



Steven Buffalohead hanging out at SSS!



Viet Do taking care of the plant.

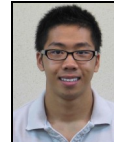
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STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Hoots and Salutes

Congratulations to **Khloe Keeler** for being accepted into the Emerging Leaders Program!



Tai Hoang,



Jian Lei (Ken) Cai,



Theresa Vu, and

Song Zheng who will be participating in the CCSJ spring break service trips!



Congratulations to **Antwonette Hobbs** for being accepted into the Emerging Leaders Program!



Congratulations to **Le Bree Perry** for being accepted into the Emerging Leaders Program!



Congratulations to **Maria Tran** for being accepted into the Emerging Leaders Program!



Congratulations to **Steele Valenzuela** who is currently pledging Phi Delta Theta and is a math tutor for the Office of Student Success!



Congratulations to the following students: **Maria Tran,**

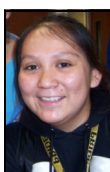


Mary Doan,

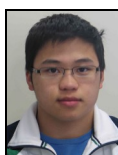
Tri Tran,



Marissa Begay,



Trang Hoang,



Way to go for **Loc Hoang,**

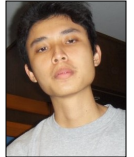


and **Luis Vazquez** who will be serving as co-coordinators for the CCSJ spring break service trips.



Congratulations to **Jessie Bakhit** who received the Freshman Scholar Award from the Office of Student Success!

Congratulations to **Patrick Lam** for being chosen for the Rev. Tom Schloemer SJ Outstanding Student Leaders Award.



Also nominated for the Rev. Tom Schloemer SJ Outstanding Student Leaders Award was **Chevas Anderson** for freshmen, **Kathy Doatay** and



Adrian Sandoval, Juniors,



Cheree Hatfield and



Lorena Zamarripa-Lovo, Seniors and

Ryan Wong, graduate students.



Congratulations to **Steven Buffalohead** who recently purchased a Cadillac. Drive safely!



Congratulations to **Emina Becirovic** who is a pledge and soon to be new member of Gamma Phi Beta!





Jared Good posing for the camera.



Felisha Henderson with her big smile!



Khloe Keeler looking beautiful as always.

Spotlight on Jared Good *by Carmen Chagolla*

Jared Good, also known as Bueno by his friends, is a sophomore at Creighton. He plans to major in mathematics, like Steele Valenzuela, and he is Pre-Physical Therapy.

Jared was born and raised in Harlan, Iowa. Deciding where to go after high school was not a hard decision for him. He decided to come to Creighton because it is close to home and the class sizes are small. He feels comfortable in Omaha, a city he knows pretty well.

Joining Student Support Services has been one of the smartest decisions he has made. He joined because he was eligible, and SSS offers free tutoring in various subjects.

One of his major academic accomplishments while being a student at Creighton has been being on the Dean's list his first semester. When I

asked him what his greatest achievement in life has been he said, "One of my greatest achievements has been getting engaged with my high school sweetheart this last summer!" He also considers his engagement to his sweetheart makes him unique, because we all know not everyone gets engaged at our age or to our high school sweetheart.

When he is not in school, Jared loves to go paintballing with his friends and to play video games all day long. He loves to play videogames because he of the adrenaline rush he gets when he beats all his friends at most of the games they play.

One of the most prized possessions is his letter of acceptance to Creighton. He considers this to be his most prized possession because it was the start on the right path

to a bright future.

Jared does not have a favorite type of music. He loves all types of music as long as they rock!

One of his least favorite words is pear-apple and that everyone including Tami Buffalohead-McGill had to know that this was his least favorite word. He even called the pear-apple an abomination.

A favorite childhood memories is going to his grandmother's farm and riding four-wheelers all over the farm.

Jared is a fun and interesting guy, although he does not seem like it at first glance. Jared is one book that has great depth; don't just look at the cover. If you ask me, take the time to get to know Jared!

Invisible Children Update *by Khloe Keeler*

Thank you everyone for your wonderful support of the book drive for Invisible Children! **We shipped eleven boxes filled with textbooks, and we placed very high in our category thanks to everyone at SSS.** For every nine boxes sent, enough money is raised to cover a one-year scholarship for a student in Uganda. **We were also able to raise an additional \$600 through online money donations.**

Invisible Children is doing very well now after last semester's book drive and

the Schools-for-Schools program. Invisible Children placed first in the Chase Community giving program, so Chase bank donated \$1 million to the organization. Invisible Children chose to help more than the children of Uganda and donated \$100,000 to Haiti. I am so excited that Creighton was able to be a part of this!

