



All Things Ignatian



Responsible Citizenship In the Catholic Tradition

Responsible Citizenship At Creighton

In the strategic plan for Creighton University it states “Creighton University will be a national leader in preparing students in a faith-based setting for responsible leadership, professional distinction and committed citizenship. “

Open inquiry, discussion and the pursuit of truth in all forms are strong Catholic traditions. Students and graduates from Creighton engaged in civic issues will use skills they learned in college, such as writing, collaboration, public speaking, and research skills just to name a few, as they work for and towards justice issues in their community, state, country or even on a world level.

Creighton, as do many other colleges and universities, engage students to think by addressing the difficult topics and issues of today. Rev. Peter-Hans Kovenack is quoted as saying, “We must raise our Jesuit educational standard to form ‘whole person of solidarity’ for the real world.’ (Address given at Santa Clara University, 2000).

Majors from all disciplines can be involved in civic engagement issues by using skills they learned while in college. Many will use their writing, photography, statistical, research and design classes to highlight injustice. Political Science students will work to develop proposals, policies and work towards implementation of laws to work towards justice issues .



Students discussing issues

Implementation At Creighton

The Center for Service and Justice provides (CCSJ) a way for students to live out the mission of being for and with the poor and marginalized whom they often encounter through their life and service experiences. Students analyze, engage, and challenge structural systems that often perpetrate injustice in our local, national, and international communities. Students mentor other students on how to become involved in advocacy issues and to discuss and learn about various political issues.

The Political Science Department hosts regular “Brown Bag Luncheons” where local leaders, stakeholders, organizations and political officials will come to discuss various topics of interest on local, state, National and worldwide issues. The public is invited to attend these events.

The Faith and Political Action classes taught through the Political Science Department work in partnership with faith-based organizations on projects that allow students to use their research and communication skills to work on projects that involve working for justice such as predatory lending, gun violence, affordable housing, death penalty, immigration issues and much more.

Various classes at Creighton address responsible citizenship during their course work. These include, but are not limited to Political Science, Health Administration and Policy, Photography and Photojournalism, Anthropology, Environmental Science, Energy Technology Program, and the Sciences. Students can use their skills to document injustices with photographs and writing, provide research to understand community issues, test water, air and soil levels for contaminants and much more.



Nebraska Senator Burke Harr talks to students at CCSJ.

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