

*Alpha Sigma Nu*  
*Induction Program*

2009-2010 Inductees

Creighton University Chapter

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# **UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS**

## **COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

### **Anne M. Bautch**

Anne is a senior honors student with a double major in Political Science and Spanish. She is a member of both the Sigma Delta Pi National Spanish Honor Society and the National Residence Hall Honorary Society, which recognizes student excellence on campus. Anne has also served as the Resident Adviser for the Honors Scholars Community.

### **Jill M. Bronk**

Jill is a senior with a double major in Theology and English. She is a member of the Theta Alpha Kappa Theology Honor Society, and the Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society. She was involved with new student orientation as a Welcome Week leader for three years. Jill is currently active in the Creighton Center for Service and Justice as a leader in the Spring Break Service Trip program.

### **Diana Bruguera**

Diana is a senior majoring in Spanish and Hispanic Studies. She is active in Kappa Kappa Gamma and serves as the Student Art League president. She is a member of the Spanish Club and Sigma Delta Pi Spanish Honor Society. Diana teaches English to Guatemalan immigrants and recently spent a semester in the Dominican Republic, where she says she learned that

serving others is not simply helping, but empowering others, while learning about ourselves.

### **Corrie E. Caler**

Corrie is a junior majoring in Political Science. She serves as vice-president for membership on the College of Arts and Sciences Student Senate and also on the executive boards for the Order of Omega Greek Honor Society and the Delta Zeta Sorority. Corrie is an active member of Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. She has been involved with the Welcome Week program, serving as the former entertainment executive for the New Student Orientation Program and currently as a Co-Coordinator for Welcome Week 2010. She even helped organize a fashion show that raised over \$5000 for the March of Dimes Foundation.

### **Kaitlin L. Campbell**

Kaitlin is a junior honors student majoring in Biology. She has served as Decurion in the Ratio Studiorum Program and participates in Creighton's Model United Nations Team. She has conducted independent psychology and biology research and presented her research at multiple conferences. Kaitlin is also active in the Green Jays Sustainability Organization, sings in the Creighton Chamber Choir, and serves as secretary of the Gay-Straight Alliance.

### **Becky S. Davies**

Becky is a senior majoring in Biology. She was a member of both the Freshman Leadership Program and the Cortina Community and has been awarded FLP Woman of the Year. She has served as a Decurion in the Ratio

Studiorum Program and is a teaching assistant and tutor for biology. Becky also participated in the summer medical program in the Dominican Republic and is currently active in the Peace and Justice Coop, Campus Ministry, and the Spring Break Service Trip Program. She says the Jesuit ideals have become part of her life here and she plans to use them as a guide for the rest of her journey

### **Catherine A. Dinkins**

Catherine is a junior, double majoring in Biology and Spanish. She has served on the Creighton Students Union (CSU) Program Board and has participated in both fall and spring break service trips. She currently serves on the executive team of the Delta Zeta Sorority, tutors high school students with Classic Upward Bound, volunteers weekly at Children's Hospital and Medical Center, and is a member of both the Phi Sigma Biological Sciences Honor Society and the Order of Omega Greek Honor Society. She will be participating in the Institute of Latin American Concern (ILAC) summer program in the Dominican Republic and serving as a Decurion for the Ratio Studiorum Program. She says Creighton has helped to foster the development of her greatest passions—academics, the Spanish language, and service to others.

### **David W. Gaustad**

David is a senior majoring in Theology and a member of Theta Alpha Kappa Theology Honor Society. He is currently serving his second consecutive year as the resident advisor for the Cortina Community and is a coordinator for the Spring Break Service Trip program. He has interned for Senator Ben Nelson for the past year.

David also serves on the Creighton University Integrity Council and volunteers with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Midlands.

### **Rebecca M. Harvey**

Becca is a junior honors student majoring in Justice and Society. She is a member of Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity. She leads a Weekly Service site through the CCSJ, teaches English as a second language and volunteers at the Salvation Army. She is also involved in Spring Break Service Trips, coordinating this year to Wheeling, WV. She enjoys studying environmental issues and is minoring in Environmental Policy. Last year, Becca studied in the Dominican Republic, where she says solidarity with the poor first began to take a hold on her. Hoping to be a woman living for and with others, she says she is inspired by her faith to live a life that does justice.

### **Ana R. Heck**

Ana is a junior majoring in Philosophy and Spanish and Hispanic Studies. She is a member of the Honors Program and currently serves as a Student Coordinator of Weekly Service, leading other students to tutor English as a second language through the Creighton Center for Service and Justice. Last year Ana spent a semester studying in the Dominican Republic with Creighton's Encuentro Dominicano program. While there, she taught in an elementary school, participated in several service immersion experiences, and was able to help bring water to her host family. This past fall she was a Decurion in the Ratio Studiorum Program.

