

# Alpha Sigma Nu Induction

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## Program

Welcome Regan Lavallee

Vice President, AΣN Student Chapter, Creighton University

## Induction Prayer Danielle Manella

Vice President, AΣN Student Chapter, Creighton University

Remarks on Behalf of the AlphaSigma Nu Omaha Alumni ClubDan Pape, BSBA'87, JD'90President, AΣN Omaha Alumni Club

## Alpha Sigma Nu Standards Scholarship

**Chirstyn Okuno** Vice President, AΣN Student Chapter, Creighton University

## Loyalty

**Danielle Manella** Vice President, AΣN Student Chapter, Creighton University

## Service

**Regan Lavallee** Vice President, AΣN Student Chapter, Creighton University

Former Alpha Sigma Nu Student Chapter Faculty Advisor Thomas Purcell, III, JD, PhD, CPA Heider College of Business Alpha Sigma Nu Student Chapter Faculty Adviser Angela Patterson, otd, otr/L, FNAP School of Pharmacy and Health Professions

Alpha Sigma Nu Pledge Acceptance of Candidates Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD President, Creighton University

Presentation of Keys and Certificates

Conferral of Honorary Memberships

Remarks on Behalf of the Administration Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, sJ, PhD

Remarks on Behalf of the Inductees Jackson Stamper Heider College of Business

## **College of Arts and Sciences**

## Madelyn Anderson

Madelyn is a senior studying data science and economics in the College of Arts and Sciences Honors Program. After graduation, she will be working in technology consulting with plans to attend graduate school in machine learning and artificial intelligence. At Creighton, she has been involved with computer science research in the Clare Boothe Luce Scholar program, held leadership positions within the BIA Association, and worked four internships across multiple industries. She has been a member of the Creighton Dance Team for four years and is active in the Gamma Phi Beta sorority serving as the academics chair.

## Jacob Benes

Jacob is a junior, and will attend medical school in the fall of 2023. His favorite service moment was leading a group of Creighton students to volunteer at the Heart Ministry Center. He serves as vice president on the College of Arts and Sciences Student Senate, mentors as a Decurion, tutors in the EDGE, and is an active member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Jacob is also part of Dean's Fellows, and in fall 2020, he received the Leadership in Service Award.

#### William Brausch

Will is a junior applying to medical schools for the fall of 2023. He has been involved in lots of activities at Creighton including researching the neuromuscular features of Parkinson's disease, serving as a teaching assistant for the anatomy lab, and will be attending a service trip with Med Life to Ecuador this spring. He also serves on the Honors Mental Health Committee and is an active volunteer at the Siena Francis House.

#### Bryanna Bravo

Bryanna is a senior, and will attend dental school in the fall of 2022. During her time at Creighton, she has been involved in activities such as research, service trips and club soccer. She also volunteers at the Munroe Meyer Institute in the local Omaha community.

### Julia Crawford

Julia is a senior. Throughout her time at Creighton, Julia has been involved in a variety of academic and social activities. She is currently the co-editor of Shadows, Creighton's literary arts magazine. Julia has participated in multiple conferences, including the international Northern Network for Medical Humanities Research conference in 2021.

## **Christina Davis**

Christina is a junior studying elementary education with a minor in Spanish and Hispanic studies. She is planning on graduating with her bachelor's degree in the spring of 2023. She has been an active member Pi Beta Phi sorority and has served as a leader in numerous retreats through Campus Ministry. Christina was also part of the Freshman Leadership Program for her first year at Creighton. Christina hopes to take what she has learned at Creighton to help make the world a better place.

## Olivia Egbert

Olivia is a sophomore interested in attending medical school after graduating from Creighton. She is a member of the College of Arts and Sciences Honors Program and was elected to be a class representative on the Honors Student Advisory Board. She works as a teaching assistant, and is involved in Greek Life and Eta Sigma Phi.

## **Benjamin Engle**

Benjamin is a senior studying biology and will be attending dental school in the fall of 2022. He participated in undergraduate research for two years in the Biology Department in parasitology. He worked in the department as a teaching assistant in multiple labs and an attached tutor for several courses. He was also involved in Inter Residential Hall Government and served as vice president of public relations for the College of Arts and Sciences Student Senate.

## Tara Erickson

Tara is a senior biology major on the Pre-Physician Assistant track. She is a leader of the Hands of Hope hospice volunteer group through Campus Ministry, serves as co-president of Creighton's chapter of the Phi Sigma Biological Honors Society, is a College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Fellow, and acts as a Peer Educator through Creighton's Violence Intervention and Prevention Center. Tara has also been actively involved in Best Buddies since her freshman year, is a microbiology teaching assistant in the Biology Department, and enjoys attending weekly Protestant services through the CommonWell.

## Lauren Fogarty

Lauren is a senior hoping to attend medical school in the fall of 2023. She has been actively involved in Undergraduate Admissions as a campus tour guide and has held leadership positions in Alpha Phi, the Cortina Service and Justice Community, and New Student Orientation. She has also studied and volunteered abroad, in both Italy and the Dominican Republic, in addition to volunteering in the local Omaha community.

#### College of Arts and Sciences continued

## **Jackson Fox**

Jackson is a junior studying biochemistry with minors in biology and applied ethics. In his time here at Creighton he has been involved in undergraduate research within the Biochemistry Department, a Welcome Week guide and Welcome Week entertainment executive for the New Student Orientation program, worked as a tour guide within the Creighton Admissions office, a retreat leader for Campus Ministry, and has served as the recruitment chair for his fraternity, Phi Delta Theta. This fall he traveled to Appalachian West Virginia on a service trip through his fraternity and plans to go to the Dominican Republic this summer through Creighton's ILAC program.

## Ashlynn Garcia

Ashlynn is a senior studying psychology, biology, and medical anthropology. She has been involved on campus as a volunteer at Creighton's daycare and COVID-19 vaccination clinic, and has been heavily involved in research with the Psychology Department. Additionally, she completed a psychology internship at the Institute for Human Neuroscience this past summer. She will be applying to graduate programs in genetic counseling next fall.

#### **Kylie Geer**

Kylie is a junior majoring in secondary education and theology. She a team leader of Local Community Engagement at the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice, and has been a participant on a number of service trips. Kylie is the vice president of Catholic Student Organization and a service group leader in the Cortina Community. She is also serves as a Best Buddies and TeamMates mentor, religious education catechist, New Student Orientation guide, and a Campus Ministry retreat leader.

#### Henry Glynn

Henry is a junior majoring in political science and theology. He has been involved on campus as a Welcome Week executive, an officer in his fraternity, executive member of the Office of Sustainability Programs Ecospirituality Team, an officer of the Creighton Students Union and College of Arts and Sciences Student Senate, and small group and retreat leader for Campus Ministry. He has also been engaged with service in the community, serving as participant on a service trip through the SCSJ. He will be participating in a service-based master's program in education beginning this summer.

#### Gabrielle Grimaldi

Gabrielle is a junior majoring in exercise science and pre-health professions, on the pre-physician assistant track. She is a member of the women's soccer team and the BIG EAST All-Academic Team at Creighton. She has also volunteered as an intern at Sheffield Place in Kansas City, which works to guide mothers and their children who have suffered severe trauma to self sufficiency.

### **David Harris**

David is junior honors student studying biology and English on the pre-medical track. He is an undergraduate researcher in Dr. Soochin Cho's genetics laboratory. He is involved on campus as a guitar player for the EvenSong student mass, a member of the Creighton University Presidential Scholars Program, and the Strategus and Fundraising Chair for the Alpha Eta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated.

## Erin Hebert

Erin is a junior majoring in biochemistry. She has been involved in many activities at Creighton, including weekly service with the Creighton University Presidential Scholars program, and attended two service trips through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice, serving as a coordinator on her second trip. She is also heavily involved in research on campus as a Nebraska INBRE fellow and a Creighton Goldwater Scholar. She plans to attend graduate school for biochemistry after graduation next spring.

## **Danielle Hotalling**

Danielle is a senior and is majoring in biology and medical anthropology. She is an athlete on the women's cross country and track team, and partakes in computational biophysics research on prion diseases. She has been involved as a volunteer at OneWorld Community Health Center, and at a few local hospitals in her hometown area of Kansas City. She plans to pursue a Master of Public Health at Creighton next year.

#### Amy Huang

Amy is a junior majoring in biology on the pre-medicine track. She has served as a volunteer with the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice and at CHI Health CUMC Bergan Mercy. She is also a member and former vice president of the Creighton Aquarium Club, and is a member of the University Volunteer Committee at CHI Health.

#### Abigail Hunter

Abigail is a senior, and will graduate this spring with a Bachelor of Science in elementary education and a minor in theology. She served as an officer in the executive team for New Student Orientation, president of Pi Beta Phi Sorority, a member of the Theological Honor Society. She also performs weekly in the Creighton Mass Choir.

