



# Alpha Sigma Nu Induction

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## Program

### Welcome

#### Liz Hessman

*Vice President, ΑΣΝ Student Chapter,  
Creighton University*

### Induction Prayer

#### Teddy Tornow

*Vice President, ΑΣΝ Student Chapter,  
Creighton University*

### Acceptance of Candidates

#### Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD

*President, Creighton University*

### Remarks on Behalf of the Alpha Sigma Nu Omaha Alumni Club

#### Dan Pape, BSBA'87, JD'90

*President, ΑΣΝ Omaha Alumni Club*

### Alpha Sigma Nu Standards

#### Scholarship

#### Kayley Anderson

*Vice President, ΑΣΝ Student Chapter,  
Creighton University*

#### Loyalty

#### Sydney Rand

*Vice President, ΑΣΝ Student Chapter,  
Creighton University*

#### Service

#### Kylee Bohrer

*Vice President, ΑΣΝ Student Chapter,  
Creighton University*

### Alpha Sigma Nu Student Chapter Faculty Adviser

#### Thomas J. Purcell III, PhD, CPA, BSBA'72, JD'77

*Heider College of Business*

### Alpha Sigma Nu Pledge

### Presentation of Pins and Certificates

### Conferral of Honorary Memberships

### Remarks on Behalf of the Administration

#### Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD

# College of Arts and Sciences

## **Ansley Atkinson**

Ansley is a junior pursuing a major in chemistry. She is involved in research with Julie Soukup, PhD, in the Chemistry Department. A member of the women's soccer team, she was named to the All BIG EAST Freshman Team in 2018 and has been recognized on the Athletic Honor Roll every semester. Ansley was selected to be on the team leadership group this year and she takes part in many volunteer events through Creighton Athletics such as Habitat for Humanity and visiting children in local hospitals. She also volunteers at the Hennepin County Medical Center in her hometown of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

## **Kristine Au**

Kristine is a junior and hopes to attend medical school in the fall of 2022. She has been involved in a variety of activities including Alpha Phi Omega and the Pre-Medical Society. Additionally, she is involved in the Hands of Hope hospice volunteer service through Campus Ministry. She has been a dancer since she was 4 years old and enjoys taking classes at Creighton.

## **Bridget Backer**

Bridget is a junior biology major with minors in public health and medical anthropology. She has enjoyed her engagement with social science research on the topic of transitions in health care. On campus, she serves as the vice president of academic affairs in the College of Arts and Sciences Student Senate. Along with participating on a service and justice trip, some of her fondest moments of service have come from her time at Completely Kids. These moments have continued to foster her love for children, and her desire to attend medical school to become a pediatrician.

## **Melia Bayliff**

Melia is a junior majoring in social work and minoring economics. She has been involved in many activities on Creighton's campus including the Cortina Community, Schlegel Center for Service and Justice, and the Intercultural Center. She also has volunteered her time in the community working with the Victim's Assistance Unit, Yates Community Center, and Micah House.

## **Jessica Buhman**

Jessica is a senior and will attend physician assistant school in the fall of 2021. She has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton including Young Life, intramural sports, and Greek Life where she served as a recruitment mentor in 2020. She is a volunteer at Gabriel's Corner and a Christian Crisis Pregnancy Center. Jessica is also a pharmacy technician at Children's Hospital and Medical Center.

### **Lauryn Caster**

Lauryn is a senior studying neuroscience with a minor in biology. She has been involved in the Cortina Community, leading groups of students to the Micah House to mentor and provide companionship for children whose parents are experiencing homelessness. Additionally, Lauryn has traveled twice with MEDLIFE to assist physicians provide health care to underserved communities. She is also an undergraduate researcher in Tal Teitz, PhD's lab striving to discover preventative treatments for chemotherapy-induced hearing loss. Lauryn is also an active member and the former secretary of the Delta Delta Delta sorority. After graduation, she intends to grow in her love for science and serving the community by attending medical school in the fall of 2021.

### **Brianna Dufault**

Brianna is a junior studying elementary education. She has been dedicated to leading service, conversation, and formation groups as a local community engagement coordinator through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice. She also enjoys engaging the Omaha community through her work with literacy building initiatives as the Director of Service and Philanthropy for Pi Beta Phi. Also, Brianna has a love for the arts and is an active member of the Creighton Dance Company.

### **Paige Eicher**

Paige is a senior and will attend medical school at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in the fall of 2021. She has been involved in her community through coaching two basketball teams as well as volunteering at a local hospital and elementary school. Paige conducts research with Dimitrios Katsavelis, PhD, within the Exercise Science department and plays an active role in Greek Life and Dance Marathon.

### **Joshua Fernandes**

Joshua is a sophomore studying neuroscience and Spanish. He has been involved in several activities at Creighton, including scientific research within Creighton's Department of Pharmacology and Neuroscience, service through the Schlegel Center's Youth Exchange program, and as a group leader in a Christian Life Community. He is also a senator in the College of Arts and Sciences Student Senate as well as a student ambassador in the Center for Undergraduate Research and Scholarship.

### **Diego Gomez**

Diego is a senior majoring in neuroscience and minoring in economics. At Creighton, he has been involved in undergraduate research and tutoring through the Chemistry Department. Additionally, he volunteers at Children's Hospital, the Women's Center for Advancement, and OneWorld Community Health Centers. After graduation, he will be attending medical school.

### **Grace Hilbert**

Grace is a junior studying biology. She is a member of the first cohort of the Global Scholars Program. She has been an active volunteer as a mentor for high school refugees in the Omaha community through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice 402 Youth Exchange Program, which she considers one of her most meaningful Creighton experiences. She has also participated in undergraduate research, tutors through the Creighton EDGE, and is a teaching assistant in the biology department. Her immersion experiences in Australia and the Dominican Republic have inspired her to pursue medicine and contest health care disparities facing disadvantaged communities.

### **Mary Hoover**

Mary is a senior majoring in environmental science and minoring in Spanish and sustainability studies. During her time at Creighton, she has been a member of the environmental science club and GreenJays. She has worked as a student-athlete tutor and is currently a teaching assistant. Her most memorable Creighton experience has been studying in Sweden, where she studied under the tutelage of Sweden's former minister for the environment, Andreas Carlgren. Although the pandemic canceled her 2020 summer internship, she has continued to engage with the Omaha community by volunteering at the Tri-Faith Initiative's donation garden and orchard. She believes this work exemplifies the Jesuit values of "contemplatives in action" and "men and women for and with others," as the goal of the garden is to combat food insecurity and provide fresh, organic produce to the people of Omaha.

### **Gretchen Jones**

Gretchen is a junior studying biology. On campus, Gretchen has been involved with Dance Marathon as the current coordinator and past entertainment executive, participates in Best Buddies of America, is an active member of Pi Beta Phi sorority, and serves as the vice president of service for Circle K. She tutors and is involved in research in the Biology Department. Gretchen participated in a service trip through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice, and she volunteers at the Munroe-Meyer Institute.

### **Camryn Kopp**

Camryn is a junior on the pre-physical therapy track. During her time at Creighton, she has been involved in many activities including being a service group leader in the Cortina Living and Learning Community, through which she volunteers with multiple Omaha organizations. She is also a member of Pi Beta Phi women's fraternity and has been involved in campus ministry. Camryn hopes to continue her passion for service by participating in service trips in the future.

