

Alpha Sigma Nu Induction The Honor Society of Jesuit Colleges and Universities

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What is Alpha Sigma Nu?

Alpha Sigma Nu is the honor society of Jesuit institutions of higher education. The Society recognizes those students who distinguish themselves in scholarship, loyalty and service. Alpha Sigma Nu is unique among honor societies in that it seeks to identify the most promising students of Jesuit colleges and universities who demonstrate an intelligent appreciation of and commitment to Jesuit ideals. The only honor society permitted to bear the name Jesuit, Alpha Sigma Nu encourages its members to a lifetime pursuit of intellectual development, deepening Ignatian spirituality, service to others, and a commitment to the core principles of Jesuit education. Selection to Alpha Sigma Nu is one of the highest honors awarded on a Jesuit campus.

Who is eligible to join?

Juniors, seniors, and students in graduate and professional schools who rank in the top 15 percent of their classes may be considered for membership. Each chapter can nominate no more than 4 percent of their junior and senior classes from each school and college of a university. The method of selection varies from campus to campus but is always based on scholarship, loyalty, and service. Chapters also may initiate honorary members-persons who display the outstanding qualities sought in Alpha Sigma Nu members.

A Brief History

Alpha Sigma Nu was founded in 1915 at Marquette University. The men's honor society, known as Alpha Sigma Tau until 1930, spread from Marquette to Creighton University, to Saint Louis University, and to the University of Detroit in its first decade. In 1924, Gamma Pi Epsilon was founded to honor outstanding women. Alpha Sigma Nu and Gamma Pi Epsilon pursued separate but similar paths for almost 50 years, expanding nationally and cooperating on campuses where they existed together. The society born of their merger in 1973 is open to men and women at chapters on all 27 Jesuit campuses in the United States, two in Canada, one in South Korea, one in Spain and one in Peru. Over 2,000 members are inducted each year.



Program

Welcome Courtney Schmidt AΣN Student Chapter President

Induction Prayer Rourk Jensen AΣN Student Chapter Vice President Campus Outreach

Remarks on Behalf of the Alpha Sigma Nu Omaha Alumni Club W. Wayne Young, Jr, BA'93, PhD AΣN Omaha Alumni Club Treasurer

Alpha Sigma Nu Standards Scholarship Cooper Bushy AΣN Student Chapter Vice President

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Loyalty Rourk Jensen *AΣN Student Chapter Vice President Campus Outreach*

Service Lexie Tonnemacher AΣN Student Chapter Vice President Membership and Alumni Relations 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 Paul Weist Heider College of Business

College of Arts and Sciences

Camille Balbuena

Camille is a senior from the Dominican Republic, pursuing a degree in theatre. She has been involved in several Creighton productions, as a performer, a stagehand, an assistant lighting designer, and a choreographer. She was the vice president of the International Student Association in the spring of 2022. Camille has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton University including two service trips through the Creighton Center for Service and Justice, leading one of the trips.

Aruna Bashir

Aruna is a junior on the pre-medical track. She is the president of Magis Clinic, which is dedicated to providing free medical care to the homeless. She has also gone on a service trip to improve the water quality in the Dominican Republic. She serves as the Mission and Mentoring chair of the Dean's Fellows program, is involved in research at UNMC, and works as a medical assistant in a clinic.

Allison Benjamin

Allison is a sophomore studying Spanish and Hispanic Studies on the pre-medical track. Allison is passionate about healthcare justice and co-founded Creighton's chapter of Students for a National Health Program. She has leadership positions in Chamber Choir and the Honors Program Student Advisory Board and is involved in Campus Ministry. Allison volunteers with refugees and immigrants in the Omaha and Twin Cities communities and works as an EMT.

Austin Charles

Austin is a junior and plans to attend medical school in the fall of 2024. He has been involved in various activities on Creighton's campus, such as being a leader in Creighton's Greek Life, research in the Creighton physics department, and serving as a tutor and teaching assistant in the Chemistry Department. Off campus, he has engaged in service with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Midlands and Creighton University Presidential Scholars. He also studied abroad at the University of Glasgow in the fall of 2022.

Kate Cox

Kate is a senior and will attend law school in the fall of 2023. She was a member of the Creighton cross country team, volunteered with the SCSJ in the Presidential Scholars Program, participated in a Psychology research trip to Namibia in the summer of 2022, and served as a retreat leader with Campus Ministry.

Emily Cronin

Emily is a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences studying psychology, and hopes to attend graduate school to study behavioral pharmacology and addiction. She has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton including weekly service through the Creighton Center for Service and Justice. She works as a desk receptionist in the dorms as well as a teaching assistant in the Psychology Department. She also enjoys being an active member of Greek Life and the Honors Program, where she serves on the Mental Health Committee.

Sofia Deatherage

Sofia is a senior and will be attending graduate school studying Psychology or Communication Studies in the fall of 2023. She has been involved in Campus Ministry retreats and has led or coordinated the past three years of Freshman Retreats. She is also involved in Mass ministries - lectoring, Eucharistic ministry, and sacristy. Sofia is a member of the Psychology and Communication Studies honors societies as well, and looks forward to serving her community further through those organizations.

Cole DeVos

Cole is a junior studying biochemistry on the pre-med track. He is involved in weekly service at CHI and volunteers with other organizations such as Feeding South Dakota and the Siena Francis House. He is also an active member of Greek Life and a member of the student senate.

Max DeVos

Max is a junior studying biochemistry on the pre-med track. He is an active member of Beta Theta Pi where he has had the opportunity to serve his community. He has also participated in regular service through the SCSJ and at a local Omaha hospital. When he is back home, he volunteers with Feeding South Dakota.

Mary Dudley

Mary is a junior studying English and Philosophy. She plans to attend graduate school for an advanced degree in English after graduation. In addition to serving as president of Creighton Students for Life, she has been a campus ministry retreat leader and an active member of Greek Life.

Haydn Fitzgerald

Haydn is a junior studying biology and Spanish in the College of Arts and Sciences Honors Program. He volunteered in the 2022 ILAC Summer Health Program in the Dominican Republic, and researches in Dr. Stairs' neuropharmacology lab. He has enjoyed volunteering with children in Creighton clubs and working as a teaching assistant in biology and chemistry laboratories.

Nate Franco

Nate is a junior neuroscience major and philosophy minor planning to attend medical school in the fall of 2024. He is president of the Men's Club Soccer team and holds positions on the executive leadership teams for the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Fellows program and Creighton Students for Life. He also acts as a freshman decurion in the RSP program and serves as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and hospitality minister in Campus Ministry. Nate volunteers in the Omaha community at Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Midlands as a community youth mentor and big brother.

Matthew Freeman

Matthew is a junior studying Spanish and Hispanic Studies with minors in biology and Justice and Peace Studies. He is involved with the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice through weekly service at Siena Francis House. During the fall semester of 2021, he participated in Encuentro Dominicano, Creighton's academic service-learning program in the Dominican Republic. He will return to the D.R. this summer for the ILAC Summer Health Program.

Addison Goihl

Addison is a sophomore planning to attend Creighton's physical therapy program in the fall of 2024. She has been involved in many different activities and organizations while at Creighton, including Creighton's Pre-Professional Scholars Program and the National Society of Leadership and Success, where she currently serves on the executive board. She also works as a public speaking tutor in Creighton's Communication Center, and is actively involved in research at Creighton's physical therapy department as well as service in the Omaha community.

Hannah Graff

Hannah is a sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences. She is currently pursuing a triple major in Musical Theatre, Mathematics, and Data Science. Hannah has been involved in various theatre productions, pep band, Alpha Psi Omega, and EvenSong church choir. She has volunteered at Habitat restore, Cross Training, and a build for Habitat for Humanity. Hannah is currently serving as president of Relay for Life and leads a Christian Life Community at Creighton.