### **Benjamin Kash**

Benjamin is a senior majoring in biology on the pre-medical track. He has been involved on campus as an active member of Phi Delta Theta, the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Fellows Program, and a Eucharistic Minister at St. John's Church. He has also served as a leader of a semester-long Spiritual Exercises retreat, participated on a service trip to Jerusalem farm, and has helped to plan the Creighton Students for Life trip to Washington, D.C., in 2022. Additionally, he has worked as an EMT for the past two years, and continues to volunteer in the Omaha community at homeless shelters and afterschool programs for underserved children.

#### College of Arts and Sciences continued

#### Katelyn Kelly

Katelyn is junior majoring in biochemistry. She has been a volunteer at the Boys and Girls Club through the Creighton Freshman Leadership Program and a Campus Ministry retreat coordinator. She has also been involved on campus as a Welcome Week peer leader and is currently the vice president of academic excellence in her sorority. She hopes to attend graduate school after graduating next spring.

#### Emma Kitteringham

Emma is a senior majoring in history and philosophy. She has served on campus as a residential advisor, Dance Marathon catering executive, collaborative philosophical researcher, social executive in the Freshman Leadership Program, and an active member of Phi Sigma Tau and Phi Alpha Theta Honor Societies. This year she is a Decurion for the College of Arts and Sciences and is working at Cline Williams law firm in Omaha. She hopes to attend law school in the near future.

## **David Law**

David is a senior majoring in exercise science and will attend medical school in the fall of 2022. While at Creighton, he has been involved in the Creighton Honors Program, has led Habitat for Humanity service groups, and tutored middle school students through Jesuit Academy. Additionally, David has engaged in research projects including molecular genetics, metabolism suppression in research animals, and the history of alcoholism.

#### Natalie Liao

Natalie is a junior planning to attend medical school in the fall of 2023. She is a member of the Creighton Honors Program and is an executive member of the Multicultural Association of Pre-Health Students. She is involved in Dr. Erin Gross' research in microscale analytical detection systems. She has participated in service with Creighton's 402 Service Program and currently volunteers at CHI Bergan Mercy Hospital and the Siena Francis House.

## Grace Litzau

Grace is a junior pursuing a degree in social work with minors in Spanish and social entrepreneurship. She has a passion for people and has been heavily involved with the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice, leading weekly service and participating on two service and justice trips. She works with Creighton's Victim Intervention and Prevention Center to educate peers and increase awareness. She is also a College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Fellow, and an active member of Greek Life.

## Ananda Lopez

Ananda is a sophomore majoring in biology and minoring in Spanish and music. She is a member of the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Fellows Program and the Women's Rowing Team. Ananda has pursued a CNA license and works at Hillcrest Rehabilitation Center in Omaha. Some of Ananda's other involvements include her Christian Learning Community, Project Sunshine, Delta Delta Delta Sorority, Freshman Retreat, Chamber Choir, New Student Orientation, and in working as an attached tutor for Cell Structure and Function. In the future, she intends on going to PA school with hopes of involvement in pediatrics, dermatology, or family medicine.

## Chaylea Mandina

Chaylea is a junior majoring in exercise science and will apply to PA school in the spring of 2023. Outside of school and work, she has dedicated her time to volunteering, shadowing, and patient care to prepare herself for a career in the health sciences. Chaylea is also currently pursuing her CNA at Nebraska Methodist College. Recently, she committed to a volunteer position at Methodist Hospital to serve the needs of chemotherapy patients and the HELP program.

#### Justin Mark

Justin is a third-generation Creighton student and a third-year student studying political science. He will graduate this May and enroll in law school in the fall. Mark has readily embraced all that Creighton has to offer both inside and outside of the classroom, including refugee research, the Creighton Honors Program, Greek Life, and sports writing for the student newspaper.

#### Marika Marklin

Marika is a December 2021 graduate with majors in psychology and Spanish. She is currently working as a residential counselor before she pursues a clinical psychology graduate program this fall. In her three and a half years at Creighton, Marika was heavily involved across campus as a teaching assistant and research assistant in the Psychology Department, academic tutor, and Inter Residence Hall Government dorm senator.

#### Lindsey Mason

Lindsey is junior exercise science major on the pre-physician assistant track. She plans on attending physician assistant school after graduation. On campus, she is a member of Pi Beta Phi, and serves on the Panhellenic Council as the vice president of membership. She is involved in the Dance Marathon and has served as vice president of public relations. She also participates in volunteer work within the Omaha community.

#### Morgan McAndrew

Morgan is a junior studying biochemistry with a minor in music. She is part of the Creighton Honors Program and enjoys singing with Creighton's Chamber Choir and EvenSong Choir. Morgan is a student leader for the Hands of Hope hospice program and is involved in several other campus ministry and SCSJ programs. She also participates in undergraduate research in Dr. Brandsen's lab and is a teaching assistant for the Chemistry Department.

#### College of Arts and Sciences continued

#### Spencer McKinley

Spencer is a senior studying biology and will attend medical school in the fall of 2022. He has been involved with several activities at Creighton and in the Omaha community including volunteering at the Omaha Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Further, he served as vice president of the Pre-Medical Society and dedicated his time to organizing volunteering trips among his peers.

#### Angela Murray

Angela is a junior from Chicago studying exercise science on the pre-dental track. She has been involved in Pi Beta Phi throughout her time at Creighton and has served various leadership roles, such as the director of new member education. This year, Angela has started working with the Healthy Smiles program through the Creighton School of Dentistry, which provides accessible dental care to students in the Omaha area.

#### Annika Muse

Annika is a senior studying biology and plans to pursue a career in the health sciences following graduation in May of 2022. Her time at Creighton has been best spent forming and fostering relationships with other members of this community through academic and service-oriented endeavors. She is a member of the Haddix Dean's Fellows program, has served in a couple of roles within the New Student Orientation organization, and volunteers at the Magis Clinic and Completely KIDS.

#### Eric Nguyen

Eric is a senior studying biology. He has been involved in a variety of ways at Creighton including the Markoe Leadership Program and Student Support Services. He also serves the Omaha area as a volunteer at Incommon as a citizenship tutor.

#### Kevin Nguyen

Kevin is a senior studying psychology. He plans to take a gap year following graduation before applying to medical school. He has been involved in weekly service through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice and has also participated in a service trip. He does behavioral pharmacology research in Dr. Vanessa Minervini's lab and has also conducted clinical research through other internships. He also serves on the Creighton Honors Program Student Board and is involved with the service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega.

## Chelsea Nicholson

Chelsea is a December 2021 graduate with a degree in journalism and graphic design. She previously served as president of Public Relations Student Society of America, the Creightonian editor-in-chief, a Creative Suite graphic designer, College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Office marketing intern, and a photography intern in the Athletics Department. Her experience in the Athletics Department has since turned into a full-time job as assistant director of creative services for Creighton Athletics. She was also a Haddix Dean's Fellow, Kingfisher Research Fellow, and Scheerer Scholar of the Arts during her time at Creighton.

## Grace Ohland

Grace is a junior in the Honors Program, majoring in biochemistry and minoring in medical anthropology and biology. She is an active member in the Omaha community where she enjoys serving meals at the Siena Francis House, volunteering at CHI Health, and mentoring an elementary school student. On campus, you can find her in the lab—either participating in research or as a teaching assistant. She plans to apply to medical school later this year.

#### Jack Olson

Jack is a junior in the Exercise Science program. He is pursuing a career in medicine and will be seeking acceptance into medical school this upcoming year. Jack is involved in a number of activities at Creighton. He plays on the men's golf team and serves as a member of Creighton's Student Athlete Advisory Committee. He is an active volunteer in the Omaha community with CHI Health and the Siena Francis House.

#### Kenneth Palattao Jr.

Kenneth graduated from Creighton in 2021. He is currently taking a gap year to broaden his health care working and shadowing experiences in preparation for applying to medical school. While at Creighton, he was a member of the Honors Program, vice president of the Running Club, and participated in the 402 Service Program, Hands of Hope, and volunteering at Ridgeview Medical Center. Additionally, he completed communications and rhetoric research under Dr. Kirby, which was published in the 8th Volume of Creighton's QUEST Undergraduate Research Journal, and is a research assistant at the Center for Reproductive Medicine and Advanced Reproductive Technologies.

#### Kyra Pila

Kyra is a junior studying biochemistry with a minor in dance and hopes to attend dental school in the fall of 2023. She has been involved with multiple organizations on campus including Alpha Phi Omega (a co-ed community service fraternity), Hui O Hawaii Club, Pre-Dental Society, and the Creighton Dance Company. Kyra serves as Alpha Phi Omega's vice president of membership and one of Hui O Hawaii Club's Luau executives. She is also an organic chemistry teaching assistant and a Decurion for freshman. Additionally, Kyra has participated in weekly service at Completely Kids through the SCSJ.

