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Student Organization Reminders

By Katie Wadas, Assistant Director of Student Activities for Leadership

As many of you begin to do officer elections and transitions for next year, please remember to take care of the following items:

- 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.**

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!



Thinking of Showing a Movie on Campus?

By Katelyn Whitty, Assistant Director of Student Activities for Programming

In the Student Activities Office we have noticed that many organizations are taking advantage of the amazing Hixson-Lied Auditorium in the Harper Center by showing movies. Unfortunately, showing a movie on campus is not as easy as grabbing a film from your personal collection or the library and plopping it in a DVD player. To show a movie on campus, out of the normal business of a class, student organizations must obtain the rights to that movie. Costs associated with this can range from \$350 to \$950 depending on the movie's release date. CSU Program Board and IRHG have an agreement with a film distributor, Swank Motion Pictures, to help keep costs down while bringing a great variety of movie programming to campus. To learn more about showing a movie on campus, follow this link: <http://www.swank.com/college/copyright.html>. If you are interested in showing a movie on campus, please contact Katelyn Whitty, Assistant Director of Student Activities for Programming (katelynwhitty@creighton.edu or stop by the Student Activities Office).

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Leadership Recognition Awards Winners

By Ellen Stryker, ODK Vice President for Programming

On Monday, February 9, 2009, Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honor society and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars hosted the Leadership Awards Recognition Ceremony as part of Creighton University's Founders Week. The following are the award honorees.

Fr. Thomas Lukaszewicz S.J. Staff/Administrator Award Marianne Clark

Marianne is the saving grace for the students at the law school. While taking care of all administrative details for students, she is always willing to listen whenever someone is having difficulties. Marianne is always there for her students. If someone has a problem, is homesick, or needs an ear, she is available. She pushes everyone to be better community members and students while supporting them along the way.

Marianne's students come for more than the candy or detergent pens she offers. She has checked in on students after they have had surgery. When a student was seriously ill, she went to her apartment, met the ambulance at the emergency room and waited at the hospital. The student was scared, confused and without family in town. Marianne's kindness and compassion to both students and her colleagues has made her a core member of the law school family.

Other staff/administrator nominees were:

Ricardo Ariza, Betty Bahr, Brenda Hovden, Eric Immel, Nora Jastorff, Ken Reed-Bouley, Peggy Smith, and Wanda Williams

Teaching for Tomorrow Award Dr. Isabelle Cherney

Everything Dr. Cherney does is for her students. As a professor in the Psychology department, she is always encouraging. From the first day of class, she states that her class is not about a grade; it is about changing how students see the world. She incorporates what is going on in the world so that students have to think critically about what they learn. Dr. Cherney does everything in her power to see that each student embraces an education that challenges them intellectually, personally, and spiritually.

As director of the Honors Program, she and other faculty have created an innovative and creative curriculum that is the envy of other Jesuit honors programs. The Honors Program hosts a retreat each fall, and she is the most excited person there. Dr. Cherney participates in every single activity from playing "Never Have I Ever" to cooking dinner for the entire group. She even spent a night on the Honors floor getting to know the freshmen. To culminate the Creighton experience in the Honors program, she is currently creating a Seniors Honor Retreat.

Other faculty nominees were:

Dr. Tom Kelly, Fr. Charles Kestermeier, Dr. Victoria Roche, and Professor Ronald Volkmer

The Rev. Tom Schloemer, S.J. Outstanding Student Leader Awards

Freshman: Justin Edmonds

During his freshman year, Justin has gotten very involved with his floor in Swanson Hall. He boosted his floor's enthusiasm as the service, faith, and justice floor representative and was able to get his floor involved with many service projects. His excitement is contagious, which has led his floor to being successful in various philanthropic drives and fundraisers. He has made an impact on not only those he lives with, but also in the surrounding Omaha community. At the beginning of second semester, he became the Service, Faith, and Justice Ambassador for all of Swanson Hall. This spring, he is busy with various service projects and with Creighton Clean-Up, as he is the Work Site Committee Chair. In all the projects he takes on, Justin works with ease and enthusiasm.

Other outstanding freshman nominees were:

Katie Hart, Samuel Huppert, and Tiffanisha Williams

Sophomore: Sally Breining

Sally has become an exceptional leader during her time at Creighton. During her first two years on campus, Sally has been actively involved with the Freshman Leadership Program, CSU Program Board, and her sorority, Gamma Phi Beta. This year, she has been elected to the Panhellenic Council and serves as a Freshman Leadership Program mentor. She is also actively involved with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. She has even created her own philanthropy project, Bowl for Breath, a bowling event now in its second year that raises money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Other outstanding sophomore nominees were:

Jessica Pittman and Marc Rizzo

Junior: Steven Michael Kelly

Steven has been dedicated to the service mission of Creighton since his first days on campus. Over the past three years, Steven has been involved with the Freshman Leadership Program, Cortina Program, CU Stars, and the MacUsers Club. Steven has dedicated many hours to the Precious Memories Day Care, which provides day care services to low income, oftentimes high need, children. He has worked to get others involved with the day care, including other members of the organizations he is a part of on campus. Steven has also coordinated various fundraisers and grants to benefit Precious Memories. On campus Steven has also been busy as an intern with the Office of Academic Excellence and Assessment. He continually strives to learn and do more. Because of this, he is transforming the learning experiences for not only himself, but his fellow students and future generations of Creighton students.

