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First Floor

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Hoots and Salutes to SSS Participants

Residence Advisors (RA)

Congratulations to the students who recently selected as RAs. Way to go!

Laleh Merrafiee

Dinah Zuniga

Krystal Boose, Deglman

Pre-Dental and Medical Summer program

Congratulations to Amy Oum for getting accepted into UNMC Medical Summer program. Way to go Amy!.



Top Scholastic Achievers

recognized at a luncheon for students earning a 4.0 GPA for two consecutive semesters. Congratulations:

Lisa Peters

Lan Uyen Tran



School of Pharmacy

Congratulations to the following students for their admission into the School of Pharmacy at Creighton:

Lawrence Chan

Herman Ing

Joanne Kim

School of Medicine

Congratulation to Josalyn Funches, recently accepted into Howard Medical School. YEAH!



Pre-Law Summer Institute

Congratulations to the following students for gaining acceptance into the University of Nebraska at Lincoln program:

Jeny Acosta

Guillermo Guzman

Lorena Zamarripa

CUASA Officers

Congratulations to newest CUASA officers:

Erica Stewart—Historian

Michael Beverly—Treasurer

Mehgan Nolan—VP of Public Relations



Young Democrats Officer

Congratulations to Kristina Smith, new President of the CU Young Democrats.



Gamma Delta Pi

Congratulations to the newest members of Gamma Delta Pi sorority:

Princella Parker

Millicent Wolfe

Taria Wolfe



Alpha Kappa Alpha

Congratulations to Deadre Currie for recently gaining membership into AKA.

Indian Cultural Society

Congratulations to the newest ICS officers:

Keshia Bradford—VP for Social Affairs

Darshil Parikh—VP for Cultural Affairs

**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 Cerveny

M-F 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Spot light on Sandy Cerveny by Taria Wolfe

Sandy Cerveny is the new Administrative Assistant in Student Support Services. Her first day was February 19th. She previously worked for Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa, for 30 years with the last 13 years in the Athletic Office.

Sandy and Gil, her husband of 36 years have five sons and four grandsons. Sandy says, "Our greatest accomplishment is raising them and having them all turn out to be good people."

Sandy was raised in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and has

returned to her home area because her husband is now employed at Alegent Health. "We enjoy the Omaha area and all the restaurants and events that are available to try."

Sandy's most prized possession is the china dishes she received from her mother-in-law. Her favorite music is "old time rock & roll." The most fun Sandy ever had was when her son won the Iowa state championship in high school boys' basketball and when she and her husband went to California. Sandy said, "It was beautiful."

A sound that Sandy loves to hear is the ocean and a child's laughter. If she were to be an animal she would be a cat "because they are graceful."

Something that annoys Sandy is bickering. Her most embarrassing moment was when she fell down in public while walking.

At Creighton, Sandy enjoys most meeting and getting to know the students. **Sandy's best advice:** **"Always smile. It makes everything better."**

SSS students completing all Spring 2007 Requirements**Jeny Acosta****Teela Allen****Carlos Atencio****Chanel Ayano****Erin Blaha****Sarah Belt****Michael Beverly****Krystal Booze****Keshia Bradford****Steven Jian Hao Cai****Sandra Chee****Melissa Choi****Jordane Choquette****Danine Cohen****Nina Contreras****Linh Do****Lan Anh Dao****Mahomound Fitel****Josalyn Funches****Acenith Garvey****Nicole Gaughan****Nicholas Goulette****Da'Keisha****Granderson****Da'Quisha****Granderson****John-Paul Gurnett****Trang Hoang****Emerick Huber****Herman Ing****Joanne Kim****Carolyn Kor****Doan Lai****Harriet Mullin****Meghan Nolan****Cindy Nguyen****Darshil Parikh****Ha Pham****Jesse Red Wing****Kristina Smith****Lan Anh Tran****Thu Thong Tran****Bidong Tot****Erica Stewart****Marissa Ulep****Xai Vang****Louis Vasquez****Alex Wilkie****Millicent Wolfe****Taria Wolfe****Lorena Zamarripa****Valerie Zimmerer****Dinah Zuniga**

Spotlight on Mehgan Nolan by Carlos Atencio



Mehgan is a freshman originally from Chicago. She is working on a degree in nursing with a minor in Spanish.

