

Creighton University School of Law

2021

Conferral of Doctoral Hoods and Commencement Ceremony

WAYNE AND EILEEN RYAN ATHLETIC CENTER
MAY 13, 2021



Mission Statement

At Creighton School of Law, our mission is to provide the men and women of our student body intellectual challenge, academic rigor and an opportunity to develop a foundation of moral values for lifelong service in the law, to offer an environment to our faculty which encourages personal growth and scholarly achievement and to continue our long-established tradition of service to the Bar and citizens of the community.



Order of Exercises

PROCESSION

MACE BEARER

Mardell A. Wilson, EdD, RDN
Provost

GRAND MARSHAL'S OPENING REMARKS

Mardell A. Wilson, EdD, RDN
Provost

INVOCATION

Rev. Nicholas J. C. Santos, SJ, PhD
Rector

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD
President

PRESENTATION OF THE ROBERT F. KENNEDY MEMORIAL AWARD FOR TEACHING ACHIEVEMENT

Mardell A. Wilson, EdD, RDN
Provost

Presented to
Kelly K. Dineen, RN, JD, PhD
*Associate Professor of Law
Director, Health Law Program*

DEAN'S REMARKS

Joshua P. Fershée, JD
Dean and Professor of Law

SENIOR CLASS SPEAKER AND PRESENTATION OF THE ERIC PEARSON OUTSTANDING FACULTY MEMBER AWARD

Eric M. Hagen
Class of 2021

HOODING INVESTITURE

**Eric Pearson Outstanding
Faculty Member Award Recipient**

BOARD AUTHORIZATION

Presented by
Rev. Nicholas J. C. Santos, SJ, PhD
Rector

DEGREE CONFERRAL STATEMENT

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD
President

TURNING OF THE TASSEL

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD
President

Members of the Class of 2021

Mohamed Issa Abdullahi

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Utah Valley University; BA 2016

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Honolulu, Hawaii
Whitworth University; BA 2018

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Omaha, Nebraska
Bellevue University; BS 2018

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cum laude
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University of Nebraska–Omaha; BA 2016

Krysta Rose Applegate Hampton

magna cum laude
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University of Nebraska–Lincoln; BS 2016

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Gonzaga University; BA 2017

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Pepperdine University; BA 1995
University of Southern California;
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Regis University; BA 2018

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Boulder, Colorado
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Wartburg College; BA 2017

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Saint Louis University; BA 2018

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* MS in Government Organization
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† MS in Negotiation and Conflict Resolution
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University of Dubuque; BA 2018

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University of Nebraska—Lincoln; BS 2017

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magna cum laude
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Lees-McRae College; BS 2012

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cum laude
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William Jewell College; BS 2010

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Ateneo de Manila University; BA 2014

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cum laude
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University of Nebraska—Omaha; BA 2017

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*Scottsdale, Arizona
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*Mission Hills, California
Thomas Edison State University; BA 2017*

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*Omaha, Nebraska
University of Nebraska–Lincoln; BA 2018*

Marcus Paul Hytrek

*Stuart, Nebraska
Creighton University; BA 2017*

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*Omaha, Nebraska
University of Nebraska–Omaha;
BS 2009
University of Nebraska Medical Center;
MPH 2012*

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BS 2017*

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*Sidney, Iowa
University of Iowa; BA 2014*

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California Polytechnic State University–
San Luis Obispo; BA 2017*

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University of Montana Western; BA 2017*

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*Albuquerque, New Mexico
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Creighton University; BS 2015
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Mason City, Iowa
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Indianola, Iowa
Buena Vista University; BA 2019

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Grand Canyon University; BA 2017

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Rasmussen College; BS 2016

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University of North Dakota–Grand Forks;
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Omaha, Nebraska
Johns Hopkins University; BA 1993
University of Nebraska Medical Center;
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Grace University; BS 2012
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El Paso, Texas
University of Richmond; BA 2018

