

# **PROGRAM**

## **Processional**

### **Welcome and Remarks**

*Jonathan Ermer, President, ASN Student Chapter, Creighton University*

### **Induction Prayer**

*Emily Csik, Vice President, ASN Student Chapter, Creighton University*

### **Remarks on behalf of the Alpha Sigma Nu Omaha Alumni Club**

TBD, Include CU degree and year

### **Alpha Sigma Nu Standards**

Scholarship - Gabriella Jude ,Vice President, ASN Student Chapter, Creighton University

Loyalty - Eric Villanueva, Vice President, ASN Student Chapter, Creighton University

Service - Xavier Glover, Vice President, ASN Student Chapter, Creighton University

### **Moderator Remarks**

*Thomas Purcell III, Ph.D., J.D., CPA, Moderator, ASN Student Chapter*

### **Alpha Sigma Nu Pledge**

### **Acceptance of Candidates**

*Edward O'Connor, Ph.D., Provost, Creighton University*

### **Presentation of Keys and Certificates**

### **Conferral of Honorary Memberships**

### **Remarks on Behalf of the Administration**

Dr. O'Connor

### **Remarks on behalf of the Student Inductees**

*Hayley Henriksen, Senior, College of Arts and Sciences*

### **Invitation to Reception**

Mr. Ermer

*Reception inside and outside Billy Blues Alumni Grill*

**Catholic Mass with special participation by the 2015 Inductees**

5 p.m., St. John's Church on Campus

Rev. Michael Flecky, S.J., presiding

# UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

## College of Arts and Sciences

**Meghan Barry:** Meghan is a senior exercise science major who will graduate in May 2015. She competed as a member of Creighton's cross country team her freshman and sophomore years, and currently works as a corporate wellness intern for National Indemnity and Berkshire Hathaway Homestate Companies. Meghan has enjoyed teaching Zumba and interning at four different physical therapy sites during her time at Creighton. She looks forward to attending physical therapy school this summer and continuing to share her passion for health and fitness with others.

**Shayna Bartow:** Shayna is a junior peace and justice studies major who will graduate in May of 2016. Shayna has been involved in many activities during her time at Creighton, especially with the Creighton Center for Service and Justice. She has participated in three service trips, coordinating one of these trips. She has also attended the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice in Washington, D.C. As a freshman, Shayna was a member of the Freshman Leadership Program. Last spring, she studied abroad in the Dominican Republic through the Encuentro Dominicano study abroad program. She currently leads weekly service to Completely Kids.

**Alexandra Bedore:** Alex is a junior and will attend pharmacy school in the fall of 2015. She has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton including two service trips through the Creighton Center for Service and Justice, leading one of the trips. She also serves on the board for Colleges against Cancer and is an active member of Greek Life as well as a volunteer in the Omaha community.

**Jordan Brabec:** Jordan is a junior who will graduate in May 2016 with a B.A. in psychology and a double minor in philosophy and music. In his time at Creighton, Jordan has been involved in the Freshman Leadership Program, the Cortina Community and Psi Chi, the honor society for psychology. He has also been a Beadle for the Radio Studiorum Program, the secretary of Creighton's Chamber Choir, and the Music Director of the Creightones, Creighton's all male a capella group. Jordan has also volunteered as a tutor, supervisor, and activity coordinator at Girls, Inc., Children's Respite Care, MOSAIC and the Pennie Z. Davis Child Development Center. He is grateful for his Jesuit education, the supportive relationships of his professors, and the friendships he has formed at Creighton. Jordan hopes to attend graduate school for psychology and become a licensed school psychologist.

**Cole Crawford:** Cole is a senior English and computer science major. He currently serves as the editor in chief of Shadows, Creighton's Literary Magazine, and as a Ratio Studiorum Program Decurion for the Dean's Fellows Program. Cole studied abroad at the University of Glasgow in 2013 and won a summer undergraduate research grant for his digital edition of the Scottish poet Robert Tannahill. Cole also volunteers at the Siena/Francis Homeless Shelter and in the Office of International Programs as a study abroad peer advisor.

**Allison Dethlefs:** Allison is a senior Spanish major who will graduate in May 2015. Allison has been involved in many service and leadership experiences during her time at Creighton through Creighton's Center for Service and Justice, the Cortina Community and Campus Ministry, all of which have helped shape and define her college experience. She has also spent a significant amount of time in Latin America, studying abroad in Peru and the Dominican Republic and spending her summers working with rural communities in Honduras and the D.R. After graduation, she hopes to spend time developing her creative skills as an artist and continuing to serve others through post-graduate volunteer work abroad.

**Erin Dorpinghaus:** Erin is a junior math major with a double minor in business administration and philosophy. Erin has participated in a variety of activities during her time at Creighton from intramurals to being cast in the Creighton Musical Theatre production of Phantom. As a member of the Social Network Analysis Group, Erin researches the diffusion of a value system throughout the globe. She has gone on service trips and is a member of the Peace and Justice Cooperative through Creighton's Center for Service and Justice. Erin recently completed a semester abroad in the Dominican Republic through Creighton's Encuentro Dominicano program where she taught English classes at a local grade school and worked on a water project with members of a rural community.

**Renner Fujiwara:** Renner is a senior chemistry and biology double major. He has won the Ferlic Undergraduate Summer Research Scholarship twice for his research in fluorescence correlation spectroscopy with Dr. Eric Haas, Ph.D., Dr. Michael Nichols, Ph.D., and Dr. David Sidebottom, Ph.D. Renner has served as a math and science tutor for the Classic Upward Bound Program as well as a chemistry teaching assistant and tutor for the chemistry department. He is also a member of the Phi Beta Kappa academic society. After graduation, Renner plans to attend dental school.

**Christine Gonderinger:** Christine is a junior mathematics and secondary education double major. She has been heavily involved in New Student Orientation as both a Summer Preview guide and executive. Most recently, she has been a Decurion to 16 freshmen in the Ratio Studiorum Program. Christine is also an active member of her sorority, Alpha Phi, and holds the position of Director of Finance. As a double major, she not only does research in the education department, but also works as a grader in the math department. Christine gives back to the community as a sixth grade religious education teacher at a Omaha parish and a liturgical minister. She looks forward to student teaching in Spring 2016 and hopes to become a high school math teacher after graduation.

**Michael Grzelak:** Michael is a senior biochemistry major. He has been involved in a variety of activities during his time at Creighton, including volunteering at Completely Kids and the Emergency Department at the Nebraska Medical Center. During his junior year, he travelled to Cleveland, Ohio for a weeklong service trip. When he isn't volunteering or researching with Dr. Bradley Parsons of the chemistry department, Michael loves playing pick up soccer in the Rasmussen Center. After graduating this May, Michael plans to attend medical school.

