Welcome to Creighton . . .

As you begin your first semester here at Creighton, you are also about to embark on a new chapter of your life. As a new college student, Creighton will help you along your journey and will help you in taking steps toward Igniting Your Passion. As Welcome Week Coordinators, we are excited to introduce you to Creighton and help you achieve these dreams.

While you are at Creighton, many people will guide you through this exciting phase of your life. These people include staff members, professors, your Faculty Preceptor, Jesuits, and fellow students. The first people who will have the opportunity to help you with your journey are your Welcome Week Leaders. These students, wearing bright orange shirts, will be your guides throughout Welcome Week. They are here to help you and have a wealth of experience and knowledge to share with you, so please do not hesitate to approach them with any questions or concerns.

Filled with a detailed schedule and helpful hints, this booklet is your guide for a great Welcome Week. Like the rest of the University, our program is guided by Creighton’s Mission Statement and the Jesuit Values, and we hope that Welcome Week reflects the very best of Creighton. This week has been designed for you, so that you may discover what Creighton has to offer, meet new people, and realize what it means to be a student at Creighton. Make the most of this week so you can begin to incorporate these ideas and people into your own, unique journey through Creighton!

Rebecca Lamas and Stacey Jacobsen

Welcome Week 2009 Coordinators

Thank You . . .

Welcome Week would not be possible without the help of many University departments, students, and local sponsors. We would like to thank Student Services, Residence Life, Creighton Students Union, Program Board, Public Safety, Sodexo, Pepsi-Cola, Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils, the individual colleges and schools, the many businesses who have generously donated prizes, and all of the other departments who contributed to the program. We would especially like to thank our advisors, Joe Ecklund and Kathleen Warner, our executives, our Welcome Week Leaders, and the entire Office of Student Success.
The Office of Student Success
Mission Statement

The Office of Student Success (OSS) provides services and opportunities that enhance the personal development, academic success, and retention of Creighton University students. Three key elements of student learning and development that define student success and frame our efforts are: new student transitioning; peer-to-peer learning; and academic support. Throughout all of our work, we underscore the Jesuit tradition in striving for excellence, caring for the whole student, and unifying the heart and mind.

The Welcome Week program is housed within the Office of Student Success and is a vital component to assisting new students as they transition into college life and begin a successful career at Creighton!

Creighton Jesuit Values

**Magis** - Literally translated “more”. This is the challenge to strive for excellence.

**Women & Men For and With Others** - Sharing gifts, pursuing justice, and having concern for the poor and marginalized.

**Cura Personalis** - “Care for the individual person.” Respecting each person as a child of God and all of God’s creations.

**Unity of Heart, Mind, and Soul** - Developing the whole person. Integrating all aspects of our lives.

**Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam (AMDG)** - “For the Greater Glory of God.”

**Forming & Educating Agents of Change** - Teaching behaviors that reflect critical thought and responsible action on moral and ethical issues.

Points System

In the spirit of college life, we have created a fun Welcome Week competition to reward you for your participation in our events. When you attend an event, please sign in with your Welcome Week Guide or Beadle. The group with the highest percentage of members attending our events gets a special prize at the end of Welcome Week! **Prizes** will also be given **randomly** to students who sign in at various events. Your Welcome Week Leaders will tell you which events will be worth double (or TRIPLE) points.
Welcome Week Executive Staff

Get to know these amazing individuals in the yellow polos. They are here to help answer any of your questions and concerns! Without their help, there wouldn’t be a Welcome Week!

**Stefanie Stedman**
Group Leader Training Executive

**Alexa Lewandowski**
Ministry and Mission Executive

**David Gantz**
Move-In/Transportation Executive

**David Dann**
CU Survival Executive

**Corrie Caler**
Entertainment Executive

**Kate Mattern**
Group Leader Training Executive
Saturday, August 22

8:00 AM - Noon  **Move-In**  
Location: Creighton Residence Halls  
Welcome to Creighton! Welcome Week Leaders move your belongings into your room so you can begin your transition to college with ease. Have a great Welcome Week!

