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Student Organization Reminders

By Katie Wadas, Assistant Director of Student Activities for Leadership

Many of you have completed the election process for next year. Please remember to take care of the following items in this transition period:

- 1) Turn in a new Annual Registration Form with the new officer information (purple form)
- 2) Turn in the Annual Activity Report (turquoise form)
- 3) If elected by this time, the new president (or a designee from the new exec board) should attend the officer orientation

meeting on **Thursday, April 23, at 4:00 PM in SSC 105.**

If an officer is unable to make this meeting, there will be other sessions to choose from when we get back in the fall. **Please note that professional organizations can wait to attend an officer orientation session at their college/school in the fall.**

There will also be a specific meeting for **Sports Clubs** on Thursday, April 23 at 5:00 PM in SSC 209.

Be sure to check our website and read the newsletter for important updates and reminders.

If you need help with officer transitions, our staff is available to help facilitate an officer transition retreat. We can also meet with the retreat planner to discuss activities and helpful hints for planning a successful transition. Please contact sao@creighton.edu or stop by to talk to me and we can set something up.

Good luck with the second half of the semester!

Bearing Witness: Migrant Communities of Ohio

By Alex Farias, CU Latino Student Association

The Ohio Migrant Service Learning Project was an extraordinarily unique experience that gave Creighton students a chance to help serve and witness the lives of migrant families and workers here in the United States. Throughout our Spring break service trip we learned to contemplate and reflect on how we found God in all things, from the poor and the marginalized to the migrant communities and families throughout the state of Ohio. Over the course of our trip, students held small groups of discussions where we reflected on such topics as hope and faith that enlivened the significance of service in the trip. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to not only carry out the Jesuit mission of Creighton University, but it also provided spiritual growth to individuals that partook in this experience. The project was developed by Community Partners, Catholic Migrant Farm worker Network, Immigrant Workers Project (IWP) of Ohio, the Creighton University Latino Student Association and Creighton University Office of Multicultural Affairs.

An example of one our distinctive and yet functional goals, we learned basic methods of coalition building with grass roots organizations that serve the poor and underprivileged. For example, the Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC) and Rural Opportunities Inc. (ROI) PathStone are two such organizations that carry out the goal of serving the marginalized and discriminated migrants. Their missions, respectively, are to fight for justice for farm workers and immigrants and to empower the family and individual self in rural and urban communities. There were testimonials given by workers of these organizations to bring to light the

issues and struggles that migrant workers and families face here in the U.S. It was a privilege to sit down and listen to the personal stories and reports of the workers involved with the issues of justice and human rights on a daily basis.

In another different and special ambition of the service trip we were able to act in solidarity with the immigrant community—gathering the human family and creating spaces of completeness characterized by compassion for the human spirit. Throughout the service trip we were exposed to the fortitude and vitality of this spirit within the migrant communities and workers through their religious beliefs and in the actual work they perform. On several occasions we were able to work alongside the migrant employees which eventually gave us a glimpse of a day in the life of one of these workers. An overall theme developed while visiting the work places of the migrants: they all share a common vision which is to be able to attain a better life for themselves and especially for their families.

We students hope to echo the experience that we encountered during our service trip in Ohio. We expect to expand our project by documenting and presenting this experience to other institutions such as the University of Nebraska-Kearney, the St. Peter Claver Cristo Rey School in Omaha, Nebraska, as well as Creighton University. It is our desire and goal to help educate others about social justice and human rights through not only presentations and articles but also from personal accounts that developed over the period of our service trip.

Update from IRHG

by Neil Bhattarai, President of IRHG

Recently, the Inter Residence Hall Government confirmed its Vice President of Operations for 2009-2010 school year. IRHG is proud to announce its new Vice President of Operations: Ms. Katie Lampkin. Katie has been involved with IRHG since her Freshman year as a Degman Senator. This year, she helped facilitate the tremendously successful McGloin Block Party during IRHG's Lil' Jays Weekend. The new Executive Board is looking forward to working with Katie.

A week ago, IRHG hosted its 9th Annual Lil' Jays Weekend. More than 100 siblings, relatives and family friends of Bluejay students joined us in a fun weekend on campus. There were a variety of activities that were put on by IRHG and the Residence Halls/Apartments. These included the McGloin Block Party, Athlete Interaction, PlayDoh Extravaganza, Cotton Candy Fiesta, Cookie Decoration, Root Beer Floats, Painting, Saturday Morning Cartoons, feature film *Beverly Hills Chihuahua*, and the Chemistry Show. In addition, there were various off-campus activities, which included bowling, trip to the Zoo, and Children's Museum.

