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## **MESSAGE FROM TANYA WINEGARD**

Submitted by Dr. Tanya Winegard

As we make our way through the month of December, it is easy for us to lose ourselves in the busyness of the end of the semester, but it's also important for each of us to remember that we are a part of a larger community, connected in real and meaningful ways. I want to thank all of you for everything you have done to enhance the Creighton experience for our students throughout 2016. We know that together we can reach the goals we are aiming towards.

Please be sure to place the Annual Creighton Holiday Reception on your calendar, which will be on December 13<sup>th</sup> in the Harper Center Ballroom from 3-6 pm.

Please mark your calendars for the December DSL Staff Development Seminar scheduled for December 15<sup>th</sup> located in the Skutt Student Center Ballroom, which will be followed by a GO! Program in the same location.

Also, please mark your calendars for the Student Life divisional stress break on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, from 2-4:30 in the Heider Hall Lobby. It will be a fun time for all.

I wish you and yours the very best this holiday season. It is with that spirit and the many faith traditions in our community that I offer you my prayers for peace and joy

and the promise of a new year.

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## **MISSION MOMENT**

Submitted by Ms. Joan Kowalski

### **ADVENT EXAMEN**

**by Laurie Marshanke,**

**Director of Youth Ministry at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Niagara Falls and  
Coordinator of Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Buffalo**

Begin by taking in a deep breath, taking in God's love, the light of Christ, the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Exhale all your worries, your challenges, and your fears. During this time of Advent let us reflect on what we can do to prepare for the Lord.

1. Invite the Holy Spirit to help you see the day as the newborn baby Jesus sees it. What joy have you found today? Where have you felt God's love? What have you done today to prepare the way for Jesus being born into this world for you?

2. Now think about your day as if looking at it through the eyes of a child; what do you see? Did something surprise you? Was it something someone said to you or something you are grateful for? What did you recognize as gifts (thinking about the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh brought to Jesus)? Thank God for the gifts he has given to you today.

3. Take a moment to reflect on the times today when God was especially present to you. Recognize your feelings in those moments. How did you prepare your heart for God's presence in the coming of Jesus? Where did you feel God's loving arms wrapped around you the way Jesus felt Mary's arms? How did you prepare yourself to experience God's love, forgiveness, and hope?

4. Now take a moment to think about the times when God seemed to be hidden.

Where did you struggle to see the Messiah in your life—the way some failed to recognize the birth of the Messiah when Jesus was born? When may you have seen the need for love and didn't respond (maybe like the innkeeper), or the opportunity for forgiveness and you walked away? How was your heart prepared? Ask God to forgive you for anything that moved your heart away from God's love and recognizing the birth of Jesus in you. And ask God to help you to open your heart and become the person that God created you to be.

5. Finally, prepare for the hope of Jesus Christ in your life. Think about what you are hopeful for, what you are looking forward to during Advent and the Christmas season. Is your hope like that of a child on Christmas morning? What gifts will you share to be hope for someone else? Ask God to bless all in your life as you prepare the way of the Lord, and ask God to be with you today and every day.

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## **STRATEGIC PLANNING TOWN HALL - DECEMBER 8th**

Information from Creighton Today

Creighton University is pleased to announce the next opportunity for the Creighton community to participate in the University's strategic planning process. In the continued spirit of collaboration and communication, you are cordially invited to attend a **Strategic Planning Town Hall on Dec. 8, from 2-3:30 p.m.** in the Ahmanson Ballroom on the fourth floor of the Mike and Josie Harper Center. [Please RSVP here.](#)

As the Rev. Daniel Hendrickson, SJ, recently announced, researchers from the Education Advisory Board (EAB) will visit Creighton to share important information regarding their findings on the national landscape of U.S. higher education. In this presentation, titled "Strategic Planning in Today's Higher Education Environment,"

John Tannous, EAB associate director of research delivery, will provide background and context as the Creighton community continues its work on strategic planning. Attendees will also receive an update on the University's overall planning timeline.

