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## Location

First Floor

Markoe Hall

## Hoots and Salutes to SSS Participants

### Rev. Thomas Schloemer Outstanding Student Leader Award

Omicron Delta Kappa members annually recognize outstanding behind the scenes leaders during Founders Week. This Leadership Award Recognition Ceremony allows CU students to recognize outstanding members of the Creighton Community. This year three SSS students were recognized:



Gordon Kor  
Meghan Nolan  
Bidong Tot  
Natalia Trinidad  
Luis Vazquez  
Lorena Zamarripa

### Project Coordinator for the Amigos organization

Carlos Atencio received the position as Project Coordinator of the Amigos organization. He will spend his summer organizing students who are servicing others.

### President of McGloin Hall

Ken Stable was named President of McGloin Hall. Congratulations, Ken.

### Decurion

John-Paul Gurnett was asked by Dr. Malenby to serve as her Ratio Studiorum Decurion. Way to go!

### Luis Vazquez, Freshman



### MeLitta Wilson, Sophomore Kirsten Treadwell, Senior



### Mary Lucretia & Sarah Emily Creighton Award

Sarah Belt received the Mary Lucretia & Sarah Emily Creighton Award on February 15th. This honor is awarded to a student who believes in Service and Justice issues and gives of her time and talent. Congratulations!



### Occupational Therapy School.

Congratulations to the following students for their admission into Occupational Therapy School at Creighton:

Linh Do  
Dave Plutschack

### Cortina Program

Congratulations to the following students for being accepted into Cortina:



### National Society of Collegiate Scholars

Congratulations to MeLitta Wilson for being inducted into National Society of Collegiate Scholars on January 12, 2007. Congratulations MeLitta!





### Office Hours

Monday—Friday:

8:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

Evening hours

Monday, Tuesday, and  
Thursday

5:00 p.m.— 8:30 p.m.

### Staff Hours

Tami Buffalohead-McGill

MWF 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

TR 9:00 a.m.—5:30 p.m.

Karen Thurber

M-F 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Denise Le Clair

M-F 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Rich Jehlik

M-F 8:15 a.m.—4:45 p.m.

Pat Al-Greene

MTR 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

MTR 5:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Sandy Cervený

M-F 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

## Spot light on Anthony J. Weasel Bear by Jeny Acosta

Anthony J. Weasel Bear, better known as Tony, is currently a first year student at Creighton. He is interested in Political Science and Journalism and plans to attend law school post-graduation. Tony left his hometown, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, to come to Creighton because of the great reputation the university has.

Tony has been active in TRIO programs since high school. Being a part of the Upward Bound program not only assisted Tony in applying and being admitted to Creighton, but also it introduced him to SSS. For Tony, SSS has been a great place with many resources, and a second family away from home. His first semester at Creighton Tony earned a place on the Dean's List as a result of his excellent academics.

However, school is not the only thing on Tony's mind.

He enjoys spending time with his friends when he is not studying. The most interesting thing that has happened to him in a classroom at Creighton was when one day in the middle of class, the teacher just stopped lecturing to watch *Boston Legal* for pleasure. The most exciting time for him at Creighton has been the Welcome Week activities and the leaders' enthusiasm.

Tony's favorite professor at Creighton is Dr. Maorang Jiang because he is funny and makes great points in discussions.

Tony comes from a family that are descendents of Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull. The most exciting place he has ever been is Chicago. One of his most prized possessions is his family because they are very supportive, and he knows he can always count on them and their love. His favorite childhood memory is playing in his grandpa's garden with his cousins. Every summer spending time with his cousins

seems like the most fun in his life.

His most embarrassing experience was when his friends messed with his desk in high school so that the legs would break while he was sitting on it and he fell.

A little bit of interesting information about Tony would be the fact that he has double-jointed thumbs.

If he could be an animal he would be an eagle because in his (Oglala Lakota) culture, the eagle is a very sacred animal. His favorite music is Hip-Hop and Rap, but nothing sounds better to him than his mother's voice. He hates to hear the word "hate" and anything that has to do with war.