## **Cameron W. Hinkson**

Cameron is a senior majoring in International Relations. He spent a semester in the Dominican Republic and a summer in Washington interning with Senator Hagel. He has traveled to Mexico and Canada with Creighton's Model United Nations. Cameron has been a volunteer with Campfire USA, a teacher of English as a Second Language, an intern with Voices for Children, and a companion with Alzheimer's patients at a nursing home. He has served as a mentor for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program and has helped with the Freshman Leadership Program.

## **Maureen A. Lodoen**

Maureen is a junior with a major in Advertising and a minor in English. She serves as the president of the Student Ministry Team, vice-president of Creighton Students for Life, and as a scene reporter for the Creightonian. Maureen is also involved with the Chamber Choir and the Music Ministry. She has volunteered as a group leader at the Encounter Retreat.

## **Rachel E. Mans**

Rachel graduated in December 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, along with a minor in Theater. As an undergraduate, she served as editor-in-chief of Creighton's literature and arts publication *Shadows*, acted in plays hosted by the Department of Fine and Performing Arts, and was a Decurion for the Ratio Studiorum Program. She has volunteered her time with the Ted E. Bear Hollow Grief Organization. Rachel hopes to pursue a Master of Fine Arts Degree in Creative Writing.

## **Brian A. Martens**

Brian is a senior majoring in Classics, Classical Languages, and Art History. Under funding provided by the Bisenius Summer Research Scholarship and the Honors Program, he spent nearly a year abroad in Athens, completing research on ancient depictions of the healing deity, Asklepios. Brian has also participated in the prestigious American School of Classical Studies excavations of the Ancient Athenian Agora for the last two summers and will return this upcoming summer. Recently, he was selected as a finalist for the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship. Brian has taken on several leadership positions in many organizations, including the College Democrats, the Nebraska Democratic Youth Caucus, Inter-Residence Hall Government, Student Senate, Magis Ambassadors, the Eta Sigma Phi Classics Honor Society, and the Ratio Studiorum Program.

## **Brittany N. Mascio**

Brittany is a junior majoring in Journalism with a Concentration in Public Relations. She is active in the Creighton Students Union Program Board, Public Relations Student Society of America, and the Blue Crew. Brittany also serves as vice-president of Philanthropy for the Pi Beta Phi sorority. In her free time, she volunteers with the Girl Scout program at Kellom Elementary

## **Margaret M. McGlynn**

Margaret is a senior Biology major at Creighton. During her collegiate career, Margaret has been dedicated to service. She recently started a nonprofit organization called NETwork Against Malaria. This organization raises money to purchase malaria bed nets for women and

children in Uganda. To date NETwork has sent 2,400 malaria nets to Uganda.

### **Hannah M. Novoa**

Hannah has been an active participant on and off Creighton's campus. She is a weekly volunteer at Creighton University Medical Center and is a member of Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity. Hannah belongs to the Cortina Community and has been active in service trips with the CCSJ. Hannah is a Spanish and Biology Major and recently studied abroad in Spain. She also spent six weeks in the Dominican Republic this past summer that she says, "allowed her to combine her passion for serving others with her interests in biology and Spanish."

### **Tara N. Oltman**

Tara is a senior with a major in English. Tara has been a member of the Creighton softball team for four years at Creighton. She has been named All-American and Academic All-American. Although Tara dedicates much of her time to softball and academics, she is able to find time for volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, the Sienna Francis House, Jays in the Classroom, and the Just Read Program. Tara is also a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

### **Nicholas A. Quinn**

Nick is a pre-med senior with a major in Biochemistry and minors in Mathematics, Business, and Biological Physics. This year he currently serves as the seminar executive for the Freshmen Leadership Program, and has been involved in the program for the past three years as



well. He has held executive positions in the Summer Preview Orientation Program, Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and the Ski and Snowboard Club. He is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, Eta Sigma Phi, and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Also Nick has participated in several retreats through Campus Ministry, most recently serving as coordinator for the Encounter Retreat.

### **Allison R. Showalter**

Allison is a senior Physics major from Altoona, IA. Her research through the Physics department has focused on the nature of quasar outflows using infrared spectroscopy. She recently presented her research to the American Astronomical Society in Washington, DC. She participates in the Creighton Center for Service and Justice's Spring Break Service Trip Program. She has also participated in weekly service at Assumption-Guadalupe School in Omaha and the Crisis Center of the Child Saving Institute in Omaha. With members of the Cortina Community, she serves at Pixan Ixim's English Literacy Learning Program.

