

Facilities Management News

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One of our main goals in Facilities Management (FM) is to act as sustainable caretakers of the Creighton University facilities and grounds “built environment”. It is this practice of sustainable management that drives our service delivery on a daily basis. The responsibility is great and supported at a level here at Creighton University that clearly indicates the importance of our practices.

There is a business case that can be made, certainly, for the allocation of funding to staff and maintain the campus, i.e., student recruitment and retention; staff and faculty satisfaction; donor relations, etc. But what I recognized on my first day, which has continued these past two years, is an admiration of what is possible and accomplished each day through your efforts to support the mission of the University.

I’m reminded weekly, if not daily, through my interaction on campus of the gratitude students, faculty, staff, and visitors have for the work you perform. It matters greatly and is recognized as vitally important to the sustained success of Creighton University.

At Creighton University sustainability is weaved into the fabric of the service we provide. From cleaning and maintenance products, to energy efficiency upgrades, to project support, we take every opportunity to align with best practices. Those practices are based on directives, guidelines, and analysis of current or future needs. We have developed a wealth of data that clearly outlines what the need is today, what we will need in the future, and the resources necessary to support those needs. One example of that data is the development of a Master Plan that will help guide the facilities and grounds maintenance and reconstruction in a sustainable manner for the next 10-15 years.

Nearly 30 years ago (1987) the Brundtland Commission of the United Nations defined sustainable development as “development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs”. Our sustainable practices and efforts yesterday, today, and going forward take into account the needs of the entire Creighton University and surrounding community. We can take comfort in the knowledge that we have shared our work expertise and performed our assigned tasks to support, rather than compromise, the needs of those that arrive here, at this beautiful and inspiring institution, next.

**Tim P. Norton, Assistant Vice President
Facilities Management & Planning**

Congratulations!

The Facilities Management Department received an Award for most improved participation in the SimplyWell Health Screening. Facilities had a 76% participation of our employees. We improved participation by 10.7% this year. Thank you all for showing concern for maintaining a healthy lifestyle.





Tuesday, October 27, 2015

Dear Creighton University Faculty and Staff,

Recently, I shared with you significant changes I have made in strategic planning and leadership at the University. As your President, I believe that creating a vision for the University is a critical part of my work, and my inaugural address named some related initiatives. However, I need your help; you are teaching, learning, and working at Creighton each day. You know Creighton in a way no one else does. I need your thoughts on how vision becomes an integral part of our new strategic planning process.

Today I am announcing a series of listening sessions for faculty, staff, and students. Including your own ideas, I would like to discuss the following questions:

- **How is Creighton strong?** *(For example, undergraduate student profile, academic programming, teaching, student life programming, sense of community, location, alumni support, etc.)*
- **How can we strengthen our institutional mission?** *(For example, enrollment, student experience, faculty and staff formation, community outreach, endowment growth, etc.)*
- **How can we move forward creatively and innovatively?** *(For example, new academic programs, research initiatives, technology enhancement, etc.)*
- **How is Creighton a place of distinction and preference?** *(For example, how does Creighton compare with other Jesuit, Catholic colleges and universities as well as regional and peer institutions?)*
- **Other topics and comments**

The following schedule indicates where and when to meet as faculty, staff, and students in discussing our future:

Faculty Listening Sessions:

- Friday, Oct. 30, 3-4:30 p.m., Harper Center, Hixson-Lied Auditorium
- Tuesday, Nov. 10, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Skutt Student Center Ballroom

Staff Listening Sessions:

- Wednesday, Nov. 4, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Skutt Student Center Ballroom
- Monday, Nov. 16, 3-4:30 p.m., Skutt Student Center Ballroom

Student Listening Sessions:

- Thursday, Nov. 12, 9-10:30 p.m., location to be determined
- Monday, Nov. 16, Noon-1:30 p.m., Skutt Student Center Ballroom

I have asked Fr. Andy Alexander, S.J., and Ms. Maureen Waldron of the Collaborative Ministry Office to take notes on my behalf.

Additionally, you can participate in an [online listening session](#) through Friday, Nov. 20. The guiding questions are the same. The portal is internal to Creighton and will require your netID for access. Submissions also will be collected by Fr. Alexander and Ms. Waldron.

