

### **Van Tasell Receives Creighton University School of Nursing Alumni Merit Award**

Margaret Eileen Barr Van Tasell, BSN '68, Parkville, Mo., received the Creighton University School of Nursing 2012 Alumni Merit Award during the University's annual Alumni Weekend on Friday, Sept. 21 in Omaha.

Van Tasell received her bachelor of science in nursing from Creighton in 1968. During her time at Creighton she was inspired by a central theme in the School of Nursing “-Respecting the dignity of each person-” and carried it with her into her career.

After seeing many of her patients were unable to stay in their homes to receive care, Van Tasell was started her own private care nursing company in 1992 in Kansas City. She currently serves as owner and president of Barr Private Care, an organization that allows patients to stay in their homes while they receive medical care. With the success of Barr Private Care, Van Tasell opened Barr Hospice and Palliative Care in 1996. She currently lives in Parkville, Mo., and continues her work to help others.

Van Tasell has served as president and is a current member of the Creighton School of Nursing Alumni Advisory Board, where she initiated the board's endowed scholarship along with the annual continuing education event for nursing alumni. She continues to offer her leadership to many organizations within the Kansas City community including the Harvest Ball Society, North Kansas City Symphony Guild, and North Care Friends of Hospice.