Eryn Herbert Perry

Phoenix, Arizona
University of Louisiana at Lafayette;
BS 2013

Sydney Pontius-Maynes^c

Corning, Iowa
University of Iowa; BS 2017

Tyler J. Pribramsky

Omaha, Nebraska
University of Arizona; BS 2016

Rachel Renee Raymond

Omaha, Nebraska
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Clayton, New Mexico
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Colorado Technical University; BS 2016

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West Des Moines, Iowa
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Mark Takao Shimizu

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Creighton University; BS 2013

Elizabeth Ann Shudak

Council Bluffs, Iowa
Iowa State University; BS 2017

Justice A. Simanek*

cum laude
Morse Bluff, Nebraska
University of Nebraska–Omaha; BS 2018

Jailey Renee Simpson

Treynor, Iowa
Iowa State University; BS 2018

Kyle Rathmann Smith*

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Arizona State University; BA 2017

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Creighton University; BSBA 2019

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Doane University; BA 2018

Chelsea Leigh Stensgaard

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cum laude
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University of Nebraska–Omaha; BS 2018

Zachary M. Stover

Evergreen, Colorado
University of Colorado Boulder; BA 2018

Lauren Ashley Suchan

Omaha, Nebraska
Northwest Missouri State University;
BS 2014

Taylor M. Swift

Fayetteville, Arkansas
University of Arkansas; BA 2018

Wolfgang Mateus Tattenbach

Omaha, Nebraska
University of Minnesota–Minneapolis;
BA 2015

Jacob Scott Walker

cum laude
Thornton, Colorado
Colorado State University; BA 2018

Kyle Allen Weber

Earlham, Iowa
Northwest Missouri State University;
BS 2016

Taylor John Wemhoff*

La Vista, Nebraska
University of Nebraska–Kearney;
BS 2017

Ashley Christine Xiques<

Elkhorn, Nebraska
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Academic Dress

The scholastic dress worn at academic ceremonies is a customary practice which dates back to the Middle Ages when people dressed according to class distinction. The clergy was the literate class, thus, the dress worn by scholars was that of the church – gowns. Hoods were also worn because the buildings where scholars lived and studied were often cold.

The academic dress worn today by the graduating law students and the faculty members identifies the institution from which they received, or will receive, their degrees and also the nature of the degrees received.

The gowns worn by today's Juris Doctor degree candidates are black, and are marked by three horizontal velvet bars on each sleeve. The greatest degree of symbolism, however, is shown by the hood. The doctor's hood has a purple velvet border marking the law degree received, and is lined with blue and white, the colors of Creighton University. Similarly, the colors of the gowns and the colors of the hoods worn by the faculty mark the institution from which they received their degrees.

Credo of Creighton

Creighton, a Jesuit, Catholic university, is convinced that the hope of humanity is in the ability of men and women to seek truths and values essential to human life. Creighton aims to lead all of its members in discovering and embracing the challenge of using their intelligence and freedom in a way that values all persons. We therefore profess, and pledge our commitment to, the following creed:

We believe in God, our loving Creator.

We believe each person, created in God's image, is called to be God's child, and therefore possesses intrinsic value as a human being. This includes all persons and excludes any form of discrimination.

We believe that the deepest purpose of each person is to enrich and share life through love and reverence for the human community. This motivates our open and continuous pursuit of truth. For this reason, we foster reverence for life in all of its human potential.

We believe in supporting all persons in their responsible contributions to the community through family, social interactions and all life endeavors.

We believe that we must strive for a human community based on justice, mutual respect and concern. In this context, we must cultivate care for our planet and its resources.

We believe that laws exist for the benefit and well-being of individual persons, that legal systems must express the common good, and that governments must be respectful and open to thoughtful criticism by intelligent and responsible citizens.

We believe that the laws of justice and love must regulate the personal, family, economic and global components of our lives if civilization is to progress.

We believe in the teachings and example of Jesus Christ.

Welcome to the Creighton University Alumni Family

Congratulations on your significant achievement!
With your degree, you join a network of over 70,000 Creighton alumni across the world. As part of this incredible community, you enjoy access to networking and mentoring opportunities, special events and much more.

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