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  **One Stop Shopping**  
Location: Harper Center  
Cox Communications, Creighton Federal Credit Union, the Department of Information Technology (DoIT), Public Safety, Student Employment, Campus Recreation, and the Center for Health and Counseling will be available so you can take care of campus life logistics such as filling out paperwork for work-study or get a parking permit. Card Services and U.S. Bank will be available in Harper Center first floor to help you make your ID card.

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM  **Lunch**  
Location: Billy Blues (Harper Center, First Floor), Becker Dining Hall and Wareham Court (Skutt Student Center, First Floor)  
Come and enjoy lunch with the family! Cash and credit cards accepted.

1:30-2:30 PM  **Off-Campus Student Check-In**  
Location: Harper Center, Second Floor Lobby  
Check in and receive your detailed Welcome Week schedule!

2:30-3:45 PM  **University Welcome to Families**  
Location: (Last names A-L) Harper Center Hixson-Lied Auditorium  
(Last names M-Z) Harper Center Ahmanson Ballroom  
While new students meet with their Ratio Studiorum groups, families are invited to the University Welcome where Reverend John P. Schlegel, S.J., President of Creighton University and Mr. Adam Hare, President of the Creighton Students Union, officially welcome new students’ families to the Creighton Community. Dr. John C. Cernech, Vice President for Student Services, will also address families about the relationship that they will have with Creighton University. This informational session will give you a glimpse of student life at Creighton and offers a candid discussion about the expectations the University has for its students.

2:30-4:45 PM  **RSP Session for Students**  
Locations: See Welcome Week Booklet  
Meet your fellow classmates, Welcome Week Leaders, Faculty Preceptor, and Decurion for the first time!
Saturday, August 22 continued . . .

4:00-4:30 PM  **Deans’ Addresses to Families**
**Locations:** Arts and Sciences - Harper Center Ahmanson Ballroom
          Business - Harper Center Hixson-Lied Auditorium
          Nursing - Harper Center Room 3023
The Deans of each individual college will welcome new families to Creighton and speak about academic and student life within the colleges.

5:00-5:45 PM  **RSP Sessions for Families**
**Locations:** See room assignments on Family Schedule Card
Meet with your student’s faculty preceptor along with other student families to learn how the Ratio Studiorum Class will help your new student adjust to college life their first semester.

5:00 PM  **Native American Welcome and Cedar Ceremony**
**Location:** Jesuit Gardens
All are welcome to join Dr. Rudi Mitchell, Director of the Native American Learning Community and professor of Native American Studies, as he leads the Learning Community and its new freshman members in a traditional Welcome and Cedar Ceremony.

6:00-7:15 PM  **President’s Picnic**
**Location:** Creighton Mall
**Rain Location:** Kiewit Fitness Center
This outdoor meal is available to all new students, parents, and families at no charge.

7:30-8:30 PM  **Religious Services**
**Locations:**
          Catholic Mass .........................................................St. John’s Church
          Ecumenical Christian Worship Service .........................Lower St. John’s Church
          Muslim Prayer Service ..............................................Kiewit Hall Prayer Room
          Jewish Prayer Service ..............................................Skutt Student Center Room 104
You are welcome to attend the religious service of your choice. The Ecumenical Christian Worship Service is a non-denominational, Christian prayer service.

8:45-9:30 PM  **Sundaes on Saturday**
**Location:** Creighton Mall
**Rain Location:** Kiewit Fitness Center
Build your favorite sundae (on Saturday!) and enjoy an ice cream treat with your family and new classmates. This will help make saying goodbye a little sweeter!
Saturday, August 22 continued . . .

9:30 PM  **Jays in the City Reception**  
Location: Skutt Student Center, Room 105  
All off-campus students are welcome to relax and meet other students!

9:30-10:30 PM  **Meet Your Floor and Residence Hall Rallies**  
Location: Your Residence Hall Floor  
Come meet who you’ll be living with during your inaugural Creighton year! Then, turn up the energy and show your residence hall pride.

