



Program

Processional

Welcome and Remarks

Matthew Sacco

*President, ASN Student Chapter,
Creighton University*

Induction Prayer

Emily Lester

*Vice President, ASN Student Chapter,
Creighton University*

Remarks on Behalf of the Alpha Sigma Nu Omaha Alumni Club

Dan Pape, BSBA'87, JD'90

President, ASN Omaha Alumni Club

Alpha Sigma Nu Standards

Scholarship

Wisam Najdawi

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Loyalty

Anna Ziola

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Creighton University*

Service

Savannah Arguello

*Vice President, ASN Student Chapter,
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Moderator Remarks

Thomas J. Purcell III, PhD, CPA, BSBA'72, JD'77

Student Chapter Moderator

Alpha Sigma Nu Pledge

Acceptance of Candidates

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD

President, Creighton University

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Remarks on Behalf of the Administration

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD

Remarks on Behalf of the Inductees

Michelle Bogard, PhD

*Associate Vice Provost for
Student Engagement
Honorary Inductee 2019*

Invitation to Reception

Matthew Sacco

College of Arts and Sciences

Zoe Alam

Zoe is a senior. She has been involved in a number of activities at Creighton, including several transformative service trips. She had gone on three service and justice trips through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice, leading one of the trips to Milwaukee. She volunteers at Children's Hospital in Omaha, a local nursing home, the MICAH house homeless shelter and at a church offering English classes to refugees in the community.

Michael Barry

Michael is a senior studying biology and will attend medical school in the fall of 2019. He has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton, including the Honors Program and undergraduate research. One of his favorite experiences at Creighton was a service trip through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice that focused on rural health care and environmental sustainability.

Emilia Berni

Emilia is a junior studying biomedical physics and chemistry. She has been involved in a variety of service trips to underprivileged communities, one in Costa Rica and one through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice. This summer, she will also be assisting in health care clinics in the Dominican Republic through Creighton's ILAC program. She is also involved in service in her hometown and through her sorority, Pi Beta Phi.

Rachel Bielstein

Rachel is a senior majoring in musical theatre and theology. She is involved in service and ministry work both on and outside of Creighton's campus, including music ministry at St. John's and St. Mary's of Bellevue, Creighton campus ministry and traveling to Peru on Creighton's academic service immersion FLPA. Her other accomplishments include performing in over 10 Creighton theatre and dance productions, participation in Alpha Psi Omega Theatre Honors Fraternity, and co-founding and serving as vice president of Courage Club.

Kevin Boes

Kevin is a junior majoring in medical anthropology and hopes to attend medical school in 2020. He has been involved in the Chamber Choir and Dean's Fellows, and he spent this past May in the Dominican Republic on the ILAC Water Quality Project. He currently serves as the president of the Swing Dance Society.

Noah Brady

Noah is a junior Biochemistry major and hopes to attend dental school in the fall of 2020. He has been to the Dominican Republic as a volunteer with Creighton's ILAC Summer Healthcare program, as well as on two fall break service trips with his fraternity. Noah also works as a tutor for the men's basketball team, and was the executive for 2018 Welcome Week Move-In.

Daniel Breiner

Daniel is a senior studying neuroscience and biology, and he is applying to medical school. He participates in research and serves as a teaching assistant for the biology department at Creighton. Additionally, he has been actively involved in volunteering within the Omaha area.

Isaac Burrigh

Isaac is a junior studying exercise science and hopes to attend medical school after he graduates in May 2020. He is a mentor for the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. He participated in the ILAC Water Quality program to the Dominican Republic in the summer of 2018. A licensed EMT, he has used his certification to work for Medics at Home and to help after wildfires on a service trip in Santa Rosa, California. He is a member of Creighton's Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, and he participates in undergraduate research with Dr. Dimitrios Katsavelis.

Bethany Castro

Bethany is a junior on the pre-dental track, with a major in psychological science and a minor in biology. She has been involved in a variety of activities, including four service trips through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice, serving as a coordinator for two of the trips. She is also the vice president of service for Alpha Phi Omega, a co-ed community service fraternity. Bethany brings a part of her home to Creighton by being a part of Hui 'O Hawaii and choreographing entertainment for the annual luau. She also serves the Omaha community by assisting at the OneWorld clinic at Creighton's School of Dentistry.

Kalina Damfebo

Kalina is a junior pursuing two respective majors in history and economics, and a minor in political science. She has been a strong member of Creighton's theater department and has been in two plays during her time at Creighton. She has also worked with the Human Trafficking Initiative at Creighton. She is the treasurer of Creighton University's African Student Association. She will be studying abroad in the spring of 2019.

Morgan Dishno

Morgan is a senior biology major who will graduate in May 2019. At Creighton, she participated in two service trips through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice and has enjoyed her volunteer work at the Yates Community Center. She spent a semester abroad in the Dominican Republic through the Encuentro Dominicano program. She was selected to return to the Dominican Republic as a coordinator for ILAC's Summer Program, where she helped organize a medical and dental clinic. She will be spending a year after graduation volunteering with AmeriCorps' City Year Program, and then hopes to attend medical school.

Michael Franco

Michael is a junior and he plans to attend medical school in the fall of 2020. Throughout his time at Creighton, he has been involved in a variety of activities, including Campus Ministry, Square Dancing Club and Phi Sigma honor society. He has participated in fraternity life as a member of Phi Delta Theta's executive council. He has also participated in undergraduate research as a Ferlic Fellow, contributing to novel findings in the field of pharmacology.

Michael Galeski

Michael is a junior sustainability major and business and African studies minor. He participated in a service learning program in Cape Town, South Africa, helping create a sustainable community garden in the Langa township. He has done research in the Sandhills, and as well as participating in a separate research internship focusing on Appalachian communities. He is involved with the SCSJ and serves on the Intercultural Center's Student Engagement Panel. He is a founding member of the Creighton chapter of Pencils of Promise, and traveled to Laos in November 2018 for the humanitarian organization. He also coaches basketball and soccer at Sacred Heart elementary.

Mason Halouska

Mason is a senior in studying economics. During his undergraduate career, he has been an active member of Greek life on campus and currently serves as a continuing education intern at the School of Medicine. Mason participated in a service trip to Morton, Mississippi, through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice, and additionally served as a mentor through the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Midlands program for two years. Following graduation, Mason plans to attend medical school in the fall.

Katherine Jean Herbst

Katherine is a junior majoring in exercise science and pre-health professions. She has earned a spot on the Dean's List every year, and hopes to attend Creighton's Physician Assistant Program following graduation. She participates in a variety of activities, including serving as a liturgical assistant/Eucharistic minister at weekly Mass, serving as the vice president of the University's Swim Club, being a member of DeltaZeta—Theta Eta sorority and the University's Pro-Life Club. During the summers, she is a swim developmental camp instructor back home in Los Angeles, at Loyola Marymount University.