**Regan Lavallee**

Regan is a junior philosophy major. She has been involved with multiple organizations on Creighton's campus, including the Creighton Student Union Program Board, Creighton Dance Company, Creighton Dance Team, and the Honors Student Board. Additionally, she serves as a student ambassador to recruit prospective students. Regan volunteers in the Omaha community through Completely Kids and Lil' Jays Dance Clinic.

**Paul Martin**

Paul is a junior studying theology and English with a minor in justice and peace studies. An Omaha native, Paul has served his local community as a tutor at several Omaha grade schools, experiences which he hopes will benefit a future career in education. His faith finds expression in service through the Knights of Columbus and the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice, having been on service and justice trips to Morton, Mississippi, and Memphis, Tennessee, and a leader on a virtual weekend. He has benefited from the Jesuit values fostered in the retreats and Christian Life Communities (CLC) offered by Campus Ministry, serving as a leader for several CLCs and the Fall Adventure Retreat.

**Amanda Minckler**

Amanda is a senior with a dual major in journalism (news track) and graphic design (multimedia/filmmaking track) with a minor in women's and gender studies. Amanda is a business intern in the communications department at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska and is the photo editor for *The Creightonian*. She previously worked as a marketing intern at Berry Law Firm. Amanda received the OPC Foundation's Panko-Roberts Scholarship and has been on the Dean's List every semester at Creighton. Additionally, she has volunteered with the local non-profit Pascal's Pantry.

**Chirstyn Okuno**

Chirstyn is a junior and will be applying to medical school this summer. She is a part of the Honors Program and has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton including research in the Biology Department, being an on-campus student employee and teaching assistant, and two service trips through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice, coordinating one of the virtual experiences this school year. She also serves as the secretary for Hui 'O Hawaii, is an active member of Greek Life, and a volunteer in the Omaha community through Alpha Phi Omega and Nebraska Medicine.

**Hannah Olsen**

Hannah is a junior studying medical anthropology and studio art. She is involved in service through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice through various service sites including Completely Kids and Siena Francis House. She has participated in two service trips, coordinating one of them. She has continued to engage with the community this past year through a virtual social analysis night with Completely Kids.

**Brendan Plate**

Brendan is a junior studying international relations and is a U.S. Air Force cadet in the ROTC. He has participated in a number of service activities at Creighton such as trips through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice and the Cortina Community. He is an active member of Campus Ministry and Greek Life and enjoys being a member of the Omaha community through volunteering and engagement.

**Eliana Rodriguez**

Eliana is a junior majoring in international relations and economics. She is involved in the International Student Association and the Model United Nations Club, which she led as president in 2020 and now has the role of vice president of media relations. Eliana has also volunteered in the Omaha community through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice and helped conduct one of the VIA Hikes organized by Campus Ministry. She has been a tour guide for Creighton's Admissions Office since her freshman year and began working as a desk receptionist in her sophomore year. This past summer, Eliana began interning in Creighton's Internal Audit Department while serving as a research assistant to Erika Moreno, PhD, in the Political Science Department.

**Sadie Schultes**

Sadie is a senior and will attend occupational therapy school in the fall of 2021. She has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton including service trips through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice. Sadie has also been involved in research and has had an internship. She has been an active volunteer in the Omaha community throughout her four years at Creighton.

**Shea Sera**

Shea is a junior biology major. She has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton including a service trip to New Orleans through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice and the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity as the vice president of service. She is also an active volunteer in the community through the Creighton School of Dentistry, Heartland Hope Mission, and the Humane Society.

**Nathaniel Ulmer Schmit**

Nathaniel is a junior studying computer science. He has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton including the Cortina Service and Justice Community as a member his sophomore year and a service group leader his junior year. He is also a part of Student Support Services and the Creighton Swim Club.



### **Sarah Sinsel**

Sarah is a junior majoring in exercise science and hopes to later attend physical therapy school. She has gone on a service and justice trip to El Paso, Texas, and volunteers at Completely Kids and Nebraska Medicine in the Omaha community. She also participates in undergraduate research, is on the advisory board for Peer2Peer Mentorship Program, and is an active member of Greek Life.

### **Abby Slyter**

Abby is a junior majoring in psychology and justice and society. She plans to attend law school after graduation. Abby is passionate about gender and criminal justice and has served as the head student coordinator at the Lieben Center for Women for two years and participated in service groups at the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice.

### **Boston Small**

Boston is a junior studying exercise science and plans to pursue an MD/PhD dual degree starting in fall of 2022. He has volunteered at CHI Health Bergan Mercy Hospital in Omaha and at his local church's Homework Club for children in virtual learning. He also enjoys serving as a camp counselor at Greater Life Camp. He has participated in undergraduate research in exercise science through Creighton's Center for Undergraduate Research and Scholarship. In addition, he runs cross country and track and field for Creighton.

### **Keni Tamashiro**

Keni is currently a junior majoring in biology with hopes of pursuing a career in the medical field. She appreciates her opportunities to engage in service at Creighton, including volunteering at the North Omaha Boys and Girls Club through the 402 Program and participating in a service and justice trip to Okolona, Mississippi. She enjoys serving the Omaha community as a member of Creighton's Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity. She is also a part of the Creighton women's club soccer team, an active member of Greek Life, as well as an executive member of Hui 'O Hawai'i club.

### **Sarah Tooley**

Sarah is a junior studying communications and political science. She has been involved in an array of activities at Creighton including the Interfaith Core Team, Delta Delta Delta sorority, the Intersections retreat, as well as the Honors Program. Sarah has dedicated most of her time and passion to the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice as a weekly service coordinator, ISN delegate, and Migration Justice advocate on campus. Sarah is also an active volunteer in the Omaha area, especially with the North Omaha and refugee communities.

### **George Varghese**

George is a junior looking to apply for medical school after graduation in the spring of 2022. He worked to establish and leads the Creighton Sign Language Club. He has created a curriculum to teach students and faculty inside and outside the University basic sign language, as well as to establish awareness for deaf culture and the various deaf communities around the world. He also currently leads Creighton's chapter of Habitat for Humanity and has conducted physics research since his freshman year.

**Blake Zdechlik**

Blake is a junior from Littleton, Colorado, double majoring in exercise science and health administration and policy. During her time at Creighton, she has been involved with City Sprouts volunteering to grow a community garden. In her home state, Blake has been an active volunteer at OrthoColorado Hospital, where she assists health care workers and patients. Additionally, Blake helps others stay active as a soccer referee and an aerobics instructor. In the future, she hopes to work in the field of health and medicine.

## **Heider College of Business**

**Taylr Bahr**

Taylr is a junior economics and management and social entrepreneurship double major, with a minor in philosophy. He is a Business Research Fellow and has been involved in numerous programs through Creighton's Institute for Economic Inquiry. He studied abroad in Australia to gain a global perspective of his education and policy-related issues, interning for New South Wales's Cancer Council. He is interning for U.S. Senator Ben Sasse during the spring of 2021 and the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City in the summer of 2021, and he previously interned for Kansas Senator Ed Berger. He is the founder of Generation Connection, Inc., a nonprofit which hosts roundtable historical discussions at senior care facilities throughout the U.S. He has also led March of Dimes advocacy events on Creighton's campus. With goals of working in public service on elderly policy issues, he plans to pursue a master's degree and attend law school after graduation.