10:30 PM  **IRHG’s Annual Welcome Week Movie on the Mall**  
Location: Kiewit Fitness Center Lawn  
Rain Location: Skutt Student Center Ballroom  
Come to a 1950’s style “drive in” movie on the mall. Tonight, Inter Residence Hall Government is showing a blockbuster hit from a new frontier… so bring a blanket and join us as we get beamed up to watch Star Trek.

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Sunday, August 23

*Your meal plan begins today! Feel free to try it out at one of Creighton University’s Dining Halls.*

11:30 AM-12:30 PM  **Chemistry Placement Exam**  
Location: Hixson-Lied Science Building 246  
Plan on taking Chemistry at Creighton? If you’ve taken Chemistry in high school but want to know which class to enroll in at Creighton, this placement exam is for you... unless you already took it at Summer Preview.

11:30 AM-1:00 PM  **Manresa Program Orientation and Lunch**  
Location: Center for Student Success & Retention, Harper Center 4066  
This is a required program for new Manresa Program students; invitations were sent previously. Lunch will be provided.

1:00-4:00 PM  **CU Survival Program**  
Location: Harper Center Ahmanson Ballroom & Hixson-Lied Auditorium  
Come with your Welcome Week group to learn about lots of issues relevant to college life. Enjoy a “must-see” skit by Welcome Week leaders you won’t want to miss!

4:15-5:15 PM  **CU Survival Discussion**  
Location: Ask your Beadle and Guide  
A key component in Jesuit education is reflection. Spend some time and reflect with your group about some of the situations you have just seen.
Sunday, August 23 continued . . .

5:30-7:00 PM  **Floor & Jays in the City Student Dinners**  
*Location: Brandeis or Becker Dining Hall*  
All students (on and off-campus) are invited to share a meal in one of Creighton’s fine dining halls!

7:00-9:00 PM  **The Event**  
*Location: Morrison Stadium*  
Don’t be a square and come take part in this hip Welcome Week tradition. Wear comfortable clothes and closed-toe shoes. You will also receive your FREE GAME DAY SHIRT!

9:00 PM - Midnight  **Sunday Night Fever**  
*Location: Kiewit Fitness Center*  
Get your groove on either rockin’ or jockin’ at the KFC. Meet other students over games of basketball, dodge ball, volleyball or soccer! Relax with fun board games and feel free to show off your vocal chords with karaoke! The best 70’s outfit will also win a GRAND PRIZE from Papa John’s Pizza!!

Monday, August 24

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  **Creighton For and With Others**  
*Location: Harper Center Lied Auditorium*  
Students will visit a variety of community partner agencies to learn about local community assets, social concerns, and service opportunities. The purpose of “Creighton For and With Others” is to introduce students to the importance of community engagement, service, and justice as part of their Jesuit education.

10:00 AM & 2:00 PM  **Foreign Language Competency Exams**  
*Location: Humanities Center 215*  
Do you think you can test out of the foreign language requirement? If you did not take this exam at Summer Preview, here’s your chance!

4:30-7:00 PM  **Jesuit Dinner**  
*Location: Jesuit Gardens*  
*Rain Location: Brandeis Dining Hall*  
Join your group as the Creighton Jesuit Community welcomes you to the University with a special dinner planned for students only.

**In the Know...**  
- It’s Free Week at the Kiewit Fitness Center! Take advantage of free aerobics classes until September. Find out more online at www.creighton.edu/campusrecreation.
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<td>the Creighton Difference. Hear from Father Schlegel, S.J., Creighton</td>
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2:00-5:00 PM  Off-Campus Shopping  
**Location: Deglman Circle**
Grab your roommate and friends and come to Deglman Circle to catch a ride to a number of local stores including grocery, retail and electronic stores. Vans will depart every 20 minutes.