## **COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

### **Hannah L. Etnyre**

Hannah is a senior majoring in Accounting and Economics. She is president of the Beta Alpha Psi Accounting Honor Society and is a member of the Anna Tyler Waite Leadership Program, as well as the Beta Gamma Sigma, an international business honor society. Hannah was a part of the Creighton Business Symposium Team and served as a Decurion for the Ratio Studiorum Program. She has participated in various philanthropic

events hosted by student organizations, coordinated events with Catholic Charities, and has helped with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program the past two years, completing income tax returns for low-income individuals in Omaha.

### **Alex N. Kron**

Alex is a senior majoring in Accounting and Finance. He is President of the Beta Gamma Sigma Business Honor Society, treasurer of both the Beta Alpha Psi accounting fraternity and the Phi Kappa Psi social fraternity, and is actively involved in the Anna Tyler Waite Business Leadership Program. Alex is a student in the portfolio practicum class that manages \$2 million of Creighton's endowment fund. He also has contributed tax services for Omaha's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program.

### **Taylor M. Lemke**

Taylor is a senior majoring in Accounting and Finance. He is president of the Interfraternity Council, brotherhood chair of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, and an active member of both the Anna Tyler Waite Leadership Program and the Beta Alpha Psi accounting fraternity. He is also a student in portfolio practicum class, which actively manages \$2 million of Creighton's endowment. Taylor has tutored at the Jesuit Middle School, started a reflection group for his fraternity, and participated in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program by filling out tax returns for low-income individuals in Omaha.

### **James P. Souza**

James is a junior Finance & Management major from Coeur d'Alene, ID. He is the vice-president of the Financial Management Association, the sponsorship chair

of the Creighton Business Symposium Team, and the risk manager of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He is also active in the Anna Tyler Waite Leadership Program and has coordinated numerous service trips through the Creighton Center for Service and Justice.

### **Rachel L. Spangler**

Rachel is a senior Accounting and Finance major from Eagan, MN. She has served as president of the Pi Beta Phi sorority and is a member of accounting fraternity Beta Alpha Psi. She was a member of the Cortina Community and served as a mentor in the Freshmen Leadership Program. She has also been involved in retreats through Creighton's Campus Ministry. Next year she will be working at accounting firm Ernst and Young in Minneapolis.

### **Courtney K. Tietjen**

Courtney is a senior Accounting and Finance major from Byron, NE. She is an active member of her sorority, Kappa Kappa Gamma, as well as a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. She is also a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, an international honor society for business students, and a level-four participant in the Anna Tyler Waite Leadership Program. Courtney is the community service liaison for Beta Alpha Psi, the accounting fraternity on campus. Through Beta Alpha Psi, she recently helped organize a service trip to Winnebago, NE, where volunteers helped complete tax forms for low income families

## **COLLEGE OF NURSING**

### **Kathy T. Daotay**

Kathy is a junior in the School of Nursing. She was recently awarded the prestigious Nursing Dean's Achievement Scholarship. Kathy has been actively involved in the Creighton School of Nursing Student Nurses Association, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Student Art League, and Hui-O-Hawaii Club. She volunteers with the elderly at Via Christe Assisted Living and also at the Queen Medical Hospital Center, and the Humane Society in her hometown. She has distinguished herself in the Peer2Peer Mentor program as a tutor for students in Student Support Services. On her first fall break service trip she volunteered at the Podel Center (Pilsen, IL) to teach English. On her second trip she volunteered at Siena Francis House and provided help to the homeless. She was recently awarded the Ambassador Award and the Magis Award. This summer she is participating in a ten-week nursing internship in Seattle, WA.

### **Megan E. Gombold**

Megan is a junior Nursing student. She is a former participant in both the Freshman Leadership Program and the Cortina Community. She has served as a chairperson on the executive board of the Inter Residence Hall Government and participated in a Spring Break Service Trip. Megan also volunteers regularly at the Omaha Children's Hospital. Following graduation, Megan would like to pursue a graduate degree to become a Nurse Practitioner. Inspired by her four siblings, who are all adopted from China, her greatest goal is to travel to China and use her knowledge and skills to provide medical care to children in orphanages across China.

## **Kylie A. Immethun**

Kylie is a senior in the School of Nursing. As a freshman, she received the Presidential Scholarship and she was recently inducted into Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society. She is active in the Student Ministry Team, Justice Walking, the Cortina Community, and Creighton Students for Life. Kylie has been involved in various service opportunities and trips through the Creighton Center for Service and Justice and was a volunteer in the Dominican Republic through the Institute of Latin American Concern (ILAC). She also volunteers at Precious Memories daycare and Lindenwood nursing home and she enjoys being involved in retreats though campus ministry.