Nicole Grossmann

Nicole is a senior and plans to take a gap year before pursuing a career in medicine. She has been involved in Creighton's Medlife during the past two years where she has gone on two service trips and has served as an executive member for Nu Rho Psi National Honors Society in Neuroscience. She enjoys being a tutor on campus, a member of Creighton's swim club, and being an active member of Greek Life.

Grace Jaworski

Grace is a junior studying Biology and plans to earn a Ph.D. in genetics and genomics. She has been volunteering for a hospice center in Chicago since the spring of 2021. She has also been involved in both weekly service opportunities and a service trip through the Creighton Center for Service and Justice. Grace is an INBRE Research Scholar, a teaching assistant for Organic Chemistry and General Biology, a group fitness instructor, and the Honors Program Student Advisory Board president.

Grace Johnson

Grace is a junior planning to attend a physical therapy program after graduation. She has been both a Christian Life Community leader and participant and lead multiple retreats through campus ministry. She has been on a service trip through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice and returned to lead another. She also plans lessons and teaches for the sign language club, is involved in Best Buddies, and is an active member of Tri Delta.

Julia King

Julia is a senior and plans to attend medical school in the fall of 2023. She has been involved in many activities at Creighton such as research in a behavioral pharmacology lab, mentoring coordinator of the Pre-Medical Society, and president of Project Sunshine. She was also a member of the women's tennis team for her first two years at Creighton and is an active member in her sorority.

Ben Kinkor

Ben is a junior majoring in Biology and Spanish. He gained invaluable service-learning experience during his semester in the Dominican Republic. He participates in committed service sites and leads weekly service at City Sprouts community garden, all through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice. He serves as Phi Delta Theta's Service and Social Justice Chair within Greek Life and is a member of the Creighton Student Sustainability Action Fund.

Maximus Lauritsen

Maximus is a sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences. He is involved in service through Creighton's Schlegel Center for Service and Justice, leading weeklong service trips as part of the Coordinating Team. Maximus is involved in research at Creighton studying neurodegenerative disease. He is a frequent lector at St. John's parish and has helped lead the Freshman Retreat though Campus Ministry. Maximus has also been a dedicated math tutor in the Omaha community for two years.

Morgan Maly

Morgan is a junior studying exercise science and biology and is a member of Creighton's EXSEL and pre-PA club. She was selected for membership into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars her freshman year. Morgan is also a student-athlete on the Creighton Women's Basketball team. She earned a spot on the 2021 BIG EAST All-Academic Team and the CoSida Academic All-District VII First Team, which recognizes the nation's top student athletes for their combined performances on the court and in the classroom. Morgan was also awarded the BIG EAST Sixth Woman of the Year award this past season. She volunteers with various youth athletic organizations in Omaha.

Sarah Noone

Sarah is a senior studying Psychology, minoring in Criminal Justice. She has been involved in undergraduate research since sophomore year and was the recipient of the Creighton's Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) in 2022. She is a teaching assistant in the Psychology Department and has further served on campus as a New Student Orientation peer leader and a member of her sorority's leadership team.

Griffin Olson

Griffin is a junior aspiring to attend medical school in the fall of 2025. He is a New Student Orientation peer leader, a member of the 2022 executive team, a Student Transitions Intern, and a CLC and retreat leader for Campus Ministry. Griffin is also an active member of the Haddix Dean's Fellows program and Fraternity Life.

Greer Porter

Greer is a sophomore currently serving as an executive for the Student Advisory Board of the Honors Program. She will serve as the New Student Orientation Training Executive in 2023. She is also involved in undergraduate research within the Physics Department, local volunteering, and phlebotomy.

Greta Purcell

Greta is a senior and will attend physical therapy school in the fall of 2023. She has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton including the Dean's Fellows Program and EXSEL Club. She also volunteers in the Omaha community and will soon teach exercise classes in her free time.

Kenzie Reagan

Kenzie is a junior Biology major who will be applying to attend medical school after graduation. She has been involved in service with the Completely Kids Program and more through the Creighton Schlegel Center for Service and Justice. She also served on the New Student Orientation Executive Team, and is an active member in the Dean's Fellows Program and Biological Honors Society.

Alayna Ritter

Alayna is a junior in the honors program with the goal of attending medical school after graduation. She has attended a service trip through Creighton Center for Service and Justice and volunteers weekly at CHI Immanuel. Alayna has also participated in ADHD clinical research at Boys Town. She currently works as a personal trainer at Creighton and a traumatic brain injury rehabilitation trainer at QLI. She is Vice President of Creighton's Women's Club Volleyball team and Programming Chair for Project Sunshine, a club that's goal is to bring joy to pediatric patients.

Annemarie Super

Annemarie is a senior and will attend occupational therapy school in the fall of 2023. During her time at Creighton she has been heavily involved in Best Buddies, Alpha Phi Omega, and research. She is also a part of the psychology honor society, Psi Chi. She is a certified nursing assistant and works with elderly people in the community as a companion care nurse. Annemarie enjoys volunteering throughout the Omaha community and interacting with her fellow Creighton students.

Ava Szatmary

Ava is a junior majoring in psychology with minors in music and French. She is a member of symphonic band, orchestra, and the Honors Program. Ava is the vice president of the Psi Chi Honor Society, a teaching assistant in the psychology department, and a research assistant in a social psychology lab. She was also part of the New Student Orientation team for Summer Preview and Welcome Week, and she currently volunteers with the TeamMates Mentoring Program.

Alyssa Thallemer

Alyssa is a senior and is currently applying to medical school, with hopes to matriculate in the fall of 2023. She has been involved in a variety of organizations and activities at Creighton including MedLife, Best Buddies, undergraduate research, Campus Ministry, and a service and justice trip through the Creighton Center for Service and Justice. She also volunteers in the Omaha community at the Magis Clinic and Siena Francis House.

Eli Vedral

Eli is an entrepreneur who will graduate in May of 2023 with a bachelor's degree in graphic design. Eli is a member of Creighton University's cross-country and track teams. He has also been on Creighton's dean's list every semester, studied abroad in Australia, and written for the Creightonian. While a student at Creighton, Eli founded his own business "Kookaburra Cookies" and will continue growing that business after graduation.

Caroline Voss

Caroline is a junior from Mount Vernon, Iowa. In her time on campus, she has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton including New Student Orientation and Greek Life, where she has held a variety of leadership positions. She has also volunteered through TeamMates and been involved in research in the Psychology Department. After graduating, she hopes to attend medical school.

Liam Ward

Liam is a senior who will graduate in the spring of 2023 with a bachelor's degree in psychology. He is involved at Creighton as treasurer of Run Club and a member of the Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology. Liam is currently an intern at Union Pacific and has accepted a full-time position there after graduation.

Liza Zaruba

Liza is a junior studying health administration and policy on the pre-medicine track. She is a member of the Dean's Fellows Program, an undergraduate tour guide, and a student researcher in Dr. Belshan's virology lab. She is the Vice President of Membership for Gamma Phi Beta and the Vice President of Membership and Programming for Health Administration and Policy Student Association. She was chosen to be part of the inaugural class of Obama Foundation Voyagers, which provides programming, scholarships, and internships to develop careers in public service. Liza also volunteers as a mentor at Girl's Inc.

Nathan Zimmerman

Nathan is a senior planning to attend medical school in the fall of 2023. He has been involved with various positions within the Student Support Services program on campus over the past four years with the most prominent role being in the Peer2Peer program where he served as both vice president and president. Working with first-generation and low-income students has always been a passion of his and one that he hopes to continue during his time in medical school.

Heider College of Business

Colton Braccia

Colton is a Sophomore in the Heider College of Business, and will graduate in four years with both a Bachelors and Master's degree. He has held four internships during his first year and a half of college. He currently serves as the President of Management Consulting Club and is a member of Best Buddies. CJ volunteers frequently, having completed over 75 hours a semester in the Omaha area.