3:00-5:00 PM  Campus Ministry Welcome Reception  
**Location: Swanson Lower Level**
Come relax before classes start with refreshments courtesy of Campus Ministry. Meet our staff, get to know some new classmates, tour our new office, and of course, celebrate the beginning of your journey here at Creighton!

5:00-6:30 PM  RSP Decurion Dinners  
**Location: Brandeis and Becker Dining Halls**
Join your Decurion on the eve of the first day of classes for dinner. Hear their insight and advice as you prepare to begin your own academic journey at Creighton. Groups will be assigned a time and location.

8:30-10:30 PM  CU First  
**Location: Ask your Resident Advisor**
The Department of Residence Life will “CU First” at your first official floor meeting. Get to know your neighbors, ask your RA about policies, and start experiencing Creighton’s community.

Wednesday, August 26

7:00-10:00 PM  Lip Sync Contest  
**Location: Skutt Student Center Ballroom**
Who doesn’t love the 90’s? Perform a classic song with your group and then watch other groups and the Greek chapters lip sync to 90’s pop music favorites! The annual lip sync contest, sponsored by Creighton’s Greek Community, offers a chance to win awesome prizes and relax after classes.

In the Know...

- Remember to stop by the Creighton Bookstore in the Harper Center some time this week to buy your books. You can locate your books according to course numbers listed on the bookstore shelves. Also, you can save quite a bit of money if you buy used books, which are marked.
- Your Student ID card is used for access to residence halls, dining halls, fitness centers and athletic events. It is also used to obtain transcripts, pay tuition, check out library materials and receive student discounts throughout the Omaha Metro area.
Thursday, August 27

4:00-5:00 PM  **DoIT Help Session**  
**Location:** Skutt Student Center, Room 105  
Want to learn more about your new computer, tablet PC or anything related to technology? This session is for you! We can even answer questions about your Apple!

4:00-5:30 PM  **Summer Preview PENTA Session**  
**Location:** Skutt Student Center, Room 104  
Did you miss Summer Preview in July? If so, come to this session for a crash course on what Creighton has to offer you as the newest member of the Bluejay family. You’ll be able to ask our Summer Preview Guides questions about classes, campus life... anything! Plus, enjoy entertaining skits and ice breakers. You don’t want to miss this session.

7:00-8:30 PM  **Cultural Explosion**  
**Location:** Skutt Student Center Ballroom  
Come join us in the explosion of fun and entertainment which will consist of a variety of performances from Creighton’s cultural organizations. After, you’ll have the chance to meet with the leaders of these groups and learn how to get involved. Also, you won’t want to miss the fun prizes!

Friday, August 28

1:00-4:00 PM  **O! The Possibilities - Westroads Mall**  
**Location:** Meet in Deglman Circle  
Enjoy a day with friends at one of Omaha’s premier shopping centers. Come get clothes, sporting goods, electronics, crazy knick-knacks and posters for your room, and hang out with your new friends all at once! We only have room for a **limited number of students**, so please visit our website www.creighton.edu/welcomeweek to register and get more information.

4:00-7:00 PM  **IRHG’s Getting Blue Barbeque**  
**Location:** Morrison Stadium Lawn  
Come and enjoy a long-standing Creighton tradition before Friday games. There will be food, fun and a DJ for music in addition to fabulous events put together by the IRHG’s Programming committee. Meal Exchange is accepted!

*In the Know...*
- *Take some time to find your classes before they begin on Wednesday to make sure your first day of classes run as smoothly as possible. Your Welcome Week Leaders can help you!*
Friday, August 28 Continued . . .

6:30 PM  Women’s Volleyball Game and Ryan Center Opening  
Location: D.J. Sokol Arena, Ryan Center  
Witness history as the brand new Ryan Center and Sokol Arena is opened for a new era of Creighton athletics. Paint your face blue, wear your Gameday Shirt and come cheer on the Creighton women’s volleyball team as they take on Texas Tech!

