



Creighton University Spirit of St. Francis Sustainability Award

Our annual award identifies and recognizes Creighton University students, faculty, staff, and administrators from across the university who are engaged in making an impact on, and developing a culture of, campus sustainability efforts. Their efforts can include generating awareness, implementing strategic projects, or catalyzing new initiatives. Sustainability issues are intentionally broadly defined and may include an overlap of environmental, technological, economic, political, socio/cultural, philosophical, or theological approaches focused on social and environmental equity and justice.

The awards will be presented each year at the St. Francis Feast Day Luncheon following the St. Francis Feast Day Mass at St. John's Church at Creighton University. One award will be given to a student and one award will be given to a faculty or staff member.

Nominations should describe the result of efforts observable in the campus community during the 2016-2017 academic year. Nominees' activities (or the activities of the nominee's predecessors) may have begun before the current academic year, but the selection committee will focus on results of these activities during 2016-2017.

Nominations can be made for groups (either formal or informal groups) or individuals. Self-nominations are encouraged. Nominations should be no less than one paragraph and no more than one page.

The committee reserves the right to award more than one award in the event of a tie.

In addition to the annual award described above, the selection committee may award two special awards: *Community Partner* and *Lifetime Achievement*.

Each submission will be evaluated and selected on the basis of development and/or progress on one or more of the following categories contained within the St. Francis Pledge and corresponding petitions:

- **Prayer and Reflection:** Activities associated with developing a deeper concern for the gift of God's creation and the poor and vulnerable impacted by our lifestyles. Examples include organizing and attending service trips through CCSJ and coordinating and participating in events through Campus Ministry.
- **Learn:** Activities related to taking time to learn about and educate others about the environment and climate change and the impacts of our lifestyles on the poor and vulnerable. Examples include organizing speaker and discussion events on or off campus

as a result of attending off-campus conferences and participating in extra-curricular on- or off-campus community learning experiences.

- **Assess:** Activities related to academic research that assesses how we as individuals and in our families, and as members of the Creighton community contribute to environmental degradation through our lifestyles. Examples include independent study research that results in professional conference presentation and/or publication and/or grant funding.
- **Act:** Demonstration of taking steps to change choices or behaviors to reduce the ways we contribute to climate change and environmental degradation as evidence of solidarity with those who suffer the consequences of our lack of respect for God's gift of Creation. Examples include choices to engage in simpler, low consumption, and less materialistic lifestyles.
- **Advocate:** Becoming a meaningful voice of the poor in demonstration of Catholic principles and priorities at local, state and national policies to address climate change. Examples include promoting sustainable energy and calling for reduction of burdens as a result of environmental degradation on the most vulnerable peoples of the world.

Individuals nominated in any of the above categories should demonstrate some or all of the following:

- Evidence of promoting sustainability through projects, programs, innovative solutions or studies.
- Inspiring others to live out their values and faith.
- Demonstrating leadership in a project that has made a significant contribution to environmental sustainability and/or social equity.
- Bringing about observable and measurable changes contributing to the Creighton Climate Action Plan.
- Creating collaborations and connections within and around the Creighton community to promote sustainable change.
- Encouraging or engaging student involvement in sustainable research, events, and projects.

Please submit your nomination to **Ryan Wishart at RyanWishart@creighton.edu by Friday, September 22.** (Subject line: St. Francis Award Nomination)