Finally, you are free to use the [attached form](#) to send your thoughts directly to me at danielhendrickson@creighton.edu. For these presidential listening sessions, this may be an attractive option, and moving forward, facilitating open and candid discussion as a community, including honoring important aspects of protocol and due process of the University, will be important expressions of my leadership.

The presidential convocation in early February 2016 will allow me to name important achievements of recent strategic planning, and once again, I am grateful to many of our colleagues for their work in academic planning, assessment, cross-campus collaboration, communications, mission, stewardship of resources, and more. Please remember that Dr. Ed O'Connor, provost, Mr. Dan Burkey, senior vice president for operations, and I will now monitor ongoing projects. The convocation will also provide me with an opportunity to share the themes and insights of this listening process, and to suggest a new process of planning.

I am grateful for the many conversations I have already enjoyed with you the first half of this semester, and in this new day of leadership I look forward to hearing and discussing the ways we can continue to build Creighton's mission.

Sincerely,

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, S.J.



Upcoming Creighton Holidays...



Sustainability

Mary Duda

The Sustainability Council recently debuted a new mission statement.



Preamble:

In alignment with Catholic Social Teaching and our Jesuit tradition, the **Creighton University Sustainability Council's mission** is to support and advocate for lifestyle and institutional changes to create a more sustainable campus and a just, global community for current and future generations.

Mission Statement:

The Sustainability Committee advances sustainable practices on campus through education, research, activities, development, and operations, to make social, environmental and economic sustainability integral to the culture of Creighton University.

The full text can be found here: <http://www.creighton.edu/about/sustainability/mission/>



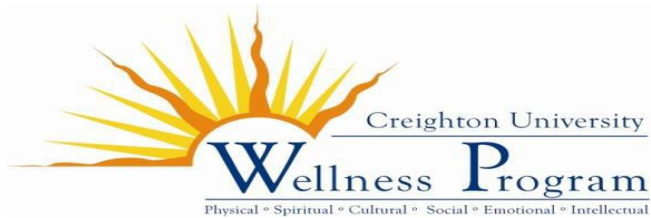
Congratulations to this year's Spirit of St. Francis Sustainability Award winners!

This year, four awards were given:

- **Student Award:** *Jessica Sheldon*, Senior in Heider College of Business for her work on Earth Week planning and sustainability initiatives
- **Faculty/Staff Award:** *Jay Leichter*, Associate Professor of Communication Studies for his work developing the Sustainability Major and Minor
- **Lifetime Achievement Award:** *Mary Duda*, Sustainability Program Manager for her work over the years promoting sustainability on campus
- **Community Partnership Award:** *Andy Waltke*, Greenhouse Manager for his work

with various groups in the community, teaching them about gardening and allowing the use of the greenhouse.





Thank you to everyone that completed their online Health Questionnaire and SimplyWell Health Screening! Now, you

can earn 500 extra points in SimplyWell towards your 10,000 Action Plan goal just by viewing your health screening results by 12/31/15!

- Go into MyCreighton (<http://my.creighton.edu>)
- Click on the apple, log in with your Creighton Net ID and Blue password
- At the top of your home page, click on **My Health**, then click on **View My Health Screening Results**
- This is where you can review your results and print out the PDF'd copy to share with your personal physician, if you'd like.

What's Coming Up?

CU on the Scale: Get your teams together for the annual weight loss challenge: **CU on the Scale!**

<http://www.creighton.edu/ccas/exercisescience/humanperformancelaboratory/cuonthescale/>

The Exercise Science department puts on this fun employee challenge every year to encourage employees to work together as they lose weight (or maintain weight) over the holiday season. The challenge kicks off on **Tuesday, November 3rd** at the Creighton Benefits Fair (with starting weigh ins)! The cost is \$20 per person and you will need a team of 4 (or you can ask to be put on a team). The entry fee is used to pay for prizes and a post program celebration luncheon for all participants. Keep your eyes out for more information coming soon!

wellness@creighton.edu

Other Dates to Remember...