**Hayley Henriksen:** Hayley is a senior journalism major and political science minor. She has been an active member of the Cortina Community as both a participant and leader. She currently leads a group of students to a service site in Omaha and serves as communications chair on the Cortina Leadership Team. Hayley has had various formative service and justice experiences, including a service trip to West Virginia and the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice in Washington, D.C. Last summer, she participated in the Backpack Journalism Program in Alaska, filming and editing a documentary film with students and faculty. She has also been a Decurion for the Ratio Studiorum Program, vice president of the Public Relations Student Society of America, a bible study leader with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, and vice president of public relations for her sorority, Delta Delta Delta. She has also received scholarships from the Omaha Press Club and the Tri Delta Foundation. After graduation, Hayley hopes to pursue a career in nonprofit public relations.

**Stijn Hentzen:** Stijn is a biochemistry major who will graduate in May of 2016. He has participated in three service trips, two through Creighton's Center for Service and Justice and one to the Dominican Republic focused on chemical analysis of water quality. Stijn also tutors adults seeking to earn their general education diploma at Creighton's Equal Opportunity Center and is a committee member for Creighton's Colleges Against Cancer chapter.

**Carissa Hernandes:** Carissa is a senior international relations major who will graduate in May of 2015. During her time at Creighton, she has held numerous leadership roles, including serving as President of Kappa Kappa Gamma Eta Iota chapter. Carissa is also a member of the Honors Program and has been a Resident Advisor on the program floor since junior year. Carissa has been inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha, the honors political science fraternity, as well as Order of Omega, the Greek honors fraternity. She also volunteers as an ESL teacher at the Southern Sudan Community Association.

**Sarah Kelly:** Sarah is a senior medical anthropology and justice and society major who will graduate in May of 2015. She is also a member of the Honors Program. During her time at Creighton, Sarah has participated in the Water Quality Research Program and the Encuentro Dominicano study abroad program in the Dominican Republic. She has participated in four service trips through the Creighton Center for Service and Justice, leading two of those trips. Sarah has also been a member of the Service and Justice Trip Core Team, helping facilitate the service trip program. She is a second year resident advisor in Kiewit Hall and a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

**Joseph Kromrey:** Joseph is a computer science and theology double-major and will graduate in May of 2015. During his time at Creighton, Joseph has participated on three service trips with InterVarsity and the Creighton Center for Service and Justice. Last summer, he volunteered at the Jesuit Martyr Shrine in Midland, Ontario. He currently serves at the Siena/Francis Homeless Shelter in Omaha. Joseph has also been inducted into the Theta Alpha Kappa national honors society for religious studies students. After graduation, he plans to join the Jesuit Volunteer Corps.

**Melanie Ladley:** Melanie is a junior biology major who will graduate in May of 2016. She will spend her second semester of junior year studying abroad at the University of

Glasgow. She was recently inducted into Phi Sigma, the biology honors fraternity. She has also been involved in a variety of activities throughout her time at Creighton. She volunteers her time at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and for Girls on the Run Nebraska.

**Hannah Mullally:** Hannah is a junior who will graduate in May of 2016. Hannah has been heavily involved in the Creighton Center for Service and Justice as a participant on two Service and Justice Trips and a leader on two. She also serves the CCSJ as a student coordinator and leader of the Ignatian Advocacy Group for Sustainability. She is the current president of the Peace and Justice Cooperative. Last summer, Hannah participated in the Backpack Journalism Project in Alaska, where she filmed and edited a documentary with journalism faculty and students. This spring, she is travelling to the Dominican Republic as part of the Encuentro Dominicano study abroad program.

**Audrey Netzel:** Audrey is a junior biochemistry major. She has been involved in a variety of activities during her time at Creighton, including serving as the vice president of administration for her sorority, Delta Delta Delta, and as a Decurion for the Ratio Studiorum Program. As a participant in ILAC's Water Quality service trip, Audrey traveled to the Dominican Republic to test drinking water and distribute affordable water filters. She is an active member of the Pre-Medical Society, College Against Cancer, and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Audrey also serves as a pediatric volunteer at the Nebraska Medical Center.

**Trevin Nishibun:** Trevin will graduate in May of 2016. Trevin is involved in a variety of volunteer opportunities in the Omaha community. He has been on two Creighton Center for Service and Justice service trips, leading one of them. He will lead a service trip this spring. He currently volunteers at the Magis Clinic, Educational Opportunity Center and the Creighton University Medical Center. When he is not volunteering, Trevin is a teaching assistant in both the chemistry and biology departments and a targeted study tutor or General chemistry for the EDGE center.

**Daniel Poston:** Daniel is a junior who will graduate in May of 2016. He is a member of Creighton's Honors Program majoring in biochemistry with minors in biology and behavioral and cognitive neuropsychology. He currently conducts research in the departments of chemistry and biomedical sciences, focusing on the biomedical engineering of synthetic genetic devices. Daniel was named a Freshman Scholar. In addition, he is both a general chemistry tutor and an organic chemistry teaching assistant. He also volunteers weekly at the Nebraska Medical Center's Radiation Oncology clinic, is Vice President of Academics for the Honors Program Student Advisory Board, and is the Advocacy Committee Chair for Creighton's Partners in Health Engage chapter. After graduation, he hopes to attend an M.D./Ph.D. program and continue to serve others by eventually becoming an oncologist conducting cancer research.

**Erin Rossiter:** Erin will graduate in May of 2015 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in both political science and English. As an academically ambitious student, Erin is grateful for her participation in Creighton's Honors Program. Erin has had meaningful experiences outside the classroom through her involvement in campus organizations.

Most notably, Erin is a devoted member of Creighton's Mock Trial team, serving as president her sophomore year. Erin was also a Welcome Week Guide her sophomore year, a Ratio Studiorum Program Decurion her junior year, and a CUStars Tour Guide for three years. Throughout her time in Omaha, Erin has volunteered with multiple elementary schools. She is currently employed at Nebraska Families Collaborative and has found her work to ensure the safety and well being of Nebraska's children and families incredibly rewarding.