#### College of Arts and Sciences continued

#### Elizabeth Pretzman

Elizabeth is a senior who will attend law school in Washington, DC, this fall. She has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton including serving as a Welcome Week Decurion and Peer Leader and as a student assistant at the Career Center since freshman year. Elizabeth volunteered weekly at the on-campus COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic and at Lutheran Family Services. Additionally, she served as vice president of member experience for Pi Beta Phi sorority. Elizabeth was involved in undergraduate research, Creighton Athletics Blue Crew, and CSU Program Board Street team. She held two Congressional internships in the past year.

#### John Rogers

John is a junior. He has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton including a service trip to the Dominican Republic and various other service groups through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice. He volunteers at CHI Bergan Mercy, and is involved in CCAS Student Senate and CURAS at Creighton.

#### Courtney Schmidt

Courtney is a junior studying psychology and classical languages. At Creighton, she is involved in Campus Ministry serving as both a Christian Life Community leader as well as a Winter Freshman Retreat coordinator. She works as a mental health technician at a local hospital and participates in recognition memory research here on campus. Courtney also serves as the president of the Creighton Classics Honors Society, Eta Sigma Phi, and recently finished her position as Welcome Week mission and ministry executive.

#### Megan Schultz

Megan is a junior majoring in neuroscience on the pre-med track. She has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton including service programs through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice, such as Teammates mentoring. She is also involved in research, biology tutoring for Trio SSS students, tutoring high school students at Northstar High School, volunteering at CHI, and is a student supervisor at the Health Sciences Library. She is an active officer of her sorority as well as the Neuroscience Club and a new member of Nu Rho Psi.

## Kelsi Snyder

Kelsi is a senior graduating summa cum laude with a degree in elementary education. Throughout her time at Creighton, Kelsi has been passionate about many things including New Student Orientation, where she served both as a Welcome Week peer leader and a Decurion for multiple classes of freshmen. Kelsi is also a proud member of the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Fellows Program through which she has had various volunteering and networking opportunities. This year, Kelsi held a position on the Dance Marathon exec team helping to raise funds for Children's Miracle Network and the Omaha Children's Hospital Emergency Room. She also held the position of Director of Leadership in the Nebraska Gamma chapter of Pi Beta Phi. Kelsi is very excited to remain in Omaha as she begins work as an elementary school teacher this fall.

## Katherine Timboe

Katherine is a junior studying chemistry in the College of Arts and Sciences. At Creighton she is involved in Campus Ministry as a Christian Life Community Leader, in the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice as a peer mentor for elementary students in the Omaha community, and in Greek Life as the director of member conduct for Pi Beta Phi. Katherine is also involved in research as an INBRE scholar, conducting pancreatic cancer research at UNMC during the summer and studying riboswitches in RNA at Creighton during the year.

## Thien Tran

Thien is a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences Honors Program as well as an INBRE scholar. He will receive his Bachelor of Science in Biology in the spring of 2023. Thien is involved with Dr. Nichols's Biophysical Optics Research Group and worked in Dr. Laura Hansen's lab during the summer. He is a member of Creighton's Chapter of the Phi Sigma Biology Science Honor Society as well as clubs such as the Minority Association of Pre-Health Students. Thien serves the Omaha community as a member of the Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Movement teaching children every weekend at St. Peter's Church.

## **Gabrielle Tremblay**

Gabrielle is a junior studying philosophy and history, and plans to attend law school after graduation. She has been involved in independent philosophical research and presented her work at the Undergraduate Philosophy and Religion Conference at Truman State University. Gabrielle is a member of the Bluejay women's golf team and vice president of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, where she dedicates her leadership role to mental health initiatives for all student-athletes.

#### **Taylor Wiley**

Taylor is a junior studying social work and criminal justice with a minor in theatre. At Creighton she has been a member of the Creighton First Program, Student Support Services, the Phi Alpha Social Work Honors Fraternity, and the Alpha Psi Omega Theatre Honors Fraternity. Taylor currently works as a hotline crisis counselor to help lower national suicide rates, and volunteers at a nonprofit organization providing afterschool theatre programs to underfunded schools in her home state of California.

#### College of Arts and Sciences continued

#### Adam Wilson

Adam is a senior planning to attend medical school in the fall of 2022. He has enjoyed his time to the fullest at Creighton through involvement in the Pre-Medical Society, College of Arts and Sciences Honors Program, Environmental Science Club, undergraduate research, and more. Adam also enjoyed volunteering at All Saints Catholic School, the on-campus COVID-19 vaccine clinic, and CHI Health Immanuel.

#### Emma Yackley

Emma is a junior planning to attend medical school after graduation in the spring of 2023. She is a member of the Creighton women's soccer program, a delegate in the Creighton Student Union, and is the campus engagement officer for Creighton's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Throughout the course of her studies, the Anthropology Department has provided Emma with a meaningful, holistic perspective that has enriched her research experience and has guided her efforts to integrate sustainable practices into the Creighton community. These efforts include organizing the University's first-ever carbon neutral, zero-waste athletic events and co-authoring legislation advocating for the introduction of compostable materials on campus. Emma is also an active volunteer within the Omaha community.

#### Nathan Yoshida

Nathan is a senior studying chemistry, and will attend the UCLA School of Dentistry in the fall of 2022. He participates in undergraduate biochemistry research and is a laboratory teaching assistant for organic chemistry. Nathan is an active member in Alpha Phi Omega and Hui 'O Hawai'i, and is a volunteer in the Omaha community.

## **Heider College of Business**

#### **Rylee Amos**

Rylee is a junior, and hopes to attend medical school in the fall of 2023. He is an active volunteer in the Omaha community at both NorthStar Foundation and Creighton University Medical Center – Bergan Mercy. On campus, Rylee has worked for Campus Recreation and Wellness since 2019, and is a Scott Scholar in the Heider College of Business.

#### Gaige Ash

Gaige is a junior, who will graduate in May of 2023. He has been involved in a variety of activities in Creighton including conducting research as a Gail Werner Robinson Fellow. He is the student logistic and information manager for Creighton's Institute for Economic Inquiry, where he aids students in conducting economic research of their own. He is active in the Omaha community by volunteering at Keep Omaha Beautiful and Habitat for Humanity.

## Cooper Bushey

Cooper is a sophomore, and will graduate with an accounting and finance degree in May of 2024. He participates in many activities at Creighton including serving as the vice president of philanthropy for his fraternity and vice president of finance for the Heider Business Senate. He is a member of the Dean's Fellows, involved in the Creighton women's basketball program as a practice player, and is involved in Big Brothers Big Sisters.

## Emma Cole

Emma is currently working on her dissertation in the Doctorate in Business Administration program. She strives to exemplify the Ignatian values in her role as an academic by asking herself four questions as she interacts with her students. Am I encouraging excellence? Am I serving the needs of my students academically, professionally, emotionally, and spiritually? Do my students feel like I care for them? Am I forming agents of change? She seeks to foster diversity and inclusion in the accounting profession through her active membership in organizations, such as the Alabama Society of CPA Diversity and Inclusion Committee and the National Association of Black Accountants. She is committed to making an impact in her community. She received the 2021 Loyola University Maryland STAR Service Award for "outstanding contributions in service" for her role as the site coordinator for the volunteer income tax program and for her service on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force.

## **Jacob Damocles**

Jacob is a junior, double majoring in business intelligence and analytics and financial technology. He has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton including Business Research Fellows and the Anna Tyler Waite Leadership Program, where he recently helped a nonprofit build a functional database. Additionally, he is a contributing member to the Dean's Honor Roll for Social Responsibility, where he has volunteered in the Omaha community through Keep Omaha Beautiful and other organizations. Also, he is an active member of the Habitat for Humanity Club, and is planning on going on a service trip through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice during his senior year.

#### **Peyton Fleming**

Peyton is a senior accounting and finance student, pursuing her CPA and will work as an auditor for RSM in Nashville upon graduation. She is involved on campus and held leadership positions in Beta Alpha Psi and her sorority (Alpha Phi). She has been involved in the community through the SCSJ's weekly service with Completely Kids and participation in Dean's Honor Roll for Social Responsibility and Anna Tyler Waite Leadership Program.

## Cole Goelti

Cole is a junior, double majoring in accounting and finance. He has worked as an intern at Union Pacific Railroad, Creighton's iJay Practicum, and Deloitte, and now serves as the president and co-founder of Creighton's Management Consulting Club. He will begin as an intern with Five Elms Capital and Strategy this summer.

