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## Quarterly Newsletter



What an amazing year 2018 was! This was my first full year at Creighton and I'm blessed to be surrounded by the outstanding professionals in this organization. Thank you for letting me share in your successes.

As I like to do at the beginning of each year, I've been reflecting on the past year. As part of that, I've been reviewing statistical data and comparing it to our peer institutions. One thing that stands out from the data is that our talented team is carrying a load comparable to or above our peers. The good news is, you are performing remarkably while doing it. It's true we have a few aging facilities and infrastructure, but your dedication is helping us deliver a high-quality learning environment with available resources.

I mentioned our impending move to a new facility at 1006 North 20<sup>th</sup> Street in the last newsletter. The renovation project is wrapping up soon. Mail/Card Services and Facilities Management should be moved in February with Maintenance and Grounds activities to follow in the summer.

Over the coming months, you'll hear more about the 24<sup>th</sup> Street beautification project, completion of the Mall upgrades, improvements to the visitor's lot and several other major improvements around campus. Thank you to the dedicated team of professionals working on these projects and all those working to improve the quality of Creighton's campus.

Finally, I encourage you to attend convocation in February. Father Hendrickson will discuss many of the initiatives above and a host of other amazing things happening at Creighton. As always, it will be very informative.

Thank you again for your service to the students and Creighton University and I hope your 2019 is fantastic.

**Derek M. Scott**

AVP for Facilities Management

## President's Update

Daniel Hendrickson, Office of the President Messages to Campus  
January 16, 2019

Dear Faculty and Staff,

As we begin a new semester today, I have campus updates regarding three Jesuits who are temporarily joining our community, the upcoming spring Convocation, the presidential task force announced last month, the Creighton Cupboard, and the GoMove Challenge.

I am pleased to share that Dzao Isaac Jogues Vū, SJ, PharmD, MPH, who is a native of Omaha, will be joining the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions (SPAHP). Dzao is a Jesuit scholastic of the Jesuits' West Province, and he joins us during his time of regency in the process of Jesuit formation.



Dzao's background in the health sciences, including his professional training in pharmacy and public health positions, will be a wonderful addition to SPAHP and, in particular, the Doctor of Pharmacy program. He will be teaching and also assisting with the professional development of students. As a Jesuit leader, Dzao can contribute in diverse student support activities, mission and identity programs, ministry opportunities, spiritual direction, and student mentoring.

Dr. Vū received an MA in Public Health from Loyola University Chicago; a Doctor of Pharmacy from Nebraska Medical Center; an Associate of Science Pre-Pharmacy degree from Truman College in Chicago; and a BA in philosophy and religious studies from the University of the Incarnate Word.

Also, Henry D'Almeida, SJ, PhD, is the new Anna and Donald Waite Endowed Chair in Jesuit Education. Dr. D'Almeida is currently teaching philosophy at Jnana-Deepa Vidyapeeth, which is a Pontifical institute for philosophy and religion located at Pune, India. The institute primarily focuses on the formation of future Catholic priests in India.

Dr. D'Almeida has a doctorate degree from the University of Pune; a master's in theology from Vidyajvoti College of Theology in Delhi; a master's in Sanskrit and Pali from the University of Pune; and three bachelor's degrees.

The Waite Chair brings visiting Jesuits to Creighton to invigorate the Jesuit and Catholic intellectual tradition across the University. The Waite Chair is not restricted to a particular school or college; it brings bright Jesuit scholars to Creighton to pursue writing, research and teaching on law, philosophy, business ethics, health care, and more.

While Dzao and Henry will be on campus for longer periods of time, we are also welcoming the Rev. Francis Xavier Perianayaga, SJ, who will soon leave his position as vice president for academics and research at Jesuit Worldwide Learning in Geneva, Switzerland. Fr. Perianayaga will live on campus in March and April during a

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## President's Update Cont.

transition period to a new assignment.

I am looking forward to sharing campus updates with you during the annual Founders Week Convocation on Tuesday, Feb. 5, beginning at 3:30 p.m. in the Hixson-Lied Auditorium in the Harper Center. This is my opportunity to provide information regarding important initiatives occurring on campus, so that you remain aware of the fine work being done by so many of you every day. A few of the updates concern existing projects, but I will also be announcing new initiatives that are getting underway, and I look forward to your feedback and questions.