**Samantha Stanley:** Samantha is a junior mathematics and secondary education major. Currently, Samantha is studying abroad in Granada, Spain. She has been on the Welcome Week Executive Team. As a member of Pi MU Epsilon and co-founder of the Math Club, Samantha is active in the math department. Last summer, she earned a CURAS scholarship for education research and investigated the impact of lead on student behavior and achievement. This semester she is researching in the math department, looking at Feynman's operational calculus. Over fall break, she traveled to Montgomery, Ala. with the Creighton Center for Service and Justice and volunteered at a local Catholic elementary school. She also tutors weekly for the Upward Bound program and the EDGE center.

**Andrew Stegman:** Andrew was a senior exercise science and pre-health professions major who graduated in December of 2014. He was involved in a variety of campus activities and volunteered at sites in the Omaha community and in his hometown of Columbus. As a junior, he spent a semester abroad in England, where he was active in the Essex Bright Futures Society and travelled as a member of the University of Essex men's basketball team. He currently volunteers his time at CHI Health and Bergan Mercy hospitals.

**Alexandra Tymkowicz:** Alexandra is an exercise science major with minors in biology and English who will graduate in May of 2015. As a member of the Honors Program, Alexandra has served as Decurion for an Honors RSP class. She is also an executive officer in her sorority. Alexandra volunteers her time at Alegent Creighton Health and assists with a Girl Scout group and CollegeNow chapter. She will be attending medical school next fall.

## Heider College of Business

**Ashley Bullock:** Ashley is a senior accounting and Spanish major from St. Paul, Minnesota. After graduation, Ashley plans to pursue a career as a CPA. Ashley is involved with the Creighton University Business Symposium, the accounting fraternity, Beta Alpha Psi, the Anna Tyler Waite Leadership Program, and the Financial Planning Association. Ashley has served as a supplemental instructor and peer tutor for the Introduction to Accounting courses at Creighton. One of the most valuable out-of-the-classroom learning experiences Ashley had was studying abroad in Sevilla, Spain in the spring of 2013.

**Brittany Clifton:** Brittany is a senior economics major with a minor in biology, where she has earned membership into Beta Gamma Sigma Honors Fraternity. Brittany is a Gail Werner Robertson Scholar and is currently involved in economic research through Creighton's Institute for Economic Inquiry. Brittany was a team member of Creighton's Annual Executive Business

Symposium, a member of the Anna Tyler Waite Leadership Program, and the Women's Leadership Network. She also held the position of Vice President of Fraternity Development for Pi Beta Phi. Off campus, she serves as the undergraduate manager for Creighton's Magis Homeless Clinic, a free healthcare clinic for the homeless and uninsured population of Omaha.

**Kapelekua Gramberg:** Kapelekua is a junior who plans to graduate in 2016. She is a member of the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity. She has been a member of the Inter-residence Hall Government as a floor representative, working with others to plan and coordinate events, and has participated in a service trip through the Creighton Center for Service and Justice. Additionally, Kapelekua is a student supplemental instructor for Student Support Services.

**Dylan Lester:** Dylan is a senior majoring in finance and economics. He has been involved with the planning team for the Business Symposium and participated in a variety of volunteer efforts across the Omaha community, and has been recognized on the Dean's Honor Roll for Social Responsibility. Dylan was inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma, an international honor society for business students, and Omicron Delta Epsilon, an economics honor society.

**Selina Marshall:** Selina is a junior majoring in social entrepreneurship and marketing. She is a part of the Dean's Fellows Program, the Anna Tyler Waite Leadership Program, and Enactus, a social entrepreneurial organization. During the fall of 2013, Selina completed a semester abroad in the Dominican Republic. Her time abroad left her with the mission of using her Jesuit education to empower others through sustainable development. Upon her return, Selina became the Encuentro Dominicano program student intern, treasurer for El Legado de Compasión, and a member of the Cortina Living and Learning Community.

**Matthew McNary:** Matthew is a senior accounting, finance, and business intelligence & analytics major. He has held numerous leadership positions, including President of Alpha Kappa Psi and President of Beta Alpha Psi, as well as being a Decurion for the Ratio Studiorum Program. Matthew feels that the Jesuit education he has received has inspired him to serve with numerous organizations including Habitat for Humanity, 4-H, Keep Omaha Beautiful, and the Hope Center for Kids.

**Heidy Polanco-Romano:** Heidy is a senior from Santiago, Dominican Republic majoring in business intelligence & analytics and accounting. She is an active member of the International Student Association on campus. She has also participated in community service while at Creighton, such as a service trip to Chicago, volunteering at Completely Kids, and assisting Pixan Ixim with their new accounting system. She worked as a tutor and mentor for the Classic Upward Bound Program, and is a member of the Women's Leadership Network, the Anna Tyler Waite Leadership Program, and Beta Alpha Psi.

**Christopher Rogge:** Christopher is a junior majoring in business intelligence & analytics and accounting. He was a member of the Cortina Living and Learning Community and has volunteered for the Hope Center for Kids and the Listening Project. His strong commitment to Catholic and Jesuit ideals has been formative in his development and a guiding factor in his life decisions.

**Joseph Tanaka:** Joseph is a junior economics major. He is a member of the Dean's Fellows, the Anna Tyler Waite Leadership Program and an active member of the Alpha Kappa Psi professional business fraternity. He has participated in two service trips through the Creighton Center for Service and Justice, acting as a coordinator to Shadow Brook Farms in Lincoln,

Nebraska. The Jesuit principle “men and women for and with others” has inspired Joseph to serve by tutoring students studying for the GED at the Equal Opportunity Center on campus.

**Anna Viers:** Anna is a senior finance major. She has been involved in Alpha Phi Omega, and served as philanthropy chair of Alpha Phi. Anna studied finance and accounting at the London School of Economics for the entirety of her junior year. She has also been recognized on the Dean’s Honor Roll for Social Responsibility for her community service throughout the Omaha area.

## College of Nursing

**Jayme Beukelman:** Jayme is a junior nursing student who has been involved in academic, service, campus ministry, and sorority activities during her three years at Creighton, including leadership roles as President of the Nursing Senate, Formation Leader for the Cortina Community, New Member Educator of Gamma Phi Beta sorority, and as a Beadle for the Ratio Studiorum Program. Jayme is a tutor and Supplemental Instructor at the Creighton EDGE, and has served the local Omaha community as a tutor at the Educational Opportunities Center, helping at City Sprouts community garden, and teaching English as a Second Language at the Southern Sudan Community Association. Jayme has participated in two service trips through the Creighton Center for Service and Justice and is a student reflection writer for Campus Ministry. This summer, Jayme plans to travel to the Dominican Republic as a participant in Creighton’s Institute for Latin American Concern (ILAC) summer program.