**Jacob Benne**

Jacob is a senior studying accounting and business intelligence and analytics. During his time at Creighton, he has been involved in a variety of activities including the Catholic Student Organization and the Knights of Columbus. He has participated in four service and justice trips, leading three of those. Jacob has also been involved in service in the Omaha Community through the Freshman Leadership Program.

**Kimberly Berning**

Kimberly is a junior Dean's Fellow majoring in accounting and management from Kansas City. She is involved in a variety of activities at Creighton including Beta Alpha Psi and Beta Gamma Sigma Honors Societies and the Anna Tyler Waite Leadership Program. She also serves as a retreat leader for campus ministry and an officer for both Catholic Daughters and Tri Delta Sorority as well as a volunteer in the Omaha community. Kimberly serves as a weekly volunteer for Habitat for Humanity and a retreat group facilitator for Campus Ministry.

### **Mackenzie Carlson**

Mackenzie is a junior in the Accelerated Master of Accounting Program, pursuing both her bachelor's degree in accounting and financial planning, as well as her Master of Accounting with a graduate certificate of business analytics in her four years at Creighton University. She has been involved in a variety of activities including the Financial Management Association, Alpha Phi fraternity, and Anna Tyler Waite Leadership Program. Additionally, she has volunteered as a mentor with Creighton University's Presidential Scholars, a peer leader for New Student Orientation, and a weekly volunteer with the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice weekly service program.

### **Carlee Cline**

Carlee is a marketing and business intelligence and analytics double major from Kansas City. At Creighton, Carlee is involved as a Dean's Fellow, member of Anna Tyler Waite Leadership Program, and Dean's Honor Roll for Social Responsibility. Carlee has been an active volunteer with Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska helping with refugee resettlement and with the Salvation Army. Carlee has held many roles including as a marketing intern at Populus Coworking, assistant teacher at The Goddard School, and crew lead at AMC Theatres.

### **Olivia Cross**

Liv is a junior pursuing a double major in accounting and healthcare administration. Originally from Des Moines, Iowa, she now enjoys exploring and serving her new community in Omaha through volunteering, especially with refugee populations. She participates in the Anna Tyler Waite Leadership Program in addition to being a Dean's Fellow and Scott's Fellow. On campus, she actively participates in Greek Life, leads tours for the Admissions Office, and works as a tutor for Creighton Athletics. She is excited and challenged by her vigorous coursework, and she looks forward to internships exploring the intersection of health care and business and a fulfilling career along that path.

### **John Eckels**

Jack is a junior from Kansas City majoring in finance and accounting. At Creighton, Jack is a Dean's Fellow, a member of the Anna Tyler Waite Leadership Program, and Dean's Honor Roll for Social Responsibility. Additionally, he is involved on campus as a member of the Business Symposium planning team and Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He is heavily dedicated to service opportunities across the Omaha community; his favorite being the Siena Francis House. Previously taught by the Jesuits at Rockhurst High School, he will strive to uphold the ideals he learned there and at Creighton.

### **Matthew Fredricks**

Matthew is a senior who is currently completing a Master of Accounting degree. On campus, he is involved with the Anna Tyler Waite Leadership Program, Beta Alpha Psi, Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity, Dean's Honor Roll for Social Responsibility, and the Freshman Leadership Program. Matthew has interned at Lutz & Company and Mutual of Omaha Bank. He has been an active volunteer with the Nebraska Equestrian Special Olympics since 2012.

**Andrea Goodman**

Andrea is a junior from Des Moines, Iowa, majoring in accounting and finance. She is involved on campus as a freshman retreat leader, an active member of Pi Beta Phi, Dean's Honor Roll for Social Responsibility, and Women in Business. She served on a fall service and justice trip her sophomore year. Additionally, Andrea has worked as a corporate communications intern at Berkshire Hathaway Energy and an accounting and finance intern at Union Pacific Railroad.

**Scott Haveman**

Scott is a senior and will begin his career in August of 2021 with Deloitte's Dallas office as an Audit Associate. While at Creighton, Scott has been involved with the Business Research Fellows and Gail-Werner Robertson Research Fellows, and has completed six internships with various Omaha businesses. Scott also serves as a student tutor for the Beta Alpha Psi accounting fraternity and is a Scott Scholar. He has devoted extensive time over his sophomore through senior years to the Creighton Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. As a senior, he is coordinating the VITA program and is tasked with developing the virtual method for providing tax assistance and oversees all student volunteers.

**David Roberts**

David is a junior studying accounting. A native of Dunlap, Iowa, he will serve as one of two coordinators for the 2021 Creighton Business Symposium. His other involvements include the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice service trip program, Alpha Kappa Psi professional business fraternity, Greek Life, and Business Research Fellows, among others. He has also applied his coursework in internships with KPMG and Union Pacific Railroad and will spend the summer of 2021 interning at JP Morgan Chase in Dallas.

**Amanda Rosa**

Amanda is a junior double majoring in business intelligence and analytics and accounting. She has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton including the Anna Tyler Waite Leadership Program, a service trip, and weekly community service through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice. She also serves as a member of the executive team of the International Student Association and a committed head member of the business fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi.

**Taylor Rowland**

Taylor is a sophomore majoring in accounting and business intelligence and analytics. She has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton including the Dean's Fellows Honor Program, the iJay Practicum, Boxing Club, and three service trips through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice. She has also been heavily involved in economics research with the support of the Center for Undergraduate Research and Scholarship and the Institute for Economic Inquiry.

### **Davis Sunderland**

Davis is a junior pursuing a bachelor's in both finance and business intelligence and analytics. In his time at Creighton he has been involved in the Fraternity and Sorority Life community as a member of Beta Theta Pi. He also is active in Alpha Kappa Psi professional business fraternity and served on the executive team for Dance Marathon to raise awareness and increase support for the Children's Miracle Network of Hospitals. Davis works on campus as a supervisor at the Creighton Fund Phonathon to raise money for Creighton students' scholarships.

### **Alexandra Taylor**

Alex is a senior planning to begin her career with KPMG's Denver office as an audit associate in August 2021. She has been involved in numerous service activities, including the Business Research Fellows Honors Program, Gail-Werner Robertson Research Fellows Program, Finance Business Research Silo, and Alpha Phi sorority, where she served as vice president of finance. Alex has also completed several internships, notably, an Honors Program Internship with the FBI. She is a Scott Scholar and National Merit Scholar and a member of the Women's Club Soccer Team and Beta Alpha Psi. Alex has volunteered with the Boys and Girls Club of North Omaha, Siena Francis House, and Yates Community Service Center. She has dedicated substantial time and effort during her upper-class years to the Creighton Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. As a senior, she is coordinating the VITA program with responsibility for developing the virtual method used to provide tax assistance as well as overseeing all student volunteers.

### **Kori Young**

Kori is a junior double majoring in accounting and finance on the financial analysis track. She is an active member of Alpha Phi Omega, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Hui 'O Hawaii, and plays the clarinet in the Creighton Pep Band. She also serves the local Omaha community by volunteering at the Open Door Mission, the Food Bank for the Heartland, and has participated in two service and justice trips. During this upcoming summer, she will be working for Amazon as one of their area manager interns. After graduation, she plans on obtaining her CPA license and real estate appraisal license.

