

Tai and his new friend Juan.



Jessica Rangel enjoying the natural beauty in Eagle Butte, SD during the fall immersion.

**TRiO**  
STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

## TRIO's Legacy of Success *by Martín Estrada*

As a member of the SSS program, we are also members of the TRIO program. The Trio Family Consists of the following programs: (1) Talent Search, (2) Upward Bound, (3) Educational Opportunity Centers, (4) SSS and (4) McNair.

The Federal TRIO Programs are federal outreach and student services programs designed to identify and provide services for bright individuals from first generation or economically disadvantaged backgrounds. The TRIO program is designed to ensure students' success. We have many famous alum of the TRIO program, such as:

**A. C. Green**, Student Support Services, Oregon State University, NBA basketball player

**Angela Bassett**, Upward Bound, St. Petersburg Junior College, actress



**Barbara Harmon-Schamberger**, Upward Bound, Salem-Teikyo University, General Counsel and Deputy of Securities

**Beatrice Berry**, Upward Bound, University of Delaware, author, award-winning lecturer



**Bernard Harris**, Ronald E McNair Scholars, Texas Tech, first African American

astronaut

**Franklin Chang-Diaz**, Student Support Services, University of Connecticut, first Hispanic astronaut



**George Foster**, Upward Bound, University of Georgia, professional football player

**Gwendolynne Moore**, Student Support Services, University of Wisconsin, Wisconsin State Senator

**Henry Bonilla**, Talent Search, former US Congressman, 23rd district of Texas

**John Quinones**, Upward Bound, St. Mary's University, correspondent for ABC news, "Prime Time Live" & "20/20"



**Joyce Evans**, Upward Bound mid-1970s Howard University, Washington D.C., News Anchor and Reporter, WTXF-TV Philadelphia

**Kevin Shibilski**, Student Support Services, University of Wisconsin, Wisconsin State Senator



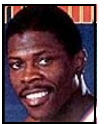
**Oprah Winfrey**, Upward Bound, talk show host, author and journalist



**Patricia L. Andrade**, MD, Upward Bound late '70s U. Mass. Dartmouth, MA, General Surgeon, New

Bedford, MA

**Patrick Ewing**, Upward Bound, M.I.T., professional basketball player



**Raul Vasquez**, Upward Bound, Laredo Jr. College, University of Houston, Judge

**Rev. James L. Nadau**, STI, Upward Bound, Bowdoin College, Roman Catholic priest



**Sonja Bivins**, Upward Bound Spring Hill College, U.S. District Court Magistrate Judge, Mobile,

**Victor O. Lujan**, Talent Search, New Mexico Highlands, former Executive Director of the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos, Inc.

**Viola Davis**, Upward Bound, Student Support Services, Rhode Island College, actress

**Will Haygood**, Upward Bound, Ohio Dominican College, Boston Globe feature writer



As you can tell from the impressive list of alums, the TRIO program builds success. There are over a million TRIO alums. We are all a part of this tradition and are success stories in the making. Give thanks to the TRIO program.

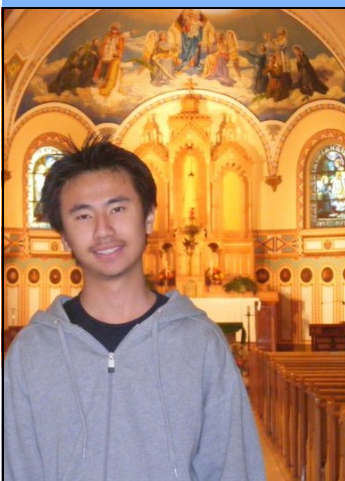
For the SSS graduating seniors, do not forget to sign up for the TRIO Alum page on Facebook! Also, do not forget to sign up with the Creighton SSS program on Facebook!



Namrata and Josh painting at the White Buffalo Calf Society in Mission, SD.

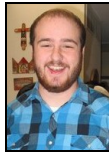


Some of the Rosebud SD Immersion trip participants posing in front of the Crazy Horse Monument.



Paul Wu enjoying the Church at the St. Francis Mission in SD during the fall immersion.

## Hoots and Salutes



Congratulations to **Ryan Freeman** for getting accepted into Phi Delta Theta Fraternity and he will be studying in the Dominican Republic this coming spring.