Jacob Calhoun

Jacob is a junior in the Heider school of Business. He is involved on campus with Greek Life, ROTC, and many intramural sports. After graduation, Jacob hopes to commission into the US Army as a third generation Field Artillery Officer and continue his education at Creighton through an online master's program.

Zacchary Collins

Zac is a junior from Lincoln, Nebraska. He hopes to enter the financial world upon graduation. Zac has been involved on campus through the business fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi, and the social fraternity Sigma Alpha Epsilon, since he was a freshman. He has held multiple positions in both fraternities throughout his tenure at Creighton. Zac values his education greatly, and enjoys giving back to the surrounding community.

Luke Gilbert

Luke is a junior and will graduate with a Master of Accounting in May 2024. He is involved in a variety of organizations at Creighton, including Student Support Services and Beta Alpha Psi. Additionally, he volunteers at Creighton's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance clinic.

Reece Hoyme

Reece is a senior and will be going into public accounting after his graduation in May of 2023. As a Heider College of Business Dean's Fellow, Reece has been an active member of both the Dean's Honor Roll for Social Responsibility and the Anna Tyler Waite Leadership Program throughout his time at Creighton. In addition to the community service he has done through both of these organizations, he is also a member of club golf.

Rachel Johs

Rachel is a junior majoring in accounting. She is a Scott Scholar and has been involved in the Anna Tyler Waite Leadership Program as well as the Dean's Honor Roll for Social Responsibility. She is currently the regent of Catholic Daughters, vice president of the Salsa Club, and a member of Creighton Students for Life and Navigators. She also volunteers locally at the Stephen Center. In addition, Rachel has previously interned with World Insurance Associates and Eide Bailly and is an intern with Lutz this spring. This summer she will return to Eide Bailly as an intern.

Casey Koenig

Casey is a senior. At Creighton, Casey has been a member of the Mock Trial team, worked as a tour guide, went on a service trip through the SCSJ, delivered a speech on motivation and passion for the Creighton Business Symposium's JayTalks, and served as the VP of Administration in her sorority. Casey had the opportunity to present research to the American Psychology and Law Society on behalf of Creighton's Psychology department and won the Chartered Financial Analyst Institute College Research Challenge with her team. Throughout her four years, Casey also served the Omaha community volunteering at the UNMC Munroe-Meyer Institute and Nebraska Special Olympics.

Gabe Kraft

Gabe is a junior planning on triple majoring in Spanish, Marketing, and Management. He is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and has been on the executive board for two years. He was first the philanthropy chair and planned service and fundraising events for the fraternity. He is now the communications chair for the fraternity. Gabe has also been involved in Club Volleyball, Best Buddies, and Big Brothers Big Sisters here at Creighton.

Taylor Mahoney

Taylor is a junior in the Heider College of Business studying Accounting and Finance with a minor in Criminal Justice. She has been involved in various activities at Creighton, including volunteering at the Siena Francis House, working as a Creighton Tour Guide in the Admissions Office, New Student Orientation Leader, and being a part of the FinServ Foundation Program. She also serves as a leader in Greek life and has participated in research in the Psychology Department working with sex offenders.

Jonathon Oftedahl

Jonathon is a senior and is on a Finance Pre-dental track. He is graduating this May and will be taking a gap year before going to dental school. He has been involved in numerous activities while at Creighton such as Heider College of Business Scott's Program, Anna Tyler Waite, and Dean's Honor Roll for Social Responsibility. He also is a volunteer in the Omaha community and is an active member of Greek Life.

Nathan Schumacher

Nathan is a senior at Creighton University studying accounting. He plans to graduate in the spring of 2023 and then will work full-time at KPMG in the tax. He has volunteered at Creighton's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program and will serve as one of the co-coordinators during the spring semester. He is also actively involved in Beta Alpha Psi, an accounting honor society, and serves as Vice President of the organization. He has also served two terms on the Appropriations Committee through the Creighton Students Union.

Grace Shehan

Grace is a senior in the Heider College of Business. She will graduate with a Bachelor's in Accounting in the spring of 2023. In the fall of that year, she will begin working on her Master of Accountancy Degree at Creighton. Some of her activities at Creighton include: new student orientation, Beta Alpha Psi, and Greek life. Grace has served as a reviewer for Volunteer Income-Tax Assistance at Creighton. Through a variety of roles, Grace extends her acts of service into the Omaha Community.

Elizabeth Sims

Elizabeth is a junior in the Heider College of Business studying Accounting. She is pursuing an Accelerated Masters in Accounting with a certificate in Business Analytics. She has served on the executive team for Alpha Kappa Psi and Alpha Phi during her time at Creighton. She is also a member of the Business Senate and will act a co-coordinator for the 2023 Creighton Business Symposium.

Gillian Stanek

Gillian is a junior in the Heider College of Business studying BIA and Finance. She has been involved in a variety of organizations during her time at Creighton including Greek life, Creighton Baseball Analytics, and intramural sports. In the Omaha community, she has done volunteer work at Heartland Hope and Open Door Mission. She balances this with a year-round internship at Union Pacific.

Maria Stevenson

Maria is a senior and will be attending law school in the fall of 2023. She has been involved on campus with Mock Trial, Alpha Kappa psi, and the Institute of Economic Inquiry. Off campus, she has volunteered with Keep Omaha Beautiful, Completely Kids, and City Sprouts.

Colton Stock

Colton is currently a sophomore in the Heider College of Business. He plans to partake in the accelerated Masters of investment management and financial analysis program. He is involved in various activities on campus including Greek Life, the Investment Banking Society, the Interfraternity Council, and Risk Management for his Fraternity. In his free time, he enjoys lifting, golf, and spending time with family & friends.

Eva Tersteeg

Eva is a junior and will attend law school in the fall of 2024. She has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton including multiple retreats through campus ministry. She has served as a New Student Orientation leader and as a Christian Life Community leader as well as having multiple internships in the Omaha community.

Paul Weist

Paul is a senior in the accelerated Master of Accounting program. He has been involved in a variety of activities including new student orientation, Greek Life, and service for the CUES school system in Omaha. He has served as a peer educator in the VIP center and as the executive vice president and vice president of finance in the Business Fraternity.

Brad Young

Brad is a senior from Omaha, NE majoring in BIA and Applied Chemistry. He has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton including a trip to the Dominican Republic as part of the BlueBox Practicum. He also serves as a Residential Advisor in Kiewit Hall and is an active member of Greek Life as well as an undergraduate researcher in the Chemistry Department. Brad is currently looking at applying to graduate schools for student affairs as well as various jobs in the Midwest.

Megan Zacher

Megan is a junior with the goal of attending Physical Therapy school in the fall of 2024. She has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton including the Anna Tyler Waite Leadership Program, Best Buddies of America, and even worked as an Academic Success Tutor at the Creighton Edge. She also serves as the New Member Educator of her Sorority, Gamma Phi Beta.

College of Nursing

Carly Bachelor

Carly is a junior in the College of Nursing and will graduate in the spring of 2024. Carly is a scholarship athlete and captain of the Creighton Women's Basketball team. Carly was a member of the team when Creighton Women's Basketball made their historic "elite eight" run in the NCAA tournament. She has also logged more than thirty volunteer hours at CHI Bergan Mercy and enjoys volunteering in youth basketball camps throughout Omaha.

Emma Cheli

Emma is a senior in the College of Nursing. Emma has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton including Nursing Leadership Scholars, Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, and is an active member in Greek Life. Emma enjoys being a tutor for high school students in chemistry, and during the summers, Emma works at a cardiovascular clinic back in her home state of California. After graduation, Emma plans to be a Neonatal Intensive Care (NICU) nurse.