## **Moira J. Knight**

Moira is a junior in the School of Nursing. She has been consistently on the Dean's List and was awarded several scholarships upon admission, including Creighton's Academic Scholarship and the Ignatian Leadership and Service Scholarship. Moira has served as a mentor for the Freshman Leadership Program. She has gone on and led service trips through the Creighton Center for Service and Justice. Each summer, she coordinates a trip to New Orleans to work with Operation Helping Hands to help rebuild homes. This summer, she will be participating in the Institute for Latin American Concern (ILAC) program, volunteering as a nurse in the clinics set up for the Dominican communities.

## **Mary C. Pomeranke**

Mary is a senior in the School of Nursing. Throughout her time at Creighton, Mary has been involved in Pi Beta Phi sorority, Song of Praise Choir, the Birdcage, and

intramurals. Besides her devotion to excel in academics and clinicals, Mary is passionate about service. She works with Hand-in-Hand, Creighton's Relay for Life supporting the American Cancer Society, has served as a Welcome Week Leader, and RSP Beadle for the Ratio Studiorum Program. Mary has been involved in Spring Break Service trips and volunteers with the Nebraska AIDS Project, Habitat for Humanity, and is a tutor at Kellom Elementar

### **Coleen E. Nelson**

Coleen is a Nursing major interested in working as a neonatal nurse. During her time at Creighton, she has been involved in the Nursing Senate and Pi Beta Phi sorority. Coleen traveled to the Dominican Republic this past summer with the Institute for Latin American Concern. She was also inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau international nursing honor society. She has participated in two service trips, one to New Orleans and the other to Okolona.

## **UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**

### **Daniel J. Kohler**

Daniel is a non-traditional senior in Creighton's accelerated program, majoring in English with an emphasis in Creative Writing. While working full time as a personal fitness trainer, his academic focus has been on creating poetry, fiction, and creative non-fiction suitable for publication. Daniel also serves on the selection staff of Creighton's literary magazine *Shadows* and won the prestigious Miniace Scholarship for Writers.

## **Mary E. McMahon**

Mary is a senior majoring in Organizational Communication. Mary works full-time at Creighton University. Mary's encouragement and support of other students' activities in the College of Business and her work in the Dean's office are praised by several faculty members at Creighton. Mary is active in her church and community. She began a book club inviting neighbors and faculty to participate. Mary has a commitment to life-long learning and a passion for education and service

## **PROFESSIONAL AND GRADUATE PROGRAMS**

### **SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY**

#### **David G. Bailey**

David is a fourth-year Dental student and is ranked first in his class of 86. He has been awarded the William S. Kramer Award of Excellence through the OKU National Dental Honors Society. In addition to spending time with his wife and two children, David volunteers at One World Community Clinic and has been involved in dental health programs for children in inner-city public schools in Omaha. He has also traveled to Brazil for a service mission and the Dominican Republic for a dental mission. David will be specializing in pediatric dentistry and will begin his post-doctorate residency at Salt Lake City Primary Children's Hospital this July.

#### **Luke A. McMahon**

Luke is a third-year Dental student. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from St. John's University (MN). He serves as junior class president and the philanthropy

chair for Creighton's American Student Dental Association. In this role, he has coordinated Red Cross blood drives, the annual Turkey Fundraising Drive for families in Omaha, Toys for Tots, and the Smile Miles 5k Fun Run to raise money for clinic services at Creighton. He also volunteers at One World Dental Clinic. Luke is a tutor in histology and dental anatomy and has participated in research presentations for the Nebraska Dental Association and the American Association of Clinical Anatomists. In his free time, Luke participates in triathlons and participated in the Half-Ironman in the fall of 2009.

### **Kyle D. Smith**

Kyle is a third-year Dental student from Bellevue, NE. He is a recipient of the Dental School Dean's Scholarship. Kyle serves as vice-president of the Dental Student Union and is an active member of the Student National Dental Association. This summer, he will be participating in Creighton's Institute for Latin American Concern (ILAC) in the Dominican Republic.

## **GRADUATE SCHOOL**

### **Starlette J. Dossou**

Starlette is a fourth-year Graduate student pursuing a Ph.D. in the Biomedical Sciences. She received her undergraduate degree in Biology with a minor in Chemistry from The College of Saint Mary. She graduated with *Summa Cum Laude* honors and was nominated for the Spirit of CSM Award. While at Creighton, she has served as the chair for Service Committee for the Graduate School Government and is currently serving as the Creighton Students Union representative for the



Graduate Student Government. Starlette received first place for her poster in the American Society of Cell Biology Minority Affairs Committee Poster Competition and has been awarded the Carl Storm Underrepresented Minority Fellowship Travel Award.

