Hoots and Salutes

Congratulations to Rachel Baiyee-Cady for gaining admission into Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine in Harlem New York

Congratulations Amandaereza Alvarado for gaining admission into the Magis Teacher Corp and a teaching position at St. Peter/Paul.

Way to go Aarjoo Bk for gaining admission into the Creighton University Dental School.

Kudos to Jackie Crawford for gaining admission into the Barry University Master in Social Work program.

Cheers to Ayana Edmonds for her position in the Information Technology Leadership program with GE.

Compliments to Blair Nelson for gaining admission into University of Nebraska at Omaha Master in Social Work program.

Salutations to Edward Parish, who gained admission to the University of Hawaii Master in Public Health program.

Morgan Pusek will be completing her Pharmacy Residency at Bergan Mercy Medical Center.

Applause to Lucia Rodriguez, who was accepted to the University of Washington for a Master’s program.

Ovations to Anna Rong, who will be working at a Dental Clinic and waiting on Dental schools.

Hats off to Audel Salazar for his future acceptance to the Creighton University East-West Studies master’s program and later his doctorate.

Well done, Eleanor Titiml, for gaining admission to the Loyola of Chicago Master in Education program.

Mari Vazquez Hernandez will be a Registered Nurse for the Creighton University Medical Center.

Congratulations to all of our 37 graduates and their work and graduate school plans.

SSS Staff changes:

Mr. Shannon Teamer is the Director as of August 2015.

Ms. Kelley Sanders is the Administrative Assistant as of November 2015.

Mr. Ryan McLaughlin is the Student Access Coach as of January 2016.

Congratulations to Dr. Maorong Jiang for receiving the Faculty Recognition award at the Student Support Services recognition ceremony. Audel Salazar nominated Dr. Jiang for this award.

During the Student Support Services Recognition Ceremony, the following were recognized:

Rachel Baiyee-Cady received the Spirit of St. Ignatius Award.

Deja’ Morrison received the Rev. John P. Markoe, S.J. award.

Jhone’ White-Lucas received the Tamara Faye Stovall-Smith Achiever Award.

Korey Higa received the Pat Al-Greene Dedication Award.

Abril Rangel-Pacheco, Cesar Torres and Maria Valadez received the Pacesetter Awards.

Jesus Perez received the Promise Award.

Justin Nguyen received the Student Support Services Ambassador Award.

Other Noted Recognitions:

Congratulations to Abby Bigouette and Hannah Kessenich for becoming Decurions for the Fall of 2016.

Hong Nguyen will be a Beadle for the fall of 2016.

Hana Kendic and Deja’ Morrison were nominated for the Mary Lucreita and Sarah Emily Creighton Awards for their service to the Creighton campus.

Sarah Gwazdacz was initiated into Alpha Sigma Nu.

Jackie Crawford and Joanna Perez received the Rev. Tom Schloemer, S.J. Outstanding Student Leader awards. Deja’ Morrison, Israel Garcia, Alohilani Nonies, Justin Nguyen and Abril Rangel-Pacheco were nominated for the award representing their respective classes.

Israel Garcia received the Outstanding Leadership in Multicultural Communities Award and Jackie Crawford received the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Multicultural Affairs Office.

SSS Alum, Chloe’ Smith, will be returning to Omaha to be a Resident Life Coordinator at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.
Morgan Pusek of Doniphan, NE, joined the Creighton community seven years ago. She completed her biology major and will graduate from the School of Pharmacy. Morgan, like many other Creighton students, chose this university because of the family-like community and small size. As a member of SSS, Morgan finds SSS very helpful and supportive. Moreover, SSS cultural events make Morgan’s academic life enjoyable. Her little daughter, Ava, is always welcomed at these events as well.

Morgan’s favorite professor is Dr. Shibata. According to Morgan, Dr. Shibata does an outstanding job in the class, provides a lot of academic growth opportunities outside class, and is reasonably difficult, which made Morgan learn a lot and feel accomplished. Morgan hopes to participate in pediatric oncological drug development in the future. She would also like to help promote the use of safe medications as a worker at the Institute for Safe Medications.

Currently, Morgan is busy with national offices in pharmacy associations. In 2014, Morgan received the Mary Lucretia and Sarah Emily Creighton Award. Morgan’s hard work was also recognized when in 2012 she was received the following awards: Outstanding Commitment to Biology Mission and Student Employee of the Year. In addition to academic excellence and being involved in many associations, Morgan is a single mother. Morgan met Dan Burkey, Senior Vice President for Operations at Creighton, in her sophomore year, and he helped Morgan’s daughter get into the Creighton daycare. It was a huge challenge for Morgan to balance school and parenting, but she successfully tackled it. Ava is currently in first grade.