Amelia Greek

Amelia is a junior in the College of Nursing and will graduate with her BSN in May 2024. She has been involved in a variety of activities during her time at Creighton including a service and justice trip through the Creighton Center for Service and Justice. In addition, Amelia is a member of the club volleyball team and a part of the National Community Oncology Dispensing Association at Creighton (NCODA).

Faith Grelk

Faith is a junior in the College of Nursing. She is a cadet in Air Force ROTC and has held several leadership positions in this program. She has enjoyed taking part in Campus Ministry by attending and supporting retreats. She also served as a Peer Leader during Welcome Week for the class of 2025. Faith is a member of Greek Life and volunteers through her sorority and ROTC detachment.

Meghan Koester

Meghan is a senior in the College of Nursing and will graduate in May of 2023. She has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton including the Fall Break nursing trip to the Dominican Republic and the 402 Service Program. She is also a member of Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society of Nursing, involved in Greek Life, and works as a CNA in pediatrics.

Taylor Lemke

Taylor is a junior in the College of Nursing with an expected graduation date of May 2024. She is a very disciplined and motivated student both in the classroom and clinical environment. She has a variety of student involvements at Creighton including serving on the College of Nursing Senate and being involved in the Creighton University Student Nurses Association, Nursing Leadership Scholars, and Student Support Services. Taylor enjoys engaging with the Omaha community, especially in capacities that include pediatric development and a focus on healthcare.

Emily Maginot

Emily is a junior within the College of Nursing. She has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton including the Freshman Leadership Program and Catholic Student Organization. She currently serves as president for Creighton's Student Nursing Association and as a board member for Nursing Leadership Scholars. She is currently in a Student to Nurse program at Children's Hospital and Medical Center in Omaha and plans to work there following graduation.

Christy Nguyen

Christy is a senior in the College of Nursing and has been involved in a variety of activities throughout her four years at Creighton. Over spring break, she had the opportunity to go to the Dominican Republic through Creighton ILAC. She is also a member of Nursing Leadership Scholars and Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. Christy was accepted into the CHI Student Nurse Summer Internship, which is partnered with Creighton. Through her involvement in Greek Life and Alpha Phi Omega (a service fraternity), she enjoys doing service within the Omaha community. Christy Nguyen has also been a member of the club volleyball team for the past two years.

Ashley Paldino

Ashley is a graduate student in the Doctorate of Nursing Practice program. She has been involved in numerous projects during her time at Creighton University, including executing a business plan for a new hospital unit and spearheading a quality improvement project focused on reducing hospital-acquired venous thromboembolisms. She serves as co-chair of the adult gerontology acute care track for the graduate school mentor-mentee program and is an active member of several national nursing organizations. She also enjoys volunteering in her local community.

Amber Rial

Amber is a current junior in the College of Nursing with plans to graduate in May 2024. She has been named on the Dean's List each semester thus far in her collegiate career while being involved in New Student Orientation, Creighton University's Student Nurses Association, and Creighton's Dance Marathon. She has also helped with various service activities on campus and in the Omaha community.

Lindsay Sasaki

Lindsay is a junior in the College of Nursing. For the past few years, she has taken on several leadership roles on campus. She is an active member of the Freshman Leadership Program (FLP), a participant in her freshman year, a mentor in her sophomore year, and the program's seminar executive this year. Lindsay is also a student leader with the ministry of Creighton University Fellowship (CUF) on campus. Additionally, she serves on the Nursing Leadership Scholars (NLS) governance council.

Olivia Wallen

Olivia is a senior in the College of Nursing and will begin working as an RN at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota on their Cardiovascular Surgery and Heart Transplant Intensive Care Unit (ICU) in July 2023. She has been involved in numerous campus activities at Creighton including the Freshman Leadership Program, Nursing Leadership Scholars, Nursing Senate, Gamma Phi Beta, Creighton Type 1 Diabetes Club, New Student Orientation, and Sigma Theta Tau. She also accompanied Creighton's College of Nursing to the Dominican Republic to volunteer on a medical mission trip in the Fall of 2019.

Lauren Welch

Lauren is a senior in the College of Nursing and is graduating in May with her BSN. Throughout her Creighton experience, Lauren has been heavily involved in a variety of activities, including being the Head of Public Relations on the Governance Council of Nursing Leadership Scholars for four years, being elected as a representative of the Nursing Class of 2023 on Nursing Senate for two consecutive years, served on the executive board for her sorority, and working as a Student Nurse Technician on a Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit. Lauren has also participated in a Schlegel Center Service and Justice trip to St. Paul, Minnesota.

School of Law

Daniel Florence

Daniel, a United States Air Force veteran, is a third-year law student and will be graduating this May. He is a member of the Creighton School of Law Trial Team and has competed on behalf of the law school in a variety of American Bar Association competitions, including negotiation and arbitration. Daniel also serves on the Dean's Student Advisory Board and is a proud member of the Saint Thomas More Catholic Law School Society.

Kate Hughes

Kate is a third-year law student with plans to graduate with her Juris Doctor and Master of Business Administration in May 2023. She has been a member of many clubs and organizations during her time at Creighton including Creighton Law Review, Moot Court Board, and Law Ambassadors. Kate also serves as the President of the Business Law Society on campus. Following graduation, she plans to practice estate planning and non-profit law while continuing to serve the Omaha community.

Mckenzie Meradith

McKenzie is a third-year law student graduating in the spring of 2023. Mckenzie Meradith is originally from Omaha, Nebraska, and will be moving to Des Moines, Iowa, upon graduation to work for the Iowa Supreme Court. While at Creighton, Mckenzie has been involved in a variety of activities, including being the Managing Editor for the Creighton Law Review, a research assistant for Professors Kristin A. Coté and Victoria J. Haneman, Moot Court Board, Co-Vice President of Judges, President of the Law Ambassadors, and 1L Mentor.

Amelia Rens

Amelia will be graduating from Creighton's law school this upcoming May with her Juris Doctor. She has had the opportunity to be a research assistant and a teaching assistant for several professors and classes. She has also served on the Moot Court Board, participated in Arbitration competitions, was an active Federalist Society Member, and participated in a religious legal fellowship between her first and second years of law school.

Graduate School

Robert Cesario

Robert is a second-year master's student on the anatomical science track at Creighton school of dentistry and will attend dental school in the fall of 2023. Robert tutors anatomy and histology to first-year dental students and is a teaching assistant for both courses. He makes it his mission to help his students succeed in and out of the classroom. Robert also volunteers with DecisionOne Dental Partners assisting patients.

Rachel Cole

Rachel is a graduate student completing her master's in May of 2023. Rachel's service activities include four terms as President of Washington Elementary Parent Teacher Organization, board member at Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance, and Alumnae Board Member at Duchesne Academy. As a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, she serves on the Crisis Response Team and as a Family Mentor for the religious education program.

Shawn Freed, Jr

Shawn is a PhD candidate in the department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology where he researched antibiotic resistance in a life-threatening bacterial pathogen. He has worked to advance underrepresented minority growth in STEM fields through volunteering at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minoritized Scientists, including judging undergraduate student presentations. He also has directly mentored undergraduate work studies in the lab and is the MMI student representative of the monthly School of Medicine Leadership meeting.

Cara Graney

Cara is a graduate student finishing up her master's in Educational Leadership in May. She works at Belleaire Elementary in Bellevue as a Speech-Language Pathologist. She is a woman standing for and with others in her work, serving and advocating for students and families in her school community and supporting her peers. Her professional interests include bridging coordination between special education and general education and providing consultative services to non-public schools looking to expand their special education services. Outside of work, Cara volunteers at her parish with families preparing for baptism.

Kelly Hanneman

Kelly is currently pursuing her Master of Science in Integrative Health and Wellness. She is also an instructor of dance and RSP advisor at Creighton and is dedicated to integrating Jesuit values into course work and the daily life of the whole student. She regularly volunteers in the Omaha community by serving schools and community centers.