**Shelby Boche:** Shelby is a junior who will graduate in May of 2016 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, along with a minor in healthcare administration and policy. She has been involved in several campus organizations including Nursing Leadership Scholars, Nursing Senate, and Peer Education at Creighton. Shelby has enjoyed learning to implement the Jesuit values into her daily life as a student nurse. This has influenced her to serve as a volunteer to many undeserved populations including a local Rescue Mission and hospital.

**Caitlin Culbertson:** Caitlin is a senior who will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in May of 2015. During her time at Creighton she has fostered her love for service through participation in two Spring Break Service Trips, the Cortina Living and Learning Community, weekly service activities, as well as participation in the Institute for Latin American Concern (ILAC) summer program for 5 weeks this past summer in the Dominican Republic. Caitlin has demonstrated her leadership development through various roles including different positions on Nursing Senate, serving as a mentor in the Nursing Leadership Scholars Program, and her recent induction to the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. In addition, Caitlin completed a semester abroad her sophomore year in Limerick, Ireland.

**Rebecca Green:** Rebecca is a junior who will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in May 2016. She has been involved in a variety of activities during her time at Creighton including Delta Zeta sorority, Blue Crew, and Justice Walking Program through Campus Ministry. Rebecca’s Jesuit education has had a formative influence in her life and has inspired her to dedicate herself to service. She has participated in one service trip through the Creighton Center for Service and Justice (CCSJ), and she plans to hold a leadership role in the CCSJ as a member of Core Team 2015. Rebecca has also participated in a summer program in Tanzania,

and she will be participating in the Institute for Latin American Concern (ILAC) health care program in the Dominican Republic this summer.

**Emily Knorr:** Emily is a senior who will graduate in May 2015. Throughout her time at Creighton University she has participated in a number of activities including Nursing Leadership Scholars, Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society, and Nursing Senate. She has enjoyed giving her time to Creighton University's future growth through participating in Welcome Week as a leader and as the Mission and Ministry Executive. Emily's faith, which is central to who she is, has been fostered immensely at Creighton. She has participated in Campus Ministry retreats, served as a leader of Bible studies for Catholic Students Organization (CSO), and traveled with CSO to a Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) conference.

**Jennifer Vestle:** Jennifer is a junior who serves as the President of Alpha Phi sorority and has served on the executive council since her sophomore year, beginning as the Vice President of Programming and Education. She was the Vice President of Growth for Colleges Against Cancer her sophomore year, and devoted her time to Creighton University's largest fundraiser, Relay for Life. Jenny is a mentor at Girls Incorporated, where she tutors and builds positive relationships with vulnerable girls of Omaha. She went on two fall break service trips, one to Cleveland, Ohio as a participant, and one to Montgomery, Alabama as a coordinator. Jenny will be serving as a nursing student for the Institute for Latin American Concern (ILAC) summer program in the Dominican Republic for 2015. Academically, Jenny is the recipient of the Florence Samson Memorial Nursing Scholarship. She is also a recipient of the Ignatian Leadership and Service Scholarship and has been on the Dean's list every semester at Creighton.

## **College of Professional Studies**

**Christopher Bruns:** Christopher is a senior, nontraditional student with the College of Professional Studies and will graduate with a degree from Heider College of Business in Social Entrepreneurship, as well as a minor from the College of Arts and Sciences in political science. As a United States Marine Corps combat veteran, husband, and father of three, Christopher has served his family, country, and others all over the world, especially here in the local community. Christopher is a member of the Sarpy County Republican Party leadership; an active member of Journey Church in Gretna, Nebraska; a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Nebraska Veterans Coalition; has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and the Heartland Hope Mission; and helps coach youth sports teams. Christopher also serves on Creighton University's Adult Learning Council and has earned induction into the Nu Tau Epsilon chapter of the Alpha Sigma Lambda honor society.

**Jennifer Cunningham:** Jennifer is a junior majoring in organizational communication and minoring in business in the College of Arts and Sciences. She is a member of Creighton University's Nu Tau Epsilon chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society. She has recently taken on the challenge of serving as a peer mentor for College of Professional Studies students at Creighton. Helping others in the community is something that is important to Jennifer and her family who participate in volunteer work with the True Colors Lodge. Jennifer also serves as a member of the Board of Directors at the Nebraska Kidney Association where she is currently the Chairperson for the Development Committee. After graduation, Jennifer plans to attend Creighton University's School of Law to pursue her Juris Doctorate degree.

**Noelia Weber:** Noelia is a senior elementary education major with an endorsement in special education in the College of Arts and Sciences. Noelia is a non-traditional student from Guatemala, and she has volunteered in her daughters' school organizing different fundraisers and teaching Spanish to bring awareness about her culture and, in that way, prevent discrimination towards the unknown. Noelia feels that her call is to serve the Hispanic community. She has taught English to Latino immigrants and plans to work in a dual-language school in South Omaha. In addition, she will be working with different outreach programs in West Virginia while taking a "Poverty in America" class.

## Graduate School

**Carolyn Ackerman:** Carolyn is a graduate student in the Doctor of Education Program in Leadership at Creighton. She has been involved in many volunteer activities, including Project Homeless Connect, Growing Home, a service for homeless families, and Camp Comfort, a bereavement camp for children. She also served as a hospice nurse for years and she now shares end-of-life education with nursing students.

**Laura Brockhaus:** Laura is pursuing a Master in Educational Administration. She is part of the Magis Catholic Teacher Corps where she promotes growth in professionalism, community and faith life as a teacher at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School. She graduated from the University of Nebraska Kearney in 2013 and was active at her Newman Center there.

**Kelly Gould:** Kelly is in her final year as a graduate student and will graduate with a Master in Public Health. She is the director of Extramural Programs at the dental school and is responsible for the service-learning rotations for the students. Kelly is also the Oral Health Services Coordinator for Building Healthy Futures where she assists in improving access to oral healthcare in high-poverty areas. She is a member of numerous organizations including the American Public Health Association and the American Association of Public Health Dentistry.

**Sean Halverson:** Sean is a graduate student in the Heider College of Business and will graduate with a Master of Business Administration. He has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, the United Way Heartland Hope Mission, Sharing the Dream, and he also has worked as an Amateur Athletic Union referee.