**All faculty and staff are welcome and encouraged to attend.**

*Please note: You do not need a ticket to attend; this process is intended only to estimate attendance at this event so that we can plan accordingly for seating.*

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## **THE UNIVERSITY'S STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS**

Submitted by Dr. Tanya Winegard



In my role as the liaison to Student Life in the University's Strategic Planning process, I want your feedback, thoughts and ideas. Currently, feedback is being sought on the Academic Excellence Theme. Let me know of projects, efforts or people you think would be important to consider as the goals for this theme are being developed. I will have more information to share at our Staff Development Seminar, but your written feedback is welcome. Please send any thoughts to Joan

at [JoanKowalski@creighton.edu](mailto:JoanKowalski@creighton.edu)

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## **UNIVERSITY HOLIDAY BREAK**

Submitted by Ms. Joan Kowalski

Please note the dates that will be observed for the Creighton University Christmas Holiday Break are December 24, 2016-January 2, 2017.

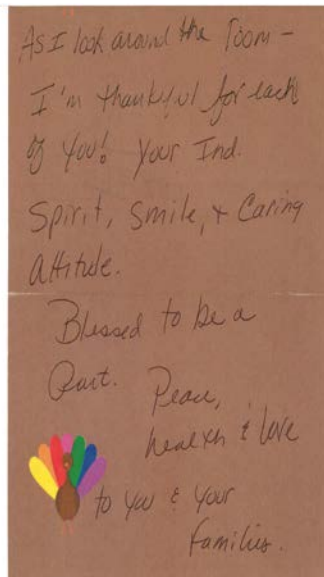
For more information regarding the University's observed holidays, please visit their [website](#).

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## **THANK YOU NOTE TO THE DIVISION OF STUDENT LIFE**

Submitted by Mr. Joey Kimes

Hi everyone! At the Staff Development Seminar last month, we asked folks to write notes about who they were thankful for in the division. While there were a lot of positive notes shared with individuals, there was also one written for the division as a whole. Although the author didn't sign it, I wanted to share with you all the impact you've had on members of the Division!



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## **GO! PROGRAM - GET OUT OF YOUR OFFICE; GET OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE; GO OUT TO THE MARGINS**

Submitted by Kristen Roppolo and Ms. Joan Thomas

Currently, employees can earn GO! credits in the following ways:

1. Attend a GO! Program that directly follows the monthly DSL development seminar meeting
2. Once a semester, one of the DSL development seminars will feature a GO! Program as the presentation
3. Attend a campus event that is listed on the Creighton Calendar as a GO! credit
4. Sharing your experience at an off campus event by either tweeting or posting to the DSL Facebook page a picture with the hashtag #DSLGO with a short reflection, or emailing [DSLGO@creighton.edu](mailto:DSLGO@creighton.edu). (Note: staff can

*accumulate a maximum of 2 credits in this category.)*

To use the Creighton Calendar to look up GO! credits, follow these steps:

1. Go to [www.creighton.edu](http://www.creighton.edu)
2. Click "Full Menu" in the top right of the page
3. Click the Calendar icon
4. Click "Directory" on the top right of the page
5. Search for the GO! calendar in the list of all calendars (*the calendar will not show its entirety to see future dates; for this use the calendar in the top right side of the screen.*)
6. When you open an event, you can then add it to your calendar. To do this step, click on "Add to \_\_\_\_ Calendar" under "Calendaring".

If you would like to add the GO! Calendar to your calendars, follow these steps:

1. Follow steps 1-3 from above
2. Sign in with your credentials in the top right side of the screen
3. Use the directory to find the GO! calendar
4. Click on "+add to My Calendars". Once doing this, the calendar will show when you sign in each time.

For more information on the GO! Program, please visit our website at:

<https://www.creighton.edu/students/forstudentlifestaff/committees/forandwithothers/committee/goprogram/goprogram/>

**Please note, there will be a GO! Program immediately following the Staff Development Seminar on December 15th from 10-11am.**



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## **DEAR WORLD RETURNING TO CREIGHTON**

Submitted by Dr. Tanya Winegard

Dear World Live is an interactive, award-winning event that explores the subtle and powerful connections between students, faculty and staff. The Division of Student Life has invited the Dear World team to take portraits of our Creighton community members on January 25th and January 26th, with a closing program on the evening of the 26th. You can see from the embedded image the type of portraits that will be captured of our students.