Congratulations to **Chloe Smith** who will be studying in the Dominican Republic in the spring.



Congratulations to **Kimberly Mooney** who will be study in

Seoul, South Korea in the spring.



Congratulations to **Marcela Morales** who will be study in Paris, France in the spring.



Congratulations to **LeBree Perry** for being accepted for the summer 2011 ILAC trip to the Dominican Republic

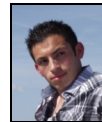


Congratulations to **Monica Ibarra** for being accepted for

the summer 2011 ILAC trip to the Dominican Republic



Way to go **Jamilla Hinson** who was recently hired at NPDodge.



Congratulations to **Martin Estrada** for his acceptance into Ageny 89 Modeling.



Congratulations to **Antwonette Hobbs** who was accepted into the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

## How I experienced the Lakota culture *by Josh Pieper*

For my Fall Break I went on an Immersion trip to a Native American reservation in Rosebud, South Dakota.

Our agenda for the trip was to travel to different high schools on the reservation and talk to high school students about college and the Gates Millennium Scholarship that is available to Native Americans. The agenda also included activities for us to be immersed in the Native American culture.

An activity we participated in was a Sweat ceremony. This involves going into a teepee and putting heated rocks in the center. The "Medicine Man" then pours water on the rocks, letting off intense amounts of steam — which had a strong smell of cedar. This ceremony was meant as a prayer to the spirits and was very central to our groups' theme to immerse ourselves in the Native American culture and understand their unique way of life.

Right before leaving South Dakota, we visited Mt. Rushmore and Crazy Horse Memorial. Mt. Rushmore is an extremely patriotic site; it is a tribute to how great of a nation we live in today. Crazy Horse memorial is slightly more impressive in my eyes, because the meaning is so much greater.

Crazy Horse, an Oglala Tribal Leader, was a warrior and his monument is going to be gigantic when it is finished. The issue, however, is actually finishing it. At the current rate of funding, Crazy Horse will not be completed in our generation (It has been 50+ years and only the head is finished). Korkzak Ziolkowski, the original sculptor who started the monument, passed away so the piece has been passed down to his family.

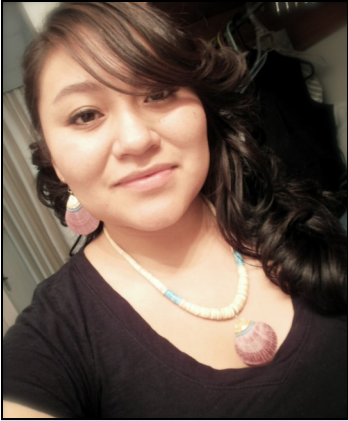
Since his family wants to keep their integrity without needing to be bailed out, they will not accept any government funding for the project. The irony is that many Tribes depend on the

government because long ago the federal government placed them on reservations and took away their livelihood. The relocation and lifestyle change forced many Tribes to depend on the government for survival.

What I learned about this trip is that though I am in college, where my tuition is paid by my parents, I will not be in college forever. This trip held real life applications for me. All over North America, Native American tribes have had to adapt to survive. They have to look for other resources to depend on and battle the barriers that exist.

If I ever want to go far in life I will eventually have to start paying my own bills and place my own daily routines. This trip serves as an excellent example for college students their futures in general. For those who are interested in looking for a connection to the real world, I would definitely recommend immersing yourself in the Native American culture.





Victoria posing for camera!



Victoria and Matt Wilson.



Victoria and her mom.



Adrian Vega and Margret enjoy a quick nap on the way to Eagle Butte, SD.

## Spotlight on Victoria Tsosie *by Martin Estrada*

**Victoria Tsosie**, or better known as Vicky, is a freshmen at Creighton University. Victoria plans to study pre-law in the hopes of becoming a lawyer after graduation. Victoria left her home town of Gallup, New Mexico to pursue a degree from Creighton because of its strong academic reputation.

Victoria has a hard time breaking out of her shell, but being around all the outgoing people at SSS has greatly helped her. Along with the friends she met, SSS has greatly benefited Victoria through tutoring and advice.