### **Rianne D. Hoos**

Rianne is a Graduate student pursuing a Master of Science in Educational Leadership – Administration. She is in her second year of the Magis Catholic Teacher Corps through Creighton University. Through this program, she has dedicated her time to teaching at Our Lady of Lourdes, an under-resourced Catholic school in Omaha, where she is serving and supporting her community of fellow teachers, taking an active role in her school parish community, and strengthening her Catholic Christian faith through her spiritual journey with the Magis community members.

### **Jennifer A. Kennedy-Croft**

Jennifer is a Graduate student completing a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies. She is an active member of the Sustainability Council and has led a service adventure for Campus Ministry to provide greenery and to plant shrubs and flowers with the students at Omaha Public Schools' alternate center, the Integrated Learning Program Building. Jennifer is a mentor for the TeamMates Program that inspires youth to reach their full potential. She regularly serves meals at Mohm's Shelter in Council Bluffs and participates in Homeless Connect each year. For the past three years, she has served on the steering committee for Kicks for a Cure, which is a soccer event that raises awareness for women's cancer education and research.

## **Richard J. Jizba**

Richard is a Graduate student pursuing a Master of Arts in Theology. For the past twenty years, he has worked at the Creighton University Health Sciences Library. Going beyond practicing what he preaches, Richard has become a Deacon for the Catholic Church. He also serves as a substitute Chaplain at Creighton University Medical Center. He and his wife coordinate and facilitate small group encounters at their parish

## **Daniel D. Lydiatt**

Dr. Lydiatt is a third-year Graduate student in the Masters in Liberal Studies program. Under the guidance of the Classics Department, his work has centered on the translation of anatomical studies published in Latin in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Daniel is the senior partner of a head and neck surgery practice at Methodist Hospital, where he also serves as the Medical Director of the Methodist Cancer Center. He is involved in many professional societies, participating as a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and serving on the board of directors for the American Cancer Society. He volunteers every year in *pro bono* head and neck cancer screenings at both UNMC and Methodist Hospital.

## **Brook A. Matthews**

Brook, from Blair, NE, is a senior pursuing her Master of Business Administration. She has been a long-time volunteer for the American Heart Association, helping set up a program for high school girls. She and her fiancé have also set up a fund to provide stipends to artists and performers in honor of their upcoming wedding and in memory of her late brother. She graduated *cum laude* from the University of Arkansas and has maintained a 4.0

through her MBA program. Brook is a former Miss Nebraska and a member of the Junior League of Omaha

### **Katie E. McDonald**

Katie is a Graduate student in nursing pursuing her Master's Degree in Nursing. She is currently a Clinical Nurse Specialist student in the neonatal specialty and will graduate this May. Katie is active in her church and works for bereavement support. She serves on the Graduate School of Nursing Evaluation Committee and is a founding board member of a memorial scholarship foundation.

### **Anand R.J. Pereira, S.J.**

Rev. Anand Pereira, S.J., has served in the Northeast of India for nearly fifteen years, is pursuing his Master's Degree in Counselor Education. He was the Director of the Center for Integral Development, a non-profit organization addressing issues in social justice. During his tenure, he focused on the empowerment of women and youth. Anand also served as coordinator for Jesuit Youth Ministry in Northeast India and served as Director of the Pastoral Training Center there training lay people for leadership in the church. Anand was also principal of a high school and dean of a teacher training college. He has served as a pastor in various parishes where he has focused on an all-around formation of the parishioners. Presently, Anand is serving as associate pastor at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Omaha, and chaplain for the Magis program at Creighton.

### **Joyce K. Sasse**

Joyce, from Omaha, became Creighton's first recipient of the Doctorate of Nursing Practice in December. While

maintaining her private practice, she accumulated 375 hours of supervised practice in addition to authoring a paper for an academic journal. Joyce has worked *pro bono* for two years with state legislators, nursing associations, and others before the Nebraska Unicameral to promote legislation allowing nurse practitioners to better serve rural patients with mental illnesses.

### **Briana L. Scott**

Briana received her Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science from Creighton in 2006 and her Master of Science degree in Clinical Anatomy from Creighton in 2009. She has served as the president of the Creighton Clinical Anatomists where she was the head of various outreach activities, including Young Surgeons—a program at Lothrop Science and Technology Magnet Center for children interested in medicine. She is currently teaching in the Department of Exercise Science at Creighton and is a teaching assistant in medical gross anatomy and neuroanatomy. She will begin medical school in August and is interested in pursuing a career in surgery.