After shipping the boxes via UPS, Invisible Children called me to ask if we would be willing to participate in a book drive again at the end of this semester. So everyone will

now have a second chance to donate this semester's textbooks or any books you do not feel like lugging back home!

I will be working with the Amnesty Club. We will start promoting the drive toward the middle of spring. Spread the word to everyone and help to end this war in Uganda and give children opportunities that were once thought impossible!

Thanks again for all of your help! I really look forward to large collection of books at the end of this semester!



Frank Wain, the lost Beatle.



Joshua Phelps getting ready for junior prom.



Brenda hugging her little dog.



The SSS crew at the CULSA Banquet.

Spotlight on Harriet Mullin *By Samuel Phan*

Harriet Mullin is a woman of perseverance, love and kindness who was born in Dearborn, Michigan. Even though she is a unique sight at the office of SSS, when you see her you know that she is a kind soul. Her interest in furthering her education at Creighton began with her husband and son. It was a natural fit for her because her husband taught at the law school and her son was attending Creighton. She began her education at Creighton seventeen years ago in the fall of 1992, and, ironically, her first classroom experience was shared with her son and that worked out well.

However, school in the beginning was difficult for Harriet because of her vision problems. Harriet's son heard about a program called Student Support Services and referred her there.

Joining the Student Support Services program was a big plus for Harriet because of the friendly atmosphere, caring attitude, and deep concern for student's



potential. The Student Support Services program has provided a great deal of assistance from the smart board to an incredible staff such as Rich and Denise. "I owe a lot of gratitude", Harriet says.

Throughout her college years, Harriet has earned awards and recognition. She has been on the Dean's list for her hard work and dedication to education. Another accomplishment was being inducted into the Jesuit honor fraternity Alpha Sigma Nu. Her involvement in the community is just as impressive: she chaired and coached fashion shows, became publicity

coordinator of EPS, and hosted EPS open house parties.

Despite her accomplishments, Harriet balanced her school life and home life as a mother of seven. For seventeen years, during the day she was a student, and at home she was a caring and devoted mother.

Her desire for a college degree was motivated by her children. Most of them went beyond a bachelor's degree to successfully complete graduate school, which inspired Harriet her to work even harder so that they would be proud of her.

Harriet Mullins is an amazing person as a student and as a mother. Harriet is an accomplished woman who demonstrates academic success while being devoted to her family..

I would just like to say that I have never met a person who is able to care for a family with all her heart while putting her heart into school as well. May God bless your wonderful soul.





Rachel Wang eating *tigim* in Busan, South Korea.



Rachel and best friend, Jessie being "ganstalicious".



Carmen Chagolla posing.

Spotlight on Rachel Wang *by Michelle Wang*

Rachel Wang, a freshman at Creighton University, joined the Student Support Services simply because her sister told her to. She said that she didn't even think about it and didn't think it would benefit her. However, after spending a semester in college, **Rachel says that she's grateful for being a part of SSS. She says that she loves Karen, calling her the den mother. She is also appreciative that SSS "keeps me in the ball game" by having regular meetings to check her progress in her classes.**

An extraordinary thing about Rachel is that she has a short tongue and describes herself "literally tongued-tied". However, that doesn't stop her for being the sarcastic comedian her



Rachel and friends at Angel's house.

friends lover.

When asked if there was anything unique about her family, she says that the song "I've Been Everywhere (Man)" by Johnny Cash pops in her head because her family has moved to several places over the years and has visited many Asian countries, including Korea, China, Saipan, and Japan.

Rachel has strong ideas on what she likes and doesn't

like. She appreciates all kinds of music, but especially enjoys Korean pop. She loves the sound of piano music. However, she doesn't like picky people. She says that if there is one thing she cannot stand, it is people who are finicky eaters. Rachel also detests the word "safety," but for good reasons.