Elizabeth Hessman

Elizabeth is a sophomore planning to pursue a major in psychology and cultural anthropology. During her undergraduate career, she has been an active member of Greek life and has held various leadership roles in the sorority, Pi Beta Phi. She has also served as a leader for one of Creighton's Campus Ministry retreats and works as a desk receptionist for Residential Life. This past summer, Liz participated in Creighton's service-learning Faculty-Led Program Abroad to Peru, which she considers to be her most meaningful Creighton experience.

Laurel Hettinger

Laurel is a junior majoring in elementary education. She involves herself in several organizations on Creighton's campus. She is the president of Women's Club Lacrosse and a member of Trailblazers. She has participated in two Service & Justice Trips, including a trip to Stroud, Oklahoma, which she coordinated. She is in the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Fellows program and is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. She volunteers with kids in the Omaha community and spends her summers working at a camp in northern Minnesota.

Grace Hunt

Grace is a senior who will be graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in the spring of 2019. She has been involved with multiple organizations on Creighton's campus, including the Creightonian as the chief copy editor; has worked in the University Communications and Marketing department; and has served as Welcome Week Guide. She is also an active member of Greek life and has held various leadership positions in her sorority, Pi Beta Phi.

Morgan Karloff

Morgan is a junior majoring in exercise science. He has been an active member of the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Fellows Program, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Candlelight Mass choir. He has also participated on the women's basketball practice team and has taken part in undergraduate research. He currently serves as a Welcome Week Decurion and is a mentor through Big Brothers Big Sisters. Following graduation, Morgan hopes to attend medical school.

Hannah Kavan

Hannah is a junior majoring in elementary education and plans on attending graduate school in order to earn a master's degree in language and literacy. She has been involved in a variety of activities and clubs at Creighton including advocacy on Capitol Hill through the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice, College Democrats and Partners in Health. She is an active member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority and spends time volunteering weekly with a local Girl Scout troop.

Grace Kelly

Grace is a junior exercise science major from Omaha. She is an active member of the exercise science department serving as member of their exec team, participating in undergraduate research and volunteering as a teaching assistant for human anatomy. Outside of her department, Grace is involved in new student orientation and has served as a Summer Preview Guide and as a Welcome Week Executive. She is active member of Greek life and is a cycling instructor on Creighton's campus and at the YMCA. She additionally volunteers locally with Fit Girl Omaha, YMCA of the Greater Omaha and Girl Scouts of America.

Emily Kort

Emily is a junior majoring in elementary education. She has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton, including Student Support Services and the Markoe Leadership Program. She demonstrates her service and loyalty by volunteering as both a board member and counselor for Camp Hot Shots, which serves children with Type 1 Diabetes. She also mentors in the TeamMates Mentoring program, which aims to positively inspire youth to reach their full potential through building connections.

Benjamin Kruse

Benjamin is a senior chemistry major and will graduate in May 2019. He has been involved in a variety of activities, including the Dean's Fellows Program and chemistry research in conjunction with the dental school. He has served as a teaching assistant for chemistry laboratories, a tutor for chemistry classes, a Decurion for the Ratio Studiorum Program, and the president of Creighton's chemistry club. He has also worked as a volunteer at the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. After graduation, he plans to attend graduate school for chemistry.

Andrea Laudi

Andrea Laudi is a junior studying biology with a minor in medical anthropology. She is involved in Candlelight Choir and has participated in two service and justice trips through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice. Andrea also volunteers as an undergraduate manager at the Magis Clinic as well as an ESL tutor in the Omaha community.

Julie Le

Julie is a senior studying philosophy and French and Francophone studies, and will graduate in May 2019. Her involvement within Creighton's community includes serving the executive board of the Model United Nations Team; working in the theatre program's costume department; and working at the front desk of Heider Hall. She is also an active member of Alpha Phi and has volunteered and interned with Voices for Children, a nonprofit advocacy group, as well as other organizations in Omaha.

Brady Manker

Brady is a junior neuroscience major from Nebraska, who will graduate in May 2020. He has participated in weekly service throughout his time at Creighton, both in the ER and PICU at University of Nebraska Medical Center and through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice. He is the cofounder of a Creighton's global education club called Pencils of Promise, which aims to provide children in rural Laos with a quality education. The club has raised enough to fund the education for 25 children for a year. He is an active member of Phi Delta Theta and will be a Welcome Week executive for the fall of 2019.

Cindy Menk

Cindy is a junior exercise science major, and will be attending Creighton's physical therapy program in the fall of 2019. She has attended a service trip through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice, and she volunteers at Kids Can Community Center in Omaha and at QLI, where she works with patients who have brain and spinal cord injuries. She is also an active member of Alpha Phi.

Jackson Midtlien

Jack is a junior majoring in exercise science and plans to attend medical school in the fall of 2020. He has been involved in many extracurricular activities throughout the Omaha area such as volunteering for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Omaha, the Siena/Francis House. He is also a CrossFit coach at DTO CrossFit in downtown Omaha. He has participated in multiple service trips through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice and MEDLIFE organization, and plans to lead a service trip in the fall of 2019.

Michael Foster Padgett

Michael is a junior majoring in exercise science with a minor in biology and will graduate in May 2020. He has enjoyed many of the opportunities he has encountered while at Creighton, including serving as a Welcome Week guide, volunteering at Completely Kids, and doing a Service & Justice Trip to Stroud, Oklahoma. He is a New Member Educator for Beta Theta Pi and the vice president of the Creighton Rock Climbing Club.

Jesus Perez

Jesus is a senior studying biology on the premedical track. He has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton, including tutoring for student support services. Jesus also volunteers at QLI, where he works with spinal cord and brain injury residents in the adaptive sports clinic. Jesus does medicinal chemistry research at the UNMC Center for Drug Discovery. He plans to attend medical school in the fall of 2019 and eventually work in underserved communities.

Monica Reeson

Monica is a junior and has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton. She has participated in annual service trips through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice (SCSJ), leading the fall 2018 trip to Cleveland. She will serve as a Core Team member for the 2019 service trips. She is also a liturgical minister at St. John's, a volunteer with hospice patients at Florence Home, and an active participant in retreats and advocacy events through Campus Ministry and SCSJ.

Erika Ruhnke

Erika is a senior studying psychology and theology with a minor in Spanish. During her time as an undergraduate, Erika has been involved in the Honors Program, Creighton Catholic Daughters as an executive, the Learning Center of North Omaha, the Cortina Community, the Micah House and Restored Hope. Following graduation, she intends to do a year of post-graduate volunteer work before going on to graduate school to study psychology.