Mehgan loves Creighton, and she believes that the Jesuit college values she will learn here will assist her in her future nursing career. Mehgan joined SSS because of Tami and the friendly environment that is provided by SSS. She really loved how much Tami helped with a few scholarships. Mehgan knew that when she joined SSS, it would be a wonderful way for her to meet new and interesting people.

Mehgan likes being able to hang out in Tami's office and having everyone in SSS feel as though they are her second family. She said it's also less stressful to study and definitely more helpful to study with SSS behind her all the way. Mehgan also says that she has benefited from SSS by meeting nice people and becoming good friends with all of them. She also has plenty of academic work to keep her grades up.

Mehgan's greatest academic accomplishment was

receiving the Gate Millennium scholarship. It definitely helped her. Her involvement at Creighton includes being a Creighton Student Union Representative for the Nursing School. She has also been a Gate mentor and helped students correct essays and gave helpful tips since she received the scholarship.



Mehgan finds learning the history of the Christian religion as taught in her theology class one of the most interesting topics she has encountered at Creighton. One of her favorite college professors is Fr. Harmless. He is a passionate theology teacher; and he is very intelligent. He also wrote a book and encourages his students to do their best. Mehgan has great respect for him.

Mehgan treasures friendship and education. She appreciates both very much and tries to take nothing for granted in her life.

Mehgan's family consists of her father and her brother. Her family takes care of each other and has strong bonds. Nothing can come in the way of her love for her family. Outside of school, Mehgan

volunteers at CUMC in the Post Partum Department (Nursing Administrative Office).

Mehgan's most prized possession would have to be her little stuffed puppy with "Top Dog" and "#1 Dad" on the side. She gave the puppy to her father, but she still uses it because she loves it.

Mehgan's favorite type of music is R&B. The most fun she has ever had was when she met Bill Gates, Senior (Bill Gate's father). The most exciting place that she has been was Los Angeles, CA.

She is annoyed when people think that they know everything, when they really don't. Her most embarrassing moment happened when she was bowling, and she slipped and fell in front of her dad's entire company. Her favorite childhood memory is playing with the other children and nothing mattered. They had fun and not even conflicts could stop their friendship.

If Mehgan could be an animal, she would be a bird so that she could be free to do what she wants when she wants. She desires total freedom.

Mehgan's advice for others:
"Nothing ever comes to a sleeper, but a dream." Take the opportunities that come to you. Don't think about what you could do or what you could have done. Just Do It!



Mehgan performing at the CUASA Soul Food Dinner



Mehgan enjoying icebreakers with Luis at the annual Soiree'



Mehgan enjoying the snow

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
Spanish	323	Rich Jehlik	MWF 10:30-11:30	(402) 546 2167	Markoe Hall
	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

Freshmen and sophomores: **2007-2008 FAFSA:** If you need help with your FAFSA, please schedule a time to meet with Karen. Please do not delay in completing your FAFSA.

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

Swipe your ID

Remember to swipe your ID whenever you enter Markoe.



Spot Light on Kirsten Treadwell by Ariel Chi



Kirsten Nicole Treadwell is a senior at Creighton University majoring in political science with a minor in sociology. Her hometown is Omaha, Nebraska. Kirsten's accomplishments include making the Dean's List and being a Diversity Scholar. She is currently the President of the Creighton University College Chapter of the NAACP, the Treasurer of the Gamma Xi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and an active member of the Creighton University African American Student Association.