**Pamela Hartnett:** Pamela is in her final year of the Doctorate of Nursing Practice Program and will graduate in May 2015. Pam worked full and part-time as an ear, nose, and throat staff nurse until September 2013 for Boys Town National Research Hospital. She was a member of the chaplain search committee for the College of Nursing. She has had additional direct involvement with the Jesuit community in sharing her husband's Spiritual Direction with one of Creighton University's Jesuit priests. Pam is quite active in her parish of St. Patrick's in Gretna where she is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, a Catholic Campaign for Human Development instructor, an assisted living minister, and is involved in numerous Bible studies. She was recently awarded the Edeth Kitchens College of Nursing Scholarship, and was awarded the Ann Dowell Memorial award for Registered Nurse to Bachelor's of Science in Nursing students in 2011. Pam is an active member of Phi Theta Kappa and Sigma Theta Tau honor societies.

**Jessica Heinemann:** Jessica is studying in the Master of Business Administration program. She works at First National Bank in Human Resources in addition to owning a small business with her husband. She is involved with Habitat for Humanity, The United Way, and also spends her time volunteering for the Nebraska Republican Party.

**C. Scott Jordan:** Scott is in his second year working toward a Master of Arts in East-West Studies. His primary field of interest is in modern Chinese politics and philosophy as well as United States relations with Iran. He has been active at Creighton as a representative in the Creighton Students Union and the social chair of the Graduate Student Government. He has written for both the Creightonian and the Creighton Alumni Magazine. He has traveled throughout Asia and volunteered as a counselor for high school and middle school children while in China. He plans to continue his studies in the Eastern and Western World as he progresses toward a Ph.D.

**Sean Joyce Whipp:** Sean is a graduate student in the Educational Leadership program in Creighton's Department of Education. He also holds degrees from Rice University and the University of Notre Dame. Sean serves the Creighton Prep community as a theology teacher and as the department chair. In his spare time, Sean and his family work with the Benson Produce Rescue to deliver fresh fruits and vegetables to the homes of recently arrived refugees and halfway houses.

**Mohammad Paknejad:** Mohammad is an electrical engineer who serves as the Director of Engineering for CTDI, a leader in the telecommunications service industry. He has been with CTDI for 31 years and was nominated to become a board member for a nonprofit organization. He is a regular contributor to the United Way of Chester County at the leadership level. He is in the final phase of the Interdisciplinary Doctor of Education in leadership program at Creighton University. He attributes his success in life to the support of his family, business leaders, and his Jesuit education at Creighton University.

**Jeanette Porter:** Jen recently completed her doctoral degree in Creighton's Interdisciplinary Leadership Ed.D. Program in December, 2014. She focused her dissertation on leadership issues in the long-term care industry, in which she has over twenty years of professional experience. She currently teaches at the University of South Dakota in its health administration program within the Beacom School of Business. She is a member of several professional associations related to leadership, higher education, and the aging services field and serves in a public advocacy role as a member of the South Dakota Advisory Council on Aging. Jen lives in Sioux Falls, SD, with her husband, Chad, and their two children, Jenae and Quinton. She is actively involved in her local parish, St. Michael Catholic Church, and supports causes that specifically address homelessness, hunger, elder abuse, and scholarships for students who cannot otherwise afford education.

**Brian Reddish:** Brian is a Masters of Business Administration student in the Heider College of Business and will graduate in December 2014. He has worked at ConAgra Foods for the past three years in the Internal Audit department as a Financial Analyst. He and his wife Linda have been involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Midlands as a Big Couple in mentoring a 10-year old since 2011. Along side their work as mentors, both Linda and Brian have volunteered since 2006 with their church's RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) learning program. He has earned membership into the Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society.

**Lauren Ridgway:** Lauren is in her final year of the Creighton University Master of Public Health program. She is a 2011 graduate of Augustana College where she earned her degree in biology and psychology. Throughout her graduate career, Lauren has been an active member of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement Open School Chapter and is the chapter leader for the Creighton MPH program. Lauren has also volunteered her time to community outreach programs including the annual Give Kids a Smile event, Project Homeless Connect, and at the OneWorld Dental Clinic. She also assisted in coordinating several fundraising efforts for the American Student Dental Association Creighton University Chapter. Lauren has also been a full-time Creighton staff member for two and a half years and has held positions in the School of Medicine and School of Dentistry.

**Christoforus Bayu Risanto, S.J.:** Bayu is a graduate student in the Atmospheric Science and Meteorology program and will graduate in May of 2016. He has been a Jesuit for 15 years, and has worked in various ministries: serving street children in the Philippines, teaching science in a Jesuit High School in Chuuk, Micronesia, working as a journalist for a Catholic magazine and currently an editor for a cultural-philosophical magazine in Indonesia. At Creighton, he is a member of Creighton Atmospheric Science Society. Upon his ordination to the priesthood in 2012, he made himself available for studying weather and climate as the Society of Jesus is concerned about climate change and reconciliation with creation.

**Eddie Sanchez Jr:** Eddie holds a Bachelors degree in Computer Science from Quinnipiac University, a Masters degree in Economics from Trinity College, a Masters degree in Security Analysis & Portfolio Management from Creighton, and is completing his next Masters in Business Administration in Creighton's Heider College of Business. He currently serves as a board member, and is on the investment committee of the Cardinal and Gold fund at Cardinal Hayes High School in the Bronx, NY. He is actively involved with the Down Syndrome Society of Wichita. Eddie currently works for a hedge fund in Kansas City, KS.

**Brian Schaeffer:** Brian is a student in the Interdisciplinary Ed.D. Program in Leadership. In his professional life he serves as the Assistant Fire Chief for the Spokane, Washington Fire Department. Throughout his tenure at Creighton he has developed numerous programs to improve the lives of the people in the community including: Paramedic alternative response to low acuity medical incidents, collaborative program to deploy students at a local university in their final year of a Masters of Social Work to challenging recurring 911 incidents, and a "HotSpotters" program that focuses community resources to address the highest users of emergency medical services and wrap services around them in a non-traditional fashion to solve constant readmissions. He intends to continue his lifetime of service after retirement from the Fire Service in an academic position in higher education at a Jesuit institution

## School of Dentistry

**Robert Grode:** Robert is a fourth-year student. He has been involved with several service initiatives including dental mission work in the Dominican Republic, OneWorld Dental Clinic, and the Rosebud Indian Reservation. Robert plans to attend one year of general practice residency preceding a career obligation to the National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program.

**Michael Hironaka:** Michael is a third-year student. During his undergraduate career at Creighton University, he participated in numerous service trips through the Creighton Center for Service and Justice. He continues to serve the community by volunteering at Creighton's OneWorld Dental Clinic and the Douglas County Correctional Center Clinic.

**Jason Kum:** Jason is currently a third-year student and plans to further his education with a residency in periodontics. Jason currently serves as the vice president/president-elect for the Dental Students Union, collaborates in a research study focusing on local delivery of antibiotics in periodontal patients, and volunteers as a radiology clinic director for the OneWorld Dental Clinic. In addition, Jason served for a dental mission trip in Jamaica this past summer.