Robyn Scott

Robyn is senior studying chemistry on the biochemistry track. As an undergraduate, she has been involved in the Honors Program and the Cortina Community, both as a member and as a leader. She is involved in undergraduate research and intends to pursue a combined MD/PhD degree. In addition, she has been involved in a service through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice, and worked with the Magis Clinic and the Russell Child Development Center.

Shayne Sumida

Shayne is a senior studying biology and will be attending medical school in the coming fall. During his time as an undergraduate, Shayne has been an active member of Phi Sigma Biological Honor Society, Alpha Phi Omega and Hui 'O Hawaii. In addition, he has served the Omaha community at several service sites and has contributed to service retreats, Relay for Life, the Green House Project and several blood drives.

Spencer Thompson

Spencer is a junior studying biochemistry. He intends to pursue a graduate or medical degree beginning in the fall of 2020. During his undergraduate career, Spencer has been heavily involved in research as an IDeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence Scholar and a recipient of the Dr. and Mrs. Randolph Ferlic Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship. In addition, he has served as a teaching assistant; is an active member of the Chemistry Club; and has taken part in three service trips through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice.

Julia Tunze

Julia is senior studying neuroscience and will be attending medical school in the coming fall. During her time as an undergraduate, Julia has been involved in Creighton's Ultimate Frisbee Team, worked with the Continuing Education Department and as a teaching assistant for the Biology Department, and Creighton's chapter of MEDLIFE, where she participated in a medical service trip. In addition, she is a member of Phi Sigma Biological Honor Society and an active volunteer in the Omaha community.

Jenna Vrable

Jenna is a senior studying social work. During her undergraduate time, Jenna has studied abroad and conducted research in the Dominican Republic, led four Service & Justice Trips and acted as a member of the Ignatian Advocacy Team through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice. She has also served as an executive council member for Pi Beta Phi. She currently works with the Omaha Street School as a social work intern.

Tazah Weinmaster

Tazah is a junior studying medical anthropology. As an undergraduate, Tazah has been the vice president of Circle K, a campus service organization; the academics and enrichment chair of Pi Beta Phi; a mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters; and a weekly volunteer with Hillcrest Health and Rehab. She has done research with the Chemistry Department, and two service trips through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice, one of which she coordinated.

Regan Wiese

Regan is a December 2018 graduate with a degree in theology and has committed the next two years to being a FOCUS Missionary. During her undergraduate career, Regan was involved in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, the Catholic Student Organization, Creighton Students for Life, and helped to facilitate working retreats for high school students. In addition, she is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Theta Alpha Kappa, the national honor society for religious studies and theology.

Owen Wurst

Owen is a junior in studying social work and cultural anthropology. As an undergraduate, Owen has been involved in two Service & Justice Trips through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice and the International Student Association. He has served as global ambassador the Creighton Global Engagement Office and as president of the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship. In addition, he volunteers at several organizations in the Omaha community, including Creighton's Education Opportunities Center.

Kaiti-Lynn Zendejas

Kaiti-Lynn is a junior in studying theology and secondary education. She has been involved in the Theology Department's Website Committee, served a Decurion for the Ratio Studiorum Program, aided in the St. John's RCIA Program, and held a leadership position in Creighton Navigators, a student-led ministry. Upon graduation, she intends to join the Magis Teacher Corps in Omaha to teach low-income students, as well as pursue an MA in secondary education.

Wendy Zhao

Wendy is a junior pursuing an exercise science degree on the pre-dental track. After completing her undergraduate coursework, she plans to attend dental school. She is a member of the service fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega, and routinely volunteers through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice.

Heider College of Business

Emily Ford

Emily graduated in May 2017 from Saint Louis University with her bachelor's in accounting. She achieved her Master of Accounting at Creighton in December 2018. While at Creighton and SLU, she was involved in a variety of activities, including volunteering in the local community for the Bethlehem House, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, Girls Beyond Bars and Prevent Child Abuse America, and was an active member of Greek life. She was an active member in Beta Alpha Psi, an accounting honors society at Creighton. She has accepted a full-time offer at RSM in Chicago and will be working as an audit associate.

Katheryn Furlong

Katheryn is a junior double majoring in economics and philosophy. She is a Business Research Fellow and served as liaison to prospective students as a Business Outreach intern. She studied abroad in Thailand to promote her education through an expanded worldview. She has been involved with weekly service opportunities throughout the Omaha community, particularly at the Siena/Francis House Homeless Shelter. She also spent the majority of the summer of 2018 in Lima, Peru, living alongside poor and marginalized populations. She plans to attend law school after graduation to live out the values of her Jesuit education in service to others.

Kathryn Fuxa

Kathryn is a junior studying accounting and business intelligence and analytics. She plans to obtain her CPA license and work in public accounting. She has held leadership roles in a wide array of activities on campus, including New Student Orientation and Campus Ministry. She also organizes service and tutoring for the accounting fraternity Beta Alpha Psi. In addition to these, Kathryn is a member of fraternity and sorority life and the Business Research Fellows program.

Derek Kruse

Derek is a doctoral candidate. His dissertation is focused on the effect of corporate social responsibility on firm performance. As the chief information officer for the Douglas Omaha Technology Commission, he advocates servant leadership to deliver high quality technology services to the citizens of Omaha. He is also a board member on the Nebraska Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and serves on the AIM board, which advocates for the advancement of technology skills in the Omaha area, with a special focus on youth development.

Kendra Lavallee

Kendra is a junior double majoring in business intelligence and analytics and accounting. She is a part of the Heider College of Business Dean's Fellow Program, Creighton Business Symposium Planning Team, Anna Tyler Waite Leadership Program, Dean's Honor Roll for Service and Justice. She also plays Division I BIG EAST tennis. In Omaha, she is a part of Tennis Buddies—Special Olympics of Nebraska, FitGirl Inc., and volunteers at the HOPE Center. Upon graduation in May 2020, Kendra aspires to enter into the public business sector.

Rachel Merrill

Rachel is a senior and will graduate in May 2019 with a Bachelor of Science in business administration in accounting and a minor in dance. She will be working for Deloitte & Touche LLP next fall in their audit function. She has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton, including the Creighton Dance Company and Beta Alpha Psi, where she now serves as president. She also is involved with tutoring fellow Creighton students and was formerly a member of the Collegiate Alliance of Social Entrepreneurs.

