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Facilities Management and Mail/Card Services Team,

Thank you for all you do to help keep this campus working smoothly. I mentioned some of the below at our recent employee event, but I'd like to provide an update on some of the larger construction activities around campus.

Through a very generous donation, the University can increase the capacity for the Heider College of Business. Over the next year, the Harper Center will be under renovation to add more classrooms for the Heider College of Business, add student study space, relocate faculty offices and improve the Enrollment Management and bookstore experiences. Thank you in advance for your patience while we improve the educational environment for our students, faculty and staff.

You may have heard about the vision to improve safety for our students, faculty and staff at the California Street/24th Street crossing. This project is located along 24th Street from the bridge to Cuming Street. It reduces 24th Street's four lanes down to two lanes, adds bike lanes, a round-a-bout at 24th and Cass Streets, a planted center median and improves the California Mall crossing. This project is anticipated to start this spring with a completion by late summer 2020.

As Gallagher Hall ages, it has become more expensive to maintain. With the significant investment necessary to renovate the facility and structural and architectural limitations, the University decided to focus available housing resources to construct a new 400-bed residence hall. This new hall will be a suite-style five story building and will be placed on the north McGloin lot. The parking displaced by the new residence hall will be moved to a nearby parcel.

Several people have asked me, "Why is Creighton building in Phoenix"? In short, the expansion is directly aligned with our mission. Creighton Medical students have studied in Phoenix since 2007 and in 2009 Creighton opened a campus there for third and fourth-year students. Additionally, Creighton offers one of the nation's most successful and longest running accelerated nursing programs—now in Phoenix. Creighton's infusion of health professionals comes at a time when Arizona's population is growing. Phoenix will also experience a shortfall in health professionals in the coming years. By 2030, the state is expected to have just one primary care doctor for every 1,500 people and a projected shortage of 50,000 nurses.

Thank you for your service. Your work is helping Creighton prepare our future generations.

Derek M. Scott

AVP for Facilities Management

President's Update

Daniel Hendrickson, Office of the President Messages to Campus

October 9, 2019

Dear Faculty, Staff, and Students,

As we near the midpoint of the fall semester, I would like to provide a few updates, offer congratulations and gratitude, and share my reflections on what has been a full, fruitful, and engaging beginning of the 2019-2020 academic term.

In and of these first months of the academic year, we have so much for which to be thankful. We celebrated a highly successful inaugural Mission Week, a ceremonial groundbreaking for our new health sciences campus in Phoenix, and, on Tuesday of last week, a naming ceremony for the Heaney Pedestrian Bridge over the North Freeway that connects the Atlas apartments and our main campus.

Also, with so many colleagues here on campus, I recently stood in solidarity with local government officials, community leaders, and a crowd of several hundred at the Douglas County Courthouse to commemorate the horrific mob lynching of a black man, Will Brown, at that very site 100 years earlier.

Creighton's participation and leadership in this event and related conversations and programs is remarkable, if not prophetic. The ceremony served as a powerful reminder of the evils of racial violence and its reality in our world, as well as a hopeful call to seek racial justice and equality. Representing many corners of our campus and beyond, the presence of Creighton faculty, staff, students, and alumni was clear, and inspirational.

Also in September, we welcomed Nobel Peace Prize recipient Nadia Murad and Pulitzer Prize-winning author David Blight to campus for separate lectures. Their talks on the plight of the Yazidi minority in Iraq and the legacy of Frederick Douglass, respectively, were both informative and insightful.

I also appreciated the opportunity during Mission Week to address the campus community at the Presidential Town Hall and Kingfisher Award Presentation. Congratulations again to theology professor and documentary filmmaker John O'Keefe, PhD, on receiving the inaugural Kingfisher Award, which recognizes an extraordinary commitment to the enduring values, principles, and practices of the humanities by a Creighton faculty or staff member.

As I shared during the Town Hall, and congruent with the work of the task forces aligning our goals with our strategic plan, I have outlined five priorities for the 2019-2020 academic year: mission, academic planning and review, lifelong learning, Phoenix health sciences campus, and stewardship of resources.

In regard to mission, I presented a slide highlighting leadership values and behaviors, and four primary areas of focus. The [document](#) can be found on the Strategic Plan website, under Events and Forums, and I encourage you to review it. We have an opportunity to keep reflecting upon the identity and impact of our honorable mission of Jesuit higher learning as well as our own unique contributions and influences with and among each other, in our departments and units, and across campus.

At the Town Hall, I also shared some important metrics on the changing national landscape in American higher education – a declining number of high school graduates and increasing opportunities in lifelong learning and graduate education.