The prestigious Creighton University Diversity Scholarship was awarded to Victoria along with the Navajo Scholarship and Indian Village Scholarship. Although Victoria is only a few months into her Creighton journey, she is already involved in the Markoe Leadership Program, the Native American



Association, Peer2Peer Mentoring Club, and RAISE.

So far, Victoria believes her greatest achievement is graduating high school a year early. She hopes to maintain her dedication to becoming a successful lawyer for the Navajo Nation. Victoria has met numerous people and is glad Creighton has so much diversity to offer. **Dr. Rudi Mitchell** is Victoria's favorite professor because he really believes in his students.

Victoria's natural instinct is to help people and give back to the community. She is involved with various organizations that cook for the homeless and tutor throughout the community.

When the radio is on, Victoria enjoys listening to all kinds of music but her favorite is rock. Her favorite memory come from her trip to sunny California. However, not all memories are good as her most embarrassing moment came when she was texting and fell into the elevator.

If Victoria won the lottery she would pay off her college loans and help her family financially. If she could go back in a time machine, she would re-visit her childhood. If Victoria could be a super hero she would be Wonder Women because she can fly.

Victoria believes anything is possible and gives these spiritual words **"Live, Laugh, Love."**

## Cura Personalis: Caring for Myself *by Adrian Vega*

**"Cura Personalis"** is the idea of caring for the entire person. Do you maybe think of others before you? I find it quite interesting that with all the benevolent help we tend to offer, we sometimes forget to care for our own sake and stability. It is crucial these days for individuals to be at one with themselves for society forces us to work harder and to avoid rest.

Forty plus hours a week you work or are a fulltime student which means the rest of the time you have for free you

are either preparing for work or catching up. Indeed it is important to keep track of all your priorities, but when it comes to your health; rest becomes a significant factor in your life.

I have found out through my own experiences and observing others that sleep deprivation is the common epidemic of college students. Whether it's because you spend your time studying or you are too busy socializing students are not sleeping the average period of time of eight

hours. I have realized that I am always tired in class and common activities like playing sports become a burden. My weight has gone up because of not sleeping well.

The fact that I am taking the time to reflect on my flaws is significant to my development as a person. Indeed caring for myself will allow me to have the strength to help others and truly focus on my studies.



Kiera Hirayama with her host, Ms. Sarah Snake, who is also Treasurer for the Winnebago Tribal Council.



Jason with his Host Family.



Nhu Le and Michelle Wang with their host family.



Matt Kor enjoying the Winnebago Gift Shop.

## Spotlight on Dr. Scott Hendrickson *by Adrian Vega*

I would like to present to you one of my favorite professors, **Dr. Scott Hendrickson**.

Dr. Hendrickson, a Grinnell Iowa resident, teaches both American Government and Law and Politics. He says that he decided to work at Creighton University because of its reputation and because of the quality of students that it attracts. Dr. Hendrickson is currently at his two-year mark and says that he loves what he does: teaching.

When asked about SSS he said that he is somewhat familiar with SSS. He said he heard that SSS is a program created to help students succeed, therefore he was in favor of it (along with his political science department) because he also enjoys aiding his students to become more successful.

The way he does this is by making sure that his students interact with the material and actively participate. He often asks for clarification through questions. With this in mind he expects his students to be able to seek help either from



him or other peers when they are confused about his lectures.

Dr. Hendrickson says a successful student is willing to look for help and be inquisitive about his or her education. Nevertheless he advises students to find classes that appeal to them and that will allow them to be engaged and participative.

When he is not in class Dr. Hendrickson prefers to spend his time in the gym three times a week, working out his body and mind. He also likes to ride his bike daily. His

greatest achievement is receiving his Ph.D. in Political Science.

Dr. Hendrickson says that one of the most interesting thing that happen in his classroom is when a girl yelled out 'gross' but decided not to ask why.

Dr. Hendrickson has also been to interesting places . For example, he spent three weeks in Europe where he traveled to Rome with a couple of his friends.

Finally when asked what he would do if he won the lottery he said that he would invest in a nicer car like a BMW because he loves the brand. He also said he would pay off his student loans. And if given the opportunity to use a time travel machine he said he would travel to the old west or the moment in Pearl Harbor's history.

Dr. Hendrickson is loving his years at Creighton and is thriving in his work life. I would definitely recommend him as a professor.