Too, and after my campus update, distinguished faculty, staff, and administrators will be recognized for their service to the University, and we will also celebrate the new Joella Cohen Endowed Chair in Journalism. I hope you can also attend the faculty and staff reception in the Ahmanson Ballroom immediately following Convocation.

Regarding Founders Week, there will be numerous events occurring to celebrate, including the annual Mass and separate Interfaith Prayer Service. The Mass will be held on Sunday, Feb. 3, at 10:30 a.m. in St. John's Church. I will preside, and the Rev. James Pribek, SJ, PhD, associate professor in the Department of English, will offer the homily. The Interfaith Prayer Service will occur on Wednesday, Feb. 6, beginning at 3:30 p.m. in St. John's.

As I announced in a campus update on Dec. 5, I have established a small and representational presidential task force on issues related to Catholic clerical sexual abuse. The focused objective is to discern programming options to occur in 2019 for our campus community, including an openness of such programs to the Omaha community.

In addition to the members previously listed, Timothy Dickel, EdD, NCC, director of School Counseling at Creighton, has accepted my invitation to join the committee. In 2009, Prof. Dickel was appointed to the Archbishop's Review Board by Archbishop Curtiss, and continues to serve on the board today. The Archbishop's Review Board is charged with investigating allegations of sexual abuse of minors by clergy within the Archdiocese of Omaha.

Information will be shared soon regarding the committee's plans to host campus listening sessions for faculty, staff, and students.

Beginning today, Creighton will open the Creighton Cupboard on-campus food pantry in lower McGloin Hall for currently enrolled students.

According to a study by the University of Wisconsin HOPE Lab, 36 percent of students at four-year institutions identify as having "low" or "very low" food security. Acknowledging that Creighton enrolls students nationally and internationally who may share similar struggles, the Division of Student Life reviewed how we could help remove a barrier to student success.

Creighton wants to ensure that students have a nutritious meal, so they can achieve in the classrooms, clinics, labs, work, etc. As a Jesuit, Catholic institution, we are called to be men and women who are for and with others.

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## President's Update Cont.

Opening a food pantry on campus is one small way that we can walk in solidarity with our students who face low and very low food security.

For additional information, including Cupboard hours, how to register as a guest to shop in the Cupboard, or how to host a food drive, please click [here](#) or email [Cupboard@creighton.edu](mailto:Cupboard@creighton.edu).

Finally, Creighton will once again be competing with other Jesuit universities during the [Go Move Challenge](#), which runs Feb. 1-28. This is a physical activity challenge to see which school can be the most active during the month of February, and you use the aforementioned website to track your activity and contribute to Creighton's time accumulation.

We are kicking off the Go Move Challenge with the annual Cardio-Thon on Friday, Feb. 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Kiewit Fitness Center. Teams will take turns keeping the cardio machines running for the event's entire six hours. To register for the Cardio-Thon, please click [here](#).

As is evident, there is a great deal of activity the first few weeks of the new semester. I look forward to seeing you on campus and, especially, at Convocation.

Sincerely,

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson

## HR News

### Form 1095-C

– JANUARY 15, 2019 POSTED IN: [HR CORNER](#)

All employers are required to furnish eligible employees with the Form 1095-C. This form should be arriving in your home mailbox in the next few weeks. This form is required under the Affordable Care Act and reports your enrollment in affordable health coverage. While it is not required to have this form to file your taxes, it is recommended you keep the form with your other 2018 tax forms once received. Should you have questions, please email [benefits@creighton.edu](mailto:benefits@creighton.edu).

### New Year, New Deductions and Year-to-Date Totals

With the New Year comes new deductions based upon your Annual Enrollment elections. Please review your pay stub to make sure that elections and deductions are correct for 2019. [Click here](#) for directions on how to view your pay stubs.

### Creighton's Contribution to Your Health Savings Account (HSA)

Creighton contribution to your HSA (\$500 for employee only or \$750 for family) will be made in January for the 2019 plan year. Biweekly employees will receive their contribution on January 26th and monthly paid employees will receive theirs on January 31st. All contributions should be posted to your HSA account 2-3 business days after your respective pay date. Please check your account at [www.payflex.com](http://www.payflex.com) to ensure funds are available before processing payments.