President's Update Continued

Graduate enrollment growth, in fact, is projected to outpace undergraduate enrollment by nearly 20% through 2022, with interest in graduate certificate programs rising dramatically.

Undergraduate enrollment faces pressures from an expected, precipitous drop in college-age students after 2025 and increased price sensitivity among students and families. I referenced the latter change in previous Town Hall and Convocation addresses, and more recently with you gave it even greater attention.

At the Town Hall, in Academic Council, with the President's Council, and with the President's Faculty Advisory Group for Strategic Planning, I have asked for extra mindfulness of these realities, and I ask you, too, to engage these national trends. In your college, school, department, and division, I ask that you meet within your "teams" and units to talk about changing enrollment patterns, and to identify challenges and opportunities.

It was not at all happenstance that I ended our Town Hall conversation with a reminder of innovative, efficacious, and pioneering benchmarks and milestones at Creighton over the course of many years, including very recently. Creighton continues to be true to its mission and identity, and a force of commitment and creativity in American academe. The following resources may help frame your thinking and discussions, including leading to other data points and national dialogue:

- [A Shifting Landscape: Understanding Key Market Forces Redefining the Enrollment-Management Challenge](#). This document from the EAB offers more than 100 slides, providing background and context on trends in undergraduate enrollment and lifelong learning, along with a closer look at Generation Z and adult-learner mindsets.
- [The Learner Revolution](#). This white paper was created by Education Design Lab in Washington, D.C.
- [Where Did All the Students Go? Five Views on the Great Enrollment Crash](#), which appeared in the Chronicle of Higher Education on Oct. 2.

As you are able to meet in your departments and units, it is necessary that we come together as a University community to hear from one another. I am keenly interested in hearing your thoughts, including offering clarity and answering questions. Please hold Tuesday, Nov. 19, on your calendar. Shortly, I will send you a registration link for coming together during that day during one of a few sessions that works in your schedule.

I also continue to work on the idea of a campus forum, here in Omaha, to celebrate and provide a strategic overview of our health sciences campus in Phoenix, and I am grateful for your patience. Phoenix is another moment of courage, vision, and hope in our impressive history.

Too, I have been working with Provost Murray on an incentive program that I announced at the Town Hall for research and coursework development, the President's Distinguished Curriculum Innovation and Pedagogical Research Grant. As you may remember, this initiative will focus on three key areas: interdisciplinary or interprofessional health education; lifelong learning innovation; and community engagement. I have added a fourth category, Exigent Issues of Global Concern, to this program. The description of this incentive plan is [now available online](#).

Finally, an announcement is forthcoming concerning ongoing energies and creativity with the Creighton Global Initiative.

This is an exciting time in the life of our University, and I welcome the full participation of the entire Creighton community as we engage in further developing and implementing our five key priorities for 2019-2020. Your

President's Update Continued

support and input are essential as we move forward.

Thank you, again, for making this first half of the semester so meaningful and impactful. As many of our students head out for time with family and friends, or to participate in a Service and Justice Trip through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice, I hope that you, too, can enjoy a bit of respite and renewal as we begin the week of fall break on Oct. 14.

I am encouraged by all that we have accomplished, and am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead. In American Jesuit higher education – as well as in the academy of the United States – we are recognized as bold, visionary, and mission-focused. Our leadership inspires others.

Sincerely,

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD


Cyber Security

Fall 2019—Cybersecurity Training

Due Date: 11/22/2019

To get started with your Security Awareness Training:

Log into your Learner Dashboard at <https://doit.creighton.edu/training> (For best results please use an updated version of Firefox, Safari, or Chrome.)

- To select a module click on either the blue hyperlink name or the play button  to launch the course. (Recommended, but not required, modules are listed on the right side of the Learner Dashboard.)

If you have any questions, please contact the Creighton Service Desk at 402-280-1111.

Campus Engagement

Future of Higher Education Sessions

Greetings from the Staff Advisory Council! You may have seen information in Creighton Today this week regarding the upcoming Campus Engagement for the Future of Higher Education sessions on November 19th. Father Hendrickson also requested that we as a council send a message to Creighton staff members encouraging participation. There are three session options scheduled throughout the day to accommodate a variety of schedules. Each is 75 minutes in length and will include a 30 minute round table discussion.

Please consider attending as your schedule allows and join the conversation about this very important topic. For more information and/or to register for a session, visit <https://www.creighton.edu/strategic-plan/events-and-forums>.