## A Day to Honor America's Brave *by Victoria Tran*

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, "the war to end all wars" ended. November 11, 1918 marks the day when the Allied nations and Germany ceased fighting. And it was not until June 28, 1919 that World War I ended.

November 11, was formally known as Armistice Day until 1954 when President Eisenhower passed legislation to change the name to Veterans Day.



Monica Ibarra and brother, Oscar.

Veterans Day is a day meant to honor all those who served in the armed forces in order to protect the United States.

As of 2009, there are 21.9 million veterans in the United States. 1.5 million of these veterans are females and 9 million veterans are 65 and older. All 21.9 million veterans are brave men and women who chose to fight for their country and protect its citizens. They all deserve a round of applause, a warm smile and recognition for what they did for our great country. If it were not for these courageous men and women we might not have the privileges we enjoy now.





Amal Barre and Martin Estrada enjoying Halloween with 'Lady Gaga'.



Crystal Huynhcao is ready for Halloween.



Crystal and Marissa prepare for a night of haunted houses.

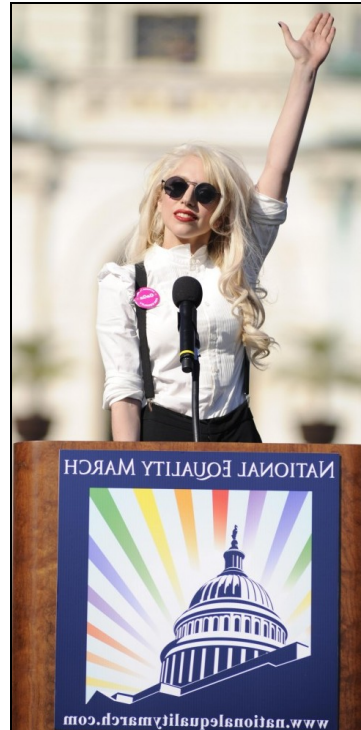
## The Fame Monster: Lady Gaga by *Martín Estrada*

Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta, also known as Lady Gaga, has not only sky rocketed to the top of the music charts in the last couple years, but has greatly impacted our society's culture. With her zany, symbolic couture and her passion for gay rights, Gaga has become a pop culture icon. From this, she has recently been ranked #7 on the Forbes list of 100 Most Powerful Women 2010 and has used this leadership to change our world.

Lady Gaga was born in New York City on March 28, 1986, into an Italian family. From an early age, Gaga was musically gifted; she played the piano by ear at age three and composed her own ballads by age 13. Throughout high school, Gaga was a focused student and attended various Roman Catholic institutions. Gaga states, **"In my academics I was very dedicated, very studious, and very disciplined."**

In her early teenage years, Gaga started to perform at community events and open mic nights at clubs and social events. By age 17 she was accepted into New York University's Tisch School of Arts.

After becoming well known within New York City, Gaga was signed by Def Jam Records. But after only a few weeks, she was dropped from the record company. Gaga did not give up, however, and performed more than ever throughout New York City's night life. At age 19, Gaga was signed by Interscope Records, which



Lady Gaga is pictured after giving a speech at the National Equality March promoting equal rights for everyone.

later merged a joint contract with hip-hop artist Akon's, "Kon Live Distribution".

In 2008, Gaga moved to Los Angeles, California and quickly sky-rocketed to the top of the music charts with her early songs such as, "Boys, Boys, Boys" and "Just Dance". Her first single, "Just Dance" was #1 in six different countries including the United States. In 2010 Gaga won five Grammys and even more impressing, was nominated for a record setting thirteen MTV Video Music awards and won eight. Gaga has sold out in every venue of her Monster Tour. Two weeks ago, Lady Gaga sold out of tickets for her upcoming concert at Omaha's quest center in less than 10 minutes!

Gaga has been a cultural inspiration because she

stands for much more than just music and lyrics. Lady Gaga symbolizes individuality. Gaga states, "In school I used to get made fun of for being too provocative or too eccentric, I didn't fit it. I felt like a freak." Gaga never put her head down, but instead decided to stand out in the crowd. With her wardrobe consisting of dresses made from meat, bubbles, and even Kermit the frog, she has made a point of strong individuality and not caring what people think. With a society obsessed with looks and image, Gaga has impacted a social movement toward individuality and self expression. Gaga states, "All people should be free to express themselves in any way possible."