#### Heider College of Business continued

#### Grant Gunderson

Grant is a senior and will commission into the United States Army as a 2nd Lieutenant following graduation this May. He has been involved in the Creighton Army ROTC program, intramural sports, and volunteering through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice. He has also been a member of Colleges against Cancer, and he currently serves as the Strength Club president.

#### Marguerite Hendrickson

Marguerite is a senior earning her Master of Accounting degree. She is an athlete on the Cross Country team and serves as a member on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. She also serves as a volunteer in the Omaha community by providing free income tax assistance. She will work in public accounting after graduating this upcoming winter.

#### Emma Hermann

Emma is a junior studying finance technology and marketing. She has attended two service trips through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice and has served as an executive leader for an inclusive women's health and fitness organization. She is also an active member and scholarship recipient of the Anna Tyler Waite Leadership program and has been recognized on the Dean's Honor Roll for being a Social Responsibility achiever.

#### Gunnar Himich

Gunnar completed his undergraduate degree in December 2021 and is a current graduate student studying finance. During his undergraduate career, he worked as a tutor with the Creighton EDGE program and was involved with the Business Research Fellows program. He has also been involved in research with the Gail Werner-Robertson Program and the Institute for Economic Inquiry.

#### Rourke Jensen

Rourke is a junior majoring in accounting and economics. He is the director of analytics for the Creighton baseball team and has served for two years on the CSU Appropriations Committee. Additionally, he volunteers in the Omaha community presenting lectures at Student Mass and officiating Nebraska high school football games.

#### Luke Klahs

Luke is a junior studying economics and biology on the pre-dental track. He has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton including Global Health Conference Midwest, Creighton Business Symposium, and has served on presidential committees. He is an active member of the Anna Tyler Waite Leadership Program and volunteers throughout the Omaha community. He aspires to use his Jesuit education to advance oral health care in the future.

## Caleb Lewis

Caleb is junior studying business intelligence and analytics with an emphasis on digital media and design, while minoring in mathematics and data science. He has been involved with a number of activities at Creighton including the Anna Tyler Waite Leadership Program, Dean's Honor Roll for Social Responsibility, Community Kitchen, and Heider College of Business Dean's Fellows. Caleb currently has an internship as a data science apprentice at CATCH Intelligence.

## Nathan Marquardt

Nathan is a junior studying FinTech and BIA. He has been involved as in many clubs and activities on campus including serving as the president of Blue Crew and holding previous leadership rolls within Alpha Kappa Psi and Beta Theta Pi. He is heavily involved with service around Omaha and has been on the Dean's Honor Roll for Social Responsibility in each of his semesters at Creighton.

## Joseph McGill

Joe is a senior majoring in financial analysis and will graduate in December of 2022. Joe currently works as a real estate intern at the Union Pacific Railroad. On campus, he serves as the treasurer of Pi Kappa Phi. Joe is an Omaha native and has demonstrated his commitment to the community through his volunteer work with Field Club Elementary School, Boys & Girls Club, and Open Door Mission.

## Maxwell Meekin

Max is a sophomore studying economics and biology. He is a Scott Scholar and member of the Anna Tyler Waite Leadership Program, Best Buddies, and Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He also volunteers locally at The Heart Ministry Center. Max was a teaching assistant for general chemistry laboratory and currently participates in undergraduate research with Dr. Eric Haas. In addition, Max has worked with Misión ILAC as a student in the Practicum in International Development course and will return to the Dominican Republic this summer as a member of the Water Quality Program.

#### Erin Meyer

Erin is a junior studying management and finance with a minor in Spanish and Hispanic studies. She is involved on Creighton's campus, serving as an ENGAGE and VIA Coordinator in Campus Ministry, a Sponsorship Team leader for the Creighton Business Symposium, and the vice president of member experience for the Pi Beta Phi sorority. She currently has an internship at Union Pacific Railroad within their Human Resources department. Erin is also a member of the Heider College of Business Dean's Fellows.

#### **Nathan Miller**

Nathan is a senior in the Heider College of Business studying financial analysis and economics. He has been involved in many activities including academic extracurriculars, service, ministry, ROTC, internships, and published research. Upon graduation, he will commission as an Active Duty Infantry Officer in the United States Army, and he looks forward to serving and growing in leadership.

#### Heider College of Business continued

#### **Drew Nagengast**

Drew is a junior from Waverly, Nebraska, studying accounting and marketing. While at Creighton he has been involved in a variety of activities including being an executive for the Alpha Kappa Psi professional business fraternity, participating in a Bible study in conjunction with his church, Menard Family Business Research Fellows, and various community service endeavors each semester.

#### Ashley Nelson

Ashley is a senior graduating with a degree in financial analysis and international business with a minor in sustainability. She recently served as the executive vice president of Creighton Students Union, where she brought the annual Jaywalk back to our campus and worked on several pieces of sustainability legislation. She is in the Heider Business Senate and created a proposal for a business sustainability concentration in the college. She is on Creighton's Solar District Cup team for the Department of Energy as a financial analyst and sat on the academics committee for the new sustainability plan at Creighton. Ashley is involved in Greek Life on campus as well as in participating in weekly service and two service trips during her time at Creighton.

#### **Claire Orcutt**

Claire is a junior from Mankato, Minnesota, studying general entrepreneurship and financial planning. At Creighton, she plays on the women's golf team and runs indoor track and field. She is also involved in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Anna Tyler Waite Leadership Program, the Dean's Honor Roll for Social Responsibility, and volunteers on weekends with Habitat for Humanity. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking, long-distance running, camping, gardening with her mom, and running her eBay business.

#### Josephine Otto

Josephine is a senior studying finance on track for her BSBA and her master's in financial planning. She is involved in the Anna Tyler Waite Leadership Program, Creighton's Portfolio Practicum Class, the Finserv NextGen Leadership Program, and the Beta Gamma Sigma International Business Honor Society. She served as the vice president of finance in her sorority and the vice president of the Creighton's Financial Planning Association chapter. Josephine and has participated in Christian Life Communities, intramural sports, and Inter-Residence Hall Government as a senator. She has volunteered at Creighton's COVID-19 vaccine clinic, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, Siena Francis House, Nelson Mandela Grade School, Completely Kids, and the City Park Clean-Up in Omaha, and Boys Town.

### **Bryce Shirley**

Bryce is a senior majoring in economics and minoring in behavioral-cognitive neuropsychology. He has served as vice president of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a volunteer at the Hope Center for Kids, and a volunteer at the Siena Francis House. Bryce competes in Division I athletics on Creighton's men's cross country and track teams. He has participated in the BIG EAST Championship three times and earned BIG EAST All-Academic awards each semester while at Creighton. Bryce serves as the president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and as a member of the Creighton Recreation and Wellness leadership team. He accepted a position as a mergers and acquisitions analyst for Koley Jessen P.C., L.L.O.

## Sydney Spears

Sydney is a junior, and plans on pursuing a career in audit following her graduation from Creighton in the spring of 2023. Throughout her time at Creighton, she has participated in a variety of activities, including the Heider College of Business Dean's Fellows Program and Anna Tyler Waite Leadership Program. She is also an active member of the Greek community, serving both as the president of the Panhellenic Executive Council and as the vice president of operations for her sorority, Pi Beta Phi.

## **Jackson Stamper**

Jackson is a senior studying financial technology and business intelligence and analytics. During his time at Creighton he ran on the cross country and track teams and was a Heider College of Business Dean's Fellow. Jackson also earned the Dean's Honor Roll for Social Responsibility distinction every semester of undergrad. He will be going to Kansas City following graduation to work as a private equity analyst.

#### **Ellery Stubbers**

Ellery is a junior Business Research Fellow. She has participated in a number of service activities during her time at Creighton including a service trip to the Dominican Republic. Ellery is actively involved in a number of campus organizations including Creighton's co-ed professional business fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi, and the appropriation committee for the Creighton Students Union.

#### John Weber

John is a junior and will graduate from the Heider College of Business in the spring of 2023. He has been involved in a number of organizations on campus such as Alpha Kappa Psi, DHRSR, Greek Life, and the inaugural Creighton Baseball Analytics Team. He works around Omaha on various community projects and enjoys giving back to the community that has given him so much.

## **College of Nursing**

## Brianna Baumberger

Brianna is a senior in nursing and will graduate in May of 2022. She was recently selected to become a member of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. In 2021, she attended the Nursing Summer III Externship at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, where she was able to enhance her nursing skills and assist in caring for patients. She has also spent time volunteering in the Blair and Omaha communities.

#### Zachary Bolger

Zachary is a senior working toward his Bachelor of Science in Nursing and will be completing his preceptorship in the cardiovascular operating room this semester. He has been involved in a variety of clubs at Creighton including Habitat for Humanity, Creighton University Student Nurses Association, the fraternity of Beta Theta Pi, and Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. He has also been an active volunteer both here in Omaha and back home in Kansas City, Missouri. Zachary was also a Creighton Edge Decurion, a chemistry laboratory teaching assistant, and he studied abroad his sophomore year.