## **College of Nursing**

### **Nicholas Guzzo**

Nicholas is a graduate student pursuing his Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree. In his work as a critical care nurse, he has gone above and beyond when volunteering to be a preceptor for nursing students, assisting with various extra projects, and becoming certified to teach Basic Life Support and Advanced Cardiac Life Support courses. He is the lead mentor for the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care track for the DNP mentorship program, organizing meetings and correspondence within the group. Outside of nursing, Nick has been involved in several outreach opportunities through his church, including the yearly fall festival and the educational fair for youth.

**Danielle Manella**

Danielle is a junior nursing student. During her time at Creighton, she has been involved in the Freshman Leadership Program as a member and mentor, Nursing Leadership Scholars, Catholic Daughters, Creighton Students for Life, and Pi Beta Phi sorority in which she is currently the panhellenic delegate. Danielle has been actively involved in Creighton's Campus Ministry as a lector and EMHC at St. John's, a Freshman Retreat leader, and Spring 2021 Encounter leader. She has volunteered at Precious Memories Daycare and on a service and justice trip in Axtell, Nebraska. As a freshman, she was recognized as a Freshman Scholar. Upon graduation in May 2022, Danielle will be participating in a nurse residency through the VA prior to becoming a VA nurse. She is looking forward to serving our nation's veterans and caring for them spiritually, mentally, and physically.

**Grace Schmidt**

Grace is a junior nursing student. She engaged in regular service as a member of the Freshman Leadership Program. She has also done weekly volunteering for the 402 Service Program through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice, where she mentored a refugee high school student. She participated in a service and justice trip in the fall of 2019 and has been involved in retreats through Campus Ministry. Grace has served on the executive council for her sorority, Gamma Phi Beta, and currently serves as that organization's philanthropy chair.

**Jacqueline Schoeneck**

Jacqueline is a graduate-level student pursuing her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. She cares for all people with compassion, addressing their physical health while coordinating with other resources to help them financially, emotionally, and logistically. As a member of the DNP mentor program, Jackie mentors two students in the program. She also volunteers at Harvesters, a food bank in Kansas City, as well as the first-aid tents at events in the Kansas City area. After graduation, Jackie has committed to volunteering at a free clinic as a nurse practitioner.

## **School of Law**

**Sapphire Andersen**

Sapphire is currently in her third year of law school. She plans to graduate in May 2021 with a Juris Doctor degree and a master's degree in government organization and leadership. During her time at Creighton, Sapphire has been involved as research editor of the *Creighton Law Review* and as president for Phi Delta Phi, the international legal honors society. She has also represented the law school at regional competitions for client counseling and Jessup International Moot Court.

### **Eric Hagen**

Eric is a third-year law student with plans to graduate with her Juris Doctor and Master of Science in negotiation and conflict resolution in May 2021. During his time at Creighton, He has also been involved in service with the Heart Ministry Center, Open Door Mission, and Fathers for a Lifetime (FFAL). As part of FFAL, Eric has assisted in coordination of a free legal clinic providing assistance for FFAL graduates and participants. He also served as the president of the Creighton Military Law Society which partners with the Veterans Legal Support Network to provide legal aid to veterans in the community. Outside of Creighton, Eric volunteers as a youth rugby coach for the North Omaha Rugby Club.

### **Callie Kanthack**

Callie is a third-year law student. She has a passion for volunteering and giving back to the Creighton community. Callie has been an active volunteer in Lawyers in the City which provides legal assistance to low-income individuals. She also volunteers at the Douglas County Courthouse Self-Help Desk and participated in an immersion trip to the ILAC Center in the Dominican Republic with her peers. Callie also enjoys competing as a member of the Werner ADR Client Counseling and Negotiations Team. She also serves as an editor for the *Creighton Law Review* and has published articles in both the law review and the *Nebraska Lawyer*. She plans to practice law in Omaha and continue serving the community following graduation.

### **Thomas Norvell**

Thomas is a third-year law student with plans to graduate in May 2021. During his time at Creighton, he has been an active member of the *Creighton Law Review* in which he serves as an executive editor for the law review board. Thomas is also the recipient of the Harry L. Welch Award, which is awarded each year to a first-year law student with the highest grade in Civil Procedure. He also serves as a member of the Legal Rural Practice Loan Repayment Assistance Board.

## **Graduate School**

### **Abena Adaboh**

Abena is a master's degree student who hopes to attend medical school in the fall of 2021. While at Creighton she has served as a resident advisor for sophomore students and worked to provide assistance to on-campus residents with special needs. She has also been an active volunteer in the Omaha community.

### **Cara Aghajanian**

Cara is a doctoral candidate and will graduate in May 2021 with her Doctor of Education in interdisciplinary leadership. Her dissertation explores the leadership of Catholic Sisters in the fight against human trafficking. She is also involved in the service activities of the Order of Malta. These include local projects such as food drives, support to the homeless, and nursing home visits. Cara is involved in international projects as well, serving on a committee that organizes yearly pilgrimages to Lourdes for people who are critically ill. She is also active in building awareness of the international humanitarian activities of Malteser International.

## *Graduate School continued*

### **Marc Bauer**

Marc is a graduate student pursuing his Doctor of Education in interdisciplinary leadership and is set to graduate in the spring of 2021. In his current role as the director of intercollegiate athletics at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, he has worked to implement two community outreach programs for student-athletes: Loper AthLEADS and Loper's Love to Help. Marc takes great pride in supporting programs that develop students beyond the competition. He serves on multiple campus and conference committees that focus on improving the institutional experience for students and faculty. Additionally, he was inducted into the Alpha Iota Sigma Honor Society this past May.

### **Margaret Blanchard**

Maggie is a graduate student in the School Counseling and Preventive Mental Health Program and is graduating this spring. She is a volunteer with Hope Ministries during Thanksgiving and Christmas time, taking donations and writing receipts for donors. She raises money for the Salvation Army through bell ringing each year. She is a member and donates to the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation, to which she has a personal connection. She is also an alumna of the sorority chapter, Pi Beta Phi. She volunteers on the alumni advisory council for the University of Iowa chapter by advising and mentoring college women in leadership roles within the chapter.

### **Brianna Chesser**

Brianna is a graduate student pursuing her Doctor of Education in interdisciplinary leadership. She is currently completing her dissertation-in-practice, examining the effect of a physical therapy program curriculum on the development of student cultural competence. In her work, she demonstrates commitment to diversity and inclusion. While at Creighton, she has been fortunate to participate in several great opportunities including virtual JayTalks, on-site Learning Institutes, and the study abroad course ILD 615 In the Footsteps of Van Gogh. She is also an executive team member for Creighton's inaugural interdisciplinary honor society Alpha Iota Sigma.

### **Tracy Gady**

Tracy completed her master's in organizational leadership degree in December 2020. She has participated in a variety of service and learning opportunities including a faculty and staff service trip to Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and multiple immersion experiences. She currently serves as the staff representative on the President's Council and the Staff Advisory Council, and previously served on the Committee on the Status of Women. Her volunteer interests include encouraging life-long learning and promotion of gender and equity issues.