### Your Creighton Benefits Can Help You Accomplish Your 2019 Resolutions

– JANUARY 8, 2019 POSTED IN: [HR CORNER](#)

Creighton offers a variety of benefits that may help you to accomplish your new year resolutions!

**Real Appeal** – Real Appeal is an online weight loss program available at no cost to all employees, spouses and dependents on our United Healthcare insurance plan. To qualify, participants must have a BMI of 25 or higher. When you enroll in Real Appeal, you will receive an entire year of support from a personal Transformation Coach and the Real Appeal Success Kit filled with great tools and resources at no cost to you. To find out more, visit the Real Appeal section on the Creighton Website: <http://www.creighton.edu/hr/benefits/health/health/uhcprograms/realappeal/>.

**Employee Assistance Program** – The Employee Assistance Program provides professional counseling, information and referral services to faculty, staff and their families. The program offers confidential consultation on a wide variety of personal, family and or work-related problems that may contribute to high levels of stress and interfere with health and work performance. The program includes up to 8 counseling sessions for employees and eligible dependents. It also offers a variety of online programs and resources. Topics include the following:

**Resiliency** – overcoming stress and crisis at home and at work

## Campus Updates



### Grand Opening For Ruth Scott Training Center Nears

Rob Anderson, Athletic Development  
Creighton Today 1/17/2019

Creighton Athletics will host a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Ruth Scott Training Center on Wednesday, Jan. 30, at 3 p.m. The 16,000-square-foot facility, located at 702 N. Florence Blvd., just west of the Ryan Athletic Center and D.J. Sokol Arena, is the new training center for Creighton volleyball and women's basketball.

The facility was made possible thanks to many generous donors, especially lead donors Ruth and Bill Scott, whose generosity has transformed the entire east-campus athletics corridor.

This latest example of their generosity builds a facility that aligns with Creighton Athletics' mission of recruiting, retaining, developing and graduating outstanding student-athletes, and will be a vital developmental resource for personnel from both programs.

As the success of the volleyball and women's basketball programs continues to extend their seasons, the additional practice space provided by the Ruth Scott Training Center will help student-athletes miss fewer practices due to facility and class schedule conflicts. Furthermore, this facility acknowledges the hardworking, talented coaches and student-athletes Creighton Athletics hopes to recruit and retain.

The Ruth Scott Training Center provides space for two full-sized basketball and volleyball courts, six basketball hoops, two automated volleyball nets that lower from the ceiling, state-of-the-art audio and visual equipment to film and review practices, a hydration station and additional storage space.

## Campus Updates Cont.

In recent years, both the Creighton women's basketball and volleyball programs have achieved incredible success on the national stage. In 2018, the volleyball program captured its fifth consecutive BIG EAST Conference regular-season and tournament titles. The Bluejays finished the season ranked 13th nationally after hosting the NCAA Tournament First/Second Rounds at D.J. Sokol Arena for the second consecutive season.

In 2017-18, the women's basketball program extended its postseason streak to 11 seasons after reaching the second round of the NCAA Tournament for the second consecutive season. The Bluejays earned an at-large bid into the NCAA tournament and defeated No. 6 seed Iowa in the first round. The Bluejays are off to a strong start in the 2018-19 campaign and are poised for another postseason run.

Additional questions regarding the grand opening of the Ruth Scott Training Center on Jan. 30 can be directed to the Athletic Development Office at 402-280-GIVE or [AthleticDevelopment@creighton.edu](mailto:AthleticDevelopment@creighton.edu).

The Ruth Scott Training Center  
702 North Florence Blvd.  
Omaha, NE 68178

Parking for the Jan. 30 grand opening and ribbon-cutting will be available on a first-come, first-served basis in the visitor's lot just south of the Harper Center, on 20<sup>th</sup> Street between Burt and Cass streets, as well as the parking lot just south of Morrison Stadium, on Cass Street, adjacent to the venue's scoreboard.

<https://gocreighton.com/news/2019/1/17/ath-development-grand-opening-for-ruth-scott-training-center-nears.aspx>

## Volunteer Hours Opportunities

### Project Homeless Connect Omaha 2019

The University encourages employees to volunteer for Project Homeless Connect Omaha. Creighton has approved staff to use excused paid time to participate in this event. It is important, however, to obtain prior approval from supervisors to ensure departments have the coverage necessary to conduct business.