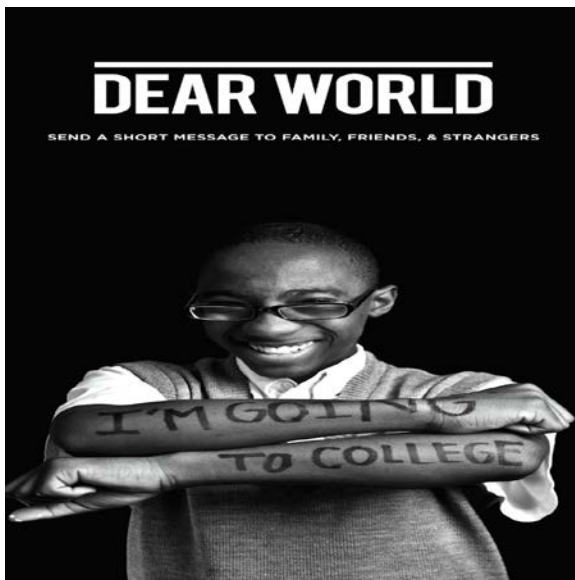
As the host of this event, the Division of Student Life is seeking "Dear World Guides" to assist in the event. Dear World Guides will encourage, support and guide each student who comes to participate. The day is powerful, beautiful, fun, and at moments a little chaotic, and this event is not possible without YOU.

This will be an event that will provide each of us with an opportunity to be out and among our students. The following link is where you can sign up to assist with this event. Each shift will need 5 Dear World Guides to assist at each shift. If you are



interested in assisting, please click [here](#) and you will be directed to the Sign-Up Genius web page where you can indicate your availability. **Please note if you choose to volunteer on January 25th, you will also need to sign up for the Guide Training session at 3pm; if you sign up for January 26th, you will also need to sign up for the Guide Training session at 8am.**

More information will become available as we get closer to this event. Thank you for considering to be a volunteer for Dear World.



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## **HOLIDAY BUDDY**

Submitted by Mr. Joey Kimes



Tis the season for holiday cheer! To engage the Division of Student Life, we created a Holiday Buddy matching system. Anyone in the Division is able to self-select into this activity, and those opting in will be sent the name of their Holiday Buddy on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Those choosing to participate are asked to do 2-3 thoughtful things for their Holiday Buddy during the two weeks leading up to Winter Break. Our hope is that this isn't something costly, but rather something that will allow us to celebrate with one another and appreciate our colleagues during the holidays.

If you would like to participate, please fill out our [Holiday Buddy survey](#). This survey not only registers you for the program, but also collects a little information about you for your buddy. The information you share in the survey will just be passed along to your buddy and no one else. Lastly, it's up to you if you would like to surprise your Holiday Buddy or let them know who you are! If you'd like to register, please do so by December 8<sup>th</sup> and let me know if you have any questions!

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**DIVISION OF STUDENT LIFE STRESS BREAK**

## **AFTERNOON!**

Submitted by Mr. Joey Kimes

Hi everyone! Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 21st, from 2-4:30pm for the second annual "Stress Break Afternoon!" Like last year, there will be an afternoon of spending time with colleagues and playing some board games with friends! The event will be in the Heider Hall Lobby (come check out Heider Hall's facelift).

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## **CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. WAYNE YOUNG, JR.**

Submitted by Dr. Tanya Winegard

Please join me in congratulating Wayne on receiving the NASPA IV-W Distinguished Service Award. Wayne received his award at the NASPA IV-West/East Joint Regional Conference in St. Louis last month. As the recipient of the regional award, he is the regional nominee for the Fred Turner Award for Outstanding Services to NASPA, which will be awarded by NASPA at the national conference in March 2017.

Let's take a moment to recognize Wayne for his leadership in NASPA and for all he has done to advance the student affairs profession. We've all benefited tremendously from his leadership and service.



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## **CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. REBECKA TOMPKINS!**

Submitted by Dr. Wayne Young, Jr.