#### **Emily Eckert**

Emily is a senior. She has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton including Nursing Senate and Nursing Leadership Scholars, both of which she has led as president from 2021 to 2022. She also served as the nursing representative for the Creighton Students Union Presidential Cabinet and as a student representative on the University Committee for Public Honors and Events.

#### **Camille Harmon**

Camille is a senior. She has dedicated her time to serving others by attending a Medlife medical mission trip to Lima, Peru; taking a service-learning class; and serving weekly at a migrant homeless shelter during her studies abroad in Bologna, Italy. She also spent a summer working at a day camp for kids in foster care with special needs and spent her most recent summer as a camp counselor living outside for 11 weeks in the Rocky Mountains. She will begin her nursing career as a pediatric cardiac nurse at Children's Mercy hospital in Kansas City after graduating in May.

#### **Caroline Huerter**

Caroline is a senior and member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honors Society of Nursing. During her studies abroad in Ireland, she helped to create a translation resource for public health nurses to assist in refugee mother and baby care. She is involved on campus as a member and sisterhood chair of Theta Phi Alpha Sorority, and has been a volunteer for the College of Nursing at vaccination clinics. Caroline will work as an RN in the Medical Transplant ICU at The University of Kansas Medical Center after graduating this spring.

## Jennifer Kennedy

Jennifer is a current Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Doctor of Nursing Practice candidate and will graduate in May of 2022. She will continue her passion of caring for acutely ill patients in the hospital setting with her first job as a hospitalist nurse practitioner in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

#### **Jillian Laplante**

Jillian is a senior. She has been a part of the EMS Club, Rock Climbing Club and the national nursing honors society Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society. Jillian has also served as an academics tutor, sharing her knowledge of chemistry, biochemistry, physiology, and pharmacology with her peers.

## **Molly Mulert**

Molly is a senior. At Creighton, she has participated in the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice 402 program where she helped mentor high school refugee students. She also has been involved in Campus Ministry retreats and is a part of an Ignatian Wisdom Group. She is a part of various organizations on campus including Nursing Leadership Scholars and Sigma Theta Tau.

## Mary Beth Schroeder

Mary Beth is a graduate nursing student who will complete her Doctor of Nursing Practice in the spring of 2022. She works as a registered nurse in the Blood and Marrow Transplant Department at the University of Minnesota, where she serves as a mentor and primary preceptor for new hires. Additionally, she is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing and is a volunteer in her church community.

#### Alexis Tonnemacher

Alexis is a junior, and hopes to attend graduate school to become an Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. She was part of the Freshman Leadership Program during her freshman and sophomore years, is an active member of Greek Life, currently works as an RA, was on the leadership team for the fall 2021 Freshman Retreat, and has been on two service trips through Creighton's Schlegel Center for Service and Justice. Alexis also enjoys being an active member of Creighton's Dance Company and has been in various performances over the last two and a half years.

## Mackenzie Torosian

Mackenzie is a senior minoring in healthcare administration and policy who will graduate in May 2022. She has held a number of executive positions on campus over the past four years including two years as team development officer for the Creighton Dance Team, treasurer for the College of Nursing Student Senate, and the public relations and recruitment and the hospital and family relations executive for Creighton Dance Marathon. Mackenzie is a part of the Student to Nurse Residency program at Children's Hospital & Medical Center and will assume a nursing position in Children's emergency department after graduation.

#### College of Nursing continued

#### Elissa Ver Hey

Elissa is a graduate student set to complete her Doctorate of Nursing Practice later this year after having completed a post-graduate certificate at Creighton in 2019. As a nurse, nurse practitioner and educator, Elissa embodies many of the Jesuit values as they align with the core values of the nursing profession. However, cura personalis stands front and center in her graduate work surrounding the transition from pediatric care models to adult-based care in the setting of congenital heart disease.

#### Hannah Wirtz Murphy

Hannah is a graduate student. She is graduating in May of 2022 with her doctorate of nursing practice. Hannah currently lives and works in Phoenix. She serves as the Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Tract Lead for the Creighton DNP Mentor Program. Hannah is a volunteer at Circle the City and St. Mary's Food Bank both in Phoenix.

## Katherine Worden

Katherine is a senior and will work as a nurse this fall in Omaha. She was a part of Pi Beta Phi, Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, and Creighton University Student Nurse Association while at Creighton. Katherine was the recipient of the St. Joseph Alumni Association Scholarship and was deemed a distinguished scholar in the College of Nursing. She has volunteered at many COVID-19 clinics screening and administering vaccines. Katherine is also an active member in the community, coaching volleyball at a local high school throughout college.

## School of Law

#### Nicholas Banelli

Nick is a third-year law student and plans to practice in Omaha after graduation in May. He has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton including the Creighton Trial Team, Creighton National Moot Court Team, and lead article editor of the Creighton Law Review. He also works as a law clerk for a firm in Omaha.

#### Samantha Blixt

Samantha is a third-year law student. While attending law school, she has been involved in a variety of organizations and extracurricular activities, including serving as a student mentor for first-year law students and the president of the Creighton Moot Court Board. She has also competed on behalf of the law school in the American Bar Association's Arbitration Competition and the Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition in New York City.

#### **Nathan Heimes**

Nate is a third-year law student and will be graduating this May. He has been involved as a tutor for Contracts Law and variety of other subjects, a research assistant for Professor Weber's laboratory, and a participant in Pro Bono Service opportunities in various parts of Omaha. Additionally, he has been a member of the trial team, arbitration team, negotiation team, and sports law negotiation team in various competition events. He also helps to coach high school football for Pius X High School in Lincoln.

## Joseph Laurita

Joe is a third-year law student and will graduate with his Juris Doctor in the spring of 2022. Joe has been involved in a variety of activities at the Creighton School of Law including the Legal Writing Center, the Moot Court Board, and the Milton R. Abrahams Legal Clinic. Joe also volunteers during breaks as a football coach at his former high school.

## Lexi Weisbeck

Lexi is a third-year law student and will be graduating this May. She's been actively involved in several organizations while at Creighton including the Student Bar Association, the Health Law Student Association, the Moot Court Board, the Arbitration Team, and the Trial Team.

## **Graduate School**

#### Vivian Amu

Vivian is a doctoral student in the interdisciplinary leadership program. She currently works at St. John's Church on campus where she serves as a sacristan, a wedding coordinator, a baptism coordinator and more. She provides safe environment training to those working with children and vulnerable adults in the parish's name. As the safe environment ambassador, Vivian also monitors the parish's compliance with the U.S. Bishops Charter for the protection of children and youth. She is also one of the contributing writers for Creighton's online ministry and the Living Faith devotional publication. She finds both of those writing and reflecting opportunities life-giving. All aspects of her studies of leadership and her work at the Church gives her the grace of practicing *cura personalis* and being a woman for and with others.

### Matthew Boland

Matt is a third-year graduate student who will be graduating in May with a Master of Arts degree in Ministry and a Master of Science degree in negotiation and conflict resolution. While at Creighton, Matt has also worked as a graduate assistant in Campus Ministry, where his responsibilities have included co-coordinating retreats and the Salt and Light Student Leadership Team, as well as running a handful of other programs.

#### Graduate School continued

#### Zoran Grabovac

Zoran is a graduate student studying in the Interdisciplinary Leadership EdD program. He strives to enable and support others to become the best versions of themselves by overcoming personal and structural challenges. He strives for continuous innovation, driven by the persistent pursuit of mastery through learning opportunities and experiences that allow him to share knowledge and experience with others to support their life aspirations.

#### **Rev. Bessie Hamilton**

Rev. Hamilton is working on a Doctorate of Education in Interdisciplinary Leadership. She holds a bachelor's degree from Stillman College, master's degree from the University of West Alabama in elementary education, and a master's of theological studies degree from Vanderbilt University Divinity School. She is a member of the Alpha lota Sigma Honor Society at Creighton University, and was appointed as associate director of Connectional Ministries for Multi-Ethnic Initiatives on April 1 by Bishop Nunn and works to provide oversight and direction to the Oklahoma Annual Conference of the UMC. She plans to graduate in May of 2022.

#### Jade Herman

Jade completed her EdD in interdisciplinary leadership from Creighton University in December 2021. She holds a BS in interdisciplinary sciences from South Dakota Mines and MS in administrative studies with a specialization in organizational leadership from the University of South Dakota. Currently, Jade is the chief of staff in the Office of the President at South Dakota Mines. She is an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe and serves the local community as a member of the board for Rapid City Summer Nights and Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation.