Andrew Sherman

Andrew is a senior studying accounting and business intelligence and analytics. He has accepted a position with Deloitte Chicago in their IT Audit/Assurance Services Division and intends to take his CPA exam next spring. While at Creighton, Andrew has been involved in a Service & Justice Trip through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice, Quality Living Inc. as a music group leader, the Creighton Business Symposium, Beta Alpha Psi, Beta Gamma Sigma and the Heider Business Senate.

Hannah Steiner

Hannah is a senior in studying mathematics and economics. She intends to spend the next two years volunteering with the ACE Teaching Fellows or the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, then pursue a career in business or education. During her time at Creighton, Hannah has been involved in Campus Ministry, the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice, intramural sports and religious education at St. John's.

College of Nursing

Courtney Child

Courtney is a senior nursing student. During her time at Creighton, she has been involved in the Freshman Leadership Program, Kappa Kappa Gamma and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas chapter, where she serves as the current regent. She has participated in a Service & Justice Trip to Montgomery, Alabama, as well as leading a second trip to El Paso, Texas. She has participated in weekly service in the Omaha community at Completely Kids, the Girl Scout outreach program; and traveled to the Dominican Republic through the ILAC program.

Sophie Cosimano

Sophie is a junior nursing student. At Creighton, she has participated in two service trips through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice, and led one of the trips. She is also an active member of fraternity and sorority life, serving as the ritual chair for Gamma Phi Beta sorority, and an active member of Creighton's Pencils of Promise. She spent the fall semester of her sophomore year studying abroad in Rome. Sophie will participate in Creighton's ILAC program in the Dominican Republic in the summer of 2019.

Sarah Gilstrap

Sarah is a junior nursing student. She is involved in multiple activities, including Best Buddies, fraternity and sorority life, Nursing Leadership Scholars, Creighton University Student Nurses Association and Partners in Health. She is also on a communications research team, and serves on the executive team for the Omaha Pencils of Promise. She has participated in multiple service opportunities, including a Service & Justice Trip through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice. She also spent the 2017 fall semester in Cape Town, South Africa, on a service-learning study abroad program.

Katherine Glaser

Katherine is a senior and plans to work as a nurse when she graduates from the University this spring. She is an involved and dedicated student, friend, and daughter. She is a part of the Creighton University Student Nurses' Association and is a tutor in the EDGE. She is an active member of fraternity and sorority life and looks forward to her working life after graduation.

Olivia Koontz

Olivia is a junior nursing student who is also pursuing a dance minor. She is an active member and former officer of Delta Delta Delta and Nursing Leadership Scholars here at Creighton. She has supported and advocated for various service organizations, including: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Relay for Life, Dance Marathon and Roundup River Ranch. Following graduation, she hopes to become a pediatric oncology nurse and to find a way to incorporate dance into patient care as a form of therapeutic movement and emotional release for patients.

Haylie Krone

Haylie is a junior, and will graduate in May 2020. She has been involved in many activities on campus, including working with New Student Orientation as a guide, serving as the secretary for Creighton University's Student Nurses Association, and as a member of Catholic Daughters of the Americas. She has also been involved with the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice, going on three service trips and leading one of them; attending the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice; and she serves on the Core Team for the service trips. She has been an active volunteer in the Omaha community and has lead weekly service sites with SCSJ.

Rachel Mauro

Rachel is a junior and will graduate in May 2020. She has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton, including four Service & Justice Trips, three of which she led, through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice. She is actively involved in Greek life as a member of Theta Phi Alpha, holding the position of fundraising chair this past year. She is also a member of Nursing Leadership Scholars and Creighton University Student Nurses Association.

Katie Pedersen

Katie is a senior and will be graduating in the spring of 2019. During her time at Creighton she has been an active member of fraternity and sorority life, Colleges Against Cancer, Creighton University Student Nurses Association and Nursing Leadership Scholars. Katie has also participated in a Service & Justice Trip and traveled abroad to the Dominican Republic with the summer ILAC program in 2018. Her most rewarding experience at Creighton has been working for Residential Life as a resident advisor during her junior and senior years.

Heidi Smith

Heidi is a graduate student in Creighton's BSN to DNP program. She continues to work at Nebraska Cancer Specialists while pursuing her DNP and volunteers at several cancer organizations in Omaha, such as A Time to Heal, the Columbus Cancer Care Foundation, and the Columbus Be the Match. She is an oncology certified nurse, a member of Sigma Theta Tau, has been recognized as one of the March of Dimes' Top 25 Nurses of the Year, and is a recipient of the Daisy Award.

Shannah Unsel

Shannah is a junior nursing student. During her time as an undergraduate, Shannah has been involved in Christ in the City doing homeless ministry, the Abide Network, the Catholic Student Organization as a service coordinator, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas as the vice regent and Alpha as a group leader. She is also involved in Greek life on campus. In addition, she has participated in two Service & Justice Trips through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice, one of which she led.

College of Professional Studies

Jeanne Bray

Jeanne has attended Creighton during the past two years as a non-traditional student and earned her Bachelor of Science in December 2018. While attending Creighton as an undergraduate student, she accepted nomination to the Alpha Sigma Lambda Honors Society. She is continuing her studies at Creighton, working toward her Master of Science in organizational leadership. She currently volunteers at two community-based organizations in her community, and is also serving as a pro bono consultant for a Taproot Foundation project.

Kyle Eckert

Kyle is a nontraditional student and plans to graduate in December 2020 with a degree in chemistry. He also earned induction into Creighton University's Nu Tau Epsilon chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society. Kyle is a veteran of the United States Navy, and completed the Defense Language Institute Program in Arabic, earning high honors. He is happily married to his wife of nearly three years, Kelsey. Kyle is an active volunteer in the Omaha community, especially in services to the Red Cross. He plans to attend graduate school after he graduates.

Graduate School

Mounika Addula

Mounika is a master's student in the clinical and translational sciences department. A physician from India, she is active in research and has won awards for her research presentations on campus. She has also represented Creighton in various national medical research conferences. Actively involved on campus, Mounika has given a TEDx talk at Creighton called "Diversity Leads Us."

Virginia Barber

Virginia is a chiropractic physician and clinical professor at Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa. She has volunteered for over 20 years as a hospice volunteer and AIDS buddy and has founded a neighborhood help organization designed to keep elder citizens in their homes while building community at the grassroots level. She has also helped organize and lead over a dozen international health care mission trips to India, Nepal and Morocco.

Wojciech Bojanowski, SJ

Fr. Bojanowski is studying educational leadership at Creighton. He comes from Poland, where he joined the Society of Jesus. He is currently living in Evanston, Illinois, and working at Loyola Academy, a Jesuit College Preparatory High School as a Spanish teacher and assistant director of student activities. He has been involved in different service experiences organized by the school. He also accompanies various Polish-speaking communities in Chicago.