7:00 PM  Women’s Soccer vs. South Dakota  
Location: Morrison Stadium

9:00 PM  Creighton Corral  
Location: Creighton Mall  
Come enjoy a night filled with fun, games and food.  
Sponsored by the Department of Residence Life.

Saturday, August 29

10:00 AM-2:00 PM  2nd Annual Multicultural Enrichment Institute  
Location: Harper Center 3023  
This fun, interactive program is designed to help students of color make a smooth transition to college. These sessions will empower you to become an informed, successful student here at Creighton University.

10:30 AM-1:00 PM  O! The Possibilities - Exploring the Old Market  
Location: Meet in Deglman Circle  
Experience the heart of Omaha by visiting the renowned Farmer’s Market and various shops, restaurants and cafes that line the old cobblestone streets of the famous Old Market. We only have room for a limited number of students, so please visit our website www.creighton.edu/welcomeweek to register and get more information.

12:00-3:00 PM  Off-Campus Shopping  
Location: Deglman Circle  
Grab your roommate and friends and come to Deglman Circle to catch a ride to a number of local stores including grocery, retail and electronic stores. Vans will depart every 20 minutes.

5:30-9:00 PM  Jay Jam Carnival  
Location: Creighton Mall  
Rain Location: Skutt Student Center Ballroom  
Sponsored by CSU Program Board, Jay Jam provides a full evening of festivities with carnival booths staffed by over 25 different student organizations, a dunk tank, inflatables, free popcorn and cotton candy, and fantastic prizes that are awarded at the conclusion of the carnival!
Saturday, August 29 Continued . . .

9:00 PM-Midnight           Jay Jam Foam Party
Location: Kiewit Fitness Center Patio
Rain Location: Skutt Student Center Ballroom
Also sponsored by CSU Program Board, the Foam Party proves to be a memorable experience each year as students are invited to partake in a dance unlike any other. At this event, you’ll enjoy the latest music and great dancing all while submerged in a sea of foam. To ensure that you can share in this experience, please wear clothes that you don’t mind getting wet!

Sunday, August 30

11:00 AM-2:00 PM           O! The Possibilities - Henry Doorly Zoo
Location: Meet in Deglman Circle
After spending some time enjoying the “wild life” at college, come see some real wildlife at one of our nation’s premier zoos. Take in the Desert Dome, the Jungle and ride the Skyfari! All this and so much more for only $5. Please bring your $5 and pay a WW Exec in a yellow polo. There can only be a limited number of students, so please visit our website www.creighton.edu/welcomeweek to register and get more information.

3:00-4:00 PM               Show Me the Money!
Location: Skutt Student Center Ballroom
You’ve heard the horror stories of college students maxing out credit cards and accumulating debt. Come and hear the facts of money management and learn some tips from current college students on how to make your dollar last longer.

4:00-6:00 PM               Whose Line is it Anyway?
Location: Skutt Student Center Ballroom
Come join Alpha Psi Omega – Creighton’s theater fraternity – as they put on a comedy sketch for all to see. You’ll even have the chance to participate and win prizes!!

4:00-6:00 PM               Capture the Flag
Location: Creighton Mall
Explore the ropes of Creighton’s campus while you compete with your new friends to capture the flag!

9:00-10:00 PM              Coming Together: Closing Ceremony
Location: Skutt Student Center Ballroom
Come join us in this spectacular Welcome Week Grand Finale! Look for yourself and new friends in the Welcome Week slide show, follow the luminaries, and take part in a special candle ceremony as current Creighton students officially welcome you into the Nest! Co-sponsored by the Inter Residence Hall Government.
Pleased to Sponsor Welcome Week 2009

What is CSU?

- Representative student government
- Offer funding for student organizations
- CSU Program Board for Undergraduate entertainment
- Serve the interest & needs of students

Come Join Us!