Navigators

Set-Up Crew

Clean-Up Crew

Creighton University Health Science Students

Other Opportunities – please email us at [phco@creighton.edu](mailto:phco@creighton.edu) to inquire about additional opportunities.

<http://blogs.creighton.edu/ccsj/phcomaha/volunteer-registration/>

## 2018 Tree Campus USA

In December of 2018 Creighton University completed its application seeking an 11th year of recognition as a Tree Campus USA site. As part of the reporting required for this designation, tree plantings and removals are tracked. Following is a table summarizing 2018:

New Trees planted	37
Trees removed	48
Net loss/gain of trees	-11

The overall goal is to maintain or increase the number of trees on campus, and 2018 resulted in a net loss of 11 trees. The table below summarizes causes of the 2018 removals:

Reason for removal	Number of trees removed
Storm Damage	0
Disease/Pest (direct)	6
Construction (direct)	30
Vandalism	0
Structural instability	0
General Decline/Death	12

Forty-eight trees were removed in 2018, slightly less than the 64 removed in 2017. Similar to 2017, there were a large number of trees removed due to construction. All losses due to disease in 2018 were specifically attributed to fire blight (6).

Removals attributed to general decline and deaths are caused by a wide range of factors. Examples of these factors are:

Indirect construction impacts, such as root compaction from vehicle/equipment traffic, storage of materials, and root damage due to trenching or digging.

Cultural issues such as drought, winter injury, and poor drainage.

The effect of this type of damage to a tree is not immediate or obvious but instead occurs over several years following the damaging event. Often, more than one of these factors or events contributes to the tree's gradual decline and eventual death.

It is expected that Creighton will again be awarded Tree Campus USA recognition for its 2018 application. This will be the 11th year of recognition for the University. Confirmation will come in April of this year.

**Jessica Heller**  
Horticulturist  
Landscaping and Grounds



## Upcoming Holidays/Events

Event	Date	Location
CU Saturday	Saturday, February 2	Harper Center
Founders Week	Sunday, February 3—9	<a href="https://www.creighton.edu/publicrelations/newscenter/news/2017/february2017/february12017/foundersweeknr020117/">https://www.creighton.edu/publicrelations/newscenter/news/2017/february2017/february12017/foundersweeknr020117/</a>
Convocation	Tuesday, February 5	Harper Auditorium & Ballroom 4:30-8pm
Valentine's Day	Thursday, February 14	
Admitted Students Day	Monday, February 18,	
President's Day	Thursday, February 21	
Spring Break	Sunday, March 10-17	
St. Patrick's Day	Sunday, March 17	
Employee Merit Awards	March 19, 2019	
First Day of Spring!	Wednesday, March 20	
Admitted Students Day	Monday, March 25	
Project Homeless Connect Omaha	Friday, March 29	Skutt Student Center, Kiewit Fitness Center
April Fools	Monday, April 1	
Admitted Students Day	Monday, April 1	
Creighton Luau	Saturday, April 6	KFC Gym 4-9pm
Admitted Students Day	Monday, April 8	
Admitted Students Day	Monday, April 15	
Good Friday	Friday, April 19	Office Closed
Easter Sunday	Sunday, April 21	
CU Sunday	Sunday, April 28	Harper Center

## Facilities Announcements

### Spring 2019 Sustainability Forums—Save the date!

**Friday, February 8, 2019, noon – 1 p.m., Global Perspectives on Sustainability: Study Abroad Experiences, Skutt 105**

Join The Office of Sustainability Programs and Student Ambassadors from The Global Engagement Office to learn more about what sustainability looks like in other countries and find out about study abroad opportunities.

**Tuesday, March 5, 2019, noon – 1 p.m., Spirit of St. Francis Awards – Panel featuring 2018 Winners, Skutt 105**

Join The Office of Sustainability Programs and the 2018 Spirit of St. Francis Award Winners: Patrick Marta (former CSU President, Class of 2019), Jess Benjamin (Adjunct Assistant Professor, Fine and Performing Arts), and Dasha Sudar (Coordinator for Adult Learners, Educational Opportunity Center) for a panel presentation. Hear their stories about why they care about sustainability and how they have committed to advancing sustainability in their lives, work, and on Creighton's campus.