Amy Brabec

Amy is in her second year of the Magis Catholic Teacher Corp Master's in Secondary School Teaching program. She teaches Spanish full-time at Marian High School in Omaha while earning her degree. Amy enjoys being involved in her communities at Creighton and Marian.

Brian Brittain

Brian is a graduate student in Creighton's Doctorate of Education in Interdisciplinary Leadership. He has been serving in the criminal justice field since 2001. Most recently, his work and research has focused on pretrial risk assessment which helps protect the public, the poor and the marginalized by identifying which defendants may be safely released pending trial. Brian serves on the board of directors for the National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies as well as the Association of Pretrial Professionals of Florida.

Lee Ebersole

Lee is a candidate for a Doctorate of Education in interdisciplinary leadership. His dissertation explores the experiences of youth who transition to adulthood from foster care. Lee serves as an educational leader responsible for people and programs supporting children and families in poverty as well as other marginalized persons in a rural Appalachian school district. After a career as an administrator for nonprofit organizations in an urban faith-based community, he found joy in the elementary classroom. Lee is a member of boards and committees for nonprofit and governmental agencies on topics related to his concerns about educational leadership, lifelong learning and child welfare.

Anna Ferguson

Anna Ferguson is a graduate student finishing her master's degree in ministry. She currently works as a graduate assistant in the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice, as well as serving as chaplain of Deglman Hall. Anna attended Creighton for her undergraduate education, and became heavily involved in the SCSJ from the beginning of her time there, including attending and leading seven Service & Justice Trips. She now helps run that program as well as overseeing the communications team for the SCSJ.

Brittany Hall

Brittany is a graduate student in the Master of Arts in ministry program. She currently works as the retreat coordinator in Creighton's Campus Ministry. In this role, she prepares student teams to lead all eight faith-focused undergraduate retreats. She additionally serves as a pastoral minister and spiritual companion to students from many areas of campus. She is an active member in local Omaha community and serves as a volunteer and leader who seeks to increase social action and collaborative dialogue.

Carina Harrison

Carina is a master's student in the clinical anatomy program and will attend medical school in the fall of 2019. She has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton, including biomedical science research, the Honors and Cortina programs, organic chemistry and human anatomy TA positions, and three service trips through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice. She also served on the College of Arts and Sciences Student Senate and Creighton Student Union Committee on Student Life Policy.

Wanlin Jiang

Wanlin is a third-year PhD student in the clinical and translation science program and will graduate in the summer of 2019. She has participated in original research, resulting in a recently published article. As a member of the Red Cross Society in China, she volunteers as a medical guidance service personnel providing proper guidance and assistance to patients in the hospital. She serves as a volunteer for Nebraska Chinese Association and has raised money for the NCA association, which provides financial support to the community.

Lisa Johnson

Lisa is a doctoral student in the interdisciplinary leadership program. Her dissertation interest area is health care for homeless populations. A registered nurse, she has worked to develop topic ideas surrounding how to best help homeless individuals find and receive appropriate health care, including food and hygiene. Currently, she is working to open a medical respite care facility for the homeless in her community. She serves as an Alzheimer's support group facilitator, is the vice president of the board of directors for a free health care clinic in Tacoma, Washington, and is a member of the Association of Nursing Professional Development.

Andrea Cuervo Prados

Andrea is a doctoral candidate in interdisciplinary leadership. She is part of the 2018-2019 inaugural Graduate Alumni Advisory Board Leadership Fellows program at Creighton, and has received the Graduate Dean's Scholarship in 2017. Andrea is a Hispanic alumni of the Pontifical Xavierian University in Bogota, Colombia. She serves as an educator for two universities in the U.S. and one in Colombia. She has created, chaired and supported diverse multicultural groups, and is the creator and director of the blog *TheLeadershipSeries.org*.

Scott McClure

Scott is a candidate in the Doctor of Education in interdisciplinary leadership program. As the former assistant director of Creighton's Magis Catholic Teacher Corps, a graduate program that prepares teachers for Catholic schools, Scott began pursuing this degree as a means of exploring leadership in Catholic schools. His dissertation study explores how Catholic high school faculty and leadership understand community in their schools. He lives in Omaha with his wife and two children and is currently a campaign manager with the Steier Group.

Miranda McOsker

Miranda is a current graduate student in the school counseling program at Creighton University, and will graduate in May 2019. She has ten years' experience working in youth development, through instructing, coaching and mentoring, with different age groups in diverse settings. Before coming to Creighton, Miranda served in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps from 2012–2014. She is passionate about education and working with students to achieve their academic and life goals. She is currently carrying out her school counseling internship at Boys Town High School working closely with high school seniors entering the trades after graduation.

Jerald Meyer

Jerry is a graduate student in educational leadership. The founding and current campus minister at San Miguel High School in Tucson, Arizona, Jerry developed and implemented theology and Corporate Work Study curriculum not only for his school, but for the Cristo Rey Network and the Diocese of Tucson. He serves as the financial secretary of the University of Arizona Knights of Columbus Council, and is involved in various ministries at the Newman Center parish at the University of Arizona. He is involved in supporting the Kino Border Initiative in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, through both his school and his parish.

Candice Whitesel

Candice is a graduate student pursuing a Doctor of Education in interdisciplinary leadership as part of the inaugural Creighton Doctoral Fellowship program. She is currently working on her dissertation and will be graduating in 2019. She currently serves as a supervisor in the Housing and Placement Department of the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities, a position she will retain following graduation. In addition to this role, she will be seeking a position as an adjunct professor at a local college or university.

Lind-sae Wilkes

Lind-sae is a graduate student majoring in health and wellness coaching. She is a two-time recipient of the Dean's Scholarship for graduate students. She has volunteered with maternal and child health organizations in Kansas City, including Uzazi Village and the Missouri Kansas Black Breastfeeding Coalition, organizations that emphasize reducing health disparities and improving maternal and child mortality rates within the African American community through education. She has also worked with the U.S. Breastfeeding Committee. With her family's recent relocation to Atlanta, Lind-sae is looking forward to expanding her work in the maternal and child health field in her new community.

Erin Young

Erin is a graduate student pursuing a master's degree in medical anthropology. Throughout the course of her studies through Creighton, she has been involved in several service activities, such as volunteering as a medical scribe for the Volunteer Care Clinic, volunteering at an assisted living home, and serving as a health intern for the Refugee Resettlement Program of Lutheran Family Services. She intends to continue on to study public policy in the future.