#### Segewkal Hawaze Heruye

Segewkal is a graduate student majoring in pharmacology and neuroscience. He has been involved in the community as a volunteer for VetHelp1, serving food to the homeless community and assisting with the community garden outside the Siena Francis Shelter. He is also involved as a mentor to students in the Ethiopian Scientific and Academic Network and has been involved in raising funds for Books for students in Africa.

#### Caleb Jones

Caleb received his undergraduate education at Creighton and is currently a second year graduate student earning his Masters of Arts in English. He has been a part of many academic service projects such as writing instruction at the Douglas County Correctional Center, the production of Bits at the Backline, and podcasts featuring local Omaha artists and comedians. He is also an avid musician and artist, striving to bridge Ignatian values with the real life artistic communities in Omaha.

## Alyssa Maclean

Alyssa is a sixth-year MD/PhD student in the Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology. Her research focuses on the regulation of antibiotic resistance in gram negative bacteria. Outside of research, she has been involved with a number of organizations at Creighton, including as president of the American Medical Women's Association and vice president of the American Physician Scientist Association. She is also the Young Ambassador for Nebraska with the American Society for Microbiology and an active member of the Minne Lusa Miller Park Neighborhood Association. She plans to graduate in May of 2024 and pursue a career as an infectious disease physician.

## **Caroline Pass**

Caroline graduated from Creighton in May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science in exercise science and is currently a master's student in the Department of Biomedical Sciences. She will continue her education in pursuit of a PhD in the fall of 2022. Throughout her time at Creighton, she has been a member of the women's cross-country team and helped lead an Athletics Department campaign for National Eating Disorder Awareness week, and served as an executive member of the Exercise Science Club. Caroline has also been involved with various volunteer opportunities in the Omaha community ranging from Completely Kids and Fit Girl Omaha to the Creighton COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic.

## Justin Rudd

Justin is a fifth-year student in the MD/PhD program and is currently working to complete his PhD in Dr. Laura Hansen's lab in the Department of Biomedical Sciences. His doctoral research focuses on the molecular biology of nonmelanoma skin cancer development and progression. He serves on the board of several student organizations including the organizing committee for the Midwest Student Biomedical Research Forum and the American Physician Scientist Association. Justin has also enjoyed volunteering in Omaha public schools with Fit for Life (nutritional and exercise education) and OPS PROTECTS (COVID-19 testing).

## Teresa Scott

Teresa is a graduate student in the Interdisciplinary Leadership Doctoral Program. While at Creighton, she has served on the Community Activities Committee of the Alpha lota Sigma Honor Society. She is also an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated where she focuses her efforts to serve her community on strategic planning and a variety of programmatic thrusts. Teresa also serves as the administrator for the music and arts ministry at her church.

#### Natalie Simms

Natalie is a graduate student and will soon graduate with an EdD in Interdisciplinary Leadership. She has served as the secretary of Alpha lota Sigma and as chair of the AIS Community Service and Affinity committee. Additionally, Natalie serves as a fifth-grade language arts and history teacher at a local independent school and is affiliated with a group dedicated to helping teachers guide their students to become better leaders.

#### Graduate School continued

## Kevin Todd

Kevin is a recent graduate of the Masters of Science Integrative Health and Wellness program. He returned to the higher education classroom in August of 2017 after a career in the United States Air Force and the defense industry. Kevin completed an undergraduate degree in Theology at Creighton in 2020 and continued his education at the graduate level. Kevin served on the Creighton Recreation Advisory Board and volunteered for Restoring Dignity, a nonprofit assisting refugees with housing in Omaha.

### Theodore Weitkemper

Ted is a graduate student in the Master of Science in Organizational Leadership program who will graduate in August 2022. He is married and a father of two, and has attended Creighton since 2017 earning a Bachelor of Science in 2020. During his time at Creighton, Ted has volunteered in local youth sports programs as a board member and coach for both basketball and baseball programs.

#### Matthew Woods

Matthew is a graduate student in the Interdisciplinary Leadership, EdD program. He is an 11-year U.S. Navy veteran with over 20 years of corporate leadership experience. Matthew is currently a senior transformation advisor for the Knights of Columbus. He also serves as the president of Creighton University's Chapter of the Alpha lota Sigma Honor Society.

#### **Kimberly Zuzenak**

Kimberly is a triple alumna of Creighton University. Her career path at Creighton has been guided by her lifelong goal and long-term commitment to the success of students. Kimberly's dissertation reaffirms her commitment to students and their welfare focusing on first-generation, low-income, commuter students. She has recently accepted a new position as the assistant dean for academic success and recruitment in the College of Nursing, which will allow her to combine her dedication and commitment with practice.

## **School of Dentistry**

#### **Hailey Bivens**

Hailey is a senior dental student and will attend Texas A&M's Periodontal Residency Program in the summer of 2022. She has been involved in a variety of activities while attending Creighton Dental School, including a service trip to the Dominican Republic through the ILAC Summer Health Program. She also serves as a student ambassador, teaching assistant, student tutor, and is currently the president of the American Association of Women Dentists' local chapter.

#### Jonathan Dang

Jonathan is a fourth-year dental student and will graduate this May. He has been involved in Creighton's Student National Dental Association as community service chair, coordinating volunteer events such as dental screening events at the Health Ministry Center and oral health kit distributions to underserved preschools and elementary schools. He has also served as SNDA's social media chair and as historian.

## Jonathan Haller

Jonny is in his fourth year at the School of Dentistry. He is involved on campus as a teaching assistant and tutor for various courses in the dental school. He has also served as a student ambassador, RedCross volunteer, and OneWorld Clinic coordinator. This past summer, he spent his time in the Dominican Republic as a participant in the ILAC program, providing dental care to rural, underserved communities. During his free time, Jonny enjoys playing intramural bocce ball and soccer. Following graduation, he will be attending University of Illinois at Chicago for a periodontics residency.

## Julianne Loewen

Julianne is a third-year dental student, and will graduate with her DDS in the spring of 2023. During her time in dental school, she has been and active member of the American Student Dental Association, Student National Dental Association, and volunteer at OneWorld clinics. This July, Julianne will be traveling with ILAC on a service trip to the Dominican Republic. She, along with other health care students, will be immersed in the local culture as they provide rural care in their respective fields.

#### Joseph Longhini

Joe is a senior dental student, and after graduation will be moving to Great Lakes, Illinois, to practice with the United States Navy. He enjoys mentoring and tutoring for the underclassmen at the dental school, and getting the opportunity to build meaningful relationships with the patients he serves. He has volunteered at the OneWorld clinic for the past two years, and looks forward to taking the Creighton spirit of service with him during his career.

#### **Umesh Pyakurel**

Umesh is a third-year dental student from Nepal. He is a recipient of the National Health Service Scholarship for four years and is looking forward to working in underserved communities after he graduates. Currently, he serves as student representative on the committee for scholarship and financial aid at the Creighton dental school and is involved in clinical research with various faculties at the school. He is a loving husband to Magali and a proud dad of four-year-old Milaan. He loves spending time with family and enjoys long road trips.

#### School of Dentistry continued

#### Sydney Waterman

Sydney is a third-year dental student. Beyond dedicating her time to serving her patients at the School of Dentistry, she has been committed to volunteering within health care and education throughout her lifetime. Sydney's favorite opportunities as a dental student have been community outreach and treating underserved populations during her externships.

## **Brooke Zerbian**

Brooke is a third-year of dental school student. She is currently in her clinical years helping those with dental needs in our community. Brooke also volunteers her time at One World, a free dental clinic offered at the dental school. She is a member of the American Student Dental Association and Student National Dental Association, and has received recognition for her outstanding academic performance by making the Dean's List every year. Brooke completed her undergraduate degree at Creighton, where she graduated summa cum laude and participated in many volunteer opportunities like Medlife and a service trip. The Jesuit values that resonate with Brooke the most are *cura personalis* and women and men for and with others; she hopes to continue to embody these values when she starts her career as a dentist.

## **College of Professional Studies**

#### **Elizabeth Peer**

Liz is a non-traditional student in the College of Professional Studies. She is working toward her Bachelor of Science in leadership while working full time and raising a family. She has been involved with various activities at Creighton, which include being a member of the Staff Advisory Council and volunteering for events such as Creighton Homeless Connect. She was also inducted into the Nu Tau Epsilon chapter of the Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society in November of 2020.

#### Daniella Sasek

Dani is a junior in Creighton's Paramedic Program. At Creighton, she holds leadership positions in several campus ministry programs, is a decurion for a freshman RSP, is an officer of EMS club, cheers for the Bluejays on Blue Crew, and has gone on four service trips through Creighton's Schlegel Center for Service and Justice, coordinating two of these trips. Off campus, she serves her community as a volunteer firefighter/EMT.