Phoenix Campus Groundbreaking

Creighton University Health Sciences— Phoenix Campus

Groundbreaking for the Phoenix Campus took place on September 25, 2019.

<http://www.creighton.edu/publicrelations/newscenter/news/2019/september2019/september262019/groundbreakingnr092619/>



Did You Know?

Professional Development Opportunities

Employee Development

Creighton's Professional Development Program provides the necessary tools needed to better understand the University, excel in your job, and develop new skills to grow in your career. The University is dedicated to providing learning opportunities that employees can directly tie into their existing role. Furthering Creighton's mission is the first priority and that starts with a committed and engaged workforce. Invest in yourself now and work with your manager to define your development objectives and determine how they align to your performance objectives.

On-Demand Employee Development Opportunities:

[Be the Meeting Hero Your organization Needs](#)

[Getting the Most from EAP](#)

[Mango Language Learning](#)

Additional Benefits—Home Instead

More than 42 million individuals in the U.S. are family caregivers. Yet few of these family caregivers identify themselves as such. Why? Because often the things that make you a caregiver just seem like natural things to do as a son, daughter, spouse, or friend.

Failing to recognize yourself as a caregiver can also cause you to fail to recognize the demands and responsibilities being placed on you, and the impact that may be having on your health and welfare.

To support Creighton's caring culture, we are piloting a new benefit offered to working care givers. Creighton has partnered with Home Instead Senior Care to offer a service that provides tools and resources for our staff and faculty who help care for an elderly family member.

<https://www.creighton.edu/hr/benefits/additionalbenefits/homeinstead/>

Office Of Equity And Inclusion

Creighton University believes that each individual should be treated with respect and dignity, and that any form of harassment, discrimination, sexual and/or relationship misconduct is a violation of human dignity.

The Office of Equity and Inclusion works to foster an environment that promotes and respects the human dignity of all members of the Creighton community.

If you have experienced any form of harassment, discrimination, sexual misconduct, or relationship misconduct, the Office of Equity and Inclusion is here to provide you resources and options.

<https://www.creighton.edu/generalcounsel/officeofequityandinclusion/>

Upcoming Campus Events

Event	Date / Time	Location
Open Enrollment	Tuesday, November 5—22	
Fall Cyber Training Deadline	Complete by November 22	
Thanksgiving	Thursday November 28—29	Office Closed
Christmas at Creighton	Wednesday, December 4	St. John's Front Steps
Finals Week	December 9-14	
Resident Hall—Closed	December 14	
Winter Break	December 15—January 14	
University Christmas Party	Wednesday, December 11	Harper Center, Ahmanson Ballroom
Facilities Holiday Potluck	Wednesday, December 11	Morrison Soccer Stadium
Christmas Holiday Break	Tuesday, December 24— Wednesday, January 1	Office Closed
Women's Recruitment	January	Skutt and Harper Entire
Resident Halls—Open	January 11	
Spring Semester Classes Start	January 15	

Facilities Staff Shout Outs

Justin Burgett and Katie Chalupa

"On behalf of the ResLife Team THANK YOU for taking the time and energy to prepare and run the Fire Extinguisher training for our staff. We also appreciate the flexibility to update the PowerPoint and present your information in John's absence. Your presence and partnership are greatly appreciated both by the students and our professional staff. We wish you the best of luck kicking off the year, and let us know if how we can partner with you in the future."

Michael Lorenz

Director

Department of Residential Life

CONGRATULATIONS to Jessica Heller, Landscape Supervisor in Facilities Management and Planning, for the 2019 Distinguished Career Spirit of St. Francis Award, which was given out at the Feast of St. Francis celebration on October 4.

She has undertaken projects that educate the campus community about trees, plantings, and nature; these programs work to encourage people to be more mindful of the world around us and to be more sustainable. Some highlights include: guiding Creighton through 11 straight years of Tree Campus USA recognition; annual Arbor Day observances; a grant to plant \$10,000 worth of trees, upgrades to the campus landscaping to include more perennial and drought-hard plants, converting an area of turfgrass to prairie-type plantings, and more. Further, she has, according to her nominating letter, "has incorporated many aspects of sustainability into her work and has always looked for new and innovative ways to be more sustainable, even when faced with budget concerns and competing interests."



Jessica has done exceptional work over the years in making Creighton's landscape both more sustainable and beautiful.