School of Dentistry

Sefik Becirovic

Sefik is a current fourth-year dental student. Through Creighton community connections he has enjoyed volunteering at the Heart Ministry Center and OneWorld clinic. When not studying, he enjoys spending time with his family and taking road trips.

Matthew Chavarria

Matthew is a third-year dental student. After moving from his home in Alaska to become part of the Creighton community, he has been involved with numerous activities at Creighton, including being the vice president of Creighton's ADEA chapter and serving as a student ambassador of the new dental school. He is a frequent volunteer at the OneWorld clinic, as well as donating his time to other emergency clinics when available. He also lends his aid as an interpreter for Spanish-speaking patients. He is looking forward to serving in the Dominican Republic this upcoming summer as part of Creighton's ILAC Program.

Eric Hillam

Eric is a senior dental student and will be graduating in May 2019. He and his beautiful wife Noelle have three wonderful children. He has participated in several dental services and leadership opportunities while in school. He has also participated in numerous intramural sports at Creighton. Following graduation, he will attend orthodontic residency at Saint Louis University and pursue a Master of Science in addition to his orthodontic certificate.

Amanda Kobayashi

Amanda is a third-year dental student. She received her bachelor's degree from Creighton with a double major in biochemistry and biology. She has served in a variety of leadership positions, including president for the service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega. She has also conducted research, participated in intramural sports and is a tutor. Her first exposure to the dental field took place at the OneWorld clinic hosted by the dental school. It was there she fell in love with the career and continues volunteering there as a dental student. This summer she will participate in Creighton's ILAC interprofessional healthcare program in the Dominican Republic.

Christopher Lillenberg

Christopher is a fourth-year dental student and an officer in the U.S. Air Force. Upon graduation he will be attending a one-year residency in advanced general dentistry. He has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton, including the Special Olympics, the OneWorld dental clinic, and the Give Kids a Smile dental sealant program for which he was the lead student. He also currently serves as the treasurer of the Dental Student Union and the vice president of the Pediatric Dental Club.

Tyler Ushio

Tyler is a third-year dental student and aspires to further his education with a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery. He serves as president of the Oral Surgery Club and as a student representative for the Operational Planning Committee. He has represented Creighton at multiple national conventions to present research projects and various publications. As an undergraduate at Creighton, he was involved with Alpha Phi Omega, and Hui 'O Hawaii Club. He serves the community through initiatives such as the OneWorld dental clinic, Explore Dentistry Program and ASDA's Impression Program. He will be participating in the ILAC Dominican Republic dental mission work this summer.

Kaylee VanLaecken

Kaylee is a fourth-year dental student. During her time at Creighton, Kaylee has hosted a weekly Bible study under the Christian Medical and Dental Association and has served as the class representative for the Dental School's Curriculum Committee. In addition, she has volunteered her time providing dental screenings for guests of the Siena/Francis House, with the Special Olympics, and at the OneWorld Community Health Clinic as part of the Student National Dental Association.

School of Law

Christopher Felts

Christopher is a third-year law student. He has been actively involved in many extra-curricular activities, including membership and participation in the Federalist Society, the Creighton Law Review and Phi Delta Phi international legal honor society. He has also volunteered his time with the Veterans' Legal Support Network, the Red Mass Service Day, the Creighton Law Clinic in partnership with Project Homeless Connect, and the pro bono law clinic. His goal is to practice law in the areas of religious liberties defense and nonprofit law.

Shai Gonzales

Shai is currently in her third year of law school. She will graduate with her Juris Doctor in May 2019. Throughout her time at Creighton she has participated in a variety of activities, including significant positions as the executive editor of the Law Review, problem director for the in-school Moot Court Competition, and primary brief writer for the National Moot Court Competition team. In addition to her dedication to scholarship, she is also dedicated to caring for her family. When she is not at the law school, she is busy raising her daughter and two nieces.

Margaret Rossiter

Margaret is in her third-year of law school and will graduate this spring. She has accepted a job at Fraser Stryker Law Firm, where she will begin to work after taking the bar. Throughout her time in the law school, she has been involved in a variety of activities including a service and immersion trip to the Dominican Republic. She also serves as the secretary of the Student Bar Association, is a member of the Moot Court Board and is member of Inns of Court.

School of Medicine

Gregory Aird

Gregory is a fourth-year medical student and will graduate in the spring of 2019 with plans to pursue a residency in diagnostic radiology. He has been involved in a variety of different activities, including volunteering at the Magis Clinic and groups such as Body Basics that teaches health to elementary school kids in efforts to give back to the Omaha community. He also is a peer mentor for other medical students and is a co-president of the Radiology Interest Group.

Samantha Banks

Samantha is a fourth-year medical student that will begin neurology residency in July. She has been involved in service activities through Creighton, including a Project Cura trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation, Body Basics, Open Door Mission and Magis Clinic. She serves as a domestic violence and sexual assault counselor for Catholic Charities Phoenix House and has been involved in research projects and tutoring throughout medical school.

Elizabeth Beck

Elizabeth is a fourth-year medical student applying for a residency in internal medicine. She serves on the Admissions Committee for the School of Medicine and is the president of the Internal Medicine Interest Group. She had been involved with various free clinics in Omaha as well as serving on the University Committee on Student Discipline. Her favorite volunteer location has been Open Door Mission, specifically working in the kitchen.

Margaret Butler

Margaret is currently a third-year medical student and is planning on pursuing a career as a geriatrician. She is one of the student directors of the Magis Clinic, which provides free health care to the homeless and uninsured in Omaha. She is on the M3 Advisory Board for Project CURA and went on a Project CURA service-learning trip to India the summer after her first year of medical school. She also enjoys being a part of the Physician's Vocation Program, which helps medical students integrate their prayer lives with their calling as future physicians.

Madeline Chandler

Madeline is a third-year medical student and a 2014 alumna of the University of Notre Dame. Through the medical school, she has been involved in volunteering at Magis Clinic, serving as a peer mentor in the school's Vital Signs Mentoring program, and acting as a mentor to female undergraduates interested in careers in medicine through Creighton's American Medical Women's Association chapter. She is the secretary and fundraising co-chair for the Creighton University School of Medicine Class of 2020 Executive Council and is an active member of the School of Medicine Admissions Committee.

Megan Connolly

Megan is a fourth-year medical student. She received her bachelor's in biology from Truman State University, graduating summa cum laude. During her time at Creighton, she has been involved with the School of Medicine admissions committee, organizing the Global Health Conference Midwest and serving as a peer mentor. She is a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. She enjoys serving the Omaha community by volunteering to provide health care for the homeless at the Magis Clinic. After graduating, she plans to pursue a residency program in pediatrics.