Other outstanding junior nominees were:

Chelsea Cox, Chadi El-Khoury, Tyson Hickie, Erin Korpel, and Jane Mathew

Senior: Shara Mahoe

Shara has become a leader in every group that she is a member of, although others often do not see all the behind the scenes work Shara puts in to making events and programs successful. She is also a strong staff member within the Department of Residence Life. Her leadership among her peers has allowed her fellow resident advisors to learn and grow. Along with her roles in organizations and Residence Life, Shara has become a great resource for fellow Hawaiian and Asian-Pacific Islander students. She has provided a "Creighton" orientation in Hawaii before new students move to campus and has even helped fellow Hawaiians in times of need. She has become a great role model for her peers within the various areas she is involved in on campus.

Other outstanding senior nominees were:

Laura Brannen, Trevor Gerson, Jillian Liesemeyer, Caitlin Mulcahy, Sam Pierre, Kara Stockdale, Elizabeth Straley, Katy Synan, Lan Uyen Tran, Jenna Vercillo, and Marie Young

Graduate/Professional School: Anthony Allee

In Pharmacy department, Anthony has been busy establishing the Creighton Pre-Pharmacy Club Partnership with Miller Park Elementary. He also is the co-chair for Operation Immunization and the International Pharmacy. This project planned immunization events for employers throughout Omaha and even won the Event of the Year for the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions. As Vice President of Phi Lambda Sigma Pharmacy Leadership Society, he coordinated the induction of new members and coordinated the canned food drive. He also coordinated Spanish Medical Cards that were sent to clinics in the Dominican Republic. In addition to volunteering with numerous organizations, Anthony directed the recreational part of the Sacred Heart Bible Camp. His enthusiasm brings people together and he is able to get others to do their best work.

Other outstanding graduate and professional school nominees were:

Chi Nguyen, Elva Romero, and Christine Ross



Student Organization Updates

To submit an update for your student organization, please send an email to Katie Wadas at sao@creighton.edu. Updates are due for the April edition on **Friday, March 27th**.

Thank You From AMGO

The Association of Minority Greek Organizations would like to thank all individuals, forum members, moderators, and all Greek organizations that made the Breaking Barriers Forum possible. We were able to acknowledge differences and highlight similarities between our organizations so that we may be better organizations on a whole. Service, one of our shared principles/tenets, should always be at the forefront of our organizations. With that said, we hope that this event will be the first of many collaborations between the Association of Minority Greek Organizations (AMGO), the Panhellenic Council (PHC), and the Inter-fraternity Council (IFC) on Creighton University's campus.

Car Club: To all Creighton Car enthusiasts!

The Car Club will participate in an event called "Solo" hosted by Nebraska Region Sports Car Club of America on March 29th. We also will attend a Mid America Motorplex driving event on April 11th and/or 12th.

This is your chance to meet other car enthusiasts on campus. We are also planning to have a movie night and other events for people without cars. Everyone is welcome to join us.

For more information, contact Isamu Kishi at isamukishi@creighton.edu

Gamma Phi Beta News

This month on March 21, we will initiate our awesome new members! We are excited to welcome so many great women to our sorority. We are also in the planning process for our annual spring philanthropy, the Wing Fling, which will be in April. Be sure to look ahead for more information about this event!

Indian Cultural Society Banquet

Please save the date for the ICS Banquet on April 25th in the Skutt Student Center Ballroom. More information about the event will be available in April.

Inter Residence Hall Government Elects New Officers

Congratulations to the newly elected Inter Residence Hall Government Executive Board Members for school year 2009-2010:

- * President: Neil Bhattarai
- * Vice President of Administration: Nick Stukel
- * Vice President of Finance: Jill Phillips
- * Vice President of Service, Faith and Justice: Justin Edmonds

The new Executive Board will be transitioning in the upcoming month and will be sworn in on March 31, 2009. The position of Vice President of Operations and new committee chairs will be

decided in the two weeks after Spring Break.

IRHG is hosting Lil Jays Weekend. This is a fun-filled weekend for siblings and cousins of CU students. For a detailed schedule, costs, and how to register, please visit the IRHG Web Site: www.creighton.edu/IRHG

IRHG is also hosting its biggest philanthropic event of the semester with Creighton Clean-Up. Formerly known as "Hunger Clean-Up," Creighton Clean-Up will be held on April 18, 2009. This event is a day of service where students, faculty members, staff and alumni come together and perform service. Team leader applications are due very soon, so register quickly! There are tons of incentives to participate (not to mention the gratification one gets by serving others!). For more information, visit the IRHG website.