**Nathan Nygard:** Nathan is a fourth-year student and has been involved in several activities during his four years at Creighton, including organizing the bi-monthly OneWorld Dental Clinic that serves underprivileged Omaha residents. Nathan also enjoys participating in a variety of intramural sports, hunting, snowmobiling, and being at the lake in Minnesota in the summer.

**Ryan Nygard:** Ryan is a fourth-year student and has been active in organizing Creighton University's OneWorld Dental Clinic, which helps serve Omaha's underprivileged communities. He enjoys participating at his church, hunting with his family, and spending time at the lake in Minnesota. He is grateful for all the opportunities the Lord has blessed him with and is excited to start his career in dentistry.

**Jason Porter:** Jason is a fourth-year student, and will continue his education after graduation by specializing in orthodontics. He is the proud father of a two and a half year old, Paige, and is grateful to be married to his wonderful wife, Kortney. Jason is the Orthodontic Club co-president and co-administrator of the OneWorld Dental Clinic. He has been an active volunteer in many dental service projects including "Give Kids a Smile," ASDA "Impressions," Project Homeless Connect, and more.

**Robert Weiss II:** Robert is a third-year student and volunteers his time at the Omaha Correctional Center and Boys Town Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Abnormalities Clinic. He serves as a student representative for the Committee of Curriculum at the dental school, and as the representative of the American Dental Education Association, Robert has represented Creighton and has been published for his research at numerous national meetings. He has also participated in a dental service trip to Nicaragua.

## School of Law

**Mallory Henniger:** Mallory is a third-year student and is a Muchemore scholar and Dean's scholar. She has excelled as both an oralist and a writer on several of Creighton University's moot court teams. Mallory also serves as the vice president of Creighton's Phi Alpha Delta chapter and is the vice president of the Intellectual Property Law Society. In addition, Mallory volunteers her time with Douglas County 4-H.

**Rosemary Laughlin:** Rosemary is a second-year student who after her undergraduate education joined the Jesuit Volunteer Corps and worked at the Gabriel Giffords Family Assurance Center in the Community Foodbank of Southern Arizona in Tucson, working predominantly in food security. She currently clerks for the Douglas County Public Defender working with individuals experiencing poverty and needing legal assistance. Her article on immigration law will be published in the second edition of the 48th volume of Creighton Law Review. Rosemary is a member of the Public Interest Law Society, the Immigration Law Society, and the Student Innocence Project.

**Alexis Mullaney:** Alexis participated in the ILAC immersion trip to the Dominican Republic in 2014 with a group of other law students. She was a member of Creighton University's National Moot Court team, and also earned three CALI Excellence for the Future awards for receiving the highest grade in her constitutional law, social legislation, and criminal procedure classes. She is currently the president of the Employment and Labor Law Society and a student liaison for the Omaha Law League, a social and service-oriented organization whose aim is giving educational courthouse tours to fourth graders to allow for an early positive interaction with the justice system.

## School of Medicine

**Amanda Backs:** Amanda is a fourth-year student at the medical school's Phoenix campus. She has extensive service experience, including leading a team for a Project CURA trip to Ghana and volunteering as an American Medical Women's Association community service chairman. Amanda has conducted research about typhoid fever in Saboba, Ghana, and is a recipient of the American College of Rheumatology Student Scholarship. After graduating, she plans to complete a residency in pediatrics and possibly pursue a fellowship in neonatology or pediatric rheumatology.

**Erin Birmingham:** Erin is a fourth-year medical student. She has spent her third and fourth year hospital rotations at the Creighton Phoenix Regional Campus. She has been involved in project Cura, where she spent a month in India providing medical care to the underserved. She regularly volunteers at the Magis Clinic, serving the homeless of Omaha, and she helped organize the Annual Creighton School of Medicine Make a Wish Run, which raised \$5,000 for the Make a Wish Foundation. She plans on pursuing a career in pediatrics as a pediatric cardiologist or pediatric emergency medicine doctor.

**Benjamin Dellaria:** Benjamin is a fourth-year medical student. During his time at Creighton, Ben has volunteered at the Magis Clinic working with the underserved of Omaha. Additionally, he has held positions in the Catholic Medical Student Association. He has earned honors in many of his classes and rotations. After graduation, he plans to pursue a career in family medicine.

**Ryan Doyel:** Ryan is a fourth-year medical student. He has embraced Jesuit values throughout his time spent at Jesuit institutions. He volunteered at Nativity Jesuit Middle School in Milwaukee. He has also served as a mentor for undergraduate students in the Health Careers Opportunity Program at both Marquette University and Creighton University. Ryan spent time volunteering for Project Homeless Connect Omaha and at the Sonoya Medical Mission in Mexico.

**Sean Judge:** Sean is a fourth-year student in the School of Medicine. Sean has been involved with surgical research on campus. He has also held numerous leadership positions including the President of the Surgery Club and the representative for the Curriculum Committee for the School of Medicine. After graduating, he plans to pursue a residency program in general surgery.

**Michael Lehrer:** Michael is a third-year medical student. He has been active in promoting scholarly activities among his colleagues. In 2012, he founded the Medical Student Research Collaborative, an organization that tries to increase involvement in clinical and basic research. In 2013 Michael formed the Clinical Case review, an interdisciplinary mentoring program for pharmacy and medical students. He has spoken locally and nationally about medical education, and hopes to be involved extensively in medical education throughout his career.

**Deanna Menapace:** Deanna has been heavily involved with research throughout her time at Creighton. She has served as the Global Brigades/ Peace Corps Omaha Chapter President, where she helped organize a medical mission to rural Panama with other Jesuit medical schools. Deanna wrote a chapter for a board review book for students on infectious disease. She is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honors Society and was nominated for the American Medical Association's Physician of Tomorrow Award.

**Shannon Quirk:** Shannon is a third-year medical student. Shannon has spent her time volunteering at the Magis Clinic serving the homeless and for Habitat for Humanity. She has also volunteered at elementary schools for programs like Fit For Life and Body Basics. She has researched melanoma during her time at Creighton and is interested in the field of dermatology after graduation.

**Daniel Slubowski:** Daniel is a fourth-year medical student. He is a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society, which recognizes excellence in the medical profession. He has assumed roles as treasurer for his class government and he serves as the house manager for the Phi Chi Medical Fraternity. Dan has participated in local service projects with his school and fraternity, and he traveled to Panama to work in public health during his first year of medical school. Daniel hopes to pursue a career in emergency medicine.