Shruthi Iver

Shruthi is currently a 3rd year PhD student in the department of pharmacology and neuroscience. She is a qualified Pharmacist from India and received her master's degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences from Creighton University in Fall 2016. She has carried the Creighton core values to a number of esteemed scientific conferences and journal through her scientific presentations. She has also been involved in a variety of international cultural activities and been anchoring at the Diwali and Holi cultural programs at the Omaha Hindu Temple. She is a trained vocalist and has been performing with her band Omkara across Omaha for several years now. She recently also won a prestigious 'HER Music' award in 2021 for her original song Tedhi Zindagi (crooked life) that was a tribute to her experience of moving to USA and starting a new adult life.

Holly Landon

Holly is a second-year graduate student in the department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology studying virulence and resistance mechanisms in animal pathogens that pose a risk to vulnerable human population. She also works part time in the medical field serving patients by ensuring that they receive expedient and quality care. In her free time while at Creighton, Holly has been volunteering her time and assistance to a military family whose father is deployed.

Nicholas Sande

Nicholas is a graduate student, who will graduate spring of 2023. In the spring of 2022, he graduated from Creighton University with a Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience. Over his time at Creighton, he has participated in the CCAS Honors Program, gone on a service trip to Houston, served as the executive of internal operations for New Student Orientation, and participated in research in neuroscience under Dr. King's lab. Upon graduation, he will continue research pursuits while working on applications for medical school.

Joseph Thibodeau

Joseph is pursuing an MBA in Healthcare to be completed in Spring 2023. He is a Cardiologist who serves as Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Creighton University College of Medicine. In his full-time clinical practice, Joseph teaches and is an investigator in many cardiac clinical trials. He serves on the Board of Directors for CHI Health Clinic, the Advisory Council for CHI Health Partners, the Midlands Hospital Medical Executive Committee, and the CHI Cardiology Advisory Council. Joseph also serves his community on the Creighton Prep Advancement Committee. He is married to Theresa. Together they have 3 children: Anna (19), Joey (17), and Ella (14).

School of Dentistry

Miranda Anderson

Miranda is a fourth-year dental student. She is highly involved with various organizations within the School of Dentistry, holding leadership positions in the Student National Dental Association and the American Association for Women Dentists. Spending many weekends and after-school hours volunteering, Miranda has a passion for helping the under-served populations in Omaha and the surrounding communities.

Adhm Asfan

Adhm is a fourth-year student in the dental school. He is president of the dental student union. He also serves as a member of the equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) at the dental school. This position gave him the opportunity to be the voice of the minority, address their issues and concerns, making sure students have access to equal opportunity not only here at the dental school but in the outside world.

Kyle Mueller

Kyle is a dental student and will pursue oral and maxillofacial surgery residency after graduation in May. While in school, he has volunteered for World Cura Clinic and has continued to volunteer back home in Minnesota, as well as in the local community. He also has been on the leadership board for the OMFS club, American Student Dental Association, and Clinical Standards of Care during his time in school.

Sean Powell

Sean is a year 3 dental student who is committed to Creighton's Jesuit Values. He has invested himself by being involved in activities coordinated through Student National Dental Association. One of his favorite opportunities to serve is to provide educational opportunities and dental services for local pediatric patients in school settings. Additionally, he has assisted in a One World clinic and has had the privilege of serving patients daily by treating them with love, grace and dignity in the dental clinic.

Travis Rabun

Travis is a fourth-year dental student. He has been involved with Creighton through many programs and service trips. He is a committee member of the Academic Misconduct Committee and the Alumni Advisory Board for the School of Dentistry. He also provided free dental services to Omaha and surrounding communities through the OneWorld Dental Clinic and the Nebraska and Iowa Mission of Mercy.

Mitchell Tschakert

Mitchell is a third-year student at Creighton University School of Dentistry. During his years at the school of dentistry, he has participated in the Curas Clinic, providing dental care to people in need. He has also volunteered at the exploring dentistry program for high school students.

College of Professional Studies

Rev. James Andrew Ayaga, SJ

Fr. Ayaga is Jesuit priest currently working in South Sudan in Africa. He is a teacher and principal of Mazzolari Teachers College in the Catholic Diocese of Rumbek since 2019. He also is a part-time lecturer at the Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Rumbek Compass, since 2021. James serves as the board chair person at Loretto Girls Secondary School in the diocese of Rumbek.

Erik Crew

Erik is an Interdisciplinary Leadership doctoral candidate who serves as an Organizational Development Practitioner and Executive Leadership Coach at Children's Mercy Health System, Kansas City. Erik partners with key stakeholders to elevate leadership, team, and organizational effectiveness in service of Children's Mercy's vision to create a world of well-being for all children. Erik finds great joy in helping others dream big, find solutions to their toughest leadership challenges, and cultivate transformational growth for themselves and those they influence. He seeks to live a life of kindness, justice, and mercy in relationship with others and in the pursuit of the greater good for the greater glory of God.

Hekmat Shah

Hekmat comes from a remote area in the central part of Afghanistan called as Ashtarlay, Daikundi. He works as a Monitoring, Evaluation Accountability and Learning (MEAL) Officer for CRS in Daikundi. He previously worked for Jesuit Refugee Service as an English teacher, computer teacher, site coordinator and online facilitator for six years. He completed high school in Daikundi in 2016 and completed an online Diploma in Liberal Arts at Regis University in August 2018. He is currently studying Leadership at Creighton University.

Jack Hobson

Jack has served as an international education professional for over 20 years. He completed both his BA in French language and literature as well as a MA in Global Affairs at the University of Oklahoma and is currently a doctoral candidate at Creighton University. Currently, he serves as the Dean of International Programs at Loyola University Maryland where over 60% of the student population participates in global mobility. Hobson's research interests have focused on study abroad as a High Impact Practice (HIP) and the intersection of best practices for diversity enrichment and student retention. Jack has had the great fortune to visit over 50 countries.

Abdulgafar M. H. Ismaiel

Abdulgafar (aka, Dudu), was born in Sudan-Darfur, so the conflict in Darfur forced him to leave Sudan and become a refugee after spending more than 3,102 days in Amman, Jordan. In Jordan, he founded an adult development program that included informal English classes, entertainment events, and discussions intended to break cultural barriers of different backgrounds and ideologies such as race and religion by living as a family member in the Jesuit Center with help from Fr. Michael D. Linden. Recently, he went to Canada in April 2022. His mission is to serve disadvantaged people and help them in fulfilling their needs by staying an effective moral leader and role model.

Kathryn Onorato

Dr. Onorato has worked at Creighton for ten years and has participated in many service trips, scholarship on behalf of the university, and recently served as a CO PI for a grant focusing on mental health resources in Black communities in Omaha. Additionally, she teaches in the Healthy Lifestyle Management program and serves as its program administrator. She teaches both online and in person courses as well as serves on multiple committees for Creighton University. She greatly enjoys working with students in these courses and encourages students to engage with cura personalis by understanding how to best advocate for themselves and on behalf of others.

Kathryn received her Master of Science degree in Negotiation and Dispute Resolution and Higher Education in 2015 and Integrative Health and Wellness Coaching and Lifestyle Medicine in 2019 from Creighton University. She is a graduate of the Creighton University Doctor of Education in Interdisciplinary Leadership program. Her qualitative research for her dissertation in practice focused on integrative health and wellness coaches working with patients and how the patient's self-efficacy is impacted due to this relationship.

Julie Peterson

Dr. Peterson is a physical therapist specializing in women's health physical therapy. She received her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree in 2001 and her EdD in Interdisciplinary Leadership in December 2022, both from Creighton University. She has been involved in the admissions committee, honors and awards committee, and Committee on the Status of Women here at Creighton, and the immediate past chair of the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties. Dr. Peterson also serves as a volunteer in the Omaha community including Duchesne Academy and Creighton Prep.

