Welcome

It was a thrill meeting all of you in Omaha. We have been involved in many events, but we can honestly say, we have never had an experience like this one. The residency week touched us deeply and we will never forget it. We are truly blessed to be apart of this wonderful program.

We know a few of you were stranded in Omaha a while longer due to a hailstorm that cancelled many flights. We hope that this event did not inconvenience you too much. From our understanding everyone helped each other out and several of you had more bonding time together. We applaud you in making the most of the situation and taking advantage of this opportunity.

For everyone who lives on the east coast, we hope you and your families are safe and well after the earthquake and Irene. We prayed for you here in Omaha and will continue to pray while everyone tries to regain some normalcy.

We have updated our website to include the videos from the residency (http://creighton.edu/gradschool/edd). We encourage everyone to view them. Who knows, you might even see yourself! We have listed the links below for you:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C2_kp1yYI0
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QraDY7o2mQM
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tTxamppFH9s

Dr. Roger Fransecky has also asked us to pass along the information to sign up for the Apogee newsletter. If you are interested please visit the website below.

www.apogeeceo.com

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Single Sign-On

Starting on Thursday, September 8, you will use the same password for CU Mail, NEST, and BlueLine (virtual classroom).

When you log into your BlueLine (virtual classroom) on Thursday, September 8, you will use the same password that you use to log in to the NEST and CU email. If you do not remember your NEST/CU Mail password go to http://ami.creighton.edu to reset your password. When you log in please have your NetID ready.

Continue to check your CU Mail.

Special points of interest:

- October 23—Fall Term II begins
- November 24—Thanksgiving
- December 18—Holiday Break
- January 9—Spring Term I begins

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Mentoring Program

Remember back a few months/weeks ago when you were just starting in the program. Apprehension, excitement, fear, and eagerness are just a few of the emotions that you were feeling. Think about how you are feeling now. The challenges of juggling work, school, and family and the exhilaration over your success. You may feel the need to discuss practicum or dissertation ideas with your peers, or you may want to connect with peers for their support or guidance. What if you were able to have a peer to talk to? Someone who has experienced the same feelings; someone to connect with, and share experiences with.

We would like to start a mentoring program for our students. This would be an opportunity to advance your leadership skills. A chance to integrate your course work and apply it to real life scenarios. The definition of a mentor according to Webster Dictionary is, “A trusted counselor or guide”. Part of being a good leader is to listen, and empower those around you.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor to the upcoming cohorts, please email Chris Karasek at ckarasek@creighton.edu.

Course Evaluations and CU mail

We cannot stress enough how valuable your input is to our program. Toward the end of your courses, you will receive email notifications and reminders to your CU email accounts regarding course evaluations. These are normally sent during the sixth and seventh week of each course. You will have until the day before the next class starts to complete the survey. Since the notifications are sent to your CU email accounts it is important to check your CU email account at least once every other day. The CU email account is the official means for communication at Creighton University.

To help assist with the notification of the evaluations, we have decided to put a reminder in BlueLine as well as the CU email.

Renting Text Books

Have you thought about renting your books? Not all books are available for rent. The Creighton bookstore has the option of renting books if that option is available. In order to rent textbooks you must order online through the bookstore and set-up an account. When you order online you will have the option to print a Fed-Ex mailing label to return the books with free shipping before the due date. The due date can be a little tricky since our classes are on eight week schedules rather than by the semester. The due date follows Creighton’s undergraduate schedule for finals in the Spring and Fall semesters. For example, if you rent a book for fall term 2 the due date will be December 17, 2011. In the spring it will be May 5, 2012. The online ordering system will tell you the due date. Late fees will be assessed for books returned past the due date. If you know you will want to keep the book there is an option to buy.

You may visit the Creighton Bookstore website for more information at www.creighton.bkstr.com or call and talk to a bookstore representative at 402-280-2796.
2011-12 and Fall 2012 Academic Schedule

Fall 2011
Term I: August 29—October 23
Term II: October 24—December 18

Spring 2012
Term I: January 9—March 2
Term II: March 5—April 27

Summer 2012
Term I: April 30—June 22
Term II: June 25—August 17

Fall 2012
Term I: August 27—October 19
Term II: October 22—December 14

Please note

Holiday break
December 19—January 8, 2012*

Summer break
August 18—August 26**

*Students starting in January 2012 will have the online orientation (ILD808) starting on January 2.

**Students starting January, May and August 2012 will have an on campus residency August 6—9, 2012

We would like to thank our faculty and administrators for joining us at the residency and spending time with our students. This program would not be possible without you! Everyone appreciated your presence and guidance at the residency. Your efforts are truly noticed. Thank you!
Using your TaskStream Key Code
For Students (if you have not created your TaskStream account, please do so now)

You have been selected to receive a TaskStream account. The key code that has been issued to you is intended for your use only. Follow the directions below to create/renew your account on TaskStream ‘Advancing Education’.

1. Go to www.taskstream.com

2. On the TaskStream home page click the Create or Renew Account link located on the purple area on the top left side of the screen.

3. Select the following subscription option:
   - Create a new TaskStream subscription

4. Enter the key code specified below in Option 2 and click the Continue button to proceed.
   
   **Key Code:** REMGPP - FSXFUE

5. Complete Steps 2 and 3. During step 3, make sure to use your Creighton email (CU Mail) address as the username.

   **First Name:** Enter your first name
   **Last Name:** Enter your last name
   **Email:** Please enter your CU Mail. DO NOT use your personal email id for the Email field. Your accounts have been partially created by Creighton already, if you use any other email id, your accounts will not work.
   **Phone:** Enter a phone number where technical personnel can contact you in case of issues. This will not be shared with anyone.
   **Username:** Please enter your CU Mail. DO NOT create any other personalized username. Again, your accounts will not work if you use a personalized username.

6. Confirm your registration information in Step 4. If you need to edit any of the information you have entered click the Edit button. Otherwise click Continue to complete your registration and purchase your account.
7. You will be prompted to select your program. Please select Ed.D. Leadership from the drop-down menu. Next, select students. This will ensure that you are enrolled in the correct portfolio template.

8. You will also be prompted to pay for your TaskStream account. Please follow the instructions on screen. We recommend that you buy the subscription for 1 year ($42). You will have an option to renew the subscription at the end of the year.

9. After you have completed the transaction, the next page will display a link to take you to the TaskStream home page where you can enter your username and password to login and begin using your TaskStream account.

10. After the initial account set up at www.taskstream.com, you can directly access your account through Blueline. Each course you take in Blueline will have a link to TaskStream on the course homepage. You do not have to enter your username and password again.

Please note: If you try to click on the TaskStream link in Blueline before you set up your account on www.taskstream.com, the link in Blueline will not work. You have to set up your account first.
The mission of the Ed.D. program in Leadership is centered on developing leaders who use their skills to promote social justice, and societal and organizational change. Drawing on the Jesuit tradition of Creighton University, the program will be built on a leadership model that encourages continual, critical self-reflection. With increasing self-knowledge, leaders are empowered to work mindfully toward a more just community, workplace, and world. The concept of leaders as stewards of an organization will be emphasized during each course and promoted through practicum and research activities. Program faculty and students come from a variety of disciplines and professions and as such provide a rich interdisciplinary learning community for understanding the nature and role of interdisciplinary work in today’s world. The collaborative learning community will be shaped by the Jesuit ideals of academic excellence, respect for human dignity, and a faith that does justice. The vision for the program graduates is they possess skills to lead and will have internalized faith-based values that will guide their efforts at personal and organizational change.

Life at Creighton

We hope you enjoyed some of the pictures from the residency.