



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Haddix Dean's Fellows Year In Review: 2018–2019

The 2018–2019 academic year was another great year for the College of Arts and Sciences Haddix Dean’s Fellows Program. We welcomed the largest freshmen cohort in the program’s history, with 46 students from 13 different states. We kicked off the year with our annual retreat at the Creighton University Retreat Center in Griswold, Iowa, on Labor Day weekend and then settled into a busy and exciting academic year.

Class of 2018 Outcomes

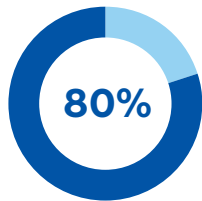
One hundred percent of the Dean’s Fellows Class of 2018 were employed full-time, participating in a service program or in graduate or professional school within six months of graduation. Employers include the United States Army, Berkshire Hathaway Inc. and Ricambi America, while graduate/professional schools include Creighton University, UC San Diego, the University of Notre Dame and the University of Nebraska Medical Center, among others. Nearly 50% of this cohort went on to professional school (medical, dental, occupational therapy or law).

We look forward to seeing these alums make a difference in our world and can’t wait to see what the Class of 2019 will do!



Sophomore Ignatian Reflection Retreat

In February, as part of the Haddix Ignatian Advising Program, our sophomores took part in a three-hour Ignatian reflection and discernment retreat led by Peter Nguyen, SJ. Held in the Opus Hall Community Room, our sophomores spent the evening hearing Fr. Nguyen's own vocation story, exploring the concepts of desolation and consolation, and reflecting on their past choices in preparation for future decisions.



After this session, **80% of the Dean's Fellows sophomores** felt they had an above average or excellent understanding of Ignatian spirituality and discernment, as compared to just 50% before.

“[The retreat was] a nice break from busy life...it helped me to think more deeply about some of the decisions I have to make.”

All-Group Cultural Event

Despite bad weather and ultimately needing to reschedule, the 2018–2019 All-Group Cultural Event was a great experience, with 75 Dean's Fellows and dean's office staff in attendance. The event was held at the Joslyn Art Museum, where the *30 Americans* exhibit was on display, highlighting the work of a variety of contemporary African American artists and exploring the evolving roles of black subjects in art. The morning began with a gallery talk with the curator of the exhibit, which was followed by time to explore *30 Americans* and the rest of the museum. The event concluded with lunch in the Fountain Court.

“I'm not usually one for museums or art, but after attending the cultural event, I learned to appreciate both more than I could've ever imagined!”

“Having the opportunity to learn about the artists and their work helped me to have a better understanding of the beautiful and meaningful work in front of me.”

Class of 2019—Senior Trip

Seventeen Dean's Fellow students attended the senior trip in the Dominican Republic in October 2018. With Thomas Kelly, PhD, director of academic service-learning, at the helm, our students spent eight days immersed in local communities learning about and observing servant-leaders in action. Pre- and post-trip assessments reveal that our students gained a better understanding of Ignatian leadership and how they can truly live out the mission of Creighton University and the Dean's Fellows Program because of this experience.

“My experience in the DR is something that I will never forget, and the things that I witnessed are still things that I reflect upon and learn from. It's like Dr. Kelly says, ‘the experience ends when we let it end.’”

100%
of students

strongly agreed or somewhat agreed that they put others' best interest ahead of their own

90%
of students

strongly agreed that they believe an organization needs to play a moral role in society—a 43% increase from the pre-immersion trip survey

20%
more students

strongly agreed that they sacrifice their own interests to meet other's needs, according to the post-trip survey



Dean's Fellows in the Community

During the 2018–19 academic year, 32 Haddix Dean's Fellows participated in service and justice work with the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice. Activities included volunteering at weekly service sites here in Omaha, attending refugee simulations on campus, and participating in a weeklong Service and Justice Trip during spring or fall break. Here are just some of the places our Dean's Fellows made an impact:

Women's Intercultural Center

Anthony, New Mexico

Catholic Worker

Cleveland, Ohio

L'Arche

Clinton, Iowa

Colorado Vincentian Volunteers

Denver, Colorado

Hubbard House

East St. Louis, Illinois

Columban Mission Center

El Paso, Texas

Annunciation House

El Paso, Texas

Casa Romero Urban Plunge

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Resurrection Catholic Mission