### **Matthew Heinrich**

Matthew, a visiting professor of practice at Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Missouri, has given over 25 years of service to the university, receiving his MBA and bachelor's there as well. While there, he has participated in many service trips and led the campus master plan, including spaces dedicated to Jesuit core values. He has served as a scout master and is currently president of a nonprofit in support of scouting in his hometown. Matthew also served as president of a civic organization in Kansas City linking businesses together to promote economic development in an under-served area.

### **Benjamin Horgan**

Benjamin is a graduate student pursuing his Doctor of Education in interdisciplinary leadership. His dissertation has a special focus on the role of mission in training board members for Xaverian schools. He has served as a formation director for Xaverian schools himself. He is a member of the new Alpha Iota Sigma Interdisciplinary Honor Society. Benjamin's service experiences include volunteering at Red Cloud and serving as a member of several mission-related committees. He has been recognized as a delegate to the Jesuit Conference of International Social Gatherings. He is a very active lay member of his local Catholic community.

### **Anthony Houston Jr.**

Anthony is a graduate student in the Doctor of Education interdisciplinary leadership program. He serves as president and COO of CHI Memorial (part of CommonSpirit Health) in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Jesuit education runs deep in his family as he and his spouse Rebecca are both graduates of Xavier University and their eldest daughter, Madison, will graduate from Xavier in May 2021 with her Bachelor of Arts in education. Anthony serves on various boards to include the United Way of Chattanooga and serves as the chair of the American Heart Association Heart Challenge. Anthony strives to live the Ignatian charisms with special emphasis on *cura personalis* and being for and with others in solidarity toward living a faith that does justice.

### **Marisa Jordan**

Marisa is a graduate student pursuing her Master of Science in school counseling. Outside of her coursework, she is very committed to service, acting as the MAGIS moderator for the 8th grade class at St. Francis Jesuit School in Phoenix as well as a Eucharistic Minister at the parish. She mentors the Phoenix chapter of the Boys Hope/Girls Hope organization. During the pandemic, she has also been volunteering at the Borderlands Food and Rescue in Phoenix.

### **Kevin Kane**

Kevin is a doctoral candidate in the interdisciplinary leadership program. His dissertation topic is "Jesuit Influences on Executive Leadership." Kevin is a member of the National Board of Directors and Committee Chair of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps, a human service organization that serves those on the margins. He is also an affiliate faculty member of Regis University, for the Jesuit Worldwide Learning initiative, which along with the Jesuit Refugee Service delivers higher education to forcibly displaced persons.

**Pamela McAfee**

Pamela is a graduate student pursuing her Doctor of Education in interdisciplinary leadership. She is the first president of the new chapter of Alpha Iota Sigma Honor Society (Interdisciplinary Leadership) at Creighton University. In this role, she seeks to provide support for other remote students in online graduate programs. She is a health care administrator in California with a long and distinguished career in health care, serving in many states across the U.S. with an expertise in rehabilitation administration and health care leadership. Some of her service involvements include programs that work with disadvantaged minority youth, children experiencing abuse, wounded warriors' rehab programs, and serving with food banks and rescue missions.

**Karolyn Miller**

Karolyn is in the dissertation phase of her Doctor of Education in interdisciplinary leadership. She is a full-time faculty member in the physical therapy department at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa. She is also a member of the Center for Teaching Excellence Committee and Chair of the Curriculum Committee. In addition to service to her university, she is involved in the pro bono interprofessional health clinic serving the local community. She is also an active member at her parish, serving on the social justice committee among other involvements.

**Andreia Nebel**

Andreia is a recent December 2020 graduate of the Doctor of Education program for interdisciplinary leadership and also received her clinical doctorate in physical therapy from Creighton University in 2002. She is currently the vice president of academic affairs and an associate professor at Clarkson College. Andreia has completed multiple academic travel-abroad trips, hundreds of service hours with a focus in community wellness, presented locally and nationally, and will continue scholarly pursuits related to the importance of political skill in decision-making for higher education. She has served as an organizer of Healthy Families, and organizer for Special Olympics, and is an active Sunday school teacher for St. John's Lutheran Church.

**Taunya Plater**

Taunya is a graduate student in the dual Master of Science in Organizational Leadership and Negotiation and Conflict Resolution program. She will graduate in May 2021. She is married and the mother of three. She was the Service Chair for the Graduate Student Government for 2020. She has volunteered through Lutheran Family Services working with adults learning English as well as through the Open Door Mission serving meals.

### **Heather Power**

Heather is a graduate student receiving her Master of Science in school counseling and preventive mental health in May 2021. Located in Reno, Nevada, she has spent the last six years as a Court Appointed Special Advocate supporting and advocating for children in the foster care system. You can often find her on the campus of her sons' school as an active member of the Parents Association in various roles, including "lunch lady" duty. She also volunteers with USA Swimming as a certified stroke and turn official.

### **Kristi Ramsey**

Kristi is a graduate student in the school counseling program, and will graduate in May 2021. She has been volunteering and substitute teaching in the local Department of Defense schools as well as volunteering in the community spouses group, the local boy scout troop, and with parent/teacher organizations. She is passionate about education and working with students to achieve their goals. She is currently carrying out her school counseling internship at the American School in Japan, working closely with elementary, middle, and high school counselors to provide guidance lessons, individual, small group, and college counseling to students as well as planning special events for the whole student body.

### **Susan Shirachi**

Susan is a doctoral student in the interdisciplinary leadership program. Her doctoral interests are in Native studies in higher education. She serves the Hawaii island university and local communities as a member of the Mayor's Committee on People with Disabilities, Chancellor's Committee on Access, Faculty Congress Student Achievement and Admissions Committee, and HĀLĀWAI LALOKŌMIKE MAUŌ (Sustainability Cultural Connection) Committee. Her lay missionary work involves serving as a Relief Society ministering teacher. Her goal is to support youth and adults of diverse backgrounds and abilities in their aspirations to live enriched and happy lives.

### **Lauren Snowdon**

Lauren is a graduate student pursuing her Doctor of Education in interdisciplinary leadership. She currently serves as the director of clinical education at Seton Hall University and is a physical therapist by training. She works with patients with traumatic brain injury as a caregiver consultant and develops educational materials for families of these patients. She has received multiple service-related awards, the most recent being the American Physical Therapy Association's Global Health Ribbon for Social Responsibility in 2020.

### **Rose Walsh**

Rose is pursuing a master's degree in school counseling. During her time, she has focused a majority of her efforts on research in order to advance collaboration between resource staff and content teachers. Rose has directed youth retreats for students receiving confirmation. Rose also mentors students who need additional academic support online and coordinating faith teams for families experiencing hardships related to the COVID-19 crisis.

**Andrew Weinberger**

Andrew Weinberger is a graduate student in the Heider College of Business and is expected to complete his Doctor of Business Administration in summer of 2021. He is an associate professor at Central Connecticut State University in the accounting department. His research interests include internal controls, accounting analytics, and special purpose acquisition companies.

## School of Dentistry

**Emilyn Asinas**

Emilyn is a junior dental student on her way to graduate in May 2022. Some of the activities in which she has been involved include conducting research, tutoring fellow students, and representing the school as an ambassador. Emilyn is looking forward to serving the ILAC program in the Dominican Republic in the summer of 2021.