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| November 1, 2015 | |
| | <p>Set Clocks back 1 Hour</p> |



VETERAN'S DAY
Wednesday
November 11, 2015



**Facilities Management
Christmas Lunch**
Morrison Upper Level
Thursday, December 17, 20



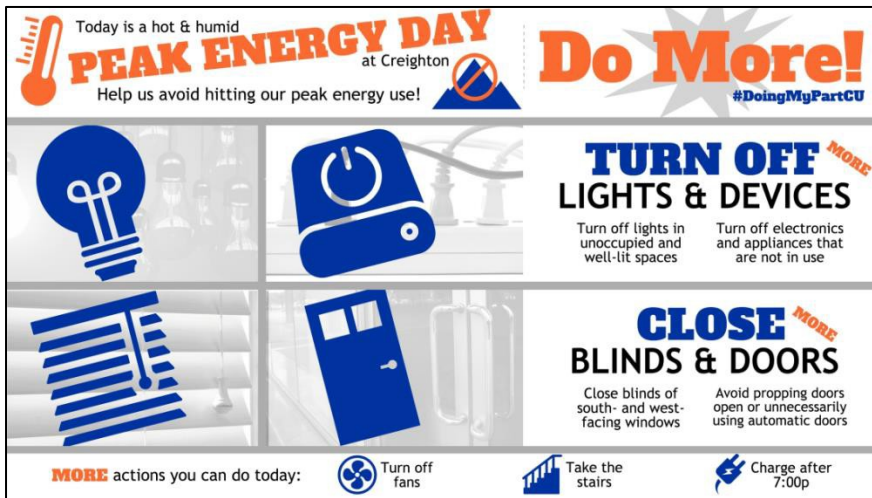
This Potluck is for ALL Facilities Management employees. Watch for sign-up sheets for food. Make plans to attend!

University Holiday Reception
Tuesday, December 15, 2015
3:00 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Harper Center
Ahmanson Ballroom

All faculty and staff of Creighton University are invited to attend this reception hosted by Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, S.J. An electronic invitation has been sent out requesting an RSVP.

Energy Management

Wes Walling



Everyone is aware that we experienced some hot days last summer. In Energy Management we know that hot days can cause our campus to hit our peak energy consumption very easily. So we created a partnership with Verdis Group. They helped us put together a campus wide plan to reduce our peak energy demand. We achieved the power reduction goal by educating our Campus, using celebrity style advertising starring Father Hendrickson and many other campus dignitaries in picture

advertising through social media posts to demonstrate how to save energy. The social media was a big part of this campaign by using the #DoingMyPartCU hashtag for students, Staff and Faculty to show how people are doing their part in the energy savings on our campus. We used Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to gain awareness across our campus. We also used the digital signage that is all over our campus to advertise the peak days and general energy savings ideas. This was a first step in the right direction to use many of the campus communication streams to help gain control of our energy usage. We found that many people were very interested but had no way to really get involved. We gave them that opportunity to get involved. Everyone should have the opportunity to help save the University Energy. It is the right thing to do for our Planet.

Just Remember #DoingMyPartCU



PLANNING AND DESIGN

Greetings from the Planning and Design team! Here are some highlights and updates in regards to our department staffing and projects.

We have some new faces in our department; Drew Potrzeba is our new Project Manager, he graduated from UNO with a degree in Construction Management and has worked in the project management field for several years prior to joining our team. Please welcome Drew to the CU family when you have the chance. Justin Burgett is our new project estimator and is also our mold and asbestos specialist. Dave Feder is our new AutoCAD operator. Justin and Dave recently transferred to the Planning and Design team from other areas within Facilities; we welcome all three of them and know they are an asset to our team.

AHMANSON LAW SCHOOL: Facilities Management, Planning & Design is working with Project Advocates and with Alvine Engineering to upgrade the HVAC systems in the law school, specifically to improve the energy efficiency and serviceability of the systems. The project requires careful coordination as it involves staff and student displacement, in order to balance those needs with the construction schedule and costs.

Project Objectives:

- Improve Building Energy Efficiency
- Reduction of Operating and Maintenance costs

Project Value:

- Overall improvement of mechanical efficiencies
- Fewer maintenance requirements will be required by a reduction in the complexity and the sheer numbers of the existing equipment

HEIDER HALL: The fourth phase of the major renovation of Heider Hall that includes the renovation of the kitchen and bathrooms and HVAC upgrades in 22 units. Twelve units will have a bedroom added to them.