Gaga spends much of her time advocating for gay rights. Gaga credits much of her popularity and fame to the gay population. She is a leading activist against "Don't ask, Don't tell". Recently, on September 6<sup>th</sup>, Gaga joined a protest march in Portland, Maine, organized by the *Legal Defense Network*. She gave a speech to inspire and persuade her audience to repeal the policy. Gaga is currently working with organization such as *The Human Rights Campaign* and *The National Equality March* to ensure equality for all.

Overall, Lady Gaga has become an inspiration for a countless amount of people worldwide. Through her music, fashion, and passion for equality, Lady Gaga has greatly impacted our society and world. She is a legend in the making.

## Spotlight on Dr. Tamora Whitney *by Nermina Demirovic*



Michelle Wang on the St. Augustine's playground in Winnebago, NE during recess with her new friends.



Kiera Hirayama and Nermina Demirovic enjoying some down time.



Samantha Riley enjoying the Little Priest Tribal College Museum.

Born in Omaha, Nebraska, **Dr. Tamora Whitney** is one of the most memorable teachers I have ever had.

She has been with Creighton for 19 years and teaches English. Along with teaching multiple classes at Creighton she is also on the Faculty Affairs Committee in her department and writes Daily Reflections for the campus ministry website.

Dr. Tamora Whitney loves to travel and see movies. I have never met anyone in my life that has seen as many movies as she has and remembers specific details about those movies. Her knowledge of endless topics are so vast, which can be verified by her participation on Jeopardy! How very exciting, right!?

Dr. Tamora Whitney's teaching style is very student-oriented. She says not many students are very comfortable with speaking out loud in class so she offers other ways for possible participation, which includes



online discussion boards. This, she believes, gives everyone a chance to participate within their own comfort zone.

Dr. Tamora Whitney enjoys the motivated students at Creighton so she is always willing to help as much as she can. Her advice is that if you work hard and focus then academic success will happen, but time management is key. She says that although the social aspect of college is important, scheduling time to do school work can make a significant impact on grades.

While working at Doane College in Crete, Nebraska, Dr. Tamora Whitney was a part of the SSS program as the writing specialist. She knows what the SSS program offers and how helpful it can be. She also enjoys that it focuses on the students' success and she often has SSS students in her classes. She emphasizes the tutoring available through SSS and its usefulness.

Dr. Tamora Whitney is a very entertaining teacher. I look forward going to her class because she has such interesting stories that she shares with us and she incorporates modern things that students like me are interested in, into our work. I would recommend Dr. Tamora Whitney for any student because she cares about our opinions. Her feedback is never negative and you learn so much from someone who knows as much as she does. After all, who wouldn't want a teacher who signs Irish folk music, wants you as a friend on Facebook and wishes she could teleport?

## Finals Schedule

Hour	Monday, Dec. 13	Tuesday, Dec. 14	Wednesday, Dec. 15	Thursday, Dec. 16	Friday, Dec. 17	Saturday, Dec. 18
8:00-9:40	MWF Classes Meeting at 7:30	MWF Classes Meeting at 8:30	MWF Classes Meeting at 12:30	TuTh Classes Meeting at 2:00	MWF Classes Meeting at 10:30	
10:00-11:40	MWF Classes Meeting at 9:30	MWF Classes Meeting at 3:30	MWF Classes Meeting at 11:30	TuTh Classes Meeting at 12:30	MWF Classes Meeting at 1:30	Saturday classes will be examined at regular Saturday sessions
1:00-2:40	TuTh Classes Meeting at 9:30	TuTh Classes Meeting at 11:00	MWF Classes Meeting at 2:30	TuTh Classes Meeting at 3:30		
3:00-4:40	TuTh Classes Meeting at 8:00	CHM 203 (3:30-6 p.m.)	MTH 103, 139, 141, 201, 245, 246, 310, 347	PHY 211, PHY 212 (3-6 p.m.)		

