



Our World. Our Promise.



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Community Outreach



“Service to others,
the importance
of family life, the
inalienable worth of
each individual, and
appreciation of ethnic
and cultural diversity
are core values at
Creighton.”
– Mission Statement

Creighton University, a Catholic, Jesuit University in Omaha, Neb., operates in partnership with communities locally, regionally, nationally and globally to share new knowledge, advance scientific discovery, serve the poor and marginalized, care for the sick, engage complex societal issues, improve the social and economic landscape, and educate ethical leaders who will pursue a more just world.

For this is Our World. And this is Our Promise.

Message from the President

Dear Community Partners,

Providing our roughly 7,000 undergraduate and professional students with an ethical, values-based education that prepares them for professional distinction and active engagement in their communities is at the core of our mission at Creighton University.

Service-learning and community outreach are integral to the education our students receive while at Creighton. This outreach provides our students with a more complete picture of the complexities facing our world – enhancing their educational experience, as they wrestle with today’s most difficult issues.

We are grateful for our outreach partners, who allow our students these life-changing opportunities. And we are thankful for our students, alumni, faculty and staff who live out our Catholic, Jesuit vision of serving others and creating a more just, peaceful world. We are all enriched by this partnership of service and learning, and this report provides a snapshot of some of those activities.

While there is no shortage of challenges facing our communities and our world today, I believe there is also abundant opportunity.

As a modern urban campus, we are dedicated to being an engaged partner in the renaissance of downtown Omaha. Indeed, great strides have been made in this regard. But we also realize our scope as a national university requires us to look beyond our immediate borders to opportunities for outreach partnerships regionally, nationally and globally. And I am heartened by efforts in this area, as well.

Thank you for your contributions to Creighton University and the communities that, together, we serve. May God continue to bless us as we strive toward our shared promise to reach out to make this world a better place for all.

The Rev. John P. Schlegel, S.J.



“Creighton University will improve the quality of life of the community in which it resides by encouraging thoughtful and well-conducted community relations that will enhance and support educational initiatives.”
– Community Relations Network

Creighton University’s impact on Nebraska’s economy exceeds \$760 million annually.

Building Community. Continuing Tradition.

From its inception in 1878, Creighton University has engaged in a mutually beneficial relationship with the city of Omaha. The University was founded by the Creighton family – two successful, entrepreneurial brothers who were married to two equally forward-thinking sisters. The Irish immigrant family was instrumental to the development of frontier town Omaha through their business interests in the telegraph, banking, ranching and railroad industries and through their philanthropy. The Creightons highly prized Catholic education and gave their hard-earned fortunes to establish Creighton University and its academic medical center. Today, Creighton consists of nine colleges and schools and enrolls more than 7,000 students, including more than 4,000 undergraduates and nearly 3,000 graduate and professional students.

As Creighton grew and the city of Omaha grew, Creighton made a conscious decision to remain adjacent to the city’s core, the downtown business district and the north Omaha area. Since 2000, Creighton has invested more than \$285 million into campus

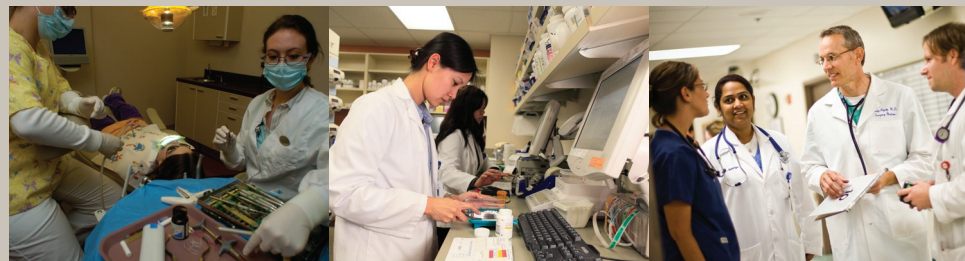


improvements and enlarged its footprint to 130 acres – adding 40 acres to the east, toward downtown. Creighton’s construction and expansion have complemented Omaha’s downtown renaissance, which includes riverfront development and other urban renewal. Together, the two entities continue to nurture their symbiotic relationship.

