

# Creighton University

# Global Engagement Office

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# Intensive English Learning Institute

On November 15th, the IELI students visited a 2nd grade class at Joslyn Elementary School. Prior to that, each IELI student was paired with 1+ Joslyn students for a letter exchange, and on the 15th they met each other and did some activities together. I can send photos if you're interested. IELI students held a "Pie and Presentation" before Thanksgiving, in which 3 small mixed-level groups of students presented on research they had done on aspects related to the

Thanksgiving weekend: history of Thanksgiving, Thanksgiving customs, and Black Friday. We served apple cider and pumpkin pie - many students tasted it for the very first time! On November 29th, the IELI students visited the Durham Museum to learn about historical American culture and the railroad. The IELI instructors and I are working on a teacher-training course that will be hosted online for English teachers working in refugee camps around the world.

The idea is to improve/standardize the teachers who work with the refugee students, as most/all of the current teachers have had no formal training in teaching methods. The course will run 28 weeks from January-August, and the first session will host up to 50 teacher-trainees. Future sessions will follow along the academic year and potentially include even more teachers per term. I can give you more information on that if needed.



# Office of Sustainability Programs

On Monday, November 6, Belyna Bentlage, Becky Crowell, and Mary Duda toured the facilities at First Star Recycling, Creighton University's recycling partner. Jeff Heck of First Star Recycling led the tour and provided a behind the scenes glimpse of what happens to Creighton's single stream recycling once it arrives at the recycling facility. Jeff informed the group that one of the largest contaminants to the First Star's recycling stream are plastic bags. Plastic bags cannot be placed

in Creighton's single-stream recycling bins, but can be reused or can be dropped off at grocery stores in Omaha to be recycled. The first meeting of the newly formed Office of Sustainability Programs Advisory Committee was on Wednesday, November 15. The committee will meet monthly to assist with prioritizing the work of the Office. The committee will work on writing mission, vision, and guiding concepts for the Office at a workshop-style meeting in December. On Friday, Novem-

-ber 17, three faculty members from Creighton's College of Arts and Sciences discussed the work they have been doing in the Western Sandhills. As part of their 2017 Haddix Faculty Research project, titled The Nebraska Sandhills in Interdisciplinary Perspective, Dr. Jay Leichter, Dr. Mary Ann Vinton, and Dr. John O'Keefe shared their experiences and perspectives related to the socio-cultural, ecological and theological research.

## Creighton Global Initiative Planetary Emergency Lecture Series

This month features CGI project Planetary Emergency Lecture Series headed by Dr. Richard Miller and advised through the Office of Sustainability. The project is designed as a large-scale lecture series treating the planetary emergency that is climate change. "This is a matter of procedural injustice. When putting others at risk you must inform them of the risk and obtain consent," states Dr. Miller. Included in the many affected by this injustice are students. "We are responsible for informing students of the considerable risks that climate change poses and we must empower them by engaging this issue publicly on a large scale. Students are not only victims of climate change but they also are perpetrators of global human rights violations because our high greenhouse gas emission lifestyles (the US is historically responsible for a quarter of global

carbon dioxide emissions) are threatening vulnerable populations around the globe. In forty years, a host of impacts including drought, sea level rise, heat, and weather extremes could, according to the Lancet Countdown, an interdisciplinary report from several major universities and institutes, lead to due to the high probability of an increase in sea levels by 15 feet, it is estimated that there will be nearly one billion climate refugees. It is hard to imagine an organized global civilization surviving even half these number of refugees. In light of this, the planetary emergency must be brought front and center into our consciousness as a community of truth that is committed to the common good." The lecture series will include four lectures on the topics, climate science and the planetary emergency, the potential of renewable energy, policy options

to address the climate crisis, and pathways toward social transformation. The first lecture is scheduled for Wednesday, February 21st. The lecture will feature Dr. Veerabhadran Ramanathan of Scripps Institute, council member of the Pontifical Academy and climate advisor to the pope. The lecture series is open to the public with venue capacity of at 1200 people.



# Office of Academic Service Learning

The Office of Academic Service-Learning has now opened its application process for receiving SERV Service-Learning course designation. Seven academic service-learning (S-L) courses are currently in review for the Spring and Summer semesters of 2018, with even more course opportunities expected for the Fall 2018. Three faculty development workshops for S-L are also scheduled in the Spring. Interested faculty can sign up for the workshops and learn how to apply for course designation by visiting: [creighton.edu/geo/academic-service-learning/faculty-resources/](http://creighton.edu/geo/academic-service-learning/faculty-resources/)

Several members of the Engaged Learning Committee, which serves an advisory role for the OASL, attended the American Association of Colleges & University's (AAC&U) Global Engagement & Social Responsibility conference, where sessions focused on developing global engagement opportunities for students—as well as faculty, staff, and community members to learn from different sources of knowledge and wisdom and to develop their individual and collective capacity for deep listening, dialogue, and agency for the common good. OASL hosted

a lunch and learn on Monday, November 27th, sharing applicable lessons learned for the audience. The event was free and open to the public.

Stay tuned for more updates as we continue connecting academic courses with community partners to enhance academic learning, meet community-identified needs, and foster global perspectives through service and reflection.

## International Relations In Health Sciences

Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Departments of School of Pharmacy Health Professions invited and hosted a three-member delegation from Sanda University in Shanghai, China. The delegation consists of Dr. Wenhua Chen, Director of Rehabilitation Department and Dr. Buo Yu, Associate Director of Rehabilitation of College of International Medical Technology. Sanda University is one of Creighton's collaborative partners in China. The purpose of the visit is to deepen and broaden collaborations between the School of International Medical

Technology of Sanda University and the Creighton University Health Sciences as well as to explore additional possibilities for collaboration. During the visit, the delegation toured Creighton Health Science facilities, met with administration, faculty and staff of School of Pharmacy and Health Professions, College of Nursing and other pertinent departments and programs, and visited CHI facilities. The visit was a very successful one and all parties involved are very excited about future collaborations.

# ISSS

## International Student and Scholar Services

On November 11th, the International Student Association hosted their annual banquet. International students from Creighton were able to share dances, traditional clothing, and other talents with the Creighton community. Nearly 230 individuals from the local community were in attendan-

ce. This year, the banquet featured Bollywood dancing, belly dancing, singing, and 18 international students participating in the fashion show. The ISA also hosted guest speaker Felicia Webster, a TED talk speaker, who shared on the topic of diversity. On November 14th in conjunction with international education week, eight interna-

tional students presented on history, culture, and economy in their home countries. Throughout the 90 minutes, students shared from Saudi Arabia, Rwanda, Kazakhstan, India, and Kuwait. In December, ISSS is hosting a study break social for international students in the Global Engagement Office.



### Encuentro Dominicano & ILAC

We're excited to welcome two students from Nazareth College of Rochester, NY to Encuentro Dominicano for the Spring 2018 semester! Nazareth College is a new partnership for Encuentro Dominicano and we hope to have students from Nazareth

participate in future semesters, also. The students joining us next semester are Kenyatta Allen, a sophomore majoring in Sociology and minoring in Philosophy, and Allison Liang, a junior majoring in Spanish and Social Work, and minoring in Dance.

### Study Abroad

Pre-departure orientations has officially started for the spring semester. The study abroad program was able to award 7 students with scholarships, totaling \$15,000. These included five \$1000 and two \$5000 for participation in a semester-long programs in the spring!