Phi Kappa Psi Busy With Spring Semester

The brothers of Phi Kappa Psi began 2009 with great things ahead of us. In addition to welcoming new executives into their positions and quickly forming a collaborative Governing Board, Phi Kappa Psi carried out its first social event of the semester, a date party titled "In the Navy," a great success. Phi Psi also enjoyed a successful Spring recruitment season, which included events such as laser tag, broomball, and billiards. Phi Psi would like to cordially welcome its 23 potential new members into the great plans the Brothers have for 2009 and beyond.

The Brothers of Phi Kappa Psi recently held our annual Founder's Weekend, during which we celebrate the inauguration of our fraternity (February 19, 1852) with Brothers past and present. Over 50 alumni and 80 active members attended the weekend's events, as well as our guest of honor Mr. Jerry Nelson, founder of Ticketmaster and Phi Psi Alum. Both the alumni and their families were welcomed with several events throughout the weekend, including a Friday night reception, as well as a formal dinner and awards ceremony held on Saturday evening. We all had the opportunity to learn from successful Brothers who have reached out to us through the virtue of our strong bond in Brotherhood. We would like to thank Brothers Jeff Murnan and Nick Bracciano for all their work in planning a successful Founder's Weekend 2009.

The members of Phi Kappa Psi look forward to continuing what is sure to be another great year. Plans for philanthropic activities include our annual Phi Psi 500 and roller skating event with the Sisters of Kappa Kappa Gamma. We look forward to new social and formal celebrations of our Brotherhood. We are anxious to tap the potential of our new members, as we are sure they have much to offer to our great organization. Most of all, we are excited to continue to represent Creighton University Greek Life and all Brothers of Phi Kappa Psi who have come before us, through our hard work and continuous efforts to perpetuate the highest ideals that our beloved Fraternity holds.

Organization updates continued on next page.

Upcoming Events on Campus

Tuesday, March 3

6:30 PM—Century Days: Financing Your Future, Harper 3048

Thursday, March 5

9:00 PM—Spring Break Service Trip send-off, Lower St. John's

March 5-8

Men's MVC Basketball Tournament, St. Louis

March 7-15

Spring Break!

March 12-15

Women's MVC Basketball Tournament, St. Charles, MO

Saturday, March 21

4:00 PM—Hui O' Hawaii Lua

Sunday, March 22

1:00 PM—Hand in Hand, Lower St. John's

Friday, March 27

All day—Project Homeless Connect, KFC

Evening—Relay for Life, KFC

March 27-28

Women's Empowerment Base Women's Retreat

March 27-29

Lil Jays Weekend

Sunday, March 29

3:00 PM—Movie with CSU Program Board, Harper Hixson-Lied Auditorium

Monday, March 30

7:00 PM—the Game of Life, sponsored by CSU Program Board, SSC Ballroom

7:00 PM—PEAC's 2nd Annual Fashion Extravaganza, Harper Ballroom

Tuesday, March 31

2nd Annual Cesar Chavez Commemoration, Office of Multicultural Affairs

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

Spring Fling Concert

April 24, 2009

Doors open at 7:00pm,

Show starts at 8:00pm

The Slowdown

Featuring: **DAVID COOK**
(American Idol winner!)

With opening act Ryan Star

Tickets available starting Sunday, March 29th
(tickets will be available at the 3:00pm movie in the
Harper Center)

Student Org Updates, Cont.

Pi Beta Phi Has Busy Semester

The Ladies of Pi Beta Phi have been busy throughout February and love all of their new members. This month, we had our first day party of 2009 where the girls hit the dance floor in denim for this "Denim Dance." They have also enjoyed taking time to grow in sisterhood on a sisterhood retreat, with a variety of activities and opportunities to get to know the new members better. The last week of February was the fabulous big sis week, leading up to the reveal at Pink Party. It has been a great start to second semester and the ladies of the wine and blue look forward to initiation and their Pie the Pi Phi's spring philanthropy.

WEB Sponsors Women's Retreat

The Women's Empowerment Base (WEB) would like to invite any interested Creighton women to join us for our annual retreat March 20-21. Located at Camp Carol Joy Holling, this retreat will invite students, faculty and staff to come together in a spirit of sharing and dialogue. It's an opportunity to come together as women to reflect upon what it means to be women in our society. For more information or to register, please visit <http://www2.creighton.edu/ministry/campusministry/rt/about/womensempowermentbasewebretreat/index.php>

Hope to see you there!

The Student Activities Office is seeking nominations for seven Student Organization Awards:

For and With Others Service Award

Outstanding Event of the Year Award

Excellence in Organizational Leadership Award

Magis Moderator of the Year Award

Exceptional New Student Organization Award

Professional Student Organization Award of Distinction

Undergraduate Student Organization Award of Distinction

Complete award descriptions and forms are available
on the Student Activities Office home page
(www.creighton.edu/studentactivities)

Nominations are due by 4:30 PM on Friday, March 27, 2009. All nominees will be honored and winners will be announced at the Division of Student Services Awards Night on Sunday, April 19, 2009.

Please contact Katie Wadas in Student Activities at katiewadas@creighton.edu or x1715 if you have any questions regarding the Student Organization Awards.