- Representatives elected by college
- Elections info meeting in October
- Voting on Tuesday, November 3rd
- Visit www.creighton.edu/CSU for more information or to voice a concern
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## Building Abbreviation Key

- **CHSC**: Criss Health Sciences Building
- **COBA**: Eppley College of Business Administration
- **CRHL**: Creighton Hall
- **DHHC**: Humanities Center-Dowling Hall
- **HARP**: Mike and Josie Harper Center for Student Life & Learning
- **HLSB**: Hixson-Lied Science Building
- **KFCR**: Kiewit Fitness Center Room
- **LECA**: Lied Education Center for the Arts
- **LAWC**: School of Law
A Presidential Welcome

Welcome to Creighton University! You are among a select group of academically successful and engaged students who we judge are prepared and poised for success in this next phase of your education.

Since becoming President of Creighton, I am convinced of the value of a Creighton education. On a daily basis I experience the supportive and nurturing environment that enhances our sense of campus community, and I also observe the multiple opportunities for student involvement on and off campus in co-curricular programs and service opportunities. Rooted in a 470-year tradition of excellence in Jesuit education, Creighton, as one of the leading comprehensive Jesuit universities in the United States, will provide you the opportunity to attain a first-rate education. I am personally committed to Creighton’s quality in the multiple aspects that will make up your college life.

Your time at Creighton will be challenging. You will learn to think for yourself, to judge issues in light of the facts, and to come to the most appropriate professional, moral and ethical conclusions. I hope you take up this challenge – to think, to judge and to act rightly – during your years among us and in your life beyond the University.

Creighton is a special place – enriching and enriched by its students. Creighton students have learned over the years not only to study hard, but also how to have fun, and in the process make lifelong friendships. It is this balance that can make your college experience most profitable for you, intellectually and socially. Underpinning all of this will be your moral and spiritual growth, your sense of community and your desire for service. These will become the foundation stones of your personal development.

Creighton begins its 131st year this September. There is a palpable momentum on campus, and the Omaha community senses that Creighton is “on the move.” And it is! You are joining the Creighton community at a most opportune and exciting time. Life on and off campus will not be dull! The Harper Center and the Ryan Center & D.J. Sokol Arena will provide many new opportunities for student activities.

Over the generations, Creighton graduates have become leaders in their careers and professions; they have made a difference to society. It is my hope that you will join this partnership with us and that you develop into the person you want to be as you pursue the possibilities of Creighton and of Omaha. Again, welcome to Creighton. Ignite your Passion! Be prepared to be surprised!

Sincerely,

John P. Schlegel, S.J.
President, Creighton University

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To the Newest Students at Creighton University,

You’ve made it! After a bittersweet graduation, a summer of goodbyes, and a flurry of new experiences you are officially at Creighton and what a proud achievement it is. As you begin your academic journey at Creighton you will learn that the road is not just paved with books, tests, and Power Point presentations. Instead, your experience as a part of Creighton will be filled with time for new friends, new passions, fun adventures, and exciting challenges. It has been my experience that Creighton is the perfect place for your formation as a citizen, as a friend, and towards a career. Make the most of it!

I want to personally welcome you to the student body. The Creighton Students Union, our student government at Creighton, is dedicated to making your life here at Creighton better. Every student is a stakeholder in the Creighton Students Union and as such my goal is to better your academic, social, and cultural experience as a Bluejay. If you ever need anything or have a concern about Creighton just let me know. I encourage you to be proactive and find an area of Creighton for you to showcase your leadership experience, true character, and passions. There are over 200 student organizations, 15 sports clubs, Division I athletics and a phenomenal set of faculty and staff that I guarantee will keep you busy.

The Creighton Students Union serves as a representative government for all of the colleges and provides funding to student organizations, such as Welcome Week, and works with administration and faculty to make policy changes for a better student experience. Also, don’t be afraid to check out some of the programming events that we put on including concerts, comedians, and Wednesday afternoon craft and food giveaways.

Please make yourself at home at Creighton. You are as much a part of our lifeblood as anyone has ever been. I look forward to meeting you if given the chance and serving you as your Creighton Students Union President.

Good Luck on your First Semester,

Adam Hare
President
Creighton Students Union