Jessica Wentworth

Jessica graduated with her master's degree in Organizational Leadership with a concentration in healthcare leadership in December 2022. She was the Online Student Representative for Creighton's Graduate Student Government. She planned events for Creighton's graduate students including going to a Kansas City Royals game and two virtual bingo events. Jessica went to school part time while working for Oracle Health full time.

School of Medicine

Louise Asleson

Louise is a fourth-year medical student pursuing a residency in Internal Medicine. She is passionate about service, social justice, and community engagement. Her activities include tutoring at Girls Inc. of Omaha, volunteering at the Magis Clinic, and working on the Anti-Racist Student Advisory Council. Louise is also an avid teacher and mentor including mentoring pre-med students through American Medical Women's Association and working with third-year medical students as an Internal Medicine Chief.

Lucas Betts

Lucas is a third-year medical student at Creighton University School of Medicine and will graduate in 2024. He has been actively involved in research with Creighton's Cardiology and Radiology Departments and has completed multiple abstracts, poster presentations, and peer-reviewed manuscripts. He has served

as Chief Editor for the Orthopedic Surgery and the Cardiology Interest Group Newsletters and volunteers as a type editor for the Rwandan Medical Journal. He has volunteered with the Acute Care and Psychiatry Magis Clinics, Creighton's Mini Medical School, and the local food bank.

Cuyler Dewar

Cuyler is a third-year medical student who will graduate in May of 2024. He has been involved in many research projects, primarily studying the impact of non-weight-bearing devices on muscle activity and gait biomechanics. He has also served as his class's Unit and Curriculum Chair in student council. He enjoys serving the community by volunteering at The Heart Ministries' food pantry and the Munroe-Meyer Institute.

Sonya Flaten

Sonya is in her third year of medical school with plans to pursue a career in Pediatrics or Internal Medicine. At Creighton, Sonya has served on the boards of Magis Clinic and Do Justice and has enjoyed working to improve the health of homeless and incarcerated individuals through these organizations. She has also served as a mentor to local youth, Creighton pre-medical undergraduates, and first- and second-year students in the School of Medicine. Sonya is thankful for the humanistic approach grounded in Jesuit values that guides her medical education at Creighton and for faculty that model care for the whole person.

Robert Janiszewski

Robert is a fourth-year medical student who will be matriculating in the spring of 2023. He has been involved in numerous service experiences, ranging from food pantries to student-run medical clinics. He has also worked as a tutor to fellow medical students, engaged in a number of scholarly research experiences, and has served as the Vice President of the Radiology Interest Group.

Donna Kaczynski

Donna is a third-year medical student at Creighton. She has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton including serving as the Mentorship Coordinator for Mini Medical School, President of Student Advocates for Vaccine Education, and volunteering at free health clinics in the community. She also helps conduct research with the Mini Medical School team to better understand how to encourage children from diverse and underserved backgrounds to enter healthcare fields.

Dorothy Kenny

Dorothy is a fourth-year medical student and will be starting residency in Internal Medicine in July 2023. Over the course of her time at Creighton, she has participated in a wide variety of service activities including leading a service trip for Project Cura and volunteering at the Magis and St. Vincent de Paul free clinics. She has also been involved in many student organizations dedicated to service and community (including Cura Musicalis, APAMSA, and Cura Crafters) as well as basic science and clinical research.

Matthew Lam

Matthew is a third-year medical student who will graduate in 2024. He volunteers at student-run MAGIS clinics, which provide medical care to underserved communities. He has also performed free vision screening with mobile eye clinics and educated vulnerable youth groups about sexually transmitted infections. Additionally, he is involved in efforts to improve the sustainability of hospital

operating rooms by optimizing the usage of volatile anesthetics.

Madeline O'Connor

Madeline is a third-year medical student in Phoenix, AZ. She plans on going into plastic and reconstructive surgery. She succeeds both academically on exams and in the hospital during rotations. She has volunteered with numerous organizations in the Omaha and Phoenix communities, including the Magis Clinic and Arizonans for the Children.

Molly Olsen

Molly is a fourth-year student in the School of Medicine and will pursue residency in Obstetrics & Gynecology after graduation in May. She has been involved in various service activities during her time at Creighton, including Body Basics, Fit For Life, the student-run Magis Clinic at the Siena Francis House, and OneWorld Community Health Centers. She also has served as a member of the CUSOM admissions committee and in the class of 2023 student government.

Sydney Scheel

Sydney is a third-year medical student who will be applying to Anesthesiology residencies in the coming year. She has been involved in a variety of clubs and activities at Creighton including the medical student chapter of the American Medical Association, the Anti-Racism Student Advisory Council, and student government. She is also dedicated to giving back to her community by volunteering at local medical clinics and shelters.

Abby Schneller

Abby is a fourth-year medical student who will begin a Pediatric residency this July of 2023. She has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton, including service trips to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota and the Institute for Latin American Concern in the Dominican Republic. She served as co-coordinator for the student-run Magis Women's Clinic and has been a catechist for St. John's religious education and Confirmation programs. She tutors medical students and helps facilitate courses in ethics, humanities, and leadership within the medical school, as well as the third-year Pediatric clerkship. She is also heavily involved in the Physician's Vocation Program, bible study, and serves as social chair for the M4 class student government.

Shirline Wee

Shirline is a third-year medical student and will graduate in May of 2024. During medical school, she has served as an active volunteer at the student-run clinics in Omaha and Phoenix, as the Executive Director of Youth Mentoring with the Maya Community Health Collaborative, as a trip leader to the Rosebud/Pine Ridge Reservations for Project Cura, and as a leader in the Emergency Medicine Interest Group. She has continued to broaden her academic scope by being involved in several research projects related to neurodegenerative and infectious diseases. She also enjoys teaching and is a tutor for fellow students. Shirline Wee is passionate about building community and is the founder and Co-President of Asian Voices in Medicine, leading the initiative to establish branches in both Omaha and Phoenix.

Michael Weston

Michael is a fourth-year medical student with plans to graduate in May 2023. During his time at Creighton, he has served two terms as treasurer for the Medical Student Government and currently serves as the president of the

Radiology Interest Group. He volunteers as an on-call advocate for Catholic Charities Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Response Team. Michael appreciates the incorporation of Jesuit Values into his educational experience and has been an active participant in Ignatian Wisdom Groups and the Physician Vocation Program. Additionally, he was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society in his third year. Michael is deeply grateful for his Jesuit education and the foundation it has provided him for his future career as a physician.

Claire Willman

Claire is a fourth-year medical student who will graduate this spring with plans to enter a Psychiatry residency. Prior to medical school, Claire earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Creighton University. During her time at Creighton, she has been involved in a variety of organizations including the Magis Clinic, Monen Clinic, Fit for Life, American Pharmacist's Association, Rho Chi Honor Society, and Kappa Psi. She volunteers her time at the Heart Ministry Food Pantry and Community Garden and has been involved in human trafficking research while at Creighton.

School of Pharmacy and Health Professions

Molly Adcox

Molly is a third-year doctor of physical therapy student and will graduate in May of 2023. She has been involved in many activities on campus and in the community including a clinical rotation to the Dominican Republic through the Institute of Latin American Concern (ILAC) and volunteering at CHI Immanuel through the program, For and With Others. During her time on campus, she also served as a tutor in the Physical Therapy Department, a campus ambassador, and a club president for Creighton Ability Network (CAN).

Dominick Babich

Dominick is a fourth-year pharmacy student and is also pursuing his MBA through the Heider College of Business. Prior to pharmacy school, Dominick earned his B.S. in biology with a minor in health administration and policy from Creighton University. During his time at Creighton, Dominick has worked for 6 years as a pharmacy technician and intern at a local community pharmacy and served as treasurer of the Rho Chi Pharmacy Honor Society's Alpha Chapter. He has volunteered at the Magis Clinic, Healing Gift Clinic, and Creighton's Shoo the Flu and COVID-19 vaccine clinics.