Though only a freshman, Rachel believes that the greatest event that has happened to her yet was meeting the great people she calls her friends. She hangs with them daily and enjoys cooking dinner and lunch with them. Laughing, she remarks that one of the important things she does outside of school is a daily Wal-Mart visit. She enjoys going to Wal-Mart with her friends and searching for food, clearance items, and Nerf guns.

Cultural Events



Béla Fleck, The Africa Project

Collaborations with Amazing African

M u s i c i a n s
Saturday, February 20, 2010 at 8:00 PM in the Holland Center

The king of bluegrass took his banjo to Africa – and this is the boundary-breaking result! It's jazz like you've never heard before. Rooted in flutes, marimba and xylophone, The Africa Project pulses with a beating heart.

Flamenco Vivo Carlota Santana

Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 7:30 PM in the Orpheum Theater • Slosburg Hall

Expert footwork, swoops and swooshes, and sizzling attitude make for a lively, can't-miss show. This premier flamenco troupe brings down the house in sell-out shows around the world!



Hubbard Street Dance Chicago

Saturday, May 22, 2010 at 8:00 PM in the Orpheum Theater • Slosburg Hall

One of the top modern-dance repertory companies in the world, Hubbard has a sleek and spicy energy that's just plain fun for dance buffs and newbies alike.





Jared taking a nap.



Nhu Le doing homework.



Jason Nguyen and Rich studying physiology



Nick Schroeder smiling!

Tutors, Study Groups & Supplemental Instruction

Resource	Subject	Day	Time	E-mail
Rich Jehlik	BIO 212	Monday	3:30p.m.-4:30p.m.	rbj11023@creighton.edu
Rich Jehlik	CHM 323	Appointment	1:30p.m.-2:30p.m.	rbj11023@creighton.edu
Rich Jehlik	CHM 105 Dr. Miller	Friday	2:30p.m.-3:30p.m.	rbj11023@creighton.edu
Rich Jehlik	BMS 303	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	2:30p.m.-3:30p.m.	rbj11023@creighton.edu
Marc Rizzo	PSY 111	By appointment (Contact Rich First) Call:913-484-3560		rbj11023@creighton.edu
Susan Tracy	Theology	By appointment (Contact Rich First)		rbj11023@creighton.edu
Chris Randall	Philosophy	By appointment		ChrisRandall@creighton.edu
Brendan Joyce	Accounting	By appointment		rbj11023@creighton.edu
Eric Ritz	Economics	Contact Rich First		
Kathy Daotay	Nurse 252 Pathophysiology	Friday	12:00pm-5:00pm	Kathydaotay@creighton.edu
Denise LeClair	Writing, Reading, Comprehension and Time Management (all subjects)	By appt. Monday-Friday	8:30am-4:30pm	leclair@creighton.edu
Pat Al-Greene	Math (all levels)	Mon, Tues, Thurs Wednesday	M-TR: 12:00pm-6pm	palgreene@creighton.edu Cell phone: 402-201-3843

Looking for an On Campus Job? by Sheila Field

Creighton offers a wide range of student employment opportunities. If you are looking for an on campus job, a good place to start looking is by visiting the student employment website at <http://www.creighton.edu/studentemployment/oncampusjobs/index.php>.

To work on campus, you will need to complete a Federal I-9 Employment Eligibility Verification form. You will also need a valid photo ID

and an original document that proves you are eligible to work in the US, usually a social security card, birth certificate, or US passport.

You should give the job on campus the same respect you would any other job. Be reliable and act and look professional while on the job.

Tips for getting the job:

—Check spelling when filling out forms and on your resume.

—Convey interest in the job.

—Arrive early for the interview.

—Go alone.

—Be prepared to think on your feet.

—If you can't keep the appointment, notify the interviewer immediately and ask to reschedule.

—Know your schedule and when you are available to work

NATIVE AMERICAN POT-LUCK

Students must RSVP to
Ray Bucko at
bucko@creighton.edu

Next Pot-Luck:

Thursday, February 18th



Dr. Rudi Mitchell, Saw Lot, Ray Bucko, Tami Buffalohead-McGill and Marissa Begay at the Potluck.



Adrian Sandoval, Marissa Begay and Precious Sully enjoying their food.



Ray sharing his food as usual!