**His best advice for others would be to get an education and go as far as possible with it.**



## Tutoring Schedule and Peer Assisted Supplemental Study

SUBJECT	COURSE	TUTOR	TIME	CONTACT	LOCATION
Nursing	252	Tara Manning	Wed. 2:00-3:00	(801) 295 4760	Markoe Hall
Accounting	201	Kelly Oates (By appt. only)	MWF 9:00-10:30	(402) 895 3273	Markoe Hall
Biology	212	Rich Jehlik	MWF 9:30-10:30 MWF 2:30-3:30	(402) 280-2167	Markoe Hall
Chemistry	205	Sandra Chee (Anderson)	MF 2:30-4:30	(808) 393 0988	Markoe Hall
	323	Rich Jehlik	MWF 10:30-11:30	(402) 546 2167	Markoe Hall
Spanish	all	Leslie Vela (By appt. only)	Wed. 11:30-2:30 Th. 2:00-4:00	Call or email Rich for contact info.	Markoe Hall
Theology	100 or 250	Laleh Mehrrafiee	By appointment	Call or email Rich for contact info.	Markoe Hall
Philosophy		Katie Homan	By appointment	Call or email Rich for contact info.	Markoe Hall
Math	all	Pat Al-Greene	M, T, TH 8:30-12:30 M, T, TH 5:30-8:30	(402)280-2167	Markoe Hall
Science	all	Rich Jehlik (By appt. only)	M-F 8:30-4:30	(402) 280-2167	Markoe Hall

## Program Reminders

### Spring Orientation

If you have not completed your orientation meeting, please schedule an appointment.

### Freshmen and sophomores:

Meet with Karen to make sure you are on track for fulfilling your semester goals.

**Juniors and Seniors:** Meet with Denise to make sure you are on track for fulfilling your semester goals.

**Pre-registration:** If you need help with pre-registration or checking to see if you are on track for graduation or choosing a major, please see Karen, Tami or Denise.

### Exit interviews:

**Graduating seniors:** Please remember to complete your exit interview with Karen.

### Swipe your ID

Remember to swipe your student ID whenever you enter Markoe Hall.







## Spot light on Carolyn Kor—by Carlos Atencio

Carolyn Kor is junior. Carolyn is originally from Honolulu, Hawai'i. She is majoring in chemistry and minoring in biophysics.

Many people find themselves wondering: how does a person from Hawai'i end up in Omaha, Nebraska? After thoughtful examination, Carolyn decided that she came to Creighton University because many of her friends and family are alumni. Creighton is also known for its high standing in the health professions. Carolyn has found it rather easy to adapt, although she realizes that fellow Hawai'i residents face a new experience with lifestyles, the atmosphere, the culture, and of course the change of seasons.

When asked why she decided to join SSS, Carolyn said that there are a few reasons, but the strongest ones were for the financial help and for the potentially large academic help. In the SSS program, Carolyn enjoys most the friendly staff who provide such a happy atmosphere, which definitely helped with her transition to college. She also enjoys the workshops and the opportunity to improve her study skills. Carolyn has benefited from SSS in numerous ways, but her greatest benefit would have to be the financial and academic aid that she has received.

Carolyn has been a student at Creighton University for three years, she says that chemistry professor Dr. Michaels is her favorite professor so far. He was the person who helped her pick

her major. Dr. Michaels has been a major influence in her life, especially through her Dominican Republic experience over the summer.

One of the most exciting events for her since she arrived at Creighton is when she met her first protégé, Linh Do. She will always remember that.

Something unique about Carolyn is that she has a brother who attends Creighton University Gordon Kor. In total she has four siblings, one sister and three brothers.

Outside of her studies, Carolyn is a resident advisor for Kiewit hall. She has fun doing this and enjoys her job.

where her residents paid to throw whipped cream at her. She described it as the most fun she has ever had.

Carolyn gets annoyed when she is unable to fulfill her expectations. She must always complete her goals.

Her favorite sound is the rain.

Carolyn loves to spend time with her family and cherishes favorite childhood memories.

If Carolyn could be an animal, she would be a White Siberian Tiger because she was born in the year of the tiger. She also states that White Siberian Tigers are "super cool".

The most interesting place that Carolyn has ever been is



Carolyn Kor



Carolyn enjoying herself at the Soiree picnic.



Carolyn's most prized possession is her computer. She says that her computer keeps her organized and connected with the world.

Carolyn said that she really doesn't have a favorite type of music, but she absolutely loves Alvin and the Chipmunks because they are so cute!

One of her most amusing moments was a resident advisor fundraising activity

Creighton. She said that it is in the center of Omaha and it has very interesting opportunities.

**The best advice that Carolyn can give to others who are trying to succeed in life is "Try your best. Don't look at failure as something bad, but look at it as a learning opportunity, a way to help improve yourself."**

## A Message From Denise Le Clair

Every author has an editor--and so do you. No matter what the subject--from accounting to theology--I can help you with the prewriting, editing, and proofreading that is part of writing a paper.