Kelsey Guerins

Kelsey is a fourth-year medical student that will be going into pediatrics following graduation in May. She attended Gonzaga University for her undergraduate degree, which ignited her passion for service. At Creighton, she has served on the Pediatric Interest Group board, participated in Fit for Life teaching healthy lifestyle tips to elementary school students and American Medical Women's Association. She has also participated in a variety of volunteer activities, including Tar Wars, Body Basics and medical admissions for Creighton.

Juliana Kennedy

Juliana will graduate this spring and will do a pediatric residency. During her time at Creighton, she has been actively involved as a leader in Partners' Against Cancer, the American Medical Women's Association and the Pediatric Interest Group. Each organization has allowed opportunities for mentorship, wellness and service. As a fourth-year leadership TA, she helps to educate underclassmen to promote a patient-focused, inclusive leadership culture at Creighton. She has volunteered at the Magis Clinic to provide medical treatment to those in need in Omaha, and has also dedicated significant time to pediatric research in the field of child abuse and neglect.

Sonnie Lee

Sonnie is a third-year medical student who will graduate in May 2020. Sonnie's main involvements during medical school has been serving as a special events officer for the Magis Clinic, a free clinic based in the Jesuit values whose mission is to serve the underserved areas in Omaha, planning pediatric vaccination, diabetes, flu and foot clinics. Sonnie has also volunteered at other organizations in the Omaha community. Sonnie's areas of interest include psychiatry and pediatrics.

Jaclyn Lundberg

Jacy is a third-year medical student graduating with the Class of 2020. She is currently pursuing reconstructive plastic surgery. She participates in a variety of activities at Creighton, including mentorship coordinator for the Surgery Interest Group and vice president of the Otolaryngology Interest Group. She also volunteers at multiple different clinics, including St. Vincent de Paul Clinic, which provides health care to the underserved population in Phoenix.

Sarah Sanders

Sarah is a fourth-year medical student. She will be beginning a psychiatry residency in the summer of 2019. During her time at Creighton, she has been involved in the Creighton School of Medicine Advocates organization, the South Omaha Health Task Force and a student-run free health clinic. In addition, she enjoys participating in Creighton's Ignatian Wisdom Groups and Big Brothers Big Sisters as a mentor.

Erin Simmons

Erin is a third-year student and hopes to go into trauma surgery, neurosurgery or critical care anesthesia. During her time at Creighton, she has been involved in the Magis Clinic and Healing Gift, two free clinics that provide services to underserved populations in Omaha. She also served as president of the Journal Club for the Global Health Conference Midwest, serves as a mentor and tutor for first- and second-year medical students, and is involved in research, having published to Anesthesia & Orthopedic Surgery and Infectious Diseases.

Corina Vasquez

Corina is a third-year medical student. At Creighton, she has been involved in the YES Program as a homeless youth mentor, the Vital Signs Program as a mentor to her classmates, Building Healthy Futures Child Vision Collaborative, the Creighton Magis Health Clinic, and the medical fraternity Phi Rho. In addition, she is leading the foundation of the Latino Multicultural Student Association, an organization for Latino students pursuing careers in health care.

School of Pharmacy and Health Professions

Collin Amundson

Collin is a third-year pharmacy student. He is the regent of Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity and an officer of Creighton's Magis Clinic at the Siena/ Francis House. He is a chair of Operation Heart, a committee of Creighton's APHA-ASP that organizes the Black Family Health Fair and two interprofessional Patient Safety Competitions. He serves on Rho Chi's Fred Leroy Health Center committee, volunteers frequently to administer immunizations for Creighton pharmacy's Operation Immunization and enjoys serving in the Omaha community.

Emily Ann Brandt

Emily is a physical therapy student planning to graduate in May 2019. She has been a member of the Creighton University Student Physical Therapy Association and served as the treasurer for the Neurological Rehabilitation Organization. She earned the Physical Therapy Book Award and the John and Lydia Stohs Endowed Scholarship for her high academic achievement. She plans to attend the physical therapy ILAC program on the Dominican Republic. After graduation, she wants to pursue a career in neurologic physical therapy.

Jessica Cumber

Jessica is a third-year Doctor of Pharmacy student. She has been a class leader for all three years of school, currently serving as Distance Class of 2020 vice president. Jessica is also involved in a number of pharmacy organizations, serving as distance liaison for several of them. She has been active as a tutor for other pharmacy students for two years, and volunteers her time in her local community pharmacy, military spouse organizations, as well as when she visits Omaha in the summers for labs.

Hannah Ehresman

Hannah is a third-year occupational therapy student in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions. In addition to academics, she has been involved in various organizations and activities at Creighton including Phi Theta Epsilon Occupational Therapy honors society. She has also volunteered her time and expertise at the Creighton Rehabilitation Internal Summer Buddy Program. She currently serves as a student tutor, and is the treasurer for her cohort. She will graduate with a Doctorate in Occupational Therapy in May 2019.

Julia Els

Julia Els is a third-year occupational therapy student, and will graduate in the spring of 2019 with a Doctorate in Occupational Therapy. Her goal is to obtain a job in pediatric occupational therapy in hopes to provide holistic care to children who are medically complex. Throughout her time at Creighton, she has participated in many volunteer opportunities within the Omaha community. She served as the vice president for Phi Theta Epsilon, and has been an active member in CUSOTA, Jays 4 Peds and the Neurological Rehabilitation Organization.

John Guggenberger

John is a third-year pharmacy student. During his time at Creighton, he has been involved in many activities, including the Freshman Leadership Program, New Student Orientation and BlueCrew. He has participated in research through the Center for Interprofessional Education and Research. He serves as the vice president of the Student Society of Health System Pharmacy and is in his third term as the Pharmacy Campus Class of 2020 vice president. Throughout his time at Creighton, John has volunteered at the Jesuit Academy, Boys and Girls Club, and most recently the Magis Clinic at the Siena/Francis House.

Alex Jo

Alex is a third-year pharmacy student from California. He received his Bachelor of Science in pharmacological chemistry at the University of California San Diego before starting the pharmacy program at Creighton. During his time at Creighton he has interned during pharmacy school, been involved in multiple professional organizations, and currently serves as a pharmacy Magis Clinic Director.

Maria Kapral

Maria earned her B.S. in kinesiology and health sciences with a minor in psychology from the College of William and Mary. She is in the final year of her Doctor of Physical Therapy studies. At Creighton, she has been involved in student professional and volunteer organizations. She has served as tutor for other physical therapy students, is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and has received formal academic recognition while enrolled at Creighton. She hopes to continue her education through a Women's Health residency program and to apply the Jesuit values in her future career.

