Welcome

I hope everyone is safe after the horrific storms in the Midwest this past month.

There are two articles I left in the newsletter from last month. I feel both of these articles are crucial to communication. Those are: 1) “Official Means of Communication”) and 2) ‘Accessing Required Book List.

We have received results from one of the evaluations for ILD 802. We are still waiting for the other report. We wanted to thank you for taking the time to fill out the evaluations. After we receive both reports we will let you know what we will be working on based on the feedback. One item to note from the feedback is communication with advisors.

Please read the article on page 3, “Role of the Advisor”.

As a reminder, after you have completed twelve credit hours you are eligible to take your practicum. After August 28, the January Cohort will have completed enough hours to start their practicum. Please discuss this with your advisors and fill out the necessary paperwork. Students should contact Chris Karasek at 402-280-2306 or email at ckarasek@creighton.edu if they wish to start their practicum.

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

Missouri Valley Conference Champions!

Creighton University’s men’s baseball team won the Missouri Valley Conference title, Saturday, May 28! Way to go Jays!!

It was a beautiful night for baseball. Creighton jumped to an early lead and never relinquished it. It was nice to see the Jays win the first title ever won in the new TD Ameritrade Park. Creighton is one step closer to playing in the College World Series in Omaha this June.

The Blue Jays will play on Friday, June 3, against Georgia.

GO JAYS!

Update: Creighton has been eliminated, so they will not be in the College World Series. They had a wonderful season and it was fun to watch.

Special points of interest:

- July 5—ILD 804 Begins
- August 15-18—On-Campus Orientation
- August 29—ILD 801 Begins (May and Aug cohort)
- August 29—ILD 805 Begins (January cohort)

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Official Means of Communication

The Creighton University assigned email account shall be the official means of communication with all students, faculty, and staff. All community members are responsible for all information sent to them via their University assigned email account. Members who choose to manually forward mail from their University email accounts are responsible for ensuring that all information, including attachments, is transmitted in its entirety to the preferred account.

All faculty, staff, and students are required to maintain an @creighton.edu computer account. This account provides both an online identification key and a University Official Email address. The University sends much of its correspondence solely through email. This includes, but is not limited to, policy announcements, emergency notices, meeting and event notifications, course syllabi and requirements, and correspondence between faculty, staff, and students. Such correspondence is mailed only to the University Official Email address.

Faculty, staff and students are expected to check their email on a frequent and consistent basis in order to stay current with University-related communications. Faculty, staff, and students have the responsibility to recognize that certain communications may be time-critical.

Accessing Required Book Lists

We received several emails this term about locating the book list for the next course. In response to the emails, we want to be sure that everyone knows how to locate the resources available to you. Please follow the simple steps to access the required book list.

- Log into BlueLine @ http://creighton.learntoday.info/default.asp.
- Click on “EdD Student Resource Center”
- On the top bar choose “Content”
- Click on the folder labeled “Textbook Information”

There are more resources available to you. Please be sure to review the entire list.

On-Campus Orientation

In just 12 short weeks everyone will be together on campus. Dr. Cherney and I are looking forward to meeting everyone. Everyone should have received their letter in the mail with the schedule and hotel information. Please remember to send in your “On-Campus Leadership Seminar Information Sheet” to ckarasek@creighton.edu. You may also send the information to our office. You can find our address on page 4 of this newsletter.

Please let us know if you want to share a hotel room. We could prepare a list of potential roommates.

Please call Chris Karasek with any questions you might have.

We wanted to pass along to the May and August cohorts that there will be an overlap in your on-campus orientation and your NDR elective courses. The electives will end on August 28. To assure you, this will not be a problem and your instructors have been notified.
Role of the Advisor

Feedback from the ILD 802 evaluations showed that there is some confusion for students as to the exact role of an advisor and when to contact advisors. Students should feel comfortable contacting their advisor at any time. Students should expect to hear back from their advisor within a reasonable time frame. At this time, for the students who started in January, you should be starting to talk with your advisor regarding your practicum and your Personal Professional Portfolio. Your advisor should be touching base at least once monthly and should be available to their advisees for questions or guidance.

Below is a summary of the role of the advisor:

The Ed.D. Program in Leadership has defined the role of an advisor to be a, “mentor and provide guidance to the student throughout the program, guiding the student as he or she works through his or her program of studies and dissertation. A prime objective of the advisor will be to extend the concept of leadership as reflective practicum and to help advisees grow intellectually and professionally through the use of journals and reflective practice reports. Advisors will be student centered, working with advisees to clarify the student’s goals, providing feedback and helping them realize their individualized Professional Development Plan”.

We would like to thank you for bringing this to our attention. Hopefully this clears up any confusion regarding the role of the advisor. As stated earlier, please let us know if you have any issues or questions regarding your current advisor.

Taskstream Training

We are aware that some students from the January cohort were unable to attend the training for Taskstream. We have arranged for training on Creighton’s campus during your on-campus orientation. Training will be on August 16 at 1 pm for all three cohorts.

As a reminder, Taskstream is the electronic template for students to build their Personal Professional Portfolio.

To find more information on the Personal Professional Portfolio, please visit the Ed.D. Program in Leadership website at:

http://www.creighton.edu/gradschool/edd/home/index.php
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

Dr. Cherney and I wanted to show you where the Ed.D. Program in Leadership Office is located.