## Andrea Walther

Andrea is a senior and will graduate from the College of Professional Studies in May of 2023 with a degree in healthy lifestyle management and a minor in leadership. She has been married to her husband, Randy, for 37 years and has five children and four grandchildren. Three of Andrea's children also graduated from Creighton University. She is a lay Third Order Franciscan and volunteers at Creighton and the Omaha/Bellevue communities for various organizations and causes. Andrea works for the Institute for Priestly Formation and desires to help others reach their potential in life.

## **School of Medicine**

## Samantha Draves

Samantha is a second-year master's student in the School of Medicine, researching epilepsy and sudden unexpected death in epilepsy and she hopes to attend medical school in the future. She participated in the 2021 virtual Neuroscience Symposium and helped coordinate and promote the event. During the fall of 2020, Samantha ran 200 miles as part of a fundraiser that she founded that raised nearly \$1,000 for an organization that provided masks, PPE, medicine and ventilators needed to treat COVID-19 patients across the U.S. and the world. In spring 2021, Samantha also participated in the COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Creighton, serving in a non-clinical role.

## Kaylee Dykstal

Kaylee is a third-year medical student who will graduate in May 2023. She is very passionate about mental health and advocating for underserved patient populations. She has served on the board of the Psychiatry Interest Group and has worked with faculty to expand LGBTQ+-inclusive content in the medical school curriculum. Kaylee also cares deeply about women's health and is involved in multiple research projects through the OB/GYN department at Creighton. She has held numerous volunteer positions within the community, including the Catholic Charities Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Response Team, the OneWorld Vaccine Clinic, and Creighton Magis Clinics.

#### **Ryan Leuty**

Ryan is a forth-year medical student and will soon pursue a career in psychiatry. He has been actively involved with the Magis Psychiatry Clinic – a free, studentrun clinic located at the Siena Francis Homeless Shelter. As an officer in the Psychiatry Interest Group, he worked to connect medical students with volunteer opportunities at mental health organizations in Omaha. Ryan also serves as a mentor to medical students through the Vital Signs Peer Mentoring Program, the Physician's Lifestyle Management Course, and as a Leadership Course teaching assistant.

#### School of Medicine continued

## Morgan Noel

Morgan is a third-year medical student who is pursuing orthopedic surgery. Of her many activities, she has greatly enjoyed working with Creighton's student government as well as volunteering in the community through Magis Clinic and Do Justice. She is excited to help build the Creighton community in Phoenix by helping with the new first-year medical school class.

## Elle Nuttall

Elle is a third-year medical student from Rochester, Minnesota. She has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton including serving as a peer tutor and president of two organizations on campus, CUSOM Advocates and Student Advocates for Vaccine Education. She also volunteers at Healing Gift Free Clinic regularly and serves on the board of directors. Additionally, Elle is involved in research investigating oropharyngeal cancer and vaccine hesitancy.

## Ryan O'Gara

Ryan is a fourth-year medical student and will be pursuing a residency in orthopedic surgery after graduation in May. He has participated in a variety of activities, primarily focused on mentoring, as teaching is one of his great passions. He was elected to be a student officer of Alpha Omega Alpha, a national medical school honor society, where he is heavily involved in service and the future of the program here at Creighton. Lastly, he is a family man at heart, married to his beautiful wife Katelyn, who is expecting their first child in May.

#### Brianna Pandey

Brianna will be graduating this year from the School of Medicine earning a medical degree. She has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton including educating Douglas County inmates through the organization, DoJustice, and serving the underserved at the Magis Clinic. She hopes to be part of initiatives in Global Health as a physician in the future.

### **Miranda Prints**

Miranda is a third-year medical student. Service and leadership have remained important to her throughout medical school. Most notably she has worked in the Magis Clinic, a free student run medical clinic for those experiencing homelessness, and as a leader for organizations such as Fit for Life and Body Basics which work with local elementary schools to help spark student interest in science and health. She is passionate about women's health and is planning to pursue a career in obstetrics and gynecology, and is currently serving as president of the Phoenix Obstetrics and Gynecology Interest Group.

## Eva Schaible

Eva is a third-year medical student. During medical school, she has taken part in many groups and service projects, including a service trip to Pine Ridge South Dakota with the School of Medicine's Project CURA. She also is an active volunteer with Magis Clinic, Healing Gift Free Clinic, and Fit For Life. Eva was the director of programming for the Global Health Conference 2021 and is the current vice president of the Family Medicine Interest Group. After medical school, Eva hopes to continue her service through and beyond residency in family medicine.

## Tyler Schermann

Tyler is third-year medical student with a plan to pursue a career in neurosurgery. He has been involved in the Magis student-run free clinic and serves as a tutor for first- and second-year medical students. With respect to community engagement, he enjoys volunteering at local food shelves and promoting physical fitness to youth in the Omaha area through the Fit for Life student organization.

## Amelia Simmons

Amelia is a fourth-year medical student and will start residency for obstetrics and gynecology at Nellis Air Force Base/UNLV in summer 2022. Throughout medical school, she actively served the Omaha community as Project Homeless Connect leader and Magis Clinic director. Her passion for learning is demonstrated by her pursuit of multiple research projects and serving as M4 OB/GYN Chief to prepare third-year medical students for clerkship.

#### **Graison Sitenga**

Graison is a third-year medical student and will graduate in May of 2023. From rural Alaska, Graison has a strong commitment to providing rural medicine in underserved communities. He has been an active volunteer in both the Omaha and Phoenix communities through providing service for COVID-19 vaccination efforts, the organization Keep Omaha Beautiful, and student science outreach in Omaha schools. Following training he hopes to provide health care in rural Alaska.

## Grace Vitek

Grace is a third-year medical student and currently plans to specialize in neurology. She serves as a group leader for the Vital Signs Mentoring Program, is president of the Military Medical Students Association in Phoenix, is on the Admissions Committee, and is on the leadership teams for Fit for Life and the Puerto Penasco free clinic. Grace has also been involved in multiple research projects on neurological disorders, stroke diagnosis and treatment, and treatment for severe depression.

#### Erin Whiteford

Erin is a graduating fourth-year medical student and will begin her residency in pediatrics in the summer of 2022. She is a member of the Gold Humanism Society as well as the Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society. Erin has been involved in several leadership positions including serving as the curriculum chair and as an officer for the medical school government over four years. She also serves as the editor of The Dynamic Process Leadership Journal and is the developer and editor of the Martin Luther King Jr. Journal on Healthcare Equity. Erin continues to be involved with the undergraduate university via her role as the graduate and professional school student representative on the Disability Accommodation Education and Awareness Committee and the Lectures, Films, and Concerts Committee. She is actively involved in the Omaha community by coordinating and participating in pediatric vaccine clinics. Erin looks forward to continuing her participation in research and serving her community throughout residency and beyond.

## **School of Pharmacy and Health Professions**

#### **Cameron Bizal**

Cameron is a third-year pharmacy student who has been an active member of the Creighton community since the start of her undergraduate preprofessional studies in the fall of 2017. In pharmacy school, she served as a manager for the student-run Magis Clinic, vice president of Pharmacy for the Creighton Ability Network, and committee chair for the OTC Medication Safety Committee through the American Pharmacists Association–Academy of Student Pharmacists as well as being an active member of other professional organizations. She also is actively involved in research, tutoring peers and underclassmen, and enjoys working as a pharmacy intern at Children's Hospital.

#### Amy Eller

Amy is a fourth-year pharmacy student. She has been involved in a variety of activities during her time at Creighton, including tutoring other pharmacy students and serving on several professional committees within the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions. She has also volunteered for the Heartland Hope Mission in Omaha as well as several COVID-19 vaccination clinics in her home state of New Jersey. Upon graduation in May of 2022, Amy looks forward to using the Jesuit values instilled in her while at Creighton to continue serving the needs of her patients as a pharmacist.

#### Jordan Fischer

Jordan is a Doctor of Physical Therapy student graduating in May of 2022. While at Creighton, she has been involved in the Creighton University Student American Physical Therapy Association and served as a tutor for the Physical Therapy Department. She is also a member of the Physical Therapy Leadership Guild, where she has had the opportunity to volunteer at service events throughout the Omaha community.

## **Mariel Flanagan**

Mari is a fourth-year pharmacy student and will graduate in May of 2022. She is also a member of the pharmacy honor society Rho Chi. During her time at Creighton, she served as the President of the Student Society of Health Systems Pharmacists and as a class representative for the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions Student Government. She also volunteered at many vaccine clinics hosted at Creighton and organized volunteer opportunities for pharmacy students at the Healing Gift Clinic.

## **Stephany Freed**

Stephany is a third-year student in the occupational therapy program in the Regis pathway. She has served in leadership roles as the first Regis pathway vice president of Pi Theta Epsilon, an occupational therapy honors society, as well as a student member on the Academic Issues Hearing Board. Stephany also served as a tutor to first-year occupational therapy students.