Mary J. Duda, MS, CHMM

Chemical Coordinator

Environmental Health and Safety

The Value of Trees

The benefits of trees are many, and in observance of Campus Sustainability Month Facilities Management is raising awareness of the value Creighton's campus trees provide. During the month of October eight campus trees will display a tag stating the estimated environmental and economic benefit, in dollars, that the tree will provide over the next ten years. The value estimated for each tree includes benefits from:

- Storm water mitigation
- Contribution to property value/aesthetics, which on a college campus translates into positive impacts on the enrollment and retention of students
- Energy savings through reduced consumption of electricity and natural gas in adjacent buildings
- Improved air quality
- Absorption of atmospheric carbon

This value was derived from the National Tree Benefits Calculator using inputs of location, species, and size of the tree, and provides a starting point for understanding a tree's value in the community. It is an estimate and is not intended to be a scientific accounting of precise values.

According to the U.S. Forest Service, each dollar invested in planting and caring for a community tree provides two to five dollars in return on that investment. In addition, trees are increasingly being recognized for their positive impacts on our mental and physical health and crime rates.



For more information on the impacts of community trees, please visit:

National Tree Benefits Calculator www.treebenefits.com/calculator

Arbor Day Foundation <https://www.arboday.org/trees/treefacts>

U.S. Forest Service <https://www.fs.fed.us/>

Creighton University is proud to be recognized as a Tree Campus USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. For more information on that program, please visit <https://www.arboday.org/programs/treecampususa>

Jessica Heller
Horticulturist
Landscaping and Grounds

Ignatian Corner

Creighton Online Ministries has something for everyone!

- Experience continuing spiritual support and development through the many offerings of Creighton's Online Ministries

Daily reflections on the Scriptures: www.creighton.edu/dailiy

- If you want to be notified of community prayer requests and notices for Creighton community members, please

e-mail Fr. Andy Alexander at andrewalexander@creighton.edu to be put on the email list or to request prayer

Susan Naatz

Senior Director Ignatian Formation and Ministry for Faculty and Staff
Division of Mission and Ministry



Campus Announcements

Residence Hall Energy Reduction Challenge

From September 16 through October 4, the residence halls competed to see how much energy they could save.

Final numbers for the 19 days of official competition:

We saved nearly 33 metric tons of CO₂ emissions. This is the equivalent of a football field dug nearly 14 feet deep to hold all of that CO₂.

We would have to plant 550 trees and let them grow for 10 years to offset that much CO₂.

We would have to drive over 80,000 less miles to get similar reductions in CO₂

We would have to turn off over 3 million light bulbs for one hour to equal that reduction in electrical usage

We would have to avoid charging our smartphone 4.2 million times to equal that reduction in electrical usage

The amount of energy we saved in 19 days of competition would take nearly 120 days for our Cuming Street solar array to produce. This just shows how much easier and more effective it is to SAVE energy, rather than PRODUCE "greener" energy.

Becky Crowell

Administrative Support

Office of Sustainability Programs



Campus Announcements

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Veterans Day Care Package Drive

Donate to the Troops Nov. 11–12

Join this effort to show our support, offer gratitude and encourage continued strength to the men and women defending our freedom abroad.

The Office of Military and Veterans Affairs, in partnership with the Staff Advisory Council, is supporting our service members currently deployed overseas with a care package drive.

We have adopted Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron 1 (also known as "World Watchers"), homeported out of Naval Air Station Whidbey Island in Oak Harbor, Washington. They are currently deployed globally in support of Operations Inherent Resolve, Odyssey Resolve and other contingency operations. The operational detachments are conducting intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) missions on high value targets.

Have questions or need to arrange an alternate drop-off time?
Contact Jenni Austin at JenniferAustin@creighton.edu or ext. 4910.
creighton.edu/mil/care-package

DONATION REQUESTS:

Snacks, drink mixes for water bottles, energy bars, jerky, nuts, trail mix, cookies, gum, candy, sunflower seeds, hot sauce, toothpicks, toiletries, Q-tips, baby wipes and/or games. Personal notes are welcome, too.

PLEASE NOTE: Refrain from any aerosols as they may not be shipped. Items do not need to be packaged for shipping. The Office of Military and Veterans Affairs will combine the donations for efficient shipment.

DROP OFF DONATIONS AT:

Please drop off items during regular office hours.

- Bergan Mercy: GME Office, Suite 202
- Boyne: Room 151
- Creighton Hall: Global Engagement Office, Suite 324
- Criss III: SPAHP OASA hallway
- Facilities Management: Room 128
- Harper Center: Room 3060
- Linn/Labaj Buildings: Business Service Center, Room 125
- Hixson-Lied Science Building: Office of Military and Veterans Affairs, Room G06
- School of Dentistry: Room 327

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Facilities Fun Day 2019

