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Hoots and Salutes

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

Congratulations **Amandacereza 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 Bergen Mercy Medical Center.

Applause to **Lucia Rodriguez**, who was accepted to the University of Washington for a for 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 Bigaouette** 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, Isrrael Garcia, Alohilani Nonies, Justin Nguyen and Abril Rangel-Pacheco** were nominated for the award representing their respective classes.

Isrrael 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

Spotlight on Morgan Pusek, from the archives

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 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.

*"Stay positive
and use the
resources within
your reach."*



Mr. Shannon Teamer,
Director of Student Support
Services

MAY 2016

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

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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%

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

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

In Memoriam:

*Yoselin Deleon**Akuel Majouk**Jennifer Guzman**Mariana Ramirez*

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
Clarie 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
Abigail Bigaouette
Lucy Chung
Veronica Faber
Briana Jacox
Pratisha Kandel
Ilmihana Kendic
Hannah Kessenich
Sarah Kort
Makayla Nelson
Alohilani Nonies
Anna Rong
Audel Salazar
Nicole Springer
Dan Truong
Brice Tsao
Jhone' White-Lucas
Eric Wolfe
Julie Zheng

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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.

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WELCOME

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.



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