### **Stuart G. Zimmerman**

Stuart, from Omaha, earned his Master of Business Administration degree from Creighton in December. He is also currently the senior director in Creighton's Enterprise Applications Department. He has previously held the positions of IT Manager and Programmer Analyst at Creighton. He is an inductee of the Beta Gamma Sigma business honor society. Stuart delivered the benediction at his MBA Investiture Ceremony. He is a proud father of two.

## **SCHOOL OF LAW**

### **Colleen E. McGarry**

Colleen, a third-year Law student, received her Bachelor of Arts from Creighton University. In Law School, Colleen has been active in the Creighton Law Review as a lead articles editor, the Loan Repayment Assistance Program, and in the Environmental Law Society. She also serves as president of the Public Interest Law Forum. Colleen has worked as a research assistant for her law professors during the school year and this past summer worked as a summer associate for Husch Blackwell Sanders. Colleen is passionate about her involvement in the Jesuit Volunteers Corps and has participated in the law school's immersion trip to the Dominican Republic

### **David M. Newman**

David, a third-year Law student, graduated with an Associate of Arts Degree from Kemper Military School before transferring to Creighton and graduating in 2001 with a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies. After graduation, David served seven years as an Infantry Officer and Military Intelligence Officer in the United States Army, and continues to serve in the Army Reserves. His deployments included Germany, South Korea, and the Middle East. While in law school, David represented the school in several regional moot court and mock trial competitions, and serves a president of the Federalist Society Chapter. He volunteers with his son's YMCA sports teams and Cub Scouts.

## **Patrice D. Ott**

Patrice, a third-year Law student, received her Master of Arts from Texas Tech University and her Bachelor of Arts from Creighton University. During her time at Creighton Law School, Patrice has served as senior lead articles editor for Creighton University Law Review and as vice-president of judges for the 2009 Intraschool Moot Court Competition. Patrice represented the School of Law as a member of the National Moot Court Team, the International Trademark Association Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Team, and the AAJ Trial Team. Patrice will graduate in May and has accepted an associate position with Koley Jessen.

## **SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**

### **Anne B. Haugen**

Anne is a fourth-year Medical student with an undergraduate degree from Georgetown University. She is a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society as well as the Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society. Here in Omaha, she has been involved with the Magis Clinic at the Siena-Francis house, a student-run medical clinic providing free healthcare to individuals who are homeless.

### **Carolyn M. Green**

Carolyn is a fourth-year Medical student with an undergraduate degree from Creighton in Biology. She has presented posters at several medical conferences, has received the Creighton University Superior Scholastic Achievement Award, and is a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. Carolyn led a group

of medical students on a service immersion trip to Peru, and she has been involved with Abre los Ojos, gathering eyeglasses to send to the Dominican Republic. She has also volunteered with the Healthy Families Program and the Magis clinic.

### **Brittany L. Willer**

Brittany is a fourth-year Medical student from Omaha. She serves as co-president of Creighton's chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha National Medical Honor Society, and as president of Phi Rho Sigma, a National Medical Society dedicated to philanthropy and education. She has volunteered at the Magis Clinic, a student-run health clinic for Omaha's indigent population, and she has tutored junior medical students. She has presented her research in esophageal surgery at several national conferences, including the American College of Surgeons. She received the Medical Dean's Educational Assistance Scholarship and the Nebraska Medical Foundation's Leadership Scholarship. Brittany will be pursuing a career in thoracic and esophageal surgery and begins her surgery residency this summer.

## **SCHOOL OF PHARMACY AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

### **Anthony J. Allee**

Anthony is a fourth-year Pharmacy student. He is a member of several pharmacy associations, including the Rho-Chi Pharmaceutical Honor Society and the Phi Lambda Sigma Pharmacy Leadership Society. In 2009, he was awarded the Pharmacy and Health Professions Student Government Leadership Award and the Omicron Delta Kappa Outstanding Student Leader Award. He has

served in the Dominican Republic for a clinical rotation and is a member of the Sacred Heart Freedom Choir.

### **Cassandra R. Chalker**

Cassandra is a senior Physical Therapy student in the College of Pharmacy and Health Professions. She has served as the service vice-president for Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity and has volunteered at the Children's Hospital, the Siena-Francis House, and Project Homeless Connect Omaha. Cassandra is passionate to develop her mind and skills and says she "strives to serve patients, families, and the campus and community of Creighton."

### **Kristin M. Leighton**

Kristin is an Occupational Therapy student from Apple Valley, MN. She served as vice-president and historian of the Creighton University Student Occupational Therapy Association and was active in the American Occupational Therapy Association. She has organized service projects for occupational therapy students, such as the Rebuilding Together Program. She has been involved in the Healthy Families Project, teaching and leading educational sessions for Hispanic children and families. Kristin is a member of Pi Theta Epsilon, a national occupational therapy honor society and Omicron Delta Kappa, a leadership honor society.

