissions from University-funded travel by planting trees. Other initiatives undertaken by Putting Down Roots include two tree giveaways, one for Creighton faculty, staff, and students and one for members of the Omaha community, during which 100 trees were distributed.

Staff Advisory Council serves as an advocate for University staff. The Council is committed to fairness, justice and respect in a quality work environment in accordance with the Mission of Creighton University.

Jessica Heller
Horticulturist
Landscaping and Grounds



New Employees at Facilities Management

David Beacom — David joined Mail Services this year. Welcome to Creighton!

Andrew Beile — Andrew joined Facilities Management as an Administrative Assistant in August 2018. Welcome!

Greg Boyel — Greg started in the Grounds shop in October. Welcome to Creighton!

Tasha Brinker — Welcome to Creighton, Tasha! Tasha joined Mail Services.

Ray Carpenter — Ray started at Mail Services in August. Ray enjoys sports, refereeing and traveling. Happy to have you Ray!

Jerome David — Jerome works in Custodial Services. Welcome to Creighton!

Dah Htoo — Dah joined Custodial Services at the School of Dentistry this October. He enjoys cooking for his large family. We are happy to have you here at Creighton, Dah!

Stephanie Johnson — Stephanie joined Mail Services in July. She enjoys vacationing with her family—Stephanie and her husband have twelve children, 5 boys and 7 seven girls. Welcome to Creighton!

Kai Nhkum — Kai joined Custodial Services this year. Welcome to Creighton!

Ah Roy Lashi — Ah Roy started at Creighton in July of this year.

Carrie Ostrand — Carrie joined Custodial Services in July, in her spare time Carrie enjoys spending time with her family. Welcome to Creighton, Carrie!

Nang Ra — Welcome to Creighton! Nang works in Custodial Services.

Craig Salts — Craig started in Custodial Services in September working in Kiewit Hall. Some of Craig's hobbies include sports and motorcycles. Welcome!

Energy Management

The big task in October for Energy Management is to get the heating and cooling system in every building on campus changed from summer to winter mode. We also review all Building Management Systems to make sure that the heating setpoints are reflecting the University's standard setpoint of 68°F for Classrooms, Laboratories and all public spaces, and 70°F for the office and Living Quarters. We will also review the systems to verify and minimize the use of chilled water across campus during the winter months.

This is the time of year when there is the temptation to bring out your space heaters. Before doing so the best practice before using any space heater is to enter a work ticket to have Facilities verify that the existing heating system in your area is working properly. It is much more cost effective for us to use the building systems to heat the spaces instead of space heaters. Many times, the use of a space heater will cause the building controls to think the area is overheating, when this happens the system will call for the air conditioning to activate which could cause the adjacent offices to sub-cool.

Wes Walling

Associate Director of Facilities Management
Energy Management

Upcoming Campus Events

Event	Date	Location
Daylight Savings Time	Sunday, November 4	
Campus Forum—AZ Health Education Alliance and Health Sciences Campus Vision.	Monday, November 5	Skutt Student Center, Room 105
Campus Forum—Leading with the Liberal Arts	Tuesday, November 6	Skutt Student Center, Room 105
Campus Forum—Professional and Corporate Partnerships	Wednesday, November 7	Skutt Student Center, Room 105
Facilities Birthday Celebration Cake	Tuesday, November 13	Jelinek Lobby
Campus Forum—Academic Health System Excellence	Monday, November 19	Skutt Student Center, Room 105
Campus Forum—Global Partnerships	Tuesday, November 20	Skutt Student Center, Room 105
Thanksgiving Alumni Mass	Thursday, November 22	St. John's
Thanksgiving Break	Thursday, November 22 — Friday November 23	Office Closed
Christmas at Creighton	Wednesday, November 28	St. John's Front Steps
Facilities Birthday Celebration Cake	Tuesday, December 11	Jelinek Lobby
University Christmas Party	Tuesday, December 11	Harper Center, Ahmanson Ballroom
Facilities Annual Holiday Potluck	Wednesday, December 12	Morrison
Classes End	Saturday, December 15	Campus
Christmas Holiday Break	Monday, December 24 — Monday, December 31	Office Closed
New Years Day	Tuesday, January 1	Office Closed
Facilities Birthday Celebration Cake	Tuesday, January 11	Jelinek Lobby
Classes Begin	Wednesday, January 16	Classes Begin

Unable to make the Campus Forum Session?

Visit the following website, you can pick what forum you'd like to watch or you can look through the slideshow played at the forum.

<https://www.creighton.edu/strategic-plan/events-and-forums>

Facilities Staff Shout Outs



"I wanted to follow up with you about the extra work that facilities and specifically Chris Stark did during Reunion Weekend in the Old Gym. Everything was great, and Chris did an exceptional job. He was always two steps ahead and anticipating what would need to get done or cleaned up. We really enjoyed having him there and appreciate all the extra work he and the whole facilities team did to make Reunion Weekend successful."

Rachel Mabrey
Alumni Relations Specialist
School of Pharmacy and Health Professions

"I just witnessed something this morning that needs to be shared with Management.

Around 9:30, Danny called me out of my office to verify something he saw. He had glanced out the window toward the pedestrian mall construction. On the far side in the muddy path in front of McGloin Hall was what looked like a disabled student in a wheelchair stuck in the mud. We opened the door and Danny called out to him and asked if he was ok. The student signaled that he was having trouble. Without a moment's hesitation, Danny ran out the door, then up the new sidewalk to where he could get across to the McGloin side. I ran back to my office to get my keys and followed, but by the time I got there, Danny was already assisting the student, with the help of Fr. Flecky, who had just come out of McGloin. The student told us he had been struggling there for nearly 30 minutes. Fr. Flecky and Danny already had control of the wheelchair and were backing it down the muddy path to the sidewalk, where the student thanked them and continued his journey on the sidewalk to the east, then north of McGloin.

Danny's action was one of the most selfless acts I've seen on campus, and true to the spirit of the Ignatian ideals upon which this University was founded, particularly, cura personalis (care of the person). Danny demonstrated that the care of our students doesn't happen exclusively in our classrooms and residence halls, and not only by administrators and faculty. He does more that take care of the cleaning needs of the Lied Center. He lives the mission of Creighton everyday, just by being who he is – a genuinely caring man, and in so doing, inspires us all. We are blessed to have him here."

Michael McCandless
Senior Managing Director/Theatre Faculty



2018 Facilities Fun Day