**Adam Belford**

Adam is a third-year dental student. Originally from Boulder, Colorado, Adam developed a passion for dentistry at a young age, admiring his father who practiced for 30 years. Since attending Creighton, Adam has established a strong work ethic and especially loves patient interactions during his times in clinic. He has been awarded the Health Professions Scholarship Program through the U.S. Army and tutors second-year students in multiple dental lab sessions and didactic courses.

**Josh (ChunWoo) Kang**

Josh is a senior dental student who will be graduating in May 2021. He came to Creighton through the WICHE scholarship program from New Mexico. He is passionate about servicing the community during his free time and has participated in many community service activities through the Student National Dental Association, such as Project Homeless, Bridge to Care, Indigenous People Health Fair, etc. Following graduation, he will go back to New Mexico and serve the dental needs for the people in the community using everything he learned during his time at the School of Dentistry.

**Hannah Kim**

Hannah is a third-year dental student with plans to graduate in May 2022. During her time at Creighton, Hannah has developed a passion for serving her patients and the greater community at large. Following graduation, she will be serving in the U.S. Air Force as a captain while also beginning her career in dentistry.

**Mohammad Mohammad**

Mohammad is a senior dental student. He has served in a variety of leadership positions throughout his time at Creighton. He is passionate about serving the community and has participated in One World Dental clinic, Project Homeless Connect, The Mayan Health fair, and Bridge to Care Refugee Health fair. Mohammad has also served on a dental mission trip to Nepal last summer. After graduating in May, he plans on returning home to Kuwait City to practice dentistry.

**Brody Peterson**

Brody is a third-year dental student with plans to graduate in May 2022. Brody earned his undergraduate degree while playing football at the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota. During his time at Creighton, he has participated in multiple volunteer programs such as Healthy Smiles which provides dental education and services to kids in Omaha Public Schools and One World Clinic. Following graduation, Brody plans to return to his home state and begin a practice in rural South Dakota.

**Christopher Pritchard**

Christopher is a third-year dental student with plans to graduate in May 2022. Christopher is originally from Wales in the United Kingdom and developed a passion for dentistry while working as a dental assistant in Pierre, South Dakota. He has been married for nine years and has two young boys who he spends all of his time with outside of school. Christopher also enjoys volunteering at One World Clinic and being a member of the OMFS Club. After graduation, Christopher plans to return to South Dakota and practice privately in a rural community.

**Emily Snodgrass**

Emily is a fourth-year dental student who has applied to oral surgery residencies starting in 2021. During her time at Creighton, she has assisted with organizing the dental school's One World Clinic treating underserved patients, worked as a tutor for the school, and has served as an ambassador for the Creighton University School of Dentistry for two years. She has also been active academically and was given the opportunity to present her research at the annual Hinman Student Research Symposium.

**Michael Stock**

Michael is a fourth-year dental student. He received his bachelor's degree from Creighton with a double major in mathematics and biology. He has been involved in the One World Clinic, Siena Francis House, Heart Ministry Center, and Give Kids A Smile sealant program. After graduation, Michael would like to further his education in an oral maxillofacial residency program.

## College of Professional Studies

### **Aimée Folker**

Aimée is a senior in the College of Professional Studies. Her graduation is a culmination of what Jesuit studies and Ignatian Spirituality embody. Through her personal experiences, Aimée became extremely passionate about mental health. She found her way as a mental health peer support specialist and advocating for women, the marginalized, and those with mental health symptoms. As a published poet, she continues her path in creative writing, as well as focusing her English studies in trauma theory and feminist-psychological criticism. She serves on the state boards of the National Alliance of Mental Illness and the League of Women Voters. She is a fierce believer that life stories carry no shame.

### **John Horsechief**

John is a senior in the College of Professional Studies and is anticipating graduation in May 2021. He has been involved in various activities at Creighton which include Creighton Homeless Connect, serving as a board member for the College of Professional Studies, and is a new inductee into Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society. Outside of Creighton, John works for the Open Door Mission homeless shelter in downtown Omaha. Aside from his work, John has volunteered his time tutoring elementary school students experiencing homelessness through the Lydia House. Following graduation, he will attend graduate school at the University of Pennsylvania for his master's degree.

### **Heidi Knofczynski**

Heidi is a non-traditional student who completed her Bachelor of Arts in English with a minor in philosophy in December of 2020. She has been inducted into Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society and the Nu Tau Epsilon chapter of the Alpha Sigma Lambda honor society for undergraduate adult students. In 2018, she was awarded the Proterra Interdisciplinary Writing Award. In addition to her studies, Heidi will also complete the Archdiocese of Omaha's Mentorship Program for Lay Leaders this spring. Heidi is an active member of Mary Our Queen Church where she serves as a lector as well as on other committees.

### **Kailen Wong**

Kailen is an Emergency Medical Services, pre-medicine student. He has been involved in numerous service activities including two service trips through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice; being a youth tutor; volunteering at the Omaha Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center. He also volunteered as an EMT for the California Health Corps in a Covid-19 field hospital. Additionally, Kailen was recognized from the 2020 Paramedic class with the Clinical Excellence Award. He was also presented with the Leader of Today Award by the Creighton University Division of Student Life.

## School of Medicine

### **Paula Choi**

Paula is a fourth-year medical student with plans to graduate in May 2021. During her time at Creighton, Paula has enjoyed being involved in a variety of research and volunteer opportunities. She was recognized and nominated for membership in the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. Paula served as the research coordinator on a Project Cura medical mission trip and has been an active volunteer in both the Magis and St. Vincent de Paul clinics. These experiences helped her to develop a passion for serving underserved populations which she plans to continue following graduation.

### **Jila Debastanti**

Jila is a third-year medical student with plans to graduate in the spring of 2022. She received a master's degree in biomedical sciences between her second and third year of medical school for her research on drug repurposing for noise induced hearing loss under Dr. Zuo. Jila has also been involved in trauma research. In addition to her dedication to research, she has been involved in a variety of service activities. She serves as an officer for the Magis Homeless Clinic, a member of the CUSOM Admissions Committee and Make-A-Wish Nebraska Run/Walk Committee.

### **John Hufnagle, IV**

John is a fourth-year medical student with plans to graduate in May 2021. He is originally from Massachusetts and graduated cum laude from Loyola University Maryland with a major in biochemistry. During his time at Creighton, he has been active in volunteer clinical work, teaching, mentoring, and the School of Medicine Admissions Committee. He also holds leadership roles in Radiology and Ultrasound Interest Groups and the national Society of Interventional Radiology. Additionally, John has been involved in clinical research and was inducted in the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society in his third year. Following graduation, John will be applying to residency positions in interventional radiology.

### **Adrienne Pyle**

Adrienne is a fourth-year medical student with plans to graduate in May 2021. During her time at Creighton, Adrienne has been involved in Creighton Day of Service and CUSOM Advocates. She also holds leadership roles in student government, serving as both the vice president for her class and the class service chair. Adrienne has developed a passion for bringing vulnerable populations to the forefront of clinical medicine to normalize education about social determinants of health, reduce health disparities and pursue structural change. She also helped to develop advocacy driven research initiatives particularly for mitigating barriers to gynecologic care for transgender patients. Following graduation, Adrienne will begin residency training in obstetrics and gynecology.