### **Jamie M. Pomeroy**

Jamie, a third-year Pharmacy student, received her undergraduate degree in Zoology at the University of California at Davis. Since being accepted into the School of Pharmacy, she has been a recipient of the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions Scholarship for the past three years. In 2008, Jamie was awarded the



Pharmacist Mutual Scholarship and last year was awarded the Arthur W. and Edna W. Jensen Scholarship. She is also a select member of Rho Chi National Pharmacy Honor Society serving as co-chairperson of the tutoring committee. Jamie has also been a volunteer for the Mission for All Nations food bank and serves as the community service liaison for her Pharmacy Distance Class

### **Stacy K. Pladera**

Stacy, a fourth-year Physical Therapy student, is a 2007 graduate of Creighton University with a major in Exercise Science. Stacy has participated in several service projects and has volunteered with both the campus community and in the Omaha area. Stacy keeps busy in the community and on campus through the Office of Inter-professional Scholarship, Service and Education, and the Office of Academic and Student Affairs. For the past four years, she has been involved with a non-profit organization that strives to “Celebrate the abilities of children with disabilities.” She has served a local family in need with *pro bono* service and also as a teaching assistant in an anatomy lab for the first year of physical therapy students. She has remained on the Dean’s list throughout her professional school education and is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, a leadership honor society.

### **Therese M. Ronkar**

Therese is a fourth-year Physical Therapy student from Columbus, NE. She has served as secretary of physical therapy for the Pediatrics Club and is a member of Creighton University Student American Physical Therapy Association and the American Physical Therapy Association. Therese volunteers at Children’s Respite

Care Center, Monroe Meyer School, Children's Hospital, the Healthy Families Program, and serves local families in need of *pro-bono* physical therapy services. She has remained on the Dean's list for high scholarship throughout her undergraduate and graduate education, as well as being a recipient of the Book Award and the Rehab Visions Developing Clinician Award.

### **Emily M. Simpson**

Emily, a fourth-year Physical Therapy student graduated *magna cum laude* from Creighton with a major in Theology in 2007. Emily has volunteered with the Institute for Latin American Concern where she spent a summer setting up health clinics in the Dominican Republic. In Omaha, she has participated in various physical therapy projects through Creighton and in the community. She has been involved as a teaching assistant in anatomy lab and as a tutor to first-year physical therapy students. Emily served as the treasurer of Creighton University Student American Physical Therapy Association and has remained on the Dean's list throughout her undergraduate and graduate education.

### **Courtney E. Whallon**

Courtney is a third-year student from Olathe, KS, pursuing a Doctorate of Occupational Therapy. She has been on the Dean's honor List for eight semesters as both an undergraduate and graduate student. She was a member of the pre-Occupational Therapy Club before becoming president as a graduate student. She is the vice-president of Pi Theta Epsilon, the occupational therapy honor society. She has been an active member in both the Student Occupational Therapy Association and in service activities through the Pre-Occupational Therapy Club and at Children's Mercy Hospital.

## ASN HONORARY INDUCTEES

### **Fr. Raymond A. Bucko, S.J.**

Fr. Ray Bucko, S.J. is Creighton's "wise man from the east." Either that, or he's Creighton's "wise guy from New Jersey!" Ray's interest in anthropology has taken him around the world several times. He has not only studied many cultures but has made a considerable number of friends across the globe. From Vancouver to the Pine Ridge Reservation, from Micronesia to Africa, from India to scores of American universities, many and different peoples know his hearty laugh and offbeat sense of humor.

He focuses his broad interest right here at Creighton by serving the Native American students with gusto and an infectious hospitality. Whether at home or abroad, Fr. Bucko has distinguished himself as a welcoming and 'loyal servant' to many.

Ray discovered his interest in Native Americans as a young Jesuit scholastic teaching on the Pine Ridge Reservation, S.D., 35 years ago. Since then he has compiled a large body of scholarly work and a worldwide interest in native cultures, and he has cultivated a breadth of opportunities to consult with other professionals. Ray serves as chair of the Sociology and Anthropology department and Program Director of Native American Studies at Creighton University.

Fr. Bucko continues research on his photographic biography of Fr. Eugene Buechel, S.J. He is also preparing an annotated version of Fr. Buechel's ethnographic notes on the Lakota of Pine Ridge and Rosebud for publication with Raymond J. DeMallie. Finally, he is preparing an article on the war charms in Fr. Buechel's ethnographic collection and continues to improve the Buechel Memorial Lakota Museum virtual museum as a source for scholarly research.

Fr. Bucko is an outstanding model of a Creighton Jesuit faculty member, and the alumni chapter of ASN at Creighton University is proud to nominate him for honorary membership.