Dr. Allison Harlow, Interim Director for Student Counseling Services, and I would like to share some good news about Dr. Rebecka Tompkins! Dr. Tompkins has been promoted to the role of Associate Director for Training & Assessment in Student Counseling Services. In this new role, Dr. Tompkins will direct our training program for the psychology interns, serve as our liaison to the Nebraska Internship Consortium, and continue her quality care of students as well as provide support to the Director. This is a great step forward for Student Counseling Services as we continue to empower and value leadership within our division. Please join me in congratulating Dr. Tompkins as she will start in this role effective December 1, 2016. If you would like to email Becky, please do so at her email at

[RebeckaTompkins@creighton.edu](mailto:RebeckaTompkins@creighton.edu)

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## **JOIN HOUSING FOR RECONTRACTING 101 BROWN BAG LUNCHES**

Submitted by Ms. Katie Breedlove

Housing is gearing up for the annual ReContracting Process, where students self-select their housing for the 2017-2018 Academic Year. ReContracting will begin in January 2017, but students are already talking about it! Come to one of our brown bag lunches to learn a little bit about how ReContracting works and how you can support our students, no matter what your role on campus. These sessions will be a broad overview of the process, and include some helpful talking points and tips for coaching our students throughout ReContracting.

- Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> – 12 PM, Skutt 104
- Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> – 12 PM, Harper 3028

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## **SHOO THE FLU**

Submitted by Ms. Sue Weston

Our campus clinics have now concluded for the fall . During these clinics a total of 3439 individuals were immunized. This number includes 2381 students and 1059 employees. This compares to 3481 at the same time last year.

Nationally influenza season is mild with a handful of cases in Puerto Rico and in the southern US <http://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/fluview/main.html> however it is too early to know how widespread influenza will be this year.

Shoo the Flu will continue with “Part II-Tuesdays” from 1:30-3:30pm in 2 locations:

- Student Health-Harper 1034
- The WellNEST—KFC 201

Dates for the immunization clinics are:

- November 29th
- December 6
- December 13 (or until our supply runs out)

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## **SLIC HAPPENINGS**

Submitted by Ms. Katie Kelsey

### **Leadership Minor**

The leadership minor is a new interdisciplinary program bridging several entities on campus including the College of Arts & Sciences, Heider College of Business, the College of Professional Studies, and the Division of Student Life. This minor provides students with the opportunity to apply leadership experiences/co-curricular experiences in which they are already engaging to their curricular experience in a cohesive and holistic manner.

Students interested in participating in this minor should contact Dr. Sherianne Shuler, Leadership Minor Program Director, at [sherishu@creighton.edu](mailto:sherishu@creighton.edu).

For additional questions or inquiry Katie Kelsey and Michele Bogard are also available to talk and connect students to this opportunity.

### **CSU Founders Week Awards -**

Each year, CSU hosts a Founder's Week Awards Reception to recognize students, faculty, and staff for the passion, dedication, and energy they put into their work. We invite you to nominate students, faculty, and staff for the following awards. Descriptions for each award, as well as the nomination form, can be found in the links below. Nominations are due Friday, December 9th. Recipients will be announced at the February 6, 2017 awards reception.

[2016 Rev. Tom Schloemer, S.J. Outstanding Student Leader Award](#)

[Rev. Thomas J. Lukaszewicz, S.J. Staff or Administrator Award](#)

[Teaching for Tomorrow Faculty Award](#)

[Founders Footsteps Award](#)

### **New Student Orientation -**

Summer Preview and Welcome Week would like to share a few important dates with you for the 2017 year. Please mark your calendars and additional information will be sent out regarding specific events as these dates draw nearer.

Summer Preview 2017:

- Session One: June 5-6
- Session Two: June 8-9
- Session Three: June 12-13
- Session Four: June 15-16

Welcome Week 2017:

- Welcome Week Training – August 15-18

- Move In – August 19th – 7am-noon
- Welcome Week First Required Session – August 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm
- University Welcome for Parents and Families – August 19<sup>th</sup> – 4:15pm
- Welcome Week Mass – August 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm
- The Creighton Pathway – August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10am
- Academic Convocation – August 22<sup>nd</sup> – 11:15am

For questions please contact Emma Rapp at [emmarapp@creighton.edu](mailto:emmarapp@creighton.edu).