Call me at 280-2166 to ask a grammar question, work on ideas, or make an appointment for an in-depth look at your paper. Or you can stop by my office at Markoe Hall to set up time for a review of your paper.

Remember to see me early and often!

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Denise Le Clair  
Writing Specialist

# A message from Karen Midterm Meetings...?

<b>Rich Jehlik</b>	<b>Acosta – Funches</b>	<p>Hey All,</p> <p>Want to get ahead of the game? Everyone should sign up for midterm meetings ASAP so that we can be one step closer to completing the year. Everyone should remember the 5 requirements of SSS, so that we can better serve you in reaching your academic goals.</p> <p>Good luck on Midterms and have a great break</p> <p>w/Love Karen</p> 
<b>Pat Al-Greene</b>	<b>Garvey – Manning</b>	
<b>Denise LeClair</b>	<b>Maslankey – Lan Uyen Tran</b>	
<b>Tami Buffalohead</b>	<b>Tu Tran - Zuniga</b>	
<b>Sophomores that have Tami for your RSP200 advisor please meet with her for your midterm meeting</b>		
<b>Karen Thurber</b>	<b>All Freshmen</b>	





Meghan Nolan enjoying the snow.

## Spring Break Immersion Trip in Rosebud, South Dakota

It is time again for another amazing trip up north to South Dakota for Spring Break 2007. Every semester, students from Creighton travel to Rosebud, South Dakota, to be immersed in the Native American Culture. They also offer their insight on their college experiences to Native American students who live and attend school on the reservation. The Creighton students will visit museums in

the area, eat delicious Native American food, and see a buffalo herd. They will also have a chance to work with promising young high school students and assist Tami Buffalohead, the director of SSS, in guiding the students in their Gates Millennium Scholarship process.

If you are interested in a once in a life time amazing experience, please contact Josh Marshall at [JoshuahMarshall@creighton.edu](mailto:JoshuahMarshall@creighton.edu)

Join the trip and meet new people on the up-coming Cardoner trip.



Krystal Curry with Santa.

## Cultural Events and Workshops

**CULTURAL EVENTS** are designed to provide SSS students with a wide variety of cultural opportunities. Participants have the opportunity to meet other students through Cultural Events such as plays and concerts. Both tickets and transportation are provided free of charge for SSS students. Attendance counts as one workshop credit.

Make reservations by contacting Rich (280-2167 or [rjehlik@creighton.edu](mailto:rjehlik@creighton.edu)) or signing up on the SSS bulletin

board in Markoe Hall. At least **15** names are necessary. Please do not be a "no-show." If your plans change, you must let us know twenty-four hours prior to the event, so we can offer the ticket to a student on the waiting list

**SSS WORKSHOPS** offer numerous opportunities throughout the year to assist students with aspects of their diversified cultures.

**February 22nd— Writing a**

### Cover Letter and Resume

Jeremy Fisher will be giving advice on how to improve the skill of writing cover letters and résumés.

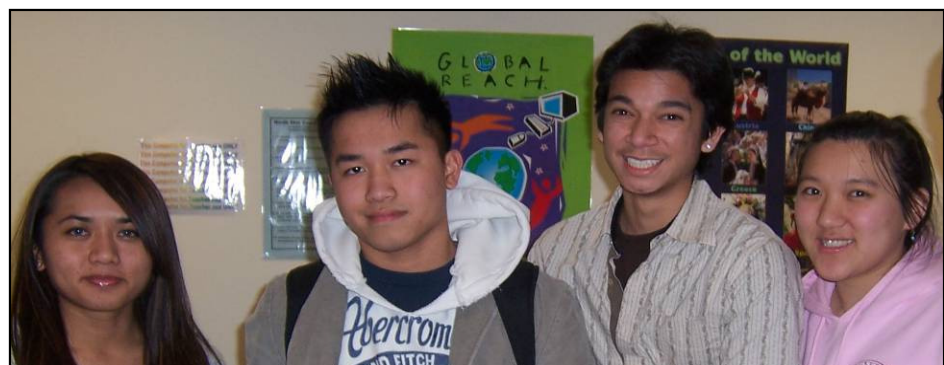
Skutt Student Center Room 104— 5:30pm

### February 28th— Laughter

Gerry Kuhlman of the Arts and Science college is giving is talk about Arts and Science core requirements. Laughter will be heard by all. Last year students loved the



Rapheal Jones, junior.