Native American Pot luck *By Alicia Amedee*

After joining the Native American Studies Program (NAS), Father Bucko sparked up the idea of having a social gathering for those interested in the NAS program. In 2000 Father Bucko started his famous pot lucks, and what an idea it was. What started

with just those in the NAS program and Native Americans he knew, grew into his hosting people from all over Creighton's campus. Fr. Bucko's special potlucks are now held monthly at the St. Ignatius House with students, faculty, staff, and Native Americans from Creighton and the community.

By participating in activities like these potlucks, many of the attendees feel more welcome at Creighton and meet people they would be unaware of most of the year. Which is why I was excited to attend one myself in January.

From my experience, I learned that fellowship is a tool that many college students and faculty are able to use to bond together and make people feel more



Cheree Hatfield, Nhu Le, Saw Lot and Dr. Rudi Mitchell at the Native American Potluck.

comfortable. So it saddened me to hear that Creighton had lost eight Native American students last semester for various reasons.

When I walked into the Ignatius House, I felt instant warmth, a type of welcoming feeling that makes people feel at home. When people are more comfortable and feel welcomed, they are more likely to stay and continue to be a part of our Creighton community. Since this was only my first time attending the potluck, I was unsure of how things usually happen. This time I knew it had to be a special because Taylor Keen had asked his uncle, Mr. Gilpin, to attend. Mr. Gilpin prayed for the students who had left, our current students, the faculty, and our

community. He prayed in a traditional Omaha Nation way, and it touched many of us.

Once the prayer had concluded, we began fellowship with one another. There was great food and plenty of conversation.

Also in attendance was Mr. Keen's mother Octa Keen, and his sister Emerald Keen.

Octa Keen brought some traditional fry-bread which was delicious. His sister, Emerald Keen, is a Creighton Nursing Alumnae and is the founder of the Native American Association.

Sadly, I had to leave early to attend a CUASA meeting. I'm sure that Fr. Bucko's potluck was an awesome experience for everyone and could possibly be the best experience for some who may have not attended before. I would recommend this to everyone, so if you have never been, contact Tami Buffalohead-McGill or Father Bucko and be there for the next one. There is always plenty of love to go around, lots of hospitality, and delicious food.





Rich the coolest science guy



Pat helping students with Math



Peter Khong doing homework

Vietnamese New Year *By Viet Do*

Vietnamese New Year, or Tết, is one of the most exciting and important holidays in Vietnam. This celebration is derived from the Chinese New Year and is also celebrated in other countries besides China. Vietnamese New Year is celebrated during the second weekend of February. Each year is represented by one of the twelve animals of the zodiac. This year is the Tiger.

To prepare for the Vietnamese

new year, families clean their house and cook special foods. Customs that are practiced during Vietnamese New Year are visiting relatives and friends and giving lucky money in red envelopes to children. These customs are meant to bring luck and happiness for the coming year.

Vietnamese New Year entails a huge three day celebration that incorporates dragon

dance performances and g a m b l i n g . Vietnamese New Year is a very important celebration that brings family and friends together. If there have been tragedies or unluckiness in the past, Vietnamese New Year is a constant reminder to look forward to a happier and brighter year shared with friends and family.

SSS Lunar New Year Celebration *by Samantha Riley*

The Lunar New Year is coming up! The Chinese New Year, or Spring Festival, is the most important of the traditional Chinese.

The festival traditionally begins on the first day of the first month in the Chinese colander and ends on the 15th.

Within China, regional customs and traditions that celebrate the Chinese New Year vary widely. People will pour out their money to buy presents, decorations, material, food, and clothing. Every family thoroughly cleans their house to sweep away any ill-fortune in hope of making way for good

incoming luck. Windows and doors are decorated with red paper cutouts with themes of happiness or wealth.

On the Eve of Chinese New Year, supper is a feast . Food will include such items as pigs, ducks, chicken and sweet delicacies. The family will end the night with firecrackers.

Early the next morning, children will greet their parents by wishing them a healthy and happy new year and receive money in red paper envelopes. The Chinese New Year tradition is a great way to reconcile

with others and forget all grudges and sincerely wish peace and happiness for everyone.

SSS is hosting our annual Lunar New Year lunchevent on **Friday, February 12, 2010, from 11:30 to 12:30 or until the food runs out.**

Song Zheng's family restaurant will provide the food. We will have three main dishes, white rice, brown rice, eggs rolls, and soda. It will be held in the SSS conference room. Come and join the festivities.