## Madeline Haff

Madeline is a third-year doctor of occupational therapy student in the distance pathway in Anchorage, Alaska. She has been a member of Creighton University's Student Occupational Therapy Association and the national occupational therapy honor society, Pi Theta Epsilon. She has also served in various leadership positions for her cohort including her post recent position as the Alaska cohort president. Madeline is also a 2020-2021 LEND Fellow with the UAA Center for Human Development focused on serving individuals with neurodevelopmental and related disabilities.

#### Katherine Kjendal

Katie is a third-year pharmacy student and will graduate in May of 2023. She has been involved as an active member in Rho Chi academic honor society, Creighton Ability Network, Jays for Peds, American Pharmacist's Association Academy of Student Pharmacists, Pharmacy and Health Professions Student Government, Magis Clinic, various immunization clinics, and has helped to spearhead naloxone training efforts for Public Safety officers. She also currently serves on the executive boards for the American Pharmaceutical Association-Academy of Students of Pharmacy and Rho Chi. Katie is involved in peer research advised by Dr. Kevin Fuji and mentors pre-pharmacy students through the skills immersion labs held on campus and through a one-to-one mentor program.

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#### Elise Leonard

Elise is a third-year Doctor of Occupational Therapy student and will graduate in May of 2022. She is a part of the Denver hybrid pathway, yet has remained connected to the Creighton and local Denver communities in many ways. Elise has been the class representative for the Pharmacy and Health Professions Student Government, was vice president for the Denver branch of the Creighton University Student Occupational Therapy Association, served on the Distance Student Accreditation Panel in 2021, is a member of the Pi Theta Epsilon National Honor Society, and volunteered annually at Denver OTD pathway interviews. Elise also worked closely with Dr. Helene Lohman to edit and update the textbook, Occupational Therapy with Older Adults.

#### Bridget Mulhall

Bridget is a third-year occupational therapy student graduating in May of 2022. She has been involved in several professional organizations while at Creighton, including serving as president of Creighton's Pi Theta chapter, the national occupational therapy honor society, as well as president of the Pre-OT club, a resource for undergraduate students interested in learning more about the OT profession. She has also been involved in the School of Pharmacy and Health professions as a tutor, student ambassador, and orientation leader for current and prospective students.

## **Jack Roberts**

Jack is a third-year PharmD candidate. He serves as the president of the Student College of Clinical Pharmacy and as the vice president of the Student Society of Health-System Pharmacy. Through these roles, Jack develops clinical pharmacy and residency enrichment opportunities for his fellow students. He also volunteers at the Magis Clinic with teams of Creighton medical students to offer free acute care services to members of the Omaha community.

#### Alyssa Rokusek

Alyssa is a fourth-year pharmacy student and will graduate in May of 2022. She is also a member of the pharmacy honor society Rho Chi. During her time at Creighton, she served as the vice president of pharmacy for the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions Student Government and volunteered at many COVID-19 vaccine clinics hosted at Creighton.

#### Emma Rolfes

Emma is a fourth-year pharmacy student and will graduate in May of 2022. She has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton including service trips through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice and the Creighton ILAC summer health program in the Dominican Republic. Throughout pharmacy school, she has been involved in American Pharmaceutical Association-Academy of Students of Pharmacy, Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists, Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, and Rho Chi Pharmacy Honor Society.

## Stephanie Schafer

Stephanie is third-year pharmacy student. As an undergraduate student, she was part of the Heider College of Business Dean's Fellows Program and Anna Tyler Waite Leadership Program. She also enjoyed her time serving as a retreat leader through Creighton's Campus Ministry. She currently serves as president of the Alpha Alpha Chapter of Rho Chi Pharmacy Honor Society and Vice President of Communications for Creighton's chapter of the American Pharmacist Association- Academy of Student Pharmacists. Stephanie has been working on a student-led research project for the American Pharmaceutical Association-Academy of Students of Pharmacy. She has been dedicated to service in the Omaha community through her work at multiple vaccination and health care clinics.

## Jenna Schwartz

Jenna is a third-year pharmacy student. She serves as the pharmacy director at the Magis Clinic, secretary of the Rho Chi Academic Honor Society, and an active member in many other professional organizations. She has also been involved in a service and justice trip through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice, as well as served as a co-chair for Operation Immunization to help at many immunization clinics around campus and the Omaha community. She serves as a tutor, a volunteer throughout the community, and works as an in-patient pharmacy intern.

## Shayna Skokan

Shayna is a third-year pharmacy student, and she received her Bachelor of Arts in healthy lifestyle management in 2019 from Creighton University. Shayna currently works as a pharmacy intern at Hy-Vee Pharmacy and the Omaha VA Medical Center. She is actively involved in many pharmacy organizations and holds various leadership positions including the American Pharmaceutical Association-Academy of Students of Pharmacy Chapter president, Rho Chi Pharmacy Honor Society historian, Phi Lambda Sigma treasurer, Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity Community Service chair, and is a board member for Southwest Iowa Pharmacists Association.

#### Paige Swanson

Paige is a third-year physical therapy student and will graduate in the spring of 2022. She has been involved in many organizations at Creighton including the Creighton Interprofessional Mental Health Organization, Creighton Justice in Medicine, Creighton Physical Therapy Leadership Guild, and the Creighton Sports Physical Therapy Association. Paige is an active volunteer in the Omaha community and has participated in a sports-specific independent study throughout her time at Creighton.

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## Sydney Tanaka

Sydney is a third-year pharmacy student. She currently serves as an officer for the Magis Clinic, a pro bono student-run clinic servicing the homeless and uninsured population of Omaha. Sydney also serves as an operation immunization chair and was heavily involved as a volunteer for Shoo The Flu and COVID-19 clinics, providing vaccines to faculty, staff, students, and the community. Last spring, she was inducted into Rho Chi, a national academic honor society in pharmacy. In addition to school and volunteering, Sydney works as an inpatient pharmacy intern for Nebraska Medicine.

#### Abaigeal Tarpey

Abaigeal is a fourth-year pharmacy student graduating this spring. She has been involved in a variety of leadership activities at Creighton including serving as Rho Chi president, Class vice president, and pioneering a women's health committee in conjunction with American Pharmacists Association. Abaigeal has done a lot of volunteering with COVID-19 vaccination clinics at Creighton and in the Omaha community. In addition, her research project on sepsis and fluid balance was presented and published in CHEST this past fall.

## **Honorary Inductees**

#### Tracy Leavelle, PhD

Professor of History Associate Dean for Humanities and Fine Arts Inaugural Director of the Kingfisher Institute

Tracy Leavelle, PhD, is an active and accomplished scholar. He has published one monograph, with another forthcoming, and one co-edited volume. He has published dozens of scholarly articles and countless presentations. Much of his scholarship includes religious dimensions and he has been involved with the Kripke Center for the Study of Religion and Society as a faculty associate. He also helped expand the digital humanities program at Creighton and has published in this area.

Since becoming the inaugural director of the Kingfisher Institute in 2018, he has expanded his scholarly portfolio to include medical humanities. He is an associate editor of the Journal of Philosophy, Ethics and Humanities in Medicine. In addition, as director of the Institute, he brings opportunities for scholarly enrichment to faculty, staff and students of the University, through hosting symposia, seminars, and lectures that provide opportunities for scholars to develop and present their research, and to learn from one another.

Leavelle has served Creighton University for nearly 20 years. His two sons attended the university. He is a friend and colleague to many at the university, a man for and with others who treats faculty and staff alike as true equals.

## Mary Susan "Sue" Selde

Academic Success Coordinator, College of Nursing

Sue Selde received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, and a Master of Science degree with a major in learning disabilities and resource room teaching from the University of Nebraska, Omaha. After teaching at the College of St. Mary's and UNO, she began her employment at Creighton in 2008 in the College of Nursing.

While Sue's commitment to Creighton and the Jesuit values is evident by her long- standing employment and varied responsibilities, her commitment to students and living out the Jesuit values is unsurpassed. She demonstrates care for every student with the shared goal of helping them achieve success in their studies.

Her service to the community is extensive. She is a member of St John's Church and has participated in marriage preparation classes. She has functioned as a Restored Hope volunteer, Project Homeless Connect Navigator, Restored Hope Board member, TeamMates College Mentor, Soaring Spirit Committee member, Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart Board member and Academies at Jesuit Universities and Schools Committee Member.

Selde is an unsung hero in the College of Nursing. Her expertise and passion are clearly student-centered with an emphasis on assisting students to achieve academic success in their studies. She spends countless hours, often into the evening time, working one on one with them. Her kindness and sensitivity to students needs is very evident. She is extremely unselfish with her time and meets the students "where they are."

She has received the IGGY Award, given to outstanding freshmen mentors and role models for five years in a row, the Ignatius Award in 2011, has been inducted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars chapter at Creighton.



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