Montgomery, Alabama

Serve901

Memphis, Tennessee

House of Charity

New Orleans, Louisiana

Excel Community and Learning Center

Okolona, Mississippi

Omaha ISC

Omaha, Nebraska

Omaha OneWorld

Omaha, Nebraska

Habitat Restore

Omaha, Nebraska

Completely KIDS

Omaha, Nebraska

Siena/Francis House

Omaha, Nebraska

North Omaha Boys & Girls Club

Omaha, Nebraska

Habitat for Humanity

Stroud, Oklahoma

Appalachian Institute

Wheeling, West Virginia



Dean's Fellows Around the World

ACADEMIC YEAR, 2018–2019

Danielle Marshall '20

Creighton in Scotland

FALL 2018

Colin Grandgenett '21

Creighton in Australia

Laurel Hettinger '20

Creighton in Italy–Rome

Rachel Kain '21

Encuentro Dominicano

SPRING 2019

Kendall Kellerman '21

Creighton in Ireland

SPRING BREAK 2019

Julia Jobanputra '21

FLPA Austria: The Business World

Emily Johnson '19

FLPA Spain: Walking Spain's Camino

Nicole Haen '21

MEDLIFE (Peru)

Madeline Shaffer '21

MEDLIFE (Peru)

Michael Bodenhausen '21

MEDLIFE (Peru)

Gracie Hunkler '22

MEDLIFE (Peru)

SUMMER 2019

Ellie Heitzig '21

FLPA Austria and Hungary: Definitions of Health

Heidi Strigenz '21

FLPA Ireland: Summer School in Ireland

Cara Buckley '22

FLPA Peru: Language, Church and Society

Jessica Dryden '21

FLPA Peru: Language, Church and Society

Mary Kate Garriott '21

FLPA Peru: Language, Church and Society

Alex Van Cleave '22

FLPA Spain: Encuentro Español

Bryanna Bravo '22

FLPA Spain: Encuentro Español

Skyler Stencil '21

ILAC Summer Health Program

Delaney Wilton '20

ILAC Summer Health Program

Michael Bodenhausen '21

ILAC Water Quality

Julia Jobanputra '21

ILAC Water Quality

Bryce Gibson '19

Men's Soccer German Tour

Catherine Franco '22

Saint Louis University–Madrid

Olivia Tidwell '22

Uganda Pilgrimage

CURAS Summer Undergraduate Research Fellows, 2019

Kevin Boes '20

"Exploring Westside Community Schools Nutritional Intervention Strategies: Enhancing Student Participation in the National School Lunch Program"

Krista Chang '21

"Building on a Budget: Allocation of limited resources to symmetrical growth during infection"

Michael Backer '20

"Redox Regulation of BosR Function"

Clare Weber '20

"Bacterial Viability Under Treatment with glmS Riboswitch Analogs"

Kendall Kellerman '21

Psychology Research (Not yet titled)

Additional Honors and Awards



Hana O'Hagan '19

Spirit of Creighton Award



Siddharth Venkatraman '20

Goldwater Scholarship

Governance Updates and New Executive Team

Throughout the school year, the 2018–2019 Dean’s Fellows team began to make improvements to the governance and bylaws of the Haddix Dean’s Fellows Program. One change was a redefining of the executive team roles to align more with the needs of the program. These newly defined positions were disseminated to the group, and elections were held on Monday, April 8.

Building on the work of her predecessors, the new executive chair, Maggie Brueck, has worked closely with the dean’s office over the summer to update program policies and procedures. Forthcoming this year are updated attendance and academic standards policies, as well as updated Dean’s Fellows Grants procedures.

The 2019–20 Dean’s Fellows Executive Team is:



Maggie Brueck '20
Executive Chair

Isabella Sullivan-Powers '20
Service and Advocacy

Lizzie Nolan '20
Arts and Cultural Engagement

Kathleen Magee '21 and Conor O'Carroll '21
Mission and Mentoring

Rasika Mukkamala '22
Administrative

Admissions

This year, the program received 291 applications for a projected cohort of 40–45 students. Faculty, staff and current Dean’s Fellows interviewed each applicant either over the phone or on campus for the college’s annual Special Programs Day on January 27, 2019. The decisions were difficult, but we are pleased to welcome 43 students into the Dean’s Fellows Program in Fall 2019. These students represent 15 states across the country and have academic interests ranging from anthropology to physics, theology to biology, and everything in between. Their average ACT is 29.7 and their average GPA is above a 4.0. We are excited to meet these bright young men and women!

291
applications

43
students admitted into
the Fall 2019 cohort

15
states represented
in the new cohort

29.7
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>4.0
average GPA



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