**Sarah Stombaugh:** Sarah is a fourth-year student in the School of Medicine. During her time at medical school she has served as the liaison from the Creighton Medical School Government to the Creighton Students Union. She led the Family Medicine Interest Group and sat on the Nebraska Academy of Family Physicians. She enjoys serving others by volunteering at the Magis Clinic and for Habitat for Humanity. After graduating, she plans to train in family medicine.

**Melissa Symon:** Melissa Symon is a senior medical student. As a first-year medical student she led a group of medical students to Ghana, which eventually turned into a two-year project to reduce the incidence of typhoid fever through research and education. She was involved with

Partners Against Cancer, where she mentored a gentleman suffering from terminal cancer. She provided health care at the Magis Clinic and at a free clinic in the border town of Sonoyta, Mexico.

**Caleb Van Essen:** Caleb is a third-year medical student. For the past 2 years, Caleb has worked as a manager for the Magis Clinic. He has also attended multiple service trips to Latin America and Africa. After graduating, he plans on pursuing a career in general surgery.

**Sara York:** Sara has experienced the Jesuit values throughout her time as a Creighton undergraduate, continuing to her time now as a fourth-year medical student. She participated in the Cortina Program and is now involved in peer mentoring and tutoring. She has also enjoyed participating in many volunteer activities, geared primarily toward the pediatric populations she hopes to serve in the future.

## School of Pharmacy and Health Professions

**Laura Cotiguala:** Laura is a fourth-year student in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions. She writes that a Jesuit education has showed her how to use community service as a means to professional growth. Her accomplishments include serving as President of the Student Society of Health-System Pharmacy, with the mission of helping Creighton University pharmacy students attain residency positions. Laura has helped organize interprofessional programs that integrate students from various health disciplines by coordinating health fairs and weekly case discussions between pharmacy and medical students. She plans to pursue a pharmacy residency to learn more about the field and develop the role of pharmacists in critical patient care decisions.

**Angela Crotsenberg:** Angela lives in Cheyenne, Wyoming and is in her third year of the pharmacy distance program. She will graduate with her Doctorate of Pharmacy in 2016. She has a bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry from the University of Central Missouri and master's degree in environmental health epidemiology from Colorado State University. Angela is a member of the Rho Chi Honor Society serving as both a tutor and the Distance Fundraising Chair. She worked with Dr. Linda Ohri, School of Pharmacy and Health Professions, to develop a toolkit for folic acid education that can be used by pharmacy students to complete service learning requirements. Angela also served as a Welcome Week Ambassador for the Distance Pharmacy Class of 2018. She plans to complete a Postgraduate Year One residency after graduation.

**Jesup Fritsch:** Jesup is a fourth-year graduate student within the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program and will graduate with a Doctorate of Physical Therapy in May of 2015. He has been an active member within the American Physical Therapy Association, Creighton University Sports Physical Therapy Association, and performed research within Creighton's Rehabilitation Science Research Laboratory. He has earned honors including Creighton Physical Therapy Book Award, Creighton St. Albert's Research Day Graduate/Professional Science Best Presentation Award, and the John and Lydia Stohs Endowed Scholarship.

**Wade Huff:** Wade is a graduate student in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions in the Doctor of Occupational Therapy program. He received the Creighton University Pi Theta Epsilon Scholarship, Talent, and Academic Recognition award. He served as a student Welcome

Week and Admissions Ambassador for the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions. Wade continues to incorporate the Jesuit Values in his personal and professional life through his service to others. He continues his service as a volunteer scout leader and mentor within his community and church congregation.

**Elizabeth Ruminski:** Beth has a love of the Jesuit values that has been developed through attending Gonzaga University, participating in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, and through her ongoing physical therapy education at Creighton University. She tries to bring these values into her daily life through reflection and discussion with friends. Out of these discussions grew the desire to create and a send-off retreat for her class before they started their final round of clinical rotations. Through collaborating with her classmates, chaplains and faculty, they created a retreat to reflect on the ways the Jesuit values have affected their lives and learning so far, and how they can continue to incorporate them into their lives while they are separated as a class. Beth plans to go to the Dominican Republic for her last physical therapy clinical experience this spring to expand her understanding and ability to find God in all places.

**Chelsey Salyards:** Chelsey is a third-year student in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions and will graduate with a Doctorate of Physical Therapy degree in May of 2015. Chelsey has been involved with the Physical Therapy Leadership Guild, the Sports Physical Association, and the Creighton University Student American Physical Therapy Association. She has also participated in many volunteer activities for Heartland Hope Missions and Open Door Missions. Chelsey received the Creighton University Physical Therapy Book Award for two consecutive years.

**Melissa Sanders:** Melissa is a third-year pharmacy student in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions. She will graduate with a Doctorate of Pharmacy, Master of Business Administration, and a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences. She has been involved in a variety of pharmacy organizations and has held several leadership positions such as the Co-chair for Operation Immunization and the Bylaws Chair for Phi Delta Chi. She is passionate about service and thus actively works with the underserved populations in Omaha. Following pharmacy school, Melissa would like to pursue a residency and eventually take a hospital administration position.

**Matthew Shipp:** Matthew is a fourth-year physical therapy student from the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions. He will graduate with a doctorate degree in physical therapy in May of 2015. In addition to excelling academically, Matthew has participated in several volunteer opportunities, including tutoring for underclassmen and providing respite care to underserved individuals. Matthew intends to remain in Nebraska and pursue a career in rural physical therapy after graduation.

**Brittany Suzuki:** Brittany is in her fourth year of pharmacy school in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions and her sixth year as a student at Creighton University. She will graduate with a Doctorate of Pharmacy and Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences from Creighton in May 2015. Brittany is involved in numerous organizations and honors societies at Creighton University. She served as president of Phi Lambda Sigma pharmacy leadership society and held a committee position in Kappa Psi pharmacy fraternity. Her academic achievements are further evidenced by being the recipient of the Carl Miller Scholarship and invitation into the Rho Chi pharmacy honor society. Through her involvement at Creighton, Brittany has volunteered for tutoring, education programs, and service projects. Her plan upon

graduation is to complete a Postgraduate Year One pharmacy residency in preparation for a career as an independent clinical pharmacist.

**Coedy Walker:** Coedy is in his final year of physical therapy school and will graduate with a doctorate degree in May of 2015. He has been involved in many Creighton University affiliated activities and services including Project Homeless, Joint Effort, and serving as a physical therapy ambassador and tutor. He writes that the Jesuit education fortified his values and his confidence in career choice. Coedy will be volunteering in the Dominican Republic in the Institute for Latin American Concern (ILAC) program in April of 2015.