**Friday, April 5, 2019, noon – 1 p.m., Protect Our Species, Skutt 104**

A special Earth Month Sustainability Forum featuring Ted Burk, PhD (Professor, Biology) and Carol Fassbinder-Orth, PhD (Associate Professor, Biology). Drs. Burk and Fassbinder-Orth will explore this year's Earth Day theme by sharing their work with butterflies and bees which play an important role as pollinators.

Watch out for a variety of Earth Month activities throughout the month of April 2019. The 2019 Global Theme for Earth Day is "[Protect Our Species.](#)"

Environmental Health and Safety

### Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

**Compostable plates and bamboo utensils** were used instead of plastic plates and cutlery at the Creighton Holiday Party for faculty and staff. This change means we **avoided about 135 pounds of plastic**, which equates to nearly 3,000 gallons of water<sup>1</sup> and one barrel of oil<sup>2</sup>. Thank you to the University Events Team and Creighton Dining for helping make the annual holiday party more sustainable!

Sources: <https://stanfordmag.org/contents/plastic-bags-to-recycle-or-not-essential-answer><sup>1</sup> and <https://www.watercalculator.org/water-use/the-hidden-water-in-everyday-products/><sup>2</sup>)

**Mary J. Duda, MS, CHMM**  
Chemical Coordinator  
Environmental Health and Safety



# Energy Management News

As the New Year has started we often turn to new resolutions and new Ideas. Energy Management is also thinking about how to make improvements across our department and across campus. We are looking at ways to be more proactive in our areas to help mitigate unnecessary call outs. We are making sure our systems are sending the proper Alarms and that those Alarms are in the correct priority for us to prioritize them and act on them. We have Engaged with Optimized Systems for an 18 Month endeavor to go over 12 of the buildings on our campus. They will look at the mechanical systems for proper operation. They will track and oversee the recommended repairs. The Building Management Systems will be reviewed for proper operations, reprogrammed for a standardized energy efficient program. All graphics interfaces will be redrawn and verified for proper operations, while bringing them up to the campus standards.

**Catch -22 Electric Heaters:** Energy Management also is asking that everyone be conscientious about the use of space heaters across the campus. Many times, the space heaters are interfering with the normal heating and ventilating systems within the area. We have found that the heater will turn the cooling to that area on when used. This will also cause cold air to blow down from the diffusers. In some office spaces this will in turn overcool all the office in that zone. Which then requires them to add electric heater to keep warm. While some areas are lacking in the proper ventilation and might require a space heater to supplement the heating, we are asking that if you suspect that the heating in your area is not working that you contact Facilities and have them create a work order to have it evaluated.

**Building Temperature Setpoints:** Energy Management oversees maintaining the campus utility savings. We maintain the policy that has been put in place for the campus Energy Conservation. For a quick reference the Setpoints are included below.

<u>Locations</u>	<u>Cooling</u>	<u>Heating</u>
Office Spaces	74°F	70°F
Classrooms	74°F	68°F
Living Quarters	74°F	70°F
Laboratories	72°F	68°F
Public Areas	74°F	68°F

## **Wes Walling**

Associate Director of Facilities Management  
Energy Management

## Facilities Shout Outs Cont.



Living at Creighton

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A special THANK YOU to our Creighton Facilities and Public Safety staff who are working in the cold temperatures today.

### Thank you Grounds Crew!

Facilities Management would like to thank our incredible Grounds crew. This winter has been extremely difficult to predict, with multiple snow days, and ice issues. They worked tirelessly to provide clear pathways from early in the morning to late at night.

Led by Jessica Heller, our grounds crew includes multiple full time staff members and outside contractors to keep up with the weather.

### 2018 Holiday Spirit Drive was a HUGE Success!

With all the generous contributions and the purchasing of raffle tickets we were able to provide 5 patients and their families at Madonna Rehabilitation Center care packages of food and each patient received \$100 in gift cards.

The kids loved that our very own Santa, Justin Burgett, delivered the care packages on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Michelle Ferestad provided each of the kids with a polaroid picture of them with Santa.

Thank you for all of you that helped in supporting these amazing kids out this holiday season!

Looking forward to what we can accomplish together this year!

**Paula Van Winkle**  
Administrative Assistant