During Morgan’s free time, she enjoys going to the zoo with Ava and taking pictures. If she ever won the lottery, Morgan would do three simple things: (1) buy a house with a nice yard, (2) pay off her debt, and (3) secure Ava’s education. Interestingly, if Morgan was able to travel in time she would like to be there when Penicillin was discovered and perhaps be Fleming’s protégé. When asked another “what if” question about superhero powers Morgan gives another unique answer. She would like to have the superhero power of taking a nap without others noticing. If there was ever a movie about Morgan’s life, she would like to name it Overinvolved and In Control and ideally her character would be played by either Julia Stiles or Katherine Heigl.

Lastly, Morgan leaves a message for you, dear reader, to “Stay positive and use the resources within your reach” because that is why they are there.
In Memoriam:
Yoselin Deleon
Akuel Majouk
Jennifer Guzman
Mariana Ramirez

Congratulations to all of our seniors and Pharmacy Graduates. The best to you and we hope all endeavors are successful.

Congratulations to SSS May Graduates

Jordan Allen
Amandacereza Alvarado
Rachel Baiyee-Cady
Bianca Baker
Aarjoo Bk
Autumn Jooniper Carrera-Morales
Katie Concannon
Jackie Marie Crawford
Ayana Edmonds
Jackie Fernandez
Alexis Gonzalez
Kapelekua Gramberg
Korey Higa
Phuong-Nghi Hoang
Briana Jacox
Pratisha Kandel
Ilmihana Kendic
Jacky Lee
Laura Magaña

Mike Merrick
Deja’ Morrison
Blair Nelson
Shanice Nez
Franchesca Nunez
Edward Parish
Morgan Pusek
Rebel Rauterkus
Lucia Rodriguez
Anna Rong
Audel Salazar
Mamata Sapkota
Ingri Saravia
Justin Sears
Nicole Springer
Eleanor Titiml
Mari Vazquez Hernandez
Jhone’ White-Lucas
Adjele Cindy Wilson-Bahun

2015 Magis Awards

4.0 for Spring or Fall 2015
Ayana Edmonds
Sarah Gwazdacz
Will Herron
Phuong-Nghi Hoang
Laura Magaña
Deja’ Morrison
Edward Parish
Morgan Pusek
Alan Timilsina

4.0 for Spring and Fall 2015
Molly Rogers
Spring 2015
Xavier Glover
Ricky Huang
Yitong Ma
Fall 2015
Karie Nwadike
Jesus Perez

2014-2015 Annual Report Outcomes:

Persistence Rate
Goal: 75%
Achieved Rate: 98%

Good Academic Standing Rate
Goal: 90%
Achieved Rate: 99%

Graduation Rate
Goal: 50%
Achieved Rate: 76%
What is worth wanting?
Use your Gifts!
Do what makes you happy in a major or career.

All of the staff are very proud of you.
Maintain success and impact others.

Reach for your Dreams and make it to the Stars.
Be successful in all you do.

Dean’s Honor Roll 2015

**Spring 2015**
- Baptiste (Beaux) Beauvais
- Bryan Bennett
- Samantha Broderick
- Jian Lei (Ken) Cai
- Yan Dan Chen
- Tai Do
- Amber Franco
- Kapelekua Gramberg
- Ashlie Guarino
- Cindy Kanga
- Destini Marshall
- K’Tawna Nelson
- Paul Nguyen
- Joanna Perez
- Anthony Rangel
- Justin Sears
- Brent Shishido
- Nick Tvrdy

**Fall 2015**
- Ariel Aharon
- Jenna Aiwohi
- Annaliese Alipio-Hall
- Brendy Aoki
- Payton Cadien
- Isabel Chavez
- May Chun
- Matt Gotfryd
- Jacky Lee
- Claries Liang
- Yueshi Lin
- Valeria Morales
- Nhu Y Nguyen
- Ronnie Nguyen
- Jennifer Oliveira
- Kayley Palmer
- Florie Phan
- Inga Pociupany
- Abril Rangel-Pacheco
- Austin Tapuro
- Maria Valadez
- Mari Vazquez
- Hernandez
- Rasela Vili
- Joey Wichep
- Julia Ybarra

**Spring and Fall 2015**
- Jordan Allen
- Amandacereza Alvarado
- Rachel Baiyee-Cady
- Abigial Bigaouette
- Lucy Chung
- Veronica Faber
- Briana Jacox
- Pratisha Kandel
- Hannah Kendic
- Sarah Kessenich
- Makayla Nelson
- Alohilani Nonies
- Anna Rong
- Audel Salazar
- Nicole Springer
- Dan Truong
- Brice Tsao
- Jhone’ White-Lucas
- Eric Wolfe
- Julie Zheng
Lunch with Reverend Daniel Hendrickson, S.J.