Amy Oum, Linh Do, Alex Wilkie, and Ariel Chi helping with helping Gates Millennium Workshop in Lincoln, Nebraska



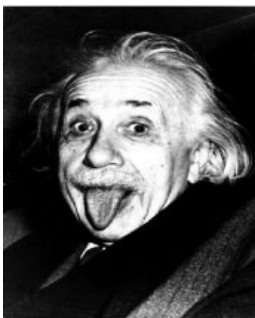


## **CONGRATULATIONS**

### **The following students made Dean's List for Fall 2006**

#### **Arts and Sciences**

Chanel Ayano  
Krystal Boose  
Lawrence Chan  
Stephanie Christensen  
Nina Contreras  
Lan Anh Dao  
Emmanuel de Jesus  
Cheree Hatfield  
Herman Ing  
Joanne Kim  
Carolyn Kor  
Laleh Mehrrafiee  
Lisa Peters  
David Putschack  
Kristina Smith  
Jesta Thomas



Bidong Tot  
Lan Anh Tran  
Natalia Trinidad  
Luis Vazquez  
Anthony Weasel Bear  
Katie Wilberding  
Beth Woodward  
Dinah Zuniga

#### **Business**

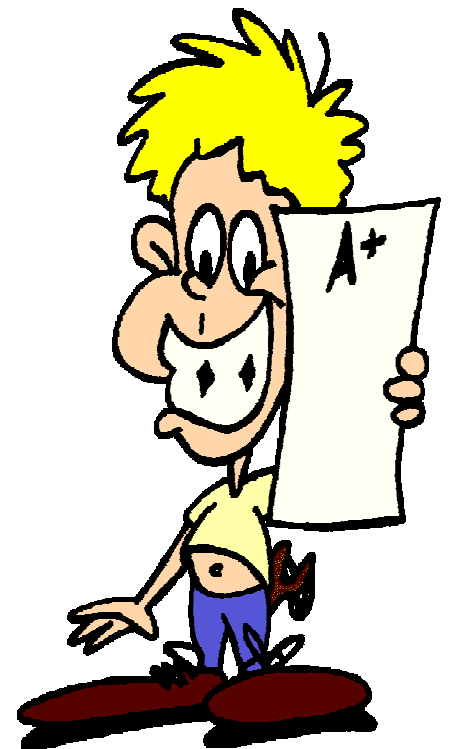
Braxton Black  
Jian Hao 'Steven' Cai  
Brandon Harrison  
Jordan Nelson  
Lorena Zamarripa

#### **Nursing**

Jordana Choquette  
Tara Manning  
Lan Uyen Tran

#### **Professional School**

Anthony Allee  
Thu Van Doan  
Michael Klug  
Jenna Loeffler  
Angela Shonecker



## Student Support Services

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**“Education is a companion  
which no future can depress,  
no crime can destroy, no  
enemy can alienate it and no  
nepotism can enslave.”**

**Ropo Oguntimehin**

SSS is one of the five federally funded TRIO programs at Creighton University under the Department of Educational Opportunity Programs. SSS is grant funded through the Department of Education to provide comprehensive services to help students achieve a successful college experience by increasing academic performance, retention, and graduation rates. SSS also works to foster an institutional climate supportive of the success of economically disadvantaged students, first generation students, and students with disabilities. The strength of the SSS program is providing comprehensive support to eligible students at Creighton University who have the ability and desire to succeed at Creighton University but would benefit from additional advocacy, academic, personal, financial, and career support. SSS is a resource that provides personalized and comprehensive support services for eligible participants to help them achieve their full potential.

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## Advice Corner— Advice for a Successful Professional School application

Linh Do, recently admitted to Creighton University's Doctorate of Occupational Therapy program, shares his advice for successfully applying to professional school.

Applying to a professional school can be a long, stressful, and tedious process. If done correctly, however, the rewards can be extremely gratifying. Here is a list of some things you should not forget to do to make the process a little smoother:

1) Make sure you engage in some type of job shadowing or observation hours in the

field you are interested in. This will come in handy when you create your personal résumé and personal statement.

2) Set aside some time during the week for volunteering at a hospital or other type of community service.

3) Be involved with at least 3 different clubs, with at least one related to your intended major. This will assist you with seeking helpful job shadowing opportunities and professional development.

4) Meet with your advisor regularly; he or she can help you with registering for the

classes that are required for your major.

5) Apply for any scholarships you qualify for.

6) Do mock interviews to prepare for your actual interview; this can make a significant impact both positively or negatively. Karen is a great person to see for this.

7) Start your applications early and submit early.

8) Have someone like Denise review your personal statement.



**Linh Do, Sophomore.**