IRHG would like to thank all the Residence Hall Councils, Apartment Councils, the Department of Residence Life, So-dexho, and the Chemistry Department for their great support this weekend. We would like to also thank Megan Gombold, Committee Chair for Lil' Jays Weekend; Correy Hammond, Advisor; Kali McElroy, VP of Operations for this year; and the Lil' Jays Committee (most notably Anne Langhorst, Ben Newell, and Allison Padomek) for all their hard work during this last weekend.

If you would like any more information on our organization, in addition to General Assembly Meeting Minutes, please visit our web site at www.creighton.edu/IRHG

If you have any further questions, concerns, or comments,



Have a safe and happy
Easter break!

Tips for Room Reservations

by Jana Ammon, Assistant Director of the Skutt and Harper Centers

The Skutt and Harper Center staff would like to help you to be more successful in planning your events on campus. We will be sharing weekly tips over the jaynet-news and Student News listservs. Please be sure to check out our tips. Below is the most recent tip that was publicized.

Tip of the week: Please be sure to make your room reservation as early as possible in your planning process to ensure that the space is available, and never promote your event until the reservation has been made. A minimum of two weeks notice is requested for simple meetings; several months notice would be preferable for larger special events. Final room set up information and technical requirements should be confirmed at least five business days prior to your event; a late change fee may be assessed if less notice is given. If you need to cancel your reservation, 24 hour notice is required or you will be charged a late cancellation fee. An outline of all fees can be found at <http://www2.creighton.edu/harpercenter/reservations/index.php> or http://www2.creighton.edu/fileadmin/user/SkuttStudentCenter/docs/Revised_Guide_Spring_2007_01.pdf. Additional questions can be directed to the Reservations and Event Planning offices in either Skutt x1700 or Harper x3358.

Creighton to Host NJS LC

By Micah White, NJS LC Planning Committee

**DISCOVER
DEVELOP
DELIVER**
NJS LC - CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY - 2009

This summer, Creighton University has the honor of hosting the 2009 National Jesuit Student Leadership Conference (NJS LC). This conference, started over ten years ago, brings student leaders from all 28 Jesuit colleges and universities to one campus every summer to learn about themselves,

exchange ideas, and develop their leadership skills. The conference team is presenting the theme of "Discover.Develop.Deliver.," summing up our Jesuit education and the values we are taught in three words. The conference will include keynote speakers, educational seminars, wellness activities, a conference Mass, exciting evening activities, and much more. NJS LC is designed for student leaders engaged in all areas of campus life: Greeks, student government, campus ministry, multicultural organizations, sports clubs, etc. Creighton will be hosting NJS LC 2009 from July 8th through July 12th. We will need many volunteers to help run the conference, and we are also looking for individuals who are interested in presenting educational sessions. Educational session presenters will need to have a specific focus in mind that will relate to the leadership development of our delegates. If you are interested in either volunteering for the conference or presenting an educational session, please contact either Dillon Miskimins (dillonmiskimins@creighton.edu) or Jenna Rae Vercillo (jennavercillo@creighton.edu). We look forward to your help in welcoming our sister Jesuit institutions to our campus this summer!

Student Organization Updates

This will be the last edition of the newsletter for the 2008-2009 academic year. Please be sure to send a summer update for the first edition when we return in the fall. Reminders will be sent over the president's listserv.

CUSOTA

CU Student Occupational Therapy Association is sponsoring a Silent Auction on Tuesday, April 7, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the Mutual of Omaha Lounge. The auction is a fundraiser geared toward the occupational therapy national Political Action Committee (AOTPAC) which is the national lobbying organization; AOTPAC advocates for OTs on Capitol Hill and supports legislative items that are in the profession's best interest. CU OT students are competing against other OT students from around the country. Come help support the CU OT students while bidding on a variety of items and services including accessories, bath/body products, home decor, artwork, apparel, child care services, baked goods, and MORE! If you have questions or are interested in contributing a cash or item donation, please contact Stephanie Kokesh.

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Hui 'O Hawai'i

Hui 'O Hawai'i put on their annual Lu'au titled: Kanawai Ho'olilo Moku'aina on March 21, 2009. We celebrated the 50 years of Hawai'i becoming a state in 1959. If you did not get the opportunity to attend this year's lu'au, you truly missed out. Decorations resembled a timeline of important historical events and Hawai'i's past monarchy. Our chef's Uncle Henry and Auntie Jessie prepared a variety of authentic Hawaiian, Asian, local favorites, and dessert cuisine. A program filled with performances choreographed and danced by students was followed after dinner. Dances that were choreographed were from Tahiti, Samoa, New Zealand, and Hawai'i. We would like to thank everyone who has graciously supported Hui 'O Hawai'i throughout the years. We look forward to you all joining us next year. Stay tuned for more information!!

Muslim Student Association

On Wednesday April 8th at 7:00 PM, the Muslim Student Association is hosting Noura Erekat to discuss a fact-finding mission she was on in Gaza.