May Chun, second year Pharmacy, Honolulu, HI: My goal is to become a community pharmacist hopefully employed by Kroger or Walgreens somewhere on the West Coast. I currently work as a pharmacist intern at Baker’s Pharmacy in Bellevue. It is one of the best decisions that I made while being in pharmacy school.

Sarah Gwazdacz, Biochemistry junior, Bloomington, MN: Sarah has aspirations to one day go to medical school. Sarah is actively involved in her sorority, Delta Zeta, and the Panhellenic Council as Vice President of Public Relations. She currently does Organic Chemistry Research with Dr. Fletcher and was in Creighton’s Nutcracker this past winter. Sarah has been initiated into Alpha Sigma Nu.

Ilmihana Kendic, Exercise Science senior, Omaha, NE: Hana is a senior with an Exercise Science and a Pre-Health Professional major. She will have a minor in Biology. Her family moved to the U.S. from Bosnia when she was four years old. Hana has been very involved throughout her time at Creighton. As a freshman she was part of the Freshman Leadership Program, a SSS immersion participant, and a Gates scholarship tutor. She has since served as the CSU Diversity Coordinator and immersion trip leader. She remained academically involved as a Chemistry Tutor and Pre-PA Club member. This year Hana completed over 100 hours of community service at Children’s Respite Care Center and works at Methodist Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Iowa. This summer she will be applying to Physician Assistant Programs.

Nhu Y Tran Nguyen, Business freshman, Omaha, NE: I am an undecided business major. I am originally from Vietnam, but I currently live in Omaha. As of now, I am involved in Greek life at Creighton. I hope to find other clubs and organizations to join my sophomore year! My career goal is to be a management consultant.
Ronnie Nguyen, Nursing freshman: Hibbing, MN, a small mining town about four hours north of the twin cities. I am a freshman in the College of Nursing. Before coming to Creighton, I attended St. Lawrence Seminary High School, an all-boys, Catholic boarding school in Mount Calvary, WI, operated by the Capuchin Franciscan order. I attended St. Lawrence from 9th grade up until 12th grade, and I feel that my experiences there constitute a great part of my life. Ministry has been a strong part of my life the past few years. I have been involved with Special Olympics and a local fish fry, and I have been a liturgical minister in varying roles such as musician, server, lector, and Eucharistic Minister. I hope to become a registered nurse and maybe work in either pediatrics or family care.

Alohilani (Alohi) Nonies, Medical Anthropology junior, Mililani, HI: I am on the pre-med track. I was born and raised in Hawaii, and come from a large and diverse family. I currently work for the Department of Residence Life and am a Resident Assistant in Kiewit Hall. If my major and current employment weren’t sign enough, I really enjoy being with others. Although I am an introvert, I thrive off of interactions with individuals and relish the opportunities to get to know others and expand my perspective on the world. I hope to integrate these social tendencies with my science interests in the medical field as an Emergency Department physician, particularly working with marginalized communities.

Jesus Perez, Biochemistry freshman, Omaha, NE: I intend to become a surgeon. I am interested in Oncology and Orthopedics. My intended major is Biochemistry on the Pre-Medicine track. I am involved in the Freshman Leadership Program, Student Support Services, and I am Gates Millennium Scholar. I look forward to finding several service and academic opportunities at Creighton University.

Joanna Perez, Political Science sophomore, Kansas City, KS: I am studying Criminal Justice policy and Spanish on the pre-law track. My goal is to become a criminal defense attorney and start a non-profit program for troubled youth. I am the second oldest of seven children.

Anna Rong, Biology senior, Honolulu, HI: I am in the College of Arts and Sciences on the pre-dental pathway. I am majoring in Biology and minoring in Studio Art. I am an active member of the service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega and spend most weekends doing service projects with other brothers. My hobbies include baking, drawing, hiking, and lifting.

Audel Salazar, history senior, Decatur, NE: I will spend one more year at Creighton as I complete my master’s in East-West Studies. After a challenging freshman year, I decided what I wanted to with my life. I am from Decatur, a small farm town in northeastern Nebraska, which is right next to the Omaha Indian Reservation. I was the treasurer of the Native American Association and former vice president of the Creighton University Latino Student Association.