Sponsored by *Rev. Roc O'Connor, S.J.*  
*Rector of the Jesuit Community at Creighton University*  
*Associate Pastor, St. John's*  
*Instructor, Theology Department*

### **Dr. Andrew B. Gustafson, Ph.D.**

Dr. Andrew Gustafson has shown in his five years at Creighton exemplary dedication to teaching, to service, and to the betterment of humanity in Omaha. He exemplifies Jesuit ideals wonderfully.

Dr. Gustafson is Associate Professor of Business Ethics and Society in the College of Business Administration. After completing his Bachelor's Degree at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Dr. Gustafson attained Master's Degrees in Christian Thought at Trinity and in Philosophy at Fordham. He received the doctoral degree at Marquette and came to Creighton in 2005.

Dr. Gustafson is hands down among the favorite instructors in the Business School. He is quoted as saying, "Being able to teach requires not just speaking and knowing what you are talking about, but listening to your students, so that you know who it is that you are speaking to." Dr. Gustafson is dedicated to making students understand how philosophy and ethics apply to business, science and art. His passion for teaching ethical principles is obvious in the classroom. Not only are his lectures stimulating, but he has a way with using real-life examples, with a slight —or sometimes heavy—dose of humor. One of his colleagues finds him "completely service oriented in accord with our Jesuit tradition."

Although Dr. Gustafson brings much to the classroom,

his character has him serving beyond the campus. He leads a Bible study group with the poor and addicted. His favorite hobby has him “house-flipping”—completely reconstructing down-trodden homes in poorer areas of Omaha into livable buildings. In the process, he employs local homeless and chronically impaired individuals. Once these buildings are completed, Dr. Gustafson assists renters in keeping a permanent home. He has also opened up his own home for rent to those in need of a fresh start.

The student chapter of ASN at Creighton University is proud to nominate Dr. Andrew Gustafson for honorary membership.

*Sponsored by Laura Meade, College Business  
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and president of the Student Chapter of Alpha Sigma Nu*

### **Dr. Bridget M. Keegan, Ph.D.**

If one were try to capture the term “magis”—or “the more”—as applied to Creighton University, one would need look no further than Dr. Bridget Keegan. Bridget has been a shining star of the College of Arts and Science’s faculty since her arrival at Creighton in 1996 as an Assistant Professor. She has authored over 70 publications and made scores of presentations to both specialist and generalist audiences in her field of comparative literature. She has taught about two-dozen different undergraduate courses in the English department and another eight graduate level courses.

On top of all of this she has served on countless crucial committees, served with distinction as an Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and is one of the few people at Creighton ever to have chaired two different departments: her “home” department of English as well as filling in this year as chair of the Modern Languages &

Literatures Department, something her fluency in French well equips her to do. She has won both teaching and scholarship awards. “More” indeed.

Of course, at a place like Creighton, and with induction into Alpha Sigma Nu, we recognize something more than mere accumulation of credentials. Bridget is truly a woman for others. She is a caring and demanding teacher who takes a great interest in her students. She is also devoted to her family that recently welcomed a new daughter. She lives out the mission of Creighton University each and every day.

For all of her many accomplishments and personal qualities, it is a pleasure and a rare honor to induct Dr. Bridget Keegan as an honorary member of Alpha Sigma Nu.

Sponsored by *Professor Patrick J. Borchers, Vice President  
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and Professor, School of Law*

### **Dr. Robert R. Recker, M.D., M.A.C.P., F.A.C.E.**

Dr. Robert Recker is a 1963 graduate of the Creighton University School of Medicine, and Director of the Creighton University Osteoporosis Research Center. He is an internationally recognized expert in the field of metabolic bone disease and osteoporosis. His 40-plus year career as physician-scientist includes laboratory and clinical research, teaching, patient care, and professional leadership. He is past governor of the Nebraska Chapter of the American College of Physicians and past president of the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research. He is past chair of the NIH Orthopedic Study Section. Dr. Recker is an Associate Editor of BONE, serves on the editorial boards of several medical journals, and is a journal referee for all the leading medical and research

publications in the field. He is president of the National Osteoporosis Foundation, serves on its Board of Trustees and chairs its Research Grants Subcommittee. His list of professional publications includes more than 400 original papers, chapters, and monographs. Besides these activities, Dr. Recker maintains a clinical and teaching practice.

In summary, Dr. Robert Recker is an outstanding model of a Creighton graduate, and a remarkable example of a Creighton faculty member. The alumni chapter of ASN at Creighton University is proud to nominate him for honorary membership.

Sponsored by *Terry M. Wilwerding, MSed, MS, DDS*  
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