The most exciting place she visited was her trip last summer when Kirsten went to Chicago and Washington, D.C.. Kirsten will be the first person in her family to graduate from college. Kirsten's most prized possession is her collection of unusual jewelry. In her free time she enjoys sleeping and going out with her friends. She has the most fun when she's being silly with her roommates and friends, and her favorite childhood memory is taking trips with her family. Kirsten loves the sound of good music.,

If Kirsten could be any animal, she would be a lion because lions are in charge of the whole jungle. Kirsten is annoyed by stupid people and those who beat around the bush, but she always remains calm in high stress situations.

Kirsten chose to attend Creighton because she received a full-ride scholarship. Her greatest achievement is being a member of her sorority, and the most exciting event at Creighton for Kirsten is starting

a chapter of the NAACP. At Creighton, Kirsten's favorite professor is Dr. Witmer because he is the most down to earth professor in her department.

Kirsten enjoyed working with Creighton University's Classic Upward Bound program as a tutor coordinator helping high school students from low-income families prepare for college. In addition to serving as a tutor for Upward Bound she has served as Assistant Resident Director and Residential Advisor.



Kirsten enjoying scrap booking at Tami's house.

Kirsten joined SSS because she's a first generation college student, and as a senior she appreciates that SSS offered to help with post-graduate planning and tutoring which other students might not get. It is hard to find the one on one attention that SSS gives. SSS has helped Kirsten the most by helping her decide what to do after graduation.



Princella Parker enjoying the crab ragoon at the Lunar New Year

Remaining Spring Semester Schedule

April 6, 8 - No Classes—Good Friday, Easter Sunday

April 9 - Easter Monday, Classes resume at 5 p.m.

April 30-May 4 - Final Semester Examinations.

May 12 - University Commencement.



Bidong Tot, Natalia Trinidad, Kristin Weston, and Luis Vazquez illustrating they are the 2010 class



Princella Parker with her GDP Big Sister—Keshia Bradford



Lorena Zamarripa enjoying herself at the South Dakota Immersion Spring Break Trip Program through Cardoner



Taria Wolfe enjoying food from the Lunar New Year celebration.

How I spent My Spring Break

During Spring Break, **Sandra Chee** spent most of her time with friends in the dorm. She was very happy to be able to catch up with some sleep. Sandra and her friends enjoyed delicious food that they made together from different countries like Vietnam, Hawaii, and the Philippines.

Carlos Atencio went back to New Mexico for Spring Break. While in his home town, he spent time with his family and friends. He also did what all of the students probably did at least a little during Spring Break—catch up with some sleep.

Josalyn Funches spent a meaningful week on a service

trip to Chicago. She went with a group of eight. They worked at two sites: Marillac House and Casa De Prodencia. At these two sites, she and her friends provided family services, tutored kids in after school program, taught in ESL classes, and helped out with citizenship classes. They were hosted by the Daughters of Charity.

Josalyn enjoyed most the reflection time. Josalyn was the coordinator of the group.

Trang Hoang spent her wonderful week of Spring Break in Denver, Colo. doing service. She and her friends had a chance to work at different sites like Food Compa Ministry, St. Francis House, Annunciation School. They visited the

Colorado Vincentian Volunteer house. She had many interactions with homeless people. Because of her trip, she now has eight new wonderful friends. Trang thought daily reflections were very meaningful. They were the best way to get to know and learn from group members.

Millicent Wolfe spent her spring break visiting the Rosebud and Pine Ridge reservations in South Dakota. She had the chance to get to know students from Creighton better and help high schools students with the Gates application through the Cardoner South Dakota Immersion program.

Cultural Events and Workshops

CULTURAL EVENTS are designed to provide 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) 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 your spot to a student on the waiting list

Wednesday, April 11th—Selecting a major—If you are still deciding or uncertain, attend the session.

Thursday, April 12th—Dancer's Confetti Sheer variety of dance styles and the talent displayed by the professional dancers of the Omaha Theater Ballet.

Friday, April 13 - Laser Tag - An Interactive Workshop 9 - 10 pm (Zap Laser Adventures) A great activity for team-building and leadership development.

Wednesday April 18th- Potluck in Markoe Hall-Enjoy a variety of food, relax, and mingle with your fellow SSS students.