Kayla Bomben

Kayla is a third-year graduate student in the department of Physical Therapy. She is currently an active member of the AASPT and has completed the sport-specialization track offered within her program. She has become involved in the Omaha community by volunteering at Millard West high school to help coach the women's soccer program while completing her doctoral degree.

Lauren Cockrum

Lauren is a fourth-year pharmacy student. She is actively involved in many pharmacy organizations like American Pharmacist Association and Phi Lambda Sigma National Pharmacy Leadership Society. She also holds various leadership positions including Fundraising Committee chair for the Rho Chi Pharmacy Honor

Society and has served as the Distance Class President for four years. She exemplifies her commitment to service by volunteering as a School of Pharmacy and Health Professions Orientation Ambassador, a Pediatric Companion at the Children's Hospital in her hometown, and as a referee for Veteran Affairs and Special Olympics Athletics. She has also worked as a pharmacy tutor and currently works as a pharmacy intern at Walgreens Pharmacy.

Austin Ferguson

Austin is a fourth-year Physical Therapy graduate student in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions who will graduate in May of 2023. He has been a member and leader in several physical therapy-specific and inter-professional organizations during his time at Creighton while also serving on the SPAHP PT Admissions committee and volunteering in the Creighton and Omaha communities. In April, he will take part in the Physical Therapy ILAC Program working as a therapist in the Dominican Republic.

Connor Gifford

Connor is an occupational therapy graduate student of the Creighton University Regis Pathway. She has been involved in the Creighton University Student Occupational Therapy Association for all three program years and enjoys volunteering her time to support various organizations. Additionally, Connor served as the Class President of her cohort for 2022-2023 and has been a member of Pi Theta Epsilon honor society since 2021.

Rebecca Hasselbrook

Rebecca is a third-year student in the Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program. She is part of the hybrid pathway through a partnership with Regis University in Denver, Colorado. She is a non-traditional student and also has a master's degree in Music Therapy. Rebecca has a history of serving the community through her prior work as a board-certified music therapist. As she continues her professional journey, she remains dedicated to providing the most compassionate, equitable, personalized, and quality care possible to her clients. Rebecca has served both the occupational therapy and Creighton communities by volunteering her time as Regis Pathway VP for the Pi Theta Epsilon Occupational Therapy Honors Society and by participating as a Student Ambassador.

Bailey Honold

Bailey is a Doctor of Occupational Therapy Candidate with an anticipated May of 2023 graduation. During her time at Creighton, she has served as the Vice President of Occupational Therapy for the Jays for Pediatrics organization, and has been an Occupational Therapy Ambassador. Bailey is actively involved in other organizations including the Creighton University Student Occupational Therapy Association and Creighton Ability Network. Volunteering in the Omaha community has been a passion of Bailey's since moving to Omaha in 2016.

Daniel Kohl

Daniel is a third-year Doctor of Pharmacy student and Master of Pharmaceutical Sciences student that will be applying to pharmacy residency programs with a focus in infectious disease and PhD programs focusing on translational drug discovery after his MPS graduation in 2023 and PharmD graduation in 2024. He has held multiple leadership positions in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions as well as the Graduate school while being heavily involved in drug

discovery research for his Master's thesis in addition to working as a pharmacist intern in the Omaha metro area.

Chloe Matsuda

Chloe is a 2-4 early assurance pharmacy student, currently in her third year of pharmacy school. She has been involved in variety of activities at Creighton including serving as a team leader at the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice where she organizes a weekly mentoring program at two local elementary schools. She also is active in the pharmacy school serving as the president of the Student Society of Health Systems Pharmacists where she helps members prepare for postgraduate training.

Emily O'Brien

Emily is a graduate student and class secretary in Creighton's Doctor of Occupational Therapy program and will graduate in May 2023. She is passionate about neuro-rehabilitation and plans to receive a neurology certification after graduation. During the spring semester of 2023, she will complete her doctoral capstone which involves the development of guidelines and resources for addressing sexuality and intimacy in inpatient neurorehabilitation in spinal cord injury and brain injury units at Barrow Neurological Institute.

Lauren Ruggles

Laruen is a fourth-year pharmacy student in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions. During her time at Creighton, she has served as Vice Chair of Operation Immunization, a committee that organizes influenza immunization clinics throughout Creighton's campus and the Omaha community. She has also served as the secretary for the Student Society of Health System 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 volunteer and pharmacy intern within the Omaha community.

Morgan Shipley

Morgan is a third-year occupational therapy student who will graduate in May of 2023. She has been involved with several activities while at Creighton, including working as a lab assistant and student tutor. She has also served as the president of the Pi Theta Epsilon honorary, a student ambassador, and an executive team member for the Laura and Dan Monen Clinic, which provides healthcare services to underserved populations in the Omaha community.

Megan Sotebeer

Megan is a third-year pharmacy student at Creighton. She has been involved in an array of service activities including the summer health program in the Dominican Republic, continual volunteering at the Magis Clinic, and participation on a service trip through the Creighton Center for Service and Justice. She is a leader and friend amongst her peers and treasures the values that Creighton has given her.

Rebecca Wellnitz

Rebecca is a physical therapy student and will be graduating in May 2023. She has been involved in a variety of activities including Creighton University Student American Physical Therapy Association, Neurological Rehabilitation Club, and has served as a SPAHP tutor. She is an active volunteer in the Omaha community including at St. Cecelia Cathedral Flower Festival and Blade 5K.

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Honorary Inductees

The Honorable Lisa Andrus Hayan

COO, Hye Tech Network and Security Solutions

Lisa Andrus Hayan, Creighton Law JD'03, has a deep commitment to public service. During law school, she participated in the school trip to the Dominican Republic that helped her find her calling to serve disadvantaged children, regardless of where her professional path took her.

She started her legal career in the Maricopa County (Phoenix) Attorney's Office, where she worked in the sex crimes bureau prosecuting cases on the production and distribution of child pornography. The job was demanding and distressing, but it was an important way for her to care for others and serve society. After eight years advocating for at-risk children as the deputy county attorney — earning Prosecutor of the Year recognition — Andrus Hayan moved on to spend more time with her then 18-month-old daughter. Her passion to help others led her to leadership roles in technology as the chief operating officer at Hye Tech Network & Security Solutions LLC, the start-up founded by her husband, Saro, in 2005.

Overseeing the hiring, benefits, and other operations for the 100-plus-employee business, she works to be considerate and creative because she knows what motivates one person may not motivate another. She is committed to leading with a gentle touch, while helping to build an innovative and effective high-technology services company.

Andrus Hayan is a generous, committed, and service-oriented leader who gives back to her community in myriad ways. She has demonstrated her commitment to others through efforts to reflect the Jesuit values installed in her by the compassionate faculty at Creighton Law. She repays that support by being an example for future generations. As chair of the School of Law Alumni Advisory Board, she has led by example and offered countless hours supporting the law school and its student, she committed to a challenge fund for Giving Day 2021, and in 2012, established the Lisa and Saro Hayan Scholarship in Public Service Law.

Amanda Kirkpatrick, PhD, RN

Associate Professor, College of Nursing

BKirkpatrick is an active scholar integrating her scholarship into her teaching of undergraduate and graduate nursing students and with interprofessional students as a faculty member in the Center for Interprofessional Practice, Education and Research (CIPER). She models the ideal university scholar/teacher earning many professional accolades and national recognitions. As the 2019 Macy Faculty Scholar, she expanded course enrollment in the interprofessional palliative care course, and she disseminated evidence-based guidelines for development of a repository of diverse and validated virtual interprofessional palliative care simulation scenarios for use internationally.

