Creighton Committed to Remaining Affordable

In light of the nation’s current economic conditions, Creighton remains committed to providing students a high-quality, values-centered education that is affordable to both students and their families, according to Creighton President the Rev. John P. Schlegel, S.J.

“As good financial stewards, we are focused on keeping Creighton affordable for all,” Fr. Schlegel said. “Our tuition increase for the 2009-2010 year will be the lowest in more than 40 years. We will continue to provide the highest quality education, but we know that families are under stress.”

U.S. News & World Report, Barron’s and Kiplinger’s have all rated Creighton a “best buy,” with U.S. News calling Creighton a “Great School at a Great Price.” Creighton has held down costs while maintaining an academic profile that places it among the top five in the Midwest and top 50 of the nation’s private universities, as well as in the top eight of more than 220 U.S. Catholic universities.

The University committed more than $47 million in grants, scholarships and merit awards to students this past year. A primary focus of Creighton’s WILLING TO LEAD campaign is increased financial aid for families.

Containing costs without sacrificing value is essential, and Creighton continues to be innovative in providing a quality education. Recent and ongoing campus improvements, which have enhanced the Creighton student experience inside and outside the classroom, were wholly funded by donations.

A recent survey comparing the opinions of Creighton’s freshmen with those of freshmen from several other high-quality private universities showed Creighton students reported a higher rate of positive interactions with faculty during their freshman year. They noted that faculty members were willing to engage with them. Creighton students are more involved in their education and know their professors not only care about them, but also hold them accountable.

In addition, Creighton’s placement rate of students into graduate and professional schools is one of the highest in the nation.

“We have an aggressive internship program, with more employers offering paid internships than the number of students seeking internships,” Fr. Schlegel said. “Job placement rates are at an all-time high at Creighton: This past year, 96 percent of our graduates seeking employment were in career-related positions within eight months of graduation.”