Eric Knight

Eric is a fourth-year physical therapy student and will graduate with a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree in May 2019. He has been involved in research as an undergraduate and graduate student, primarily focusing on return to sport testing following anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction surgery. He has been involved in service projects to help school children become more active and play with the importance bike and helmet safety in mind. He has also assisted with health screenings for individuals who have been experiencing homelessness.

Alyssa Rousseau

Alyssa is in her third and final year of the doctorate in occupational therapy program and will graduate in May 2019. She has been a leader of the Creative Occupations club and a member of Jays4Peds at Creighton. She is an active volunteer and leader in Lincoln, Nebraska, through her church's youth group and clothing distribution ministry, and the TeamMates Mentoring program. During her Doctoral Experiential Component, she will be developing an early intervention therapeutic camp, called Adam's Camp, for young children with special needs and their families that live in and around Lincoln.

Nicholas Van Peurse

Nicholas is fourth-year pharmacy student. During his time at Creighton, Nicholas has been involved in the Creighton Magis Clinic as a pharmacy director and a summer service trip to the Dominican Republic through the Institute for Latin American Concern. Following graduation, Nicholas intends to work in the community pharmacy setting.

Honorary Inductees

Michele Bogard, PhD

Michele Bogard, PhD, associate vice provost for student engagement in the Division of Student Life, began her career at Creighton in 2001 as a student activities coordinator. Since that time, she's been promoted five times while completing her PhD in education studies with a concentration in educational leadership and higher education. This highly regarded Creighton staff member thought she would be here for just one year, and 17+ years later she can't picture herself anywhere else. She's completed the Creighton Colleagues Program and Faculty Seminar, which encourage participants to dive deeper into the Jesuit values. Her colleagues tease that she's the divisional chaplain.

Committed to serving our community both on campus and in the Omaha area, Bogard's expertise and service to others has been recognized by administrators, colleagues and students, including receiving the St. Ignatius Award. She has mentored several Creighton staff members who have been promoted to higher positions, co-facilitated Ignatian Wisdom groups for students and served as a student leader's RCIA sponsor. She was instrumental in the strategic planning for the Division of Student Life, ensuring that goals and tactics align with the University strategic plan and Jesuit values. This can be seen in the recent debuts of the Creighton Comprehensive Student Record co-curricular transcript and the Creighton Cupboard on-campus food pantry. She has been tapped to be a Diversity and Inclusion Goal Steward for the University strategic plan.

Her campus service also includes working with the Committee on the Status of Women and being the Lieben Center for Women Advisory Board Chair. She's a graduate of the Omaha Police Department's Community Mini-Academy and served on the OPD Northeast Precinct Advisory Committee.

Mary Kunes-Connell, PhD, RN

Mary Kunes-Connell, PhD, RN, associate dean for academics, assessment, and accreditation for the College of Nursing, has contributed to the body of nursing knowledge via textbook publication, book chapters, articles and abstracts in refereed journals, and numerous international, national, and regional presentations related to both curriculum and her research in self-esteem disturbance. She has guided over 15 doctoral nursing students' scholarly projects. She played a major role in the development and implementation of the Care Management Process more than 10 years ago—the foundation for the College of Nursing curriculum at that time.

Kunes-Connell's commitment and loyalty to Creighton is unsurpassed. A 1977 Creighton alumna, she has spent (except for two years) her entire nursing career with the college, serving in numerous faculty, administrative and leadership positions, including chair of the Traditional BSN Program and associate dean for academic and clinical affairs. Currently, she is responsible for all undergraduate and accelerated academic programs on the Omaha, Hastings, and recently-added Phoenix campuses, as well as the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program. Her evaluation expertise has led to service as vice chair, and later chair, of Creighton's Internal Review Board, a Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education accreditation evaluator (four times as chair), and as a Higher Learning Commission consultant evaluator.

She has received the graduating student-selected nursing faculty of the year award twice, the Nebraska Nurses Association's Outstanding Achievement in Nursing award, and the Dean's Award for Faculty Excellence four times.

Neil Norton, PhD

Neil Norton, PhD, associate dean for admissions, School of Dentistry, and professor in the Department of Oral Biology, has demonstrated *Magis* in striving for excellence in his field of anatomy by the volume and intensity of his work as an anatomist, teacher and researcher; including numerous presentations, abstracts, book chapters, peer-reviewed articles, editorial service, and research grants. He has received over 20 teaching awards from Creighton dental students taking his Gross Anatomy, Head and Neck Anatomy, Human Neuroscience and Pain Control classes. Norton received the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Award for Teaching Achievement and the American Dental Education Association's GlaxoSmithKline Sensodyne Teaching Award, their highest national award.

As a person for others, he is known to care for all students and encourages all to do their very best. As Dental Admissions Committee member, he supported diversity throughout the admission process and made over 50 recruitment trips.

Norton's campus and professional service is exemplary: Dental School Faculty Council President; Creighton Faculty President; All-University Faculty Council secretary; Committee on Rank & Tenure chair; member of the Dental Admissions Committee, Athletic Board and Faculty Handbook and University Statutes Committee. He has been the University's Faculty Athletic Representative to the Missouri Valley Conference and BIG EAST Conference and an NCAA-selected Postgraduate Scholarship Committee representative. In 2015, he became the 17th President of the American Association of Clinical Anatomists.

Ron Quinn, BSBA'70, MBA'76

Ronald Quinn earned undergraduate and graduate business degrees at Creighton University and serves as executive vice president of Tenaska, Inc., in Omaha.

Following an early career in banking and energy, Quinn joined Tenaska as its financial officer in 1988, when Tenaska was a small start-up with fewer than 10 employees. Over the next 30 years, Tenaska's growth and success was phenomenal, as they built, owned and operated electric generating facilities; marketed and brokered natural gas and electricity; and in recent years, developed wind and solar projects. Today, Tenaska is one of the largest independent energy companies in the country and is ranked by Forbes as among the largest privately held U.S. companies.

Quinn and his Tenaska co-workers created a corporate culture that focuses on delivering value to customers, individual and team responsibility and personal accountability. He believes that every individual is accountable for making ethically responsible decisions. His core value is that we are all in the world to serve God and our fellow man to the best of our abilities. Quinn is a strong supporter of Jesuit education and the Ignatian charisms of *magis* and men and women for and with others, both of which he personally exemplifies.

Quinn gives time, talent and treasure to the community through a multitude of organizations, including Creighton University, where he serves the Board of Trustees as an advisor to the Investment Subcommittee; the Heider College of Business; the Business Ethics Alliance; Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce; St. Robert Bellarmine Parish; Duchesne Academy; Creighton Prep and Sheltering Tree, Inc. He and his wife, Teri, are also enthusiastic Jaybackers.



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