Kirkpatrick has not only conducted grant-funded research, but also established herself as a promising nursing theorist and recognized expert in palliative care. Publication of her concept analysis, "A concept analysis of palliative care nursing: Advancing nursing theory" (Kirkpatrick et al., 2017), provided needed clarity and was a substantial contribution to palliative care nursing theory and competence

development. She served on an expert panel for palliative care simulation and competence assessment for a National League for Nursing multi-site national study. Kirkpatrick has been published as lead author on multiple manuscripts. Readership of these cited publications maintains growing momentum as simulation and palliative care are highlighted priorities for many healthcare and academic stakeholder organizations.

Kirkpatrick's personal and work lives are characterized by Jesuit ideals. Her teaching and scholarship center on palliative care for persons at the end of life, who are very vulnerable and in need of physical, emotional, and spiritual care. She is committed to the Jesuit value of forming and educating agents of change. She has taught in all levels of the College of Nursing undergraduate program, the graduate nursing program, and in the CIPER program. She has served as a CIPER Associates and Scholars Program mentor and is frequently called upon to mentor junior faculty. She has served as an officer since 2013 in the Creighton College of Nursing chapter of Sigma, the International Honor Society of Nursing. In those leadership roles, she initiated many opportunities for students to participate in scholarly activities. She practices cura personalis as she interacts with students and teaches them to do the same for the patients they care for in the clinical setting. Her commitment to education was recognized when she was awarded the national Interprofessional Educator Award from the End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium, which is a national and international education initiative to improve palliative care.

Kirkpatrick has served on numerous committees within her college, across the University, and in national venues. She is also active in service to her church, children's schools, and her community; and, she is very active in service to the nursing profession. Kirkpatrick's growing reputation as an expert and leader in interprofessional education, simulation, and palliative care has earned her numerous invitations as a speaker and author. She has since been meeting with academic institutions at their request to answer questions, provide guidance, and lead discussions on the topic of virtual interprofessional simulation methods and outcomes. Additionally, she continues to be sought for her expertise in palliative care theory, recently writing an invited chapter describing a conceptual model for relationship-centered palliative care delivery for the Oxford Textbook for Interprofessional Palliative Care.

Patrick Saint-Jean, SJ, PhysD

Instructor, Department of Psychology

Dr. Patrick Saint-Jean, SJ is a Jesuit Regent and a member of the Jesuit Midwest Province. He completed his undergraduate education at the Universite Victor Segalen de Bordeaux in France and received his graduate degree in psychoanalysis from the Parisian Ecole Lacanienne de Psychanalyse in Paris and his doctor of psychology degree from the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico. Dr. Saint-Jean has studied, conducted research, and worked in various countries. He completed his theological studies in 2019 at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, and currently teaches in the Department of Psychological Science and is a therapist at Creighton University.

Over the past two years, Saint-Jean has been an impactful presence in Creighton's Student Counseling Services. His knowledge and empathy are

highly valued and inspiring, and his compassionate, dedicated service to students in unwavering. He has brought a specialized level of expertise for the treatment of trauma to the clinical group, which is designed to help people heal from symptoms and emotional distress related to trauma. Further, Saint-Jean volunteers to engage many outreach events sponsored by the Student Counseling Services and the Violence Intervention and Prevention Center. Truly, students and staff have greatly benefited from his knowledge, energy, and deep care for all.

Saint-Jean's commitment to social justice is inexhaustible. He travels extensively, speaking elegantly and passionately about racial justice. He writes with fluidity and grace about injustice and the need for spiritual and emotional reconciliation in our world, notably authoring: *The Spiritual Work of Racial Justice*; and *The Crucible of Racism: Ignatian Spirituality and the Power of Hope.*

Jeanne Schuler, PhD

Professor, Department of Philosophy

Dr. Schuler has published widely about the philosophy of G. W. F. Hegel, the philosophy of Karl Marx, and social and political philosophy in peer-reviewed scholarly journals.

Dr. Schuler is a model of the Jesuit charisms of cura personalis, the unity of heart, mind, and soul, forming and educating agents of change, and being a woman for and with others. She goes above and beyond for her students, seeking to do all she can to prepare them to change the world. In all her scholarship, service, and teaching, Dr. Schuler sees herself as living out an apostolic expression of her Catholic faith. She seeks to do everything for the greater glory of God.

Dr. Schuler has served the Department of Philosophy as the longtime coordinator of the Philosophy Papers in Progress series, the College of Arts & Sciences as an elected member of the CCAS Committee on Rank & Tenure (2005-2007) and CCAS Faculty Senate (2004-2015), Creighton University as an elected member of Faculty and Academic Council (2015-2022), and Omaha Together One Community as a longtime co-chair of its Immigration and Refugee Action Team.

Josef Raoul Rodriguez, SJ

Instructor, Department of Philosophy

Josef Rodriguez first entered the Legionaries of Christ after high school to pursue religious life. He earned degrees in the liberal arts and philosophy through the Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum, with a focus on Thomism. He also gained experience in Gregorian chant and choir directing. After 10 years of active Legionary life, followed by 2 years of lay life, he entered the Society of Jesus in 2016. He completed a Master's degree in Philosophy at Fordham

University, this time focusing on Phenomenology. He also studied Composition through Juilliard's Evening Division. His work and ministerial experience includes secondary education, campus ministry, youth and adult retreat direction and hospital chaplaincy. Josef is currently fulfilling the stage in Jesuit formation known as Regency, a period of focused apostolic work. Aside from continuing to do research in Phenomenology and Hermeneutics, he is actively composing liturgical and non-liturgical music. He is also Assistant Conductor of the Kanesville Symphony Orchestra.



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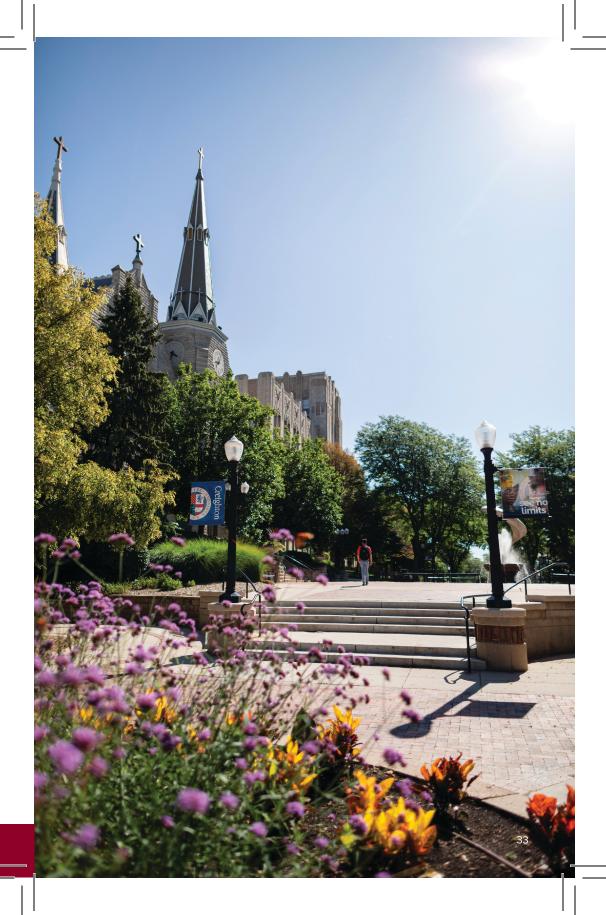
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Alpha Sigma Nu Pledge

As a member of Alpha Sigma Nu, I promise to do everything in my power to carry out the ideals of scholarship, loyalty and service.

I promise to be committed to intellectual integrity and the pursuit of wisdom.

I promise to be loyal to the moral, social and religious ideals of my education.

I promise to be genuinely committed to the well being of others and active in serving them.

I will do all this in light of the Jesuit concern for the greater honor and glory of God.