April 19th—Fahrenheit 451. Reservation due by April 10th A drama about a fireman who must risk everything and choose between non-existence and the right to think. (Meet @ Markoe Hall @ 6:45pm).

Saturday, April 21st—Henry Doorly Zoo - Noon to 3:00 pm This is a fun way to learn about the animal kingdom and discover the natural world.

Wednesday April 25th—Recognition Reception. (Skutt Student Center Ballroom) This event has awards, food and music. It is a time to celebrate your successes and the successes of your fellow SSS peers.

Spotlight on Bidong Tot by Ariel Chi

Bidong Yien Tot is a freshman at Creighton University majoring in Physical Therapy. He was born in Akoba, Sudan. Bidong is involved with many activities such as intramural soccer, Jays for Christ, Peace & Justice Cooperative, Pre-PT Club, African Students Association, CU Latino Student Association, CU African Student Association, the Freshman Leadership Program, and Student Support Services. He is also a recipient of the Gates Millennium Scholarship, the CU Diversity Scholarship, and the D.J. Hero Scholarship.

Bidong enjoys volunteering in the community and going to church on Sundays. The most exciting place he has been is Seattle, Washington. Bidong has a brother and a sister who attend the University of Nebraska at Omaha. The last time they saw their parents was more than a decade ago because his parents live in Sudan.

Bidong enjoys all kinds of music, and he had the most fun playing soccer until midnight. His favorite childhood memory is when he had time to play soccer all day. He loves the sound of

laughter, and if he could be any animal, he would like to be a cheetah because it runs the fastest. Bidong's most embarrassing moment was playing the games at the SSS picnic. Bidong is annoyed by not having time to finish his work during the day.

Bidong chose to attend

become successful and always has projects that are important for her students to work on.

The Creighton Upward Bound TRIO program helped Bidong attend Creighton University. Upward Bound helped him tremendously his senior year of high school. At first Bidong

did not want to go to Creighton, but Upward Bound encouraged him to give it a try. They also did a tremendous job helping him with scholarships. He feels blessed and thankful for what Upward Bound has done for him. He believes it is one of the best

programs in Omaha and that all high school students should join.

Bidong joined SSS because it has nice people who help all the time. Having a Peer2Peer mentor helps him, and he enjoys getting to know other students. Bidong likes how SSS helps with his classes, like writing papers, and solving math equations. SSS has helped. Bidong do the best he can in all his classes.

Bidong lives by one piece of advice: **"Treat other people the way you want to be treated—with respect and honesty."**



Bidong enjoying himself while attending the SD Immersion Spring Break Trip.



Bidong with his friend Natalia Trinidad.



Bidong enjoying the snow nest to the Fort Randall Dam in SD.

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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.

Karen Thurber's Advice Corner— by Carlos Atencio

This month's extremely useful advice comes from our very own Karen Thurber, Counselor, Student Support Services. As the year is coming to a close, Karen has a few important announcements and reminders to enable you to finish the year successfully.

Her first and most important piece of advice is to study hard. Finals are coming up, and so is the warm weather. She knows that the warm weather can be especially distracting, but she says RESIST and continue to work hard and learn as much as you can. Don't forget to use the resources available to you in SSS when preparing for finals and papers.

She also has to remind you to complete your two SSS workshops and to schedule your counselor meeting with her. Your goal is to be on the list for those who have completed their requirements for the spring 2007 semester.

It is also very important to remember to get your FAFSA completed and turned in. If you turn the FAFSA in late, you may miss out on important funds to pay for your education. Many students have been receiving letters from Creighton financial aid requesting information required to complete the FAFSA. Turn these into

Financial Aid as soon as possible, so the application can be processed for the maximum amount of funding.

We just completed pre-registration for fall 2007. If you have not registered due to holds on your account please see Karen or Tami for assistance.

Follow Karen's advice to finish the year successfully!



Alex Wilkie demonstrating his skills with the chop-sticks at the Lunar New Year Celebration