In the Omaha area alone, 27 percent of physicians, 69 percent of dentists, 59 percent of pharmacists and 72 percent of occupational therapists are Creighton graduates.

Creighton University has a profound impact on the economy and quality of life in the city of Omaha and the state of Nebraska.

Creighton is the 10th largest employer in Omaha and the 20th in the state of Nebraska. Creighton is responsible for nearly half of the \$1.42 billion that Nebraska's private colleges and universities contribute to the state's economy. In addition, by drawing more than 70 percent of its students from outside the state, Creighton contributes to the "brain gain" of Omaha and the region, with many students staying in the area after graduation.



Living the Mission. Answering the Call.

Creighton alumni take their commitment to serving others seriously. Almost 60 percent of survey-responding alumni described volunteer work as a priority. And of those engaged in volunteer/community service, almost 50 percent indicated they volunteered one to five hours per month. With more than 52,000 alumni living and working in the United States and 89 other countries worldwide, the cumulative impact is great – testimony that Creighton alumni are living out the Jesuit mission of being “women and men for and with others.”

81 percent of Creighton University alumni responding to recent surveys reported being involved in at least one volunteer organization – with almost half (47 percent) involved in three or more organizations.



“During my time at Creighton, I was exposed to the tremendous need and brokenness in the world but also to the tremendous generosity and compassion in our faith that allows us to see hope everywhere we look.”

– Kevin O’Brien



Creighton University alumnus Kevin O’Brien, BA’81, heads the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC), the largest Catholic full-time volunteer program, which trains and places volunteers in agencies and schools that work with the poor domestically and internationally.

Sharing the Faith. Enlivening the Spirit.

Creighton’s Online Ministries website is unique among the 28 Jesuit universities in the United States and is by far the most extensive outreach of Creighton in the world. Its most popular section is a Daily Reflection, written by Creighton University faculty and staff. It also offers an Online Retreat, following the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, the founder of the Jesuit religious order. Creighton’s Online Ministries website can be viewed at <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>.

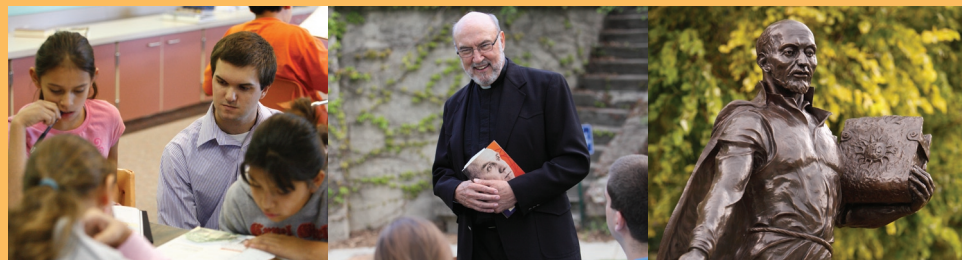
Creighton University’s Online Ministries website receives some 21 million hits a year from individuals from all 50 states and more than 130 countries worldwide seeking spiritual sustenance and guidance.



“We are blessed to have a strong Catholic university like Creighton in our own backyard.”
– The Most Rev. Elden Curtiss, Archbishop Emeritus of the Omaha Archdiocese

Since the 1970s, Creighton has consistently worked in partnership with the Archdiocese of Omaha to provide theological resources and ministry programs for the people of northeast Nebraska.

Creighton is home to the Center for Catholic Thought, which, created in 2009, serves students, faculty and the local Catholic community through a series of programs designed to explore and promote the Church’s intellectual tradition. Creighton is also developing an Institute for Catholic School Initiatives – a unique, multifaceted endeavor aimed at preparing the next generation of teachers and leaders for the specific apostolate of Catholic education. The Institute includes Creighton’s highly successful Magis Catholic Teacher Service Corps, a two-year program that prepares and supports highly motivated, faith-filled teachers to serve in under-resourced Catholic schools.



Appreciating Diversity. Providing Opportunity.