**Kathleen Marinelli**

Kathleen Marinelli is a third-year medical student who will be graduating in May 2022. During her time at Creighton, she has developed a passion for clinical research and providing longitudinal care to those suffering from chronic diseases. She has also been an active member of Advocates and Do Justice. Kathleen has also served on the board for the American Medical Women's Association and the Internal Medicine Interest Group. She is deeply grateful for her Jesuit education and the way it has helped form her into the woman she is today.

**Olufemi Oladokun**

Olufemi is a third-year medical student. During his time at Creighton, he has been involved in multiple volunteering events hosted by the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice. He also served in leadership positions as president of the African Students Association and was actively involved in biophysics research. As a medical student, he has volunteered in student-run free clinics both in Omaha and Phoenix and led organizations like the Student National Medical Association. Olufemi takes great pride in the Ignatian pedagogical paradigm and plans to carry it on in his future career as a physician.

**Emma Patello**

Emma is in her third year and is planning on becoming an OBGYN after she graduates. Her activities through Creighton include volunteering through the Magis Clinic and knitting hats for the Bergan NICU. She is also mentors both premed and other medical students through various programs including the American Medical Woman's Association.

**Laura Tarantino**

Laura is a third-year medical student. During her time at Creighton, Laura has participated in the health partnership trip to the ILAC center in the Dominican Republic. She is thankful to Creighton's incredible community and hopes to continue incorporating service in her future career as a physician.

**Madison Wolfe**

Madison is a fourth-year medical student with plans to graduate in May 2021. During her time at Creighton, Madison has participated in a variety of service activities including the Creighton School of Medicine's Magis Clinic. She has also held leadership roles on the Committee for Student Research and Scholarly Activity, the School of Medicine's Advancement Committee and as a mentor for students pursuing admission into medical school. Following graduation from medical school, Madison will begin residency training in pediatric medicine.

**Kaitlyn Young**

Kaitlyn is a third-year medical student from St. Cloud, Minnesota. She has been involved in various activities at Creighton, including volunteering at the Magis Clinic and organizing music for an anatomy donor memorial service. She also will be taking over as president of the Palliative Care In Action group next year.



# School of Pharmacy and Health Professions

## **Taylor Barnett**

Taylor is a student in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program. She has been involved in numerous service organizations, including the Down Syndrome Alliance and volunteering as a fitness instructor for a retirement community.

## **Victoria Bergen**

Victoria is a third-year occupational therapy student and will graduate in May 2021. She served as vice president of occupational therapy for the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions Student Government, as a student representative on the admissions committee for the occupational therapy program, and as a research assistant on a faculty grant project. She is involved in numerous student organizations and enjoys volunteering with various groups within the local community.

## **Joseph Coufal**

Joe is a student in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program. He has been involved in numerous Creighton University organizations including the Creighton University Student Physical Therapy Association, Creighton University Neurological Rehabilitation Organization, and the Creighton University Magis Scholars program. He was a recipient of the Creighton School of Pharmacy and Health Professions Merit Award, 2019 Physical Therapy Book Award, and 2020 PT Rehab Visions Developing Clinician Award for academic achievement. While at Creighton he participated in volunteer respite care and tutored fellow physical therapy students. Upon graduation he has ambitions of becoming an orthopedic, acute care, or neurological physical therapist

## **Kayla Josephson**

Kayla is a fourth-year physical therapy student who will graduate in the spring of 2021. She has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton including her role as a student ambassador for the physical therapy program, SPAHP Student Research Fellow, and Tutor for the SPAHP. She also assisted in the organization of The Annual Joint Effort Volleyball Tournament put on by Creighton and UNMC physical therapy students to raise money for the Nebraska Arthritis Foundation.

## **Sadie Jung**

Sadie is a third-year occupational therapy student. She has been involved in a variety of service and scholarship activities at Creighton including the CU SPAHP Fellowship Program as a research fellow, For and With Others Volunteer Program as a volunteer in an inpatient rehabilitation program, Pre-OT Club as vice president, and academic support as a student tutor in the OT program. She is an active member in Pi Theta Epsilon and Jays4Peds. During her Doctoral Capstone Experience, she will be working in the NICU establishing a hydrotherapy program and working with parents in the Family Integrated Care Program. She will graduate in May 2021 with a doctorate in occupational therapy.

**Brittney Kessel**

Brittney is a third-year pharmacy student. She has been involved in many health-related service opportunities, including participating in the Healing Gift Clinic and Prescription Drug Take-Back event. During these events, Brittney educated the community in the importance of properly disposing of unused medication.

**McKenzie Kuska**

McKenzie is a third year Doctor of Occupational Therapy student and will graduate in May 2021. McKenzie has been involved in a variety of activities while at Creighton University including the Creighton University Student Occupational Therapy Association and the Jays4Peds organization. She served as the secretary for her class during her first year of studies and served as the vice president of occupational therapy in the Jays4Peds organization throughout her second year. McKenzie is also a member of the Pi Theta Epsilon honor society and is actively involved in the Omaha community through her volunteering efforts and work in pediatric respite care.

**Krysta Larson**

Krysta is a third-year pharmacy student. She has been involved in many activities at Creighton University, including as the pharmacy director at the Magis Clinic, which serves patients at the Siena Francis House in Omaha. She has also been involved in a service and justice trip through the Creighton Schlegel Center for Service and Justice, multiple Greek organizations, and Creighton Love Your Melon Campus Crew.

**Nicholas Monkemeyer**

Nicholas is a third-year Doctor of Pharmacy Student. While in pharmacy school, he competed on the NCAA Division I cross country team at Creighton, where he was honored as a First-Team Academic All-American. He holds leadership positions in several pharmacy organizations and works on the front line at Creighton University Medical Center. Nicholas regularly volunteers at the Magis and Healing Gift medical clinics in Omaha. In the future, he hopes to serve his community as an emergency department pharmacist.

**Katherine Sandquist**

Katherine is a third-year pharmacy student who has enjoyed involvement in service, research, and academics throughout her education at Creighton. She serves as chapter president of the American Pharmacists Association–Academy of Student Pharmacists and is an active member of the Rho Chi Academic Honor Society, Phi Lambda Sigma Leadership Society, and other professional organizations. She also serves as a tutor, a volunteer in the Omaha community, and enjoys working as a pharmacy intern.

### **Paige Saunier**

Paige is a third-year student and will graduate this coming May 2021 with her doctorate in occupational therapy. She has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton University and served as the Pharmacy Health Professions Student Government Representative and secretary of Creighton University Student Occupational Therapy Association. She is an active member of the occupational therapy honor society Pi Theta Epsilon, Iota Chapter, as well as a volunteer in the Omaha community.

### **Skyler Starkel**

Skyler is a third-year pharmacy student. She serves as the Creighton University Student Representative on the Nebraska Pharmacist Association Board of Directors, a student member on the Creighton University Pharmacy Assessment Committee, and as an officer of Creighton's Magis Clinic at the Siena Francis House. She is the vice chair of Operation Immunization, a committee of Creighton's APhA-ASP that organizes flu clinics throughout Creighton's campus and the Omaha community. She has been a Project Homeless Connect Omaha Navigator during her undergraduate years and continued that into pharmacy school, when she became the immunization student leader. She works at the Veterans Affairs Nebraska-Western Iowa Healthcare system as a VALOR student, CVS Pharmacy as an intern, and she tutors pharmacy students through the Rho Chi National Honor Society.