## **NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION TEAM COORDINATORS** **AND** **FUTURE DATES FOR SUMMER PREVIEW AND** **WELCOME WEEK 2017**

Submitted by Ms. Emma Rapp

Please join me in congratulating our 2017 NSO Team Coordinators!

### **NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION COORDINATORS**



Hunter Froehlich  
Welcome Week Coordinator  
[HunterFroehlich@creighton.edu](mailto:HunterFroehlich@creighton.edu)  
Heider College of Business Student, Junior



Carly Klosecek  
Welcome Week Coordinator  
[CarlyKlosecek@creighton.edu](mailto:CarlyKlosecek@creighton.edu)  
College of Arts and Sciences Student, Junior



Courtney Beebe  
Summer Preview Coordinator  
[CourtneyBeebe@creighton.edu](mailto:CourtneyBeebe@creighton.edu)  
College of Nursing Student, Junior



Emma Munger  
Summer Preview Coordinator  
[EmmaMunger@creighton.edu](mailto:EmmaMunger@creighton.edu)  
College of Arts and Sciences Student, Junior

**SUMMER PREVIEW:**  
Dates: June 5-6, 8-9, 12-13, and 15-16  
Please contact at: [SummerPreview@creighton.edu](mailto:SummerPreview@creighton.edu)

**WELCOME WEEK:**  
Dates: August 19-26 (dates of formal events with additional dates to follow)  
Please contact at: [WelcomeWeek@creighton.edu](mailto:WelcomeWeek@creighton.edu)



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## **CAMPUS RECREATION & WELLNESS**

Submitted by Mr. Steve Woita

Congratulations to Matthew Eastmo and Joseph "JC" Scott who placed 1st out of 13 and 3rd out of 31 for officiating in the Flag Football Regionals at the University of Iowa and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln respectively to earn bids to Nationals. Both students will officiate at the NIRSA Flag Football Championships in Pensacola, Florida January 6-8.

### **Campus Recreation & Wellness Holiday Break**

Campus Recreation Office will be CLOSED: December 24th - January 1st

	<b>Kiewit Fitness Center</b>	<b>Rasmussen Center</b>
<b>Friday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup></b>	6:00am – 9:00pm	11:00am – 6:00pm
<b>Saturday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	8:00am – 6:00pm
<b>Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup></b>		8:00am – 6:00pm
<b>Monday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup></b>		6:00am – 6:00pm
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup></b>		6:00am – 6:00pm
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup></b>		6:00am – 6:00pm
<b>Thursday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup></b>		6:00am – 6:00pm

<b>Friday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup></b>		6:00am – 6:00pm
<b>Saturday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Sunday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Monday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup></b>		8:00am – 5:00pm
<b>Holiday Hours</b>	<b>Kiewit Fitness Center</b>	<b>Rasmussen Center</b>
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	8:00am – 5:00pm
<b>Thursday, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup></b>		8:00am – 5:00pm
<b>Friday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup></b>		8:00am – 5:00pm
<b>Saturday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup></b>		<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Sunday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup></b>		
<b>Monday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	6:00am – 8:00pm	
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	6:00am – 8:00pm	
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup></b>	6:00am – 8:00pm	
<b>Thursday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup></b>	6:00am – 8:00pm	
<b>Friday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup></b>	6:00am – 8:00pm	

<b>Saturday, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00am – 6:00pm	8:00am – 6:00pm
<b>Sunday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00am – 6:00pm	8:00am – 6:00pm
<b>Monday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup></b>	6:00am – 9:00pm	11:00am – 7:00pm
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup></b>	6:00am – 9:00pm	11:00am – 7:00pm
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Resume Spring Semester Hours	

## **SKUTT AND HARPER CENTERS & DINING SERVICES UPDATES**

Submitted by Mr. Scott Maas

### **New Team Member**

Please join our team in congratulating Mr. Patrick White, who is the new Technical Specialist. Patrick can be reached at his e-mail, [patrickwhite@creighton.edu](mailto:patrickwhite@creighton.edu), or via his phone extension 3358. His office is located in Centralized Reservations in the Harper Center, Room 1108F.

