



# All Things Ignatian



## Welcoming Creighton's Newest Students The Office of Student Success & Welcome Week



Welcome Week is Creighton's August orientation program for new students.

Completely student run and sponsored by the Office of Student Success, Welcome Week is a critical step in the enculturation of the Creighton student and serves a vital link between the students' decision to attend Creighton and the first semester's Ratio Studiorum Program. New students, guided by 130 student leaders, engage in the Creighton experience through participation in social, academic, and community activities.



### Uniquely Ignatian

Welcome Week introduces new students to the Jesuit tradition through the following programs and efforts:

- ~ **The Welcome Week Mass**  
Students and families gather to close the first day on campus with an emotional and celebratory liturgy.
- ~ **The Creighton Difference: Call to Community**  
Current students share their perspectives on and experiences with the Six Jesuit Values extolled at Creighton.
- ~ **Creighton For and With Others**  
All new students spend an afternoon in the Omaha community learning about the needs that exist and the many ways they can get involved.
- ~ **The Jesuit Picnic**  
Students gather with Creighton's Jesuit Community for a shared picnic dinner in the Jesuit Gardens.
- ~ **Jesuit Group Names**  
To highlight the tradition in which the Creighton education is rooted, each of the Welcome Week groups are named after a notable Jesuit or significant historical name.

### The Pillars of Welcome Week

Welcome Week is a program built with three intentional, core values.

**COMMUNITY** ~ The fundamental mission of Welcome Week strives to help new students feel a connection to the authentic community that exists on Creighton's campus. Through the activities and opportunities offered during Welcome Week, students also realize the unique role Creighton plays in the Omaha community.

**COMPANIONSHIP** ~ Deeply rooted in the Jesuit tradition and one of the keys to a Jesuit education at any level is the idea that students know how to share of themselves...to be friends and companions to one another. The role of the upperclass Guides, Beadles, and Decurions, along with the small group sizes serve as a realization and extension of companionship within the Welcome Week program.

**COMMITMENT** ~ At its core, Creighton is an academic institution of which students join to pursue knowledge. The University Mission statement states that "Creighton exists for students and learning." The commitment to scholarship and academic excellence, and a fostering of the understanding of the expectations that come with this commitment are infused throughout the Welcome Week Program.



~Division of Student Life~

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