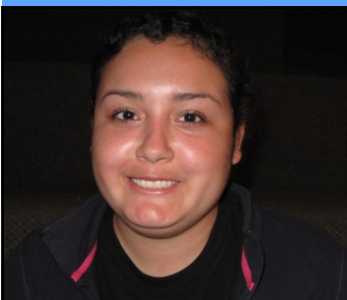




Carmen Chagolla hiding in the box.



Adrian Sandoval in his welcome week lip synch outfit



Monica Ibarra always smiling!

Spring Break Immersion Trip *By Guillermo Guzman*

IF you are looking for a fun time doing service this spring break, apply for the **Spring Break Immersion Trip to either South Dakota or Winnebago.**

This spring break, students may either take the week long service trip to South Dakota or the three-day trip to Winnebago.

The South Dakota trip will be from Sunday, March 7th to Saturday, March 13th.

The Winnebago trip will be from Sunday, March 7th to Wednesday, March 10th.

During these trips, the groups will visit high schools at the Rosebud/Oglala Lakota and Winnebago reservations to assist 11th graders prepare applications for the Gates Scholarship. You will also get to talk to 9th and 10th grade students about college.

Applications must be fully completed and submitted to

either **Guillermo Guzman** or Sandy Cervený by Friday, February 19th.

There is a separate application for each trip (South Dakota and Winnebago) and they are available at the front desk in the SSS Office. Please complete the application and turn it into Sandy Cervený.

WIN a \$30 Wal-Mart Gift Card *By Shelagh Hardrich*

Thanks to the innovation and efforts of **Shelagh Hardrich** all active Student Support Services students who earn a 3.3 or higher midterm grade point average and complete

their midterm meeting by April 12th will be placed in a raffle drawing for a \$30 Wal-Mart gift card.

Since everyone can use an extra \$30 for food, fun, or

necessities at Wal-Mart, this gives Student Support Services students even more incentive to earn good grades.

Good luck to everyone!

Why Join Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK)? *By Viet Do*

Omicron Delta Kappa, or ODK, is a National Leadership Honor Society whose members embody exemplary character, strong leadership, and superior scholarship. Members are chosen for their contribution to the college community and society. In the spring of 2010, ODK will ask for applications for the following academic year.

As members of ODK, a student can take advantage of local, regional, and national opportunities offered by the society; including scholarships, grants, and leadership training. ODK offers numerous activities and programs that provide

opportunities for growth and learning. Members of ODK have an extremely large network of students, faculty and staff of over 300,000. The recognition and learning experience from ODK is important and vital to a student's future and success.

The requirements for undergraduate students are placement in the top 35% of his or her class (email invitations will be sent to students who qualify). Also student must have at least sophomore standing (24 credit hours) and have completed at least one semester of academic work at Creighton.

The requirements for graduate/professional students are completing at least one semester of academic work at Creighton. For those students who attended Creighton as an undergraduate, eligibility is based solely on work done in professional/graduate school. Also students must place in the top 35% of his or her class OR receive an invitation to apply from the dean of the school.

You can access the application by going to: <http://www.creighton.edu/odk/>

If there are any questions, please contact **Kali McElroy**, Vice President of Selections.

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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.

Counselor's Corner *with Karen Thurber*

I hope the 35 seniors applied on NEST for graduation.

I hope everyone has their FAFSA done for undergraduate and graduate school next fall.

I hope winter ends soon.

I hope everyone has their orientation done.

I hope future success to the Rev. Tom Schloemer, SJ Outstanding Student Leader Award nominees.

Now we will move into midterm meetings.

Karen will see all the First year students.

Upper class and professional school students, try to see who you saw last fall.

We will try to email you who you need to see for the midterm meeting.

Remember the recognition ceremony on April 22nd. [A Space Odyssey](#), Saturday, April

If you do spring service trips, email Karen a summary.

In March we will have:

[Flamenco Vivo Carlota Santana](#), Orpheum Theater on Thursday, March 4th.

[Cherish the Ladies](#), Holland Center, Friday, March 12th.

10 students will have lunch with Father Schlegel, Wednesday, March 17th

We will have a [FAFSA workshop](#), Wednesday, March 17th.

[Laser Tag](#) TBA

[Giving tours to fourth graders](#), Thursday, March 18th.

[Project Homeless Connect](#), Friday, March 26th.

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