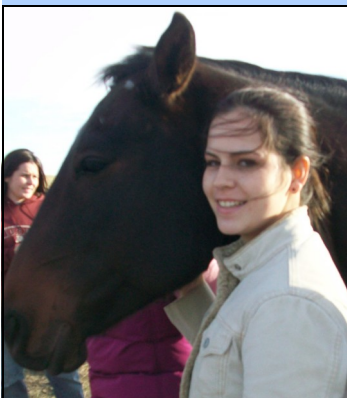




Shelagh Hardrich learning about horses at Eagle Butte.



Jessica Rangel getting to know her horse.



Ashley Hauger with her horse



Khloe Keeler enjoying the snow, she is obviously not chionophobic.

## Spotlight on Dr. Jeffrey Hause *by Jared Good*

**Dr. Jeffery Hause** is a professor at Creighton University and usually teaches philosophy along with Latin and the occasional honors class.

When he is not teaching, Dr. Hause does research, advising, participates in committee work, and just generally does whatever his supervisors ask him to do.

Professor Hause originates from Long Beach, California, and has worked at Creighton since 2002. He really enjoys being able to teach what he loves to students that work hard and appreciate the education they are receiving.

Dr. Jeffery Hause is familiar with the SSS program. Dr. Hause likes SSS students



because we tend to ask more questions in class and tend to send more emails with questions. Overall, he feels that SSS students have higher participation and because of that he gets to know them a little bit better. He also said SSS students seem more involved in what we are learning than some of the other students.

When it comes to keys to success, professor Hause says that it really depends upon your discipline. **For instance, with philosophy it is important to develop careful reading skills, have analytical abilities, pay attention to detail, organize your thoughts carefully, and to approach a problem from different perspectives.**

However the best advice he can give to SSS students on how to succeed academically is to try to love the material you are studying, and keep in contact with your professors.

When looking for a philosophy professor you may want to consider taking Dr. Jeffery Hause.

## How to Get Over Your \*Chionophobia! *by Ingri Saravia*

Do you feel your heart pounding every time your neighbors bring it up? Is your train of thought always on the verge of a slippery slope when you realize it's coming soon? Do bizarre thoughts cross your mind such as: "What if my coat has a hole and one of them gets in?" "What if I accidentally slip and fall on it?" or "What if it burns my face off?" If the answer is yes to any of these questions, then you might have a "serious" case of Chionophobia. But don't worry, help is on the way!

Well, let's face it, winter's [almost] here, and along with the piercing wind, comes our arch enemy: Snow. This fluffy freezing fiend is the cause of

dread in everyone's mind, especially in the mornings. No one wants to roll out of bed and leave behind the warm blankets, no one wants to shovel it, and not many even want to look at it. Either way, no matter how many times you shovel it, salt it, or form it, it's always there lurking and watching your every move. It even likes to walk in the front door with you!

The only way to remedy this problem is to face it. Go outside for twenty five minutes and make snow angels...become the snow! After this unbearable exercise, make sure to stand up and look down at those shimmering flakes and tell them, "No more! I am the

boss, and I will not let your dissolving demeanor boss me around!" Afterwards, you may show your infuriation towards it, due to the fear it has caused you all these years, and stomp on it really hard. Put some muscle behind it! Finally, you may go back inside and reward yourself with hot chocolate and grandma's cookies. From here on, you are free and the solid water will not torment you any longer!

*(Results may vary depending on the severity of you Chionophobia. Please consult your doctor if this fear persists.)*

**\*Chionophobia-** An abnormal fear of snow.



LeBree Perry looking great!

## Ah, It's Finals *by LeBree Perry*

It's that time of the year again ! As college students we all dread...FINALS WEEK!!!!!! Just the sound of that phrase makes you want to cringe. Immediately after Thanksgiving break you want to crawl into a tight ball in the center of your bed until the start of winter break. However that dream is quite impossible. So here are a few tips on how to make your finals week a bit more relaxing and organized.

### Tip # 1 "Plan ahead"

Now that it is getting close to finals week its time to plan out that last two weeks of class.

However you would like to organize your schedule is up to you. Nonetheless, make sure you detail which days your finals are on, when and where you plan to study those finals, any projects you may have do, and last but not least, time your sleep and relaxation time. People often stress themselves out during finals week, not knowing the best way to deal to schedule time to relax. Also making sure you get at least 6 to 8 hours of sleep is very important.