NAACP

As a politically active organization dedicated to civil rights and social justice, CU NAACP has been working hard to promote awareness and education of local legislative bills. Bringing in Senator Brenda Council to speak on the legislative bills 440, 307 and 309, the Creighton community had an opportunity to learn about what issues Nebraska Senate was facing.

**440: is an attempt to rectify what initiative 424 has taken away, being affirmative action, and allow for scholarships to be awarded to individuals who would help promote diversity on the state college/university campuses in Nebraska.

**307: death penalty abolishment.

**309: an effort to put in place laws to prevent life without parole sentences for juvenile offenders [minors].

With the help of CSU we invited Herman Boone to speak to a crowd of over 250 people in the Harper Ballroom. We are currently working to gain sponsorship to attend the National Convention in New York City in July which honors the year 2009 marking the NAACP Centennial.

Phi Lambda Sigma and Physical Therapy Leadership Guild

The National Pharmacy Leadership Society, Phi Lambda Sigma, and the Physical Therapy Leadership Guild have been busy planning the 12th annual Sherman-Steichen Memorial Run and registration is now open!!! This 5K/10K walk/run will be held on April 25th at Lake Zorinsky in West Omaha. Cost for the race is \$15 if pre-registering and \$20 if registering the day of the race. By registering, you get a t-shirt, food, and the chance to win some great door prizes! To register, please visit this link: <http://spahp2.creighton.edu/oasa/Sherman%20Steichen%20Run.aspx> and click on the "register now" button. If you have any questions regarding the event, please e-mail emilykathol@creighton.edu or amanda-pasche@creighton.edu. We look forward to hosting this event and seeing many Creighton University students there!

Ranger Challenge Organization

The Ranger Challenge Team collected and shipped school supplies to the Hayl Ammael Primary School in the Rashid district of Baghdad, Iraq. The school supplies consisted items for both students and teachers. The Hayl Ammael Primary school consists of approximately 300 elementary students.

Save the Date!

Fall Involvement Fair

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Registration information for student organizations will be sent in mid-August

Upcoming Events on Campus

April 10-13th

Easter Break

Week of April 13th

National Library Week

Tuesday, April 14th

3:30 PM—Skutt Student Center Advisory Board meeting, contact Kelli Mutchler in the SSC office if you would like to attend

Friday, April 17th

7:00 PM—CUASA “Step Correct” NPHC Step Show at Omaha North High School

Saturday, April 18th

IRHG’s Creighton Clean-up

Week of April 20th

GSA’s Awareness Week

Tuesday, April 21st

Red Cross Blood Drive in SSC

Wednesday, April 22nd

Earth Day! Be sure to visit the SSC through out the day

7:00 PM—Comedian Judson Laipply, Harper Center Ballroom

Friday, April 24th

8:00 PM—Spring Fling Concert featuring David Cook at the Slowdown

Saturday, April 25th

Noon—Annual Sherman-Steichen Run at Lake Zorinsky

7:00 PM—Kenefick Goes to Las Vegas, event in Kenefick Hall

Friday, May 1st

KFC Stress Relief Day

Tuesday, May 5th

10:00 PM Late Night Breakfast in Brandeis and Becker

Good luck and finals and have a safe and fun summer!

To learn about what’s happening on campus,
check out the university calendar at
calendar.creighton.edu

ODK Applications

If you received notification of your eligibility for the Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) Leadership Honor Society but were unable to submit your application by the deadline, you still have the opportunity to apply. In order to do so, you must email your completed application to Stephanie Kokesh (stephaniekokesh@creighton.edu) by Wednesday, April 8, 5:00 pm.

CSU Program Board

Spring Fling Concert

April 24th 2009

Doors open at 7:00pm, show starts at 8:00pm
The Slowdown

Featuring: DAVID COOK (American Idol winner!)

With opening act Ryan Star

Important Ticket Information

Tickets are available in the Student Activities Office from 8:00 to 4:30 Monday to Friday.

Tickets will be available from 11:00 to 2:00 PM Monday to Friday in Brandeis, except on Wednesday when they will be available at WAC (Wednesday’s After Class).

Starting April 6th Tickets will be available for Professional and Graduate Students for \$10

Starting April 20th Tickets will be available for Faculty, Staff and Guests for \$10

Tickets are only good until 8:00pm. If we are not at capacity at that time, we will start letting Creighton Students, Faculty, Staff and their guests in who were unable to obtain tickets (tickets will still cost \$10 at that time for all non-undergraduate attendees).

Spring Fling Week

April 20th-24th

Look for: Push to Start in Billy’s, Inflatables on the Mall, Comedian Judson Laipply (Evolution of Dance), trip to Rosenblatt and the concert!

Senior Week is just around the corner...look for information soon on how to register.