Providing educational, cultural and health care support for Native Americans – as well as other ethnic minorities – has been an ongoing mission of Creighton University and its Jesuits, faculty and staff. Since the 1950s, Creighton has provided scholarships for qualified Native American students from either the Rosebud or Pine Ridge reservations.

Creighton hosts an annual Native American Retreat, which, for more than a decade, has provided Native American high school students a chance to stay on Creighton’s campus during the summer and learn more about college and career opportunities. Creighton also hosts a daylong All Nations Powwow, celebrating Native American dance and culture.

Over the years, faculty and students in Creighton’s health sciences schools have provided a broad range of health care services to Native American populations, and, in 2008, the Creighton School of Dentistry received a national grant aimed at increasing the number of Native Americans entering the dental profession.

In 2002, Creighton became the first Jesuit university and the only



university in Nebraska to offer a Native American Studies major. In addition, Creighton Jesuits, such as Ray Bucko, S.J., and Don Doll, S.J., continue to serve Native American communities. Fr. Bucko coordinates a mentorship program for Lakota high school students, and Fr. Doll’s photos of Native Americans have appeared in books, magazines and award-winning calendars benefiting Native American schools.

“It opened my eyes to what’s going on around the world. ... I can actually do something tangible to make a difference in other people’s lives.”

– Student Stephen Ducey, on his Spring Break Service Trip experience

The Creighton community – students, alumni, faculty and employees – contributes more than 68,000 hours to local, regional, national and international service and outreach efforts annually.



Serving Others. Expanding Horizons.

The mission of the Creighton Center for Service and Justice (CCSJ) is to build a community of faith, in service, for justice, grounded in Jesuit values and Catholic social teaching. The principal CCSJ programs, which are co-curricular and open to all students, include weekly service opportunities, fall and spring break local and distance service experiences, support for post-graduate volunteering, summer advocacy internships and more. The CCSJ (creighton.edu/ccsj) has integrated students into the community and the community into Creighton.

Begun in 1983, when several students traveled to the hills of Kentucky during spring break to serve a struggling community, Creighton’s annual, student-led Service Trip program is an exceptional way for students to live out the Jesuit mission. In academic year 2008-2009, a record 300 students visited 38 sites across the country over fall and spring breaks, living simply in community with one another while learning and serving with the poor and marginalized.



“As you did it to
one of the least of
these my brethren,
you did it to me.”
– Matthew 25:40

For more than three decades, Creighton’s Institute for Latin American Concern has provided assistance, health care and education for the people of the Dominican Republic. At the same time, the program gives students a unique opportunity for service and reflection.

Creighton’s ILAC programs offer undergraduate students and professional students in dentistry, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, law, physical therapy and occupational therapy the opportunity to learn, to serve, and to be served in the Dominican Republic.

The undergraduate program, Encuentro Dominicano, is an academic, living-learning program integrating community-based learning in a cross-cultural immersion context. Health care efforts have included providing exams and surgeries for hernias and for eye-related afflictions. ILAC programming, in all its various forms, flows from the heart of Creighton’s Catholic, Jesuit mission.



Caring for Others. Healing the Sick.

Through its clinics and medical center, Creighton University provides health care and legal services to many individuals throughout the community and the region, with a special concern for the poor. In 2008, the **Creighton University Medical Center** provided more than \$28 million in charity care; the **Creighton University School of Dentistry** had more than 45,000 patient visits to its clinics; and the **Milton R. Abrahams Legal Clinic** at Creighton University School of Law provided free service to 1,324 individuals through its Civil Clinic and 126 individuals and nonprofit organizations through its Community Economic Development Clinic.

Annually, nearly 225 **Creighton Medical Associates (CMA)** physicians provide high-quality primary and specialty care to patients at Creighton University Medical Center and in offices located throughout the Omaha metropolitan area and in specialty services in Nebraska and western Iowa. In 2008, CMA clinics had more than 240,000 patient visits and provided more than \$9 million in charity care.



Creighton faculty and students continue to serve the health care needs of those less fortunate through programs such as Creighton’s student-directed **Magis Clinic** at the Siena-Francis homeless shelter in Omaha and **Project CURA** (Creighton Medical United in Relief Assistance), with its international outreach in Peru, India, Southeast Asia and Romania.