### Tip # 2 "Stay focused"

We have all done it before. You are studying in the library for a few hours when you realize it would be a great idea to take a study break. Well too often does that 15 minute study break turn into an hour long chat with your BFF on Facebook. The key to having a



successful finals week is to stay focused. Yes, study breaks are necessary but don't let them take over because, before you know it, you will have studied and comprehended only 40% of the material and spent 60% on Facebook or Twitter!

### Tip # 3 "Location"

Choosing a location to study is very important as to how you will retain the information. Therefore, studying for your finals in your room while your roommate and buddies are watching the game may not be the best idea. You want to choose the best location that works well for you. Choose someplace quiet where you can really focus on the material, without being bothered.

### Tip # 4 "Outlets"

Make sure when you're studying for finals that you use different outlets for studying. Meaning get creative in how you study! There are many websites that can help you create quizzes, flash cards or study notes.

One site that is helpful is Studyblue.com.

Having several ways that you study the material can help you understand and retain the information better.

### Tip # 5 "Morning finals"

Many of you by now have looked at your syllabus and realized that you have 2 or 3 early morning 8AM finals and you're furious! You're thinking my class is at 2 o'clock in the afternoon why is my final so early!? Well I don't have an answer for that but I can tell you what you can to do be successful in waking up for an early morning final. First thing is to follow Tip #1 "Plan ahead" and make sure you get 6 to 8 hours of sleep. Second, Wake up at least an hour to an hour and a half before the final. Take a shower to wake your body up. Third, spend about 15 to 20 minutes reviewing the material for the exam. Fourth, MAKE SURE to eat breakfast. Having things like oatmeal, yogurt, bananas and other fruit are all great choices for breakfast before a final.

There you have it! An easy 5 step guide on how to be successful for finals week. Now if you follow all of the 5 tips there is no reason why you shouldn't ACE your finals. I hope these tips are helpful. Enjoy your Winter break and remember plan ahead, stay focused, find locations, and outlets.



Nermina exhausted after a long day relaxes on Pat's floor as he quizzes her in preparation for her test.



Samantha Riley getting ready to for the Financial Aid presentation for students and their parents at the Winnebago High School.





## Student Support Services

Creighton University  
2500 California Plaza  
Mike and Josie Harper Center  
Suite 4008  
Omaha, Nebraska 68178

Phone: 402-280-2749  
Fax: 402-280-5579  
E-mail: [tamib@creighton.edu](mailto:tamib@creighton.edu)  
Website:  
<http://www2.creighton.edu/ss>

**“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*

Remember the Potluck on Friday, December 3rd. If you forget to sign in, please let me know. There are also various December Omaha Symphony performances we are offering tickets to you for workshop credit. Contact Sandy if you are interested in attending these concerts.

A thank you to everyone for getting appointments and workshops completed. We have **104** students with all the requirements completed. For 70 students, please complete orientation meetings, midterm meetings, counselor meetings and two workshops. Thank you.

Everyone, please stop by Sandy's desk and sign the sign in notebook.

Congratulations to **Alexandria Bell Martin, Steven Jian Hao Cai, Da' Keisha**

**Granderson Da' Quisha Granderson, Liliana Murillo** and **Paul Tran** who will be graduating this December. We wish you the best.

In January, before coming back to school, please have the w-2's and 1040's ready to copy for the Financial Aid Office. Complete the FAFSA in January or in February. I can assist you if you need assistance.

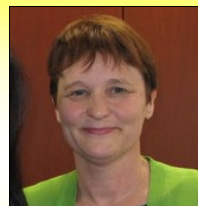
While you are at home, look over your schedule. You have until January 18<sup>th</sup> to change your schedule. If you have a good schedule, please do not change it. If you need more classes, please look at NEST each week and see if you can add a class.

After grades are submitted, Tami and I will be looking at your grades. Early January, I will try to email you about

grades and if spring classes need to be changed. Remember to do orientation meetings with me when you get back in January.

Good luck on papers and finals. Have wonderful holidays. Be safe and careful in your travels. We will be working over break, so email or call if you have questions. Karen

**Karen Thurber**



**SSS Assistant Director  
and RSP200 Advisor  
Harper Room 4017  
Phone: 402-280-3007**

**Email: [karenthurber@creighton.edu](mailto:karenthurber@creighton.edu)**