**Kevin Welch:** Kevin is a fourth-year pharmacy student and will graduate in May of 2015 with a Master of Business Administration and a Doctorate of Pharmacy. While at Creighton he has led Rho Chi's tutoring program and has also serves as class president. After graduation Kevin plans to pursue a residency in the South or Midwest.

**Katelyn Westrich:** Katelyn is a fourth-year pharmacy student in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions who will graduate with a Doctorate of Pharmacy and Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences degrees in May of 2015. In her six years at Creighton University, she has held leadership roles in a variety of organizations including the Rho Chi Academic Honor Society, the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists, and the Phi Delta Chi Professional Pharmacy Fraternity. She also participated in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions Emerging Leaders Program in 2012. Volunteering is very important to Katelyn, and she has served as a peer tutor, organized and participated in free diabetes screenings, and educated elementary school children, high school students, adults, and seniors regarding management of their health, medications, and disease states. She was also honored to spend a week on a service-learning trip with the Indian Health Services in Chinle, Arizona.

# HONORARY INDUCTEES

## **Marianne Culhane, J.D.**

Marianne Culhane is dean and professor of law at Creighton University School of Law. After receiving her B.A. from Carleton College and her J. D. from the University of Iowa, both with honors, she served as a law clerk and then practiced law in Omaha. Culhane joined the Creighton law faculty in 1977.

Dean Culhane's teaching and research has focused upon commercial law, banking law, and bankruptcy law. In 2003, she was the American Bankruptcy Institute's Resident Scholar and in 2008 the Southeastern Bankruptcy Institute Visiting Scholar at Georgia State College of Law. She has served on the board of trustees of the Iowa Law School Foundation and the board of directors of the Omaha Legal Aid Society.

In 2010 Professor Culhane was named the first female dean of the law school. Dean Culhane has actively supported the efforts of the law school and the Nebraska State Bar Association to increase the role of women in the legal profession.

Under her leadership, the school has initiated a number of new programs, including the Government Organization and Leadership program, the summer program at Nuremberg, and the Accelerated Juris Doctor program.

For her steady demonstration of scholarship, loyalty and service, it is with great pride and pleasure that Alpha Sigma Nu welcomes Dean Marianne Culhane as an honorary member of Alpha Sigma Nu.

## Michael Flecky, S.J.

In 1966, the poet Denise Levertov wrote: “It is hard to be an artist in this time because it is hard to be human: in the dull ever-accumulating horror of the war news, it is more difficult each day to keep remembering the creative and joyful potential of human beings, and to fulfill that potential in one's own life, as testimony ...”

Today Levertov’s observations remain salient. Nevertheless, Father Michael Flecky of the Society of Jesus makes incarnate a mode of artistry marked by clarity of vision, kind mentorship, natural humility, and an unfailing sense of humor.

An Omaha native, Professor Flecky earned his undergraduate and master’s degrees from St. Louis University, his master’s in divinity at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, and his MFA in photography from the Rochester Institute of Technology.

He has over 34 years of academic service to the University and has served as a visiting professor of fine arts at Richmond College in London. He has been awarded artist in residence fellowships no fewer than seven times.

The proverb “The eyes are the windows of the soul,” suggests that by looking into the eyes of another, we can see who or what they are. In Fr. Flecky’s case, we meet his soul not only by looking into his eyes; for, through his photographs, we behold the breadth of vision and the crystalline purity of how he sees the world. Though he may not put it this way, by looking through Mike’s eyes, we can begin to understand that God continues to take delight in creation, to look at this world and to see it as very good.

Because his life and work manifest excellence in character, loyalty, service and scholarship, he is properly admitted to Alpha Sigma Nu.

## **Robert N. Troia, M.D.**

There are award winners where it is easy to see all of their accomplishments listed in a curriculum vitae or other type of program. But the most difficult people to honor are those who quietly and selflessly give of themselves, their time and their resources to help those in need. Dr. Robert N. Troia is one such individual.

An Omaha native, Dr. Troia received his pre-medical education at the University of Notre Dame and his M.D. from Creighton University in 1979. He practiced as a pediatric ophthalmologist with his father for many years and currently maintains a local practice with his brother.

Dr. Troia is considered a leader in his profession. He has served as president of the Nebraska Academy of Ophthalmology; as chair of surgery at Children's Hospital; and at Creighton in multiple roles, his most favored -- teaching Creighton students and residents.

Furthermore, Dr. Troia has been an active volunteer and coach with Special Olympics as well as a quiet and generous supporter of many organizations in the community.

A colleague describes Dr. Troia (Bob) as understated, kind and thoughtful; a person whose judgment on various issues is consistently impeccable and to the point; a person for whom scholarship, loyalty and service have echoed throughout his life's work. For these reasons and more, the Creighton University chapter of Alpha Sigma Nu is delighted to welcome Dr. Robert N. Troia as a worthy honorary member.

## Gary H. Westerman, DDS'69

Dr. Gary Westerman attended Gonzaga University and the Creighton University School of Dentistry. Following service in the United States Army Dental Corps, Dr. Westerman attained an advanced degree in pediatric dentistry from the University of Iowa and began teaching at Creighton in 1973.

He has served as chairman of the Department of Community Dentistry since 1977. He later attained the rank of full professor and is the inaugural holder of the Dr. Philip Maschka Chair for Ethics in Dentistry.

None of these achievements describe the breadth and depth of teaching and service that Dr. Westerman has provided. Besides a prolific research career that has included numerous presentations and publications, he has initiated and overseen countless service projects at the School of Dentistry, including the ADA's "Give Kids a Smile", Nebraska Special Olympics "Special Smiles" and the dental portion of CU's Project Homeless.

In addition, Dr. Westerman has served in numerous positions in dental organizations such as the Omaha District Dental Association, Nebraska Dental Association, American Dental Association, American Dental Education Association, and Omicron Kappa Upsilon, the national dental honor society. Widely known and universally respected, there is hardly any part of dental education or professional dentistry that he has not been involved in.

For his extensive service to the Creighton University School of Dentistry and to the dental profession, we welcome Dr. Gary Westerman to honorary membership in Alpha Sigma Nu.



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### **Thank You**

Our sincere thanks and gratitude to the faculty, staff, administration and students of the Creighton community for dedicating their time and talents to making this day possible. Also thank you to the Creighton University Alpha Sigma Nu Omaha Alumni Club for their support and sponsorship of the reception.