### **Christa Taylor**

Christa is a fourth-year pharmacy student. During pharmacy school, she served as the American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists president and the secretary for the pharmacy leadership organization Phi Lambda Sigma. Through these organizations, she helped initiate multiple new events such as World Health Day and an interdisciplinary naloxone training. She has also been active in mentoring pre-pharmacy students through leading a blood pressure teaching station at the pre-pharmacy immersion lab, guest speaking about opportunities for pharmacy involvement as an undergraduate, and sitting on a student panel for the pre-pharmacy club.

## Honorary Inductees

### **Laura Heinemann, PhD, MSW**

*Associate Professor in Medical Anthropology and Medical Humanities  
College of Arts and Sciences and School of Medicine*

Laura Heinemann, associate professor of medical anthropology and medical humanities with appointments in the College of Arts and Sciences and School of Medicine, has conducted timely research examining lives of organ transplant recipients and their caregivers, in order to better understand the motivations, joys and struggles of caregiving in the community. Her resulting book publication made a strong case for comprehensive health policy that treats health care as a shared public responsibility informing debates on health care reform. An iteration of this work was published in the flagship publication of the Society for Medical Anthropology, the *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*.

Her recent sabbatical approached caregiving in the community and its impact on health care/health policy from a more general angle, exploring caregiving after hospital discharges. Considering the ongoing health care policy discussion in the United States and that a significant number of Creighton undergraduate students discern a career in health care, her scholarship easily connects with students' interests and challenges them to think broadly about health care and keeping "care" in health care.

Heinemann is strongly committed to Ignatian charisms. Her research, her leadership as department chair for three years, her teaching, and her mentorship are rooted in a desire to be a person who lives "for and with others." She is a kind person who prioritizes and celebrates the growth and achievement of others, be it colleagues or students, and tries her best to help others thrive and overcome obstacles. Heinemann genuinely exercises *cura personalis*, recognizing the strengths of others and helping them address challenges and limitations. Students are drawn to her because of her kind and supportive nature. She always challenges herself and others to give their best, striving for excellence through *magis*. This is evident in her scholarship, in her mentorship of students, and in her relationship with colleagues.

**Meghan Potthoff, PhD, APRN-NP, PPCNP-BC, CPNP-AC**

*Associate Professor, College of Nursing*

Meghan Potthoff, associate professor, pediatric nurse practitioner, actively integrates her scholarship and clinical practice with her teaching of Doctor of Nursing Practice students. Potthoff and her team successfully competed for a \$100,000 grant awarded by the National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education in partnership with leading health care foundations. The project focused on creating one of the first collaborative care models based on a Relative Value Unit (RVU) model to improve patient health outcomes in the Creighton University Clinic Family Practice Department. Under Potthoff's leadership, the team implemented a novel interdisciplinary approach to patient care, engaging Creighton Werner Institute's conflict management expertise to assist health professionals to appreciate each other's perspectives and expertise. The findings were published in the prestigious *Annals of Family Medicine*, and a second manuscript has been accepted by the *Journal of Interprofessional Care*.

As an emerging leader in pediatric palliative care research, Potthoff is currently a Sojourn Scholar, nationally selected by the Cambia Health Foundation to receive \$180,000 over two years. Her contributions to the developing body of pediatric palliative care nursing knowledge include 11 publications in peer-reviewed journals in the past three years, service on the editorial board of Building Healthy Academic Communities, and reviewing for *The Journal for Palliative Medicine*. In 2019 she was inducted as the inaugural College of Nursing Lenke Scholar. Potthoff was awarded Nurse of the Year for Academic Excellence by the March of Dimes in 2014 and nominated again in 2020 for Nurse Practitioner Excellence.

Loyalty and service activities include past chair Midwest chapter, National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners; volunteer with St. Robert Bellarmine church and Partnership for Kids, board member of the Kyle Korver Foundation and co-chair of six annual fundraisers; member of the Creighton Young Alumni Board; and fundraising for the Russell Child Development Center.

*Honorary Inductees continued*

**Lorraine (Lori) Rusch, PhD, RN**

*Associate Professor, College of Nursing*

Lori Rusch exemplifies Creighton's service mission through dedication to her nursing profession, leadership, teaching, and scholarship. For 11 years, Rusch was integral in recruiting and developing faculty from seven health professions to provide team-based, patient-focused care at Project Homeless Connect Omaha (PHCO). Her forward thinking infused an interprofessional education model into PHCO operations long before it was required by the Health Science schools. While Rusch prioritized the needs of the PHCO guests experiencing homelessness, she emphasized student education and Jesuit values-based personal and professional formation.

Rusch was principal or co-investigator on eight grants with local, regional, and international presentations. Currently, she is lead investigator of a Haddix President's Faculty Research grant, "Exploring the Use of Mobile Health Technology in Heart Failure Self-Care Management." She was also recently awarded a Teaching and Learning Center Development grant, "Exploring Effective Practices and Outcomes for Collaborative Learning and Leadership Teaching Strategies."

Her student nominator wrote, "Dr. Rusch's commitment to her students' learning allows us to grow in both our didactic and practical education. As the course leader of our senior-level care management course, Rusch supports the success of students by making herself available for questions and always encouraging deeper engagement with the material. Rusch guides meaningful simulation activities that encourage critical thinking coupled with compassionate patient care. In this way, Rusch practices *cura personalis*, caring for her students' educationally and in terms of personal growth and development. She takes a genuine interest in the lives of all students, seeing us as unique individuals and always offering to provide assistance where appropriate. As an advisor for undergraduate students in the College of Nursing, Rusch supports her student's goals and promotes academic success by providing them with guidance through the roadblocks they may face."

**Dzao C. Vŭ, SJ, PharmD, MPH**

*Jesuit Regent*

*Instructor, School of Pharmacy and Health Professions*

Dzao Vŭ, SJ, PharmD, now in the regency period of his Jesuit formation, lives in the Jesuit community at Creighton Hall. Ahead lie studies in theology, ordination to the transitional diaconate and then, in approximately three years, ordination to the priesthood.

Vŭ, now 44, came to the United States with his mother, his carpenter father who spent eight years in a Vietnamese “re-education” camp, and one other sibling. Two older siblings would join them later, courtesy of a family reunification program sponsored by the late U.S. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. A third sibling remains in Vietnam, where she is married.

When the Vŭ family arrived in Houston in 1992 as beneficiaries of an agreement between Vietnam and the U.S. that permitted Vietnamese emigration, they immediately joined one of 10 Vietnamese parishes. The search for employment soon led the family to Omaha where Vŭ’s parents, now 80 and 83, still reside.

The road from that day to Vŭ’s commitment to the Jesuit path in 2014 has been winding. He attended Omaha Central High School, where he often gazed over Creighton’s campus, never dreaming his future lie there. He earned his pharmacy doctorate at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Then, a memorable conversation with Creighton Jesuit the Rev. Larry Gillick, SJ, assisted by friendships with Vietnamese Jesuit scholastics, followed by work as a pharmacist in Las Vegas, led him to a decision that the priestly life was his calling.

“I had established a career as a pharmacist, but I thought to myself, ‘Well, what is the purpose of my life?’ I felt a call to a deeper vocation. I decided to maximize my gifts by becoming a Jesuit—to educate, to serve and to help the less fortunate.”



## 2021 Student Chapter Officers

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