### **Catch some of the Fun!**

Have you heard about the Catchbox? Wondering what the Catchbox is? A new microphone was added to the equipment list for the Skutt and Harper Centers this fall. This microphone is called the Catchbox and gives people the ability to have a fun and interactive way to pass a microphone around an audience. The microphone is encompassed in foam and Styrofoam that allows it to be thrown around and even bounce off the ground. The microphone has a sensor in it that mutes it when in the air or bouncing on the floor. The Catchbox is available for all

clients to use in majority of the event spaces in Skutt and Harper. If interested in utilizing it let your reservationist know during your next request. To learn more about the Catchbox, visit <http://us.getcatchbox.com/>



### **Association of College Unions International (ACUI)**

Jon Shields and Scott Maas recently attended the ACUI Region V Conference held on the campus of University of Nebraska in Lincoln. Jon served a member of the conference planning team over the past year which organized a successful conference for 120 attendees from the states of Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. Both found conference to educational and refreshing to hear other colleagues ask the same questions they have on a daily basis. This conference also marked the end of an era for the newly formed ACUI Region V. Scott ended his second term of being the inaugural Region V Director, a role he has been volunteering in for the last 4 years.



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## **2017 MARY LUCRETIA AND SARAH EMILY CREIGHTON AWARDS**

Submitted by Ms. Tami Thibodeau

The All-University Committee on the Status of Women is pleased to share with you the recipients of the 2017 Mary Lucretia and Sarah Emily Creighton Award:

- **Mary Chase, Ed.D.**, Vice Provost for Enrollment and University Planning
- **Deborah Wells, Ph.D.**, Senior Associate Dean, Heider College of Business
- **Rachel Lee**, Third year student, Creighton School of Law

The awards will be presented at the annual Mary Lucretia and Sarah Emily Creighton Awards Recognition Luncheon on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 11:30

a.m. in the Ahmanson Ballroom in the Mike and Josie Harper Center. Reservation information will be available in early January.



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**DSL December 2016  
Happenings**



JASPA is proud to sponsor 9 distinct awards to recognize outstanding individuals working in Jesuit Higher Education institutions. In order to nominate an individual or program, please visit the following links for the nomination form:

**The Rev. Victor R. Yanitelli, S.J. Award**

<https://orgsync.com/77703/forms/229382>

**The JASPA Scholarship Award**

<https://orgsync.com/77703/forms/229487>

**The Ignatian Medal for Outstanding Service Award to JASPA**

<https://orgsync.com/77703/forms/229384>

**The Ignatian Medal for Outstanding Achievement in Jesuit Student Affairs Work**

<https://orgsync.com/77703/forms/229482>

**The Ignatian Medal for Outstanding Campus Program or Initiative**

<https://orgsync.com/77703/forms/229483>

**The Ignatian Medal for Outstanding New Professional Award in Jesuit Student Affairs**

<https://orgsync.com/77703/forms/229488>

**The Ignatian Medal for Outstanding Graduate Assistant Award in Jesuit Student Affairs**

<https://orgsync.com/77703/forms/229485>



**The Ignatian Medal for Outstanding Commitment to Diversity and Social Justice**

<https://orgsync.com/77703/forms/229486>

**The Ignatian Medal for Outstanding Academic Partnership**

<https://orgsync.com/77703/forms/229484>

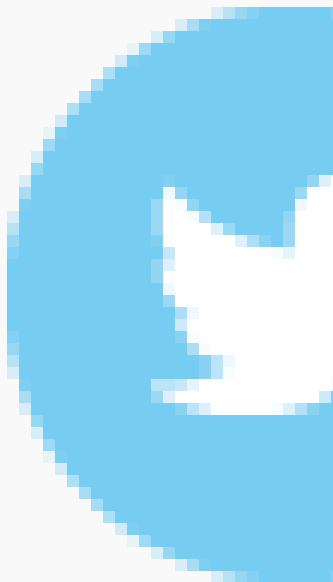
All JASPA award recipients will be announced at the JASPA Meeting in March, and listed on the JASPA website. If you have questions about any of the awards or the submission process, please contact Katie Kelsey, the Chair of the JASPA Recognition & Awards Selection Committee at [katiekelsey@creighton.edu](mailto:katiekelsey@creighton.edu) or 402.280.2518.

**2017 JASPA AWARDS**

**DEADLINE TO NOMINATE: January 13, 2017**

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