Project Objectives:

- Improve 22 Units Kitchen and Bath areas
- Improve Energy Efficiency throughout Heider Hall

Project Value:

- Cost of project was reduced due to implementation of LEAN management practices
- Project completed within nine (9) week

HIGH VOLTAGE MASTER PLAN: The West Loop Project is Phase 3 of the Campus High Voltage Master Plan. Construction started in late September 2015 and is scheduled for completion, late spring of 2016. This project encompasses the South West portion of the campus including: Criss 1/Bierne Research Buildings, Humanities and Communication Arts Classroom Buildings, and Kiewit/Becker/Gallagher and Residence Halls. In addition to providing new electrical distribution the switchgears will also be upgraded.

Project Objectives:

- Campus loop system design will significantly improve campus electrical reliability and safety
- New electrical services will provide flexibility and capacities to meet future needs & expansion, reduction of power outages
- Upgrades of power distribution

Project Value:

- Improved safety while adding capacity for future growth of the CU Campus
- Improvement on service and maintenance through a higher reliability of the electrical system

ELEVATOR REPLACEMENT REINERT ALUMNI LIBRARY: Mechanical failure fast tracked the originally planned maintenance on the elevator this fall. Due to the emergency status of a widely accessed and used elevator system, the Reinert Alumni Library elevator cab, all fixtures and all motor components were replaced and upgraded this fall.

Project Objectives:

- Improvement of highly utilized elevator system on campus
- Anticipated opening Thanksgiving, NOV 2015

Project Value:

- More energy efficient
- Improve speed response
- Provides similar freight capacity

Welcome New Employees...

Nathan Southard began his duties with the Grounds Crew on June 22, 2015. Nathan has a 2 year associates degree. He also played soccer for 3 years in college.

Alex Lenosky began his job with Moving Services/Recyclers on July 23, 2015.

Aaron Lenz joined the Residence Life Custodial Staff on July 28, 2015, working in Swanson Hall. Aaron previously worked at Henry Doorly Zoo for 3 years. Aaron is single and enjoys hunting, sport shooting, video games, hiking, bowling and camping.

Anthony Kubat started working with the Grounds Crew on August 8, 2015. He worked two seasons for Pride Home Services and also with UPS during the Holiday season.

Ryan O'Shea began work as a Maintenance Engineer on August 19, 2015. Ryan served in the Navy for 10 years as a Nuclear Power Operator. Theology is one of Ryan's favorite interests; he was briefly a seminarian at St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary. Ryan is engaged.

Rhonda Behrens started in the Facilities Front Office on September 1, 2015. Rhonda is married and has one son. Rhonda worked at Creighton previously and continues to work part time at Applebees. Rhonda attended college, taking classes in business administration and finance. In her spare time she serves in her church as a Youth Sponsor, in the booster club for her son's school and as a board member/coaching staff for the church softball association.

Matthew Foje began his position with Moving Services/Recyclers on September 2, 2015.

Drew Potrzeba is a new Project Manager in Planning and Design. Drew worked previously for Olsson Associates. He has a degree in Construction Engineering and is a Certified Engineering Intern in Nebraska. Drew's hobby is baseball, particularly the Kansas City Royals.

Cora Cook started as a Residence Life Custodian on September 2, 2015, working in Kiewit and Gallagher Halls. Cora is single and has three children. She worked previously for a year and a half at Burger King. In her spare time Cora enjoys spending time with her family.

Brian Orth began his duties as Facilities Grounds Operation Supervisor on September 14, 2015. Brian worked as a Park Ranger for 9 years. He earned a B.S. degree in Agronomy at Iowa State University.

Jim Bever, Jr. started as a Maintenance Engineer on September 21, 2015. Jim is married and has three children. He previously worked in maintenance for 2 ½ years and for Heating and Air Company for 4 years. Jim attended Iowa Western Community College earning an Associate of Science degree in Criminal Justice and Corrections. Jim enjoys riding his motorcycle and working out.

Debra Trunick joined the Facilities Management Front Office staff on October 5, 2015. She is married and has three grown children. Deb has worked previously in the public schools as a Secretary, Substitute Teacher, Para-educator and a Library Technician. Deb holds a B.A. in English and Computer Technology from the University of Maryland University College.

Quiotis Cross began work with Custodial Services on October 5, 2015, working in Swanson Hall. Quiotis is single and has 5 children.