Committee On the Status of Women

Support, Educate, Recognize, Advocate

Support

Women’s Summit

This annual Spring event began in 2010 as a listening session inviting all female faculty, staff and students to participate in a day of dialogue on the climate and culture at Creighton. Professor Christine Wiseman, J.D. and Sister Maureen Fay, O.P., Ph.D. challenged participants to use the Jesuit Heroic Leadership principles to create positive change. The Women's Summit structure evolved to include educational sessions offering men and women opportunities to recognize their talents and strengthen their skills. An additional goal of the summit is to provide a networking avenue and mentorship development between faculty, staff and students.

Educate

Creighton’s diverse campus community calls for education in numerous areas. The Committee on the Status of Women annually sponsors brown bag lunches, speakers, and events. From breast cancer awareness to caring for the caregiver to three women articulating their way of living the Creighton mission, CSW provides the campus community professional and personal development addressing the whole person.

Recognize

Mary Lucretia and Sarah Emily Creighton Award Luncheon

In support of Creighton University's founders, CSW sponsors the Mary Lucretia and Sarah Emily Awards Luncheon. This annual Founders week event celebrates the efforts of a faculty, staff, administrator or student who exemplifies service to creating an environment supportive of achievement for women, has encouraged female faculty, administrators, staff or students in the development of their talents, or has served as a role model of accomplishment for women.

Advocate

Blending the Jesuit values, agents of change and men and women for and with others, CSW advocates for equality through structural changes, attention to campus climate and improved resources. The Committee has been instrumental in issues of pay equity, benefits for part time employees, campus lactation rooms, equal opportunity and representation, and child care resources. Paternity leave, increased lactation room resources and Family Medical Leave Act education are current topics being addressed through the committee's efforts.

Visit our website for information, resources and register for our events. www.creighton.edu/women

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Connie Ryan, Women’s Summit 2011 Opening Speaker

Eileen B. Lieben, Dean of Women and namesake of Creighton’s Center for Women, requested formation of a committee to address the needs and concerns of women across campus. In 1971, Fr. Joseph J. Labaj, S.J. appointed an advisory committee and shortly thereafter the first committee meeting was held on October 28, 1971. The University Committee on the Status of Women was made a standing statutory committee in 1973. Since that time faculty, staff and student committee members have worked to uphold the committee's mission; giving tribute to the efforts of Creighton women of the past and providing a supportive environment for the women of the present and future.