Welcome

We would like to welcome our first admitted students for our May cohort. I hope you will find this newsletter informative.

Make sure you check out the updates regarding the Orientation in August on page 2. We have made new additions to our electives, be sure to read page 3 for more details.

Since our last newsletter, we have launched our new website at http://www.creighton.edu/gradschool/edd/.

Our program has appeared in the Creighton Magazine. If you have not had a chance to read the article, we encourage you to do so. It has been uploaded to our newly launched website.

Administration, faculty, advisors, and consultants of the Ed.D. program attended a workshop to collaborate and share ideas for enriching the program.

Faculty also had the opportunity to attend an “All University Academic Forum: The Emerging Creighton Online Experience”. This format provided an opportunity for all areas of campus to come together and discuss their experiences with on-line programming. Creighton is committed to providing quality, value driven, student centered programs.

We are looking forward to August when we can finally meet each other and come together as a group.

Happy Spring!

Chris Karasek, MS & Isabelle Cherney, Ph.D.

Faculty Feature

Dr. Cherney will step down as Director of the undergraduate Honors Program to become Associate Dean in the Graduate School and continue her Director position in the Interdisciplinary Ed.D. Program in Leadership.

In addition to her new appointment, Dr. Cherney, will be traveling to Boston for her son’s graduation from college. She is also looking forward to her other son’s July wedding in Chicago.

Congratulations!

Special points of interest:

- APRIL 21 – HOLY THURSDAY
- APRIL 24 – EASTER
- MAY 6 – ILD 802 ENDS
- MAY 9 – ILD 803 BEGINS
- MAY 9 – 2ND COHORT STARTS

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On-campus Orientation

Everyone will soon be receiving a letter with detailed instructions for the orientation in August. We have blocked rooms at the element by Westin in Midtown Crossing. It is a beautiful new hotel that just opened last November. We were able to secure room rates at $104.00 per night for 2 Queens or 1 King, and $114.00 per night for 1 King bedroom suite. All rooms are equipped with sink, microwave and refrigerator. The hotel does offer a shuttle to campus, Old Market, Casinos, and Westroads Shopping Center. The hotel is in the heart of a brand new development that offers shopping, restaurants, Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, Cold Stone Creamery, Movie Theatre, Jazz on the Green and more.

The agenda is still being finalized, but we promise you will have a wonderful experience. Please make sure the following dates are on your calendars:

**January Cohort**
August 15 and 16

**May/August Cohorts**
August 15-18

Mentoring Program

Remember back a few months ago when you were just starting in the program. Apprehension, excitement, fear, and eagerness are just a few of the emotions that most likely were raging out of control.

Now think about how you are feeling now. The challenges of juggling work, school, and family and exhilaration over your success.

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.

Feedback and Suggestions

Please let us know as you go through the program if you have any suggestions or feedback for improving the program. These suggestions can pertain to any aspect of the program from, administration, classroom, technology, software, etc.

We would like to hear from you, what is working? and what is not working? As students you will be asked to reflect on three question during your practicum; 1) What was achieved?, 2) What was not achieved?, 3) What would I do different?

We too reflect on the same three questions. Your feedback and suggestions will help us answer those three questions as we move forward in the program.

Please email feedback and suggestions to Chris Karasek at ckarasek@creighton.edu.
Additions to Approved Electives Offered Summer 2011

May 9–June 26
*Negotiation and Conflict Resolution-Foundations 1 (NDR 707A) (3)
* Negotiation and Conflict Resolution-Foundations 1 (NDR 707B) (3)
Collaboration in Health Care (NDR 771) (3)
**Organizational Collaborative Practice and Conflict Resolution (NDR 797A) (3)

Online Faculty – Ebner
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Online Faculty – Hanson
Online Faculty – Ford

July 5–July 22
Foundations of Catholic Education (EDU 520 A) (3)

Lecture Faculty – Neitzke, S.J.

July 6–August 11
Marketing Management (MBA 761 N) (3)

Online Faculty – Seevers

Dept. Approval required

July 11–July 28
**Dynamics of Conflict Resolution (NDR 747 A2) (2)
Systems and consulting for Conflict Specialists (NDR 757 A2) (2)
Business Ethics and Society (MBA 776 N) (3)

Online Faculty – Hanson
Online Faculty – Hanson
Lecture Faculty – Gustafson

Dept. Approval required

* NDR 707 requires a test at the end of the course. A student may take it on-site (Omaha) in July or in August during the orientation.

**NDR 797 should be taken before NDR 747

New Elective starting Fall 2011
Collaborative Practice and Conflict Resolution in Education NDR 775 (3)

Thank you!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our students and faculty. Without you our program would not exist.

As students you bring the richness and life to the program. You may not look at yourself as a teacher, but everyday, your peers and faculty members learn from you and your experiences.

Our success comes from your success in and out of the virtual classroom.

As Faculty you are committed to our program and our students. Being attentive to their needs and guiding them in achieving their goals. Your students’ success is the result of your hard work and dedication.

Alone, one could not be successful, but working together toward the same goals, our possibilities are endless.

We appreciate everyone’s hard work and commitment.

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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

The sculpture below is one of many that you will see during your visit on campus.