Happy Holidays!

Below, students enjoyed the annual Christmas at Creighton lighting ceremony! This year was the first-ever "Around the World" theme!

Thank you for representing our global student body.
Thanksgiving Wrap Up:

We hope everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday! A special thank-you to the Padilla family and InterVarsity for welcoming international students for a delicious gathering.

Below are some student/staff testimonials of those who took part in the “Holiday Hosting Program” for a traditional Thanksgiving experience.
Holiday Hosting Testimonials:

Yijing Chen - Student from China
"I had a great time with Mrs Bushman and her lovely family. Mrs Bushman has two nice dogs Katie, a labradoodle, and Specky, a corgi / blue heeler mix. Actually I was afraid of dogs before, but Katie and Specky were too nice and finally I touched their heads and got along well with them. It was a great progress for me haha.

And we ate dinner together. The food were very delicious. I loved the turkey, mashed potato and corn bread. We also share Chinese culture and discussed the differences between America and China, which was interesting. I really had a wonderful Thanksgiving Day! Thanks to Mrs Bushman and her family very much!"

Lorrian Liu - Student from China
"Thank you very much for doing this wonderful match. I am so lucky to have spent time with Mrs. Tracy Bushman. She invited me home and gave me an amazing traditional dinner. I loved the turkey and dessert they made. I also made dumplings for their family. We are friends now. Thank you for giving me this chance to meet their lovely family!"
Tracy Bushman - Staff Holiday Host

"What an amazing time my family had meeting and spending time with Lorrain Lui and Yijing Chen! I had met with both of them separately before the holiday. I connected immediately with both of them. I had them join us Wednesday evening while we visited and learned more about where they are both from. They met my oldest daughter and her husband and my husband and youngest daughter that night. It was so enjoyable.

Thanksgiving day they arrived around 3:30pm and spent the day with us until 8:30pm. It was so lovely!!! Even though we are a loud family that did not seem to bother them. As friends popped in for dessert, without knocking at our door, Lorrain remarked, “you have a very open house.” And yes, I do. They tried all our holiday food and pumpkin pie too. Lorrain really liked our corn casserole.

Lorrain brought dumplings and sauce and they were a huge hit. My oldest daughter, Angela, is planning on learning to make them. My three girls fought over who got to take them home. I let Lorrain know and she will teach Angela how to make them."
We have started lifelong friendships. Yijing will be spending time with us at Christmas as she is not going home. We will have her over Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and plan on doing things over the break with her. They will be invited to our home for Sunday dinners and other celebrations in the future and Lorrain has promised to make us a Chinese dinner. This text was from Lorrain; “Thank you very much for your warm hospitality! I like the atmosphere of your family and I feel very comfortable in your house.” This means the world to me.

Yijing had a Thanksgiving card she had written in at some point during the day that she handed to me before they left that evening. This is a text from her’ “I also enjoyed dinner and really spent a wonderful time with your family. I felt the family warmth.” This just made my day. I have already set a lunch date with Lorrain before she goes back to China for the break. There is still so much to learn and share with them. I am so grateful for this opportunity to welcome them into our home and look forward to doing it again.”

Federico Facciolo - Student from Italy

"I was hosted by Julianna with other Creighton students in Kansas City, Kansas for
five days. We spent the Thanksgiving day at the hosting student family home, ate traditional American foods and went to the Plaza rooftop to see the traditional Turn On Lights of the city skyscrapers (photo above).

On the Black Friday day we went to outlets for shopping and watching movie on the mall. We also visited downtown, the home neighborhood and related shops, the River Market and tried different foods at foreign restaurant. The hosting family was very kind and provided us all the necessary. I experienced a full American Thanksgiving and also made new friends!"
Chiwengo Ngwarsungu invited me to celebrate thanksgiving with her family. It was like a small family get-together which begun with a lot of delicious appetizers that included crispy prawns, bruschetta, spinach puff and others. We played fun games and discussed about different cultures. The best part about the celebration was that, before thanksgiving dinner, we prayed and spoke about the things we were thankful for. All of us have several wonderful moments in life but, we never really understand their worth until they are over.

That day, I thanked God for giving me an opportunity to experience all those moments. The prayer was then followed by a mouthwatering dinner which included turkey, mashed potatoes, red curry and lots of other delicacies along with desserts. It is rightly said that “Be thankful for what you have, and you will end up having more”. All I wanted was to experience a thanksgiving dinner but what I got was a sense of being with a family away from home!”

**Creighton Faculty/Staff:** If you want to host an international student over the winter break, please fill this survey out now!

**Creighton International Students:** If you want to be hosted in a local home for a holiday or a weekend during the winter break, please take this survey now!

**Global Ambassador Updates:**

**This Sunday, December 2, from 8:30am-11:00am - Siena Francis House Service Opportunity:**
If you are interested in giving back this holiday season, please engage in a service opportunity within the Omaha community. Global Ambassadors are invited to serve breakfast at the Siena Francis House and accompany people experiencing homelessness. E-mail lucyhancock@creighton.edu if you are interested in joining this Sunday. We will depart from Deglman Circle at 8:20am.
What's Happening This Week?

TUESDAY, November 4, from Noon-1:15pm
Free Lunch N Learn Event With Cambodian Genocide Survivor Channy Chhi Laux
Listen to stories of hope and survival from Channy Chhi Laux, a Cambodian refugee who survived the Cambodian genocide.

A free soup/salad lunch will be provided for the first 30 attendees.
E-mail lucyhancock@creighton.edu with questions.

Date: Tuesday, December 4
Time: Noon-1:15pm
Where: SCSJ Multipurpose Room (Harper Center)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, at 6:00pm:
Share the Journey Mass & Dinner
What: Join Omaha Ignatian Ministries in prayer for and with migrants as we share with Archbishop Lucas a Feast Day mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, followed by social, dinner, and displays of local migrant support efforts. [RSVP using this link.]

When: Thursday, December 6 @ 6 pm

Where: St. John's Parish