



## 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

**Grace Johnson**

*AΣN Student Chapter President*

### Induction prayer

**Eve Tersteeg**

*AΣN Student Chapter Vice President*

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

**Angela Patterson, OTD, OTR/L, FNAP**

*Associate Professor*

*School of Pharmacy*

*and Health Professions*

### Alpha Sigma Nu Standards

#### Scholarship

**Mary Dudley**

*AΣN Student Chapter Vice President*

#### Loyalty

**Eva Tersteeg**

*AΣN Student Chapter Vice President*

#### Service

**Matthew Freeman**

*AΣN Student Chapter Vice President*

### Alpha Sigma Nu Student- Chapter Faculty Adviser

**Angela Patterson, OTD, OTR/L, FNAP**

*Associate Professor*

*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

**Adele Varley**

*College of Arts and Sciences*

### Benediction

**Rev. Jeff Sullivan, SJ**

*Assistant Director, Campus Ministry*

*and Retreat Programs*

# College of Arts and Sciences

## **Ellie Alberts**

Ellie is a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences majoring in biology with a minor in theology. She has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton including INBRE research program, dance marathon, and the dance team where she holds a leadership position. She volunteers through the Magis Clinic at Sienna Francis House and the MEDLIFE program. She is also an active member of Greek Life and serves as a decurion.

## **Kate Allerheiligen**

Kate is a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences studying psychology and communication. She plans to attend law school after her graduation in May 2025. She helped found Letters of Love at Creighton in 2023 and continues to serve on its executive team. She also serves as a student manager for the Creighton women's volleyball team, is on the executive team for her sorority Pi Beta Phi, and serves on the University Committee for Student Discipline.

## **Anna Ambrose**

Anna is a junior studying criminal justice and international relations. She plans on attending law school after graduating from Creighton. She is a member of the Global Scholars Program and she is deeply thankful for the time she spent studying in Italy and the Dominican Republic. She also writes for the school newspaper and volunteers every week with the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice at Jackson Elementary School.

## **Lauren Baker**

Lauren is a junior and will graduate from Creighton in May of 2025 with a degree in exercise science. She has been involved in various different activities throughout her time in college, including serving as an assistant coach of a local volleyball team and volunteering with Trinity Lutheran Comfort Dog Ministry. Through this ministry she has been an active member in her hometown community, visiting and spending time with those in need.

## **Emily Behrens**

Emily is a graduate student pursuing a master's degree in school counseling. She will graduate in May of 2024. She is a full-time teacher at a Catholic school in West Des Moines, Iowa. Emily enjoys serving others as a volunteer and participates in various service activities at her church, school, and in her community. She is a member of the social justice committee and teaches confirmation classes at her church and currently serves as the president of the booster club for her children's high school.

## **Katie Berrian**

Katie is a senior studying biology, behavioral and cognitive neuropsychology, and dance. She will attend medical school in the fall of 2024. Katie has been a leader of a Christian Life Community, a leader and coordinator of the freshman retreat through Campus Ministry, a member of the Creighton Dance Company, and a member of the Creighton Golf Team. She has worked as a biology and chemistry teaching assistant and serves as a certified crisis counselor for the National Suicide Hotline and Crisis Text Line. She has conducted lab research on chronic kidney disease and volunteers as a leader for pediatric Type 1 diabetes camps through the American Diabetes Association.



**Brittney Berumen**

Brittney is a second-year graduate student pursuing a Master of Education in Secondary School Teaching. While at Creighton, Brittney immersed herself in the greater community by participating in the Magis Catholic Teacher Corps where she teaches biology, chemistry, and conceptual physics in a Catholic high school.

**James Brainard**

James is a junior majoring in data science and psychology. He has been heavily involved in the partnership between Creighton's SCSJ and Completely KIDS at Jackson Elementary School, and has served in a variety of other roles at the SCSJ.

**Liana Chinen**

Liana is a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences majoring in biology. While at Creighton, Liana has been involved in the 402-service program, Hawaii club, and Alpha Phi Omega. She is the vice president of personal relations for the College of Arts and Sciences student senate. Liana plans to attend medical school after graduation.

**Carson Convery**

Carson is a sophomore studying Spanish and hispanic studies as well as neuroscience. He is an active member of the Candlelight Mass Choir as well as a volunteer through the SCSJ at Completely Kids at Jackson Elementary, C.R.E.W. for Migration Justice, and the Siena Francis House. Carson is also a member of Creighton's Pre-Professional Medical Scholars Program and the College of Arts and Sciences Honors Program. He spent the fall semester of 2023 in the Dominican Republic, and was selected to return the summer of 2024 as a Coordinator for the ILAC Summer Health Program.

**Carina Cook**

Carina is a senior in the College of Arts and Sciences majoring in computer science and psychology. In her time at Creighton, she has been a member of Circle K International, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Psi Chi, where she serves as the vice president. She is a teaching assistant for computer science and psychology courses. She currently works as a mental health technician at CHI Immanuel's Partial Hospitalization program and conducts research in both computer science and psychology. After graduation, she hopes to pursue a Master's degree in Counseling and become a practicing therapist.

**Sarah Crowely**

Sarah is a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences majoring in social work with a minor in political science. She works as a research assistant at the Human Trafficking Initiative, volunteer coordinator for Student's For Life, student leader within campus ministry, and has had the opportunity to participate in three service and justice trips through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice, coordinating two of these trips. This semester, Sarah is participating in the CHIP program in Washington, D.C., completing a social work internship with the Northwest Center.

**Emily Ekstrum**

Emily is a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences majoring in biology. While at Creighton, Emily has volunteered her time to mentor students at Omaha Public Schools and is a part of Creighton's MedLife Chapter. Emily enjoys organizing learning and service trips abroad.

**Morgan Griese**

Morgan is a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences majoring in exercise science and pre-health professions, with the goal of attending a physician assistant program following graduation. At Creighton, she is a member of the Dean's Fellow Program, participates in the Pre-PA club and the Excellence in Leadership club, and is an active member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. Morgan served as a peer guide during Welcome Week, participates in writing encouraging letters to children battling chronic illnesses in the Letters of Love club, and volunteers weekly at the CHI Bergan Mercy hospital.

**Paige Harty**

Paige is a sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences majoring in exercise science. While at Creighton, Paige has been part of the DREAM Scholars program, is on the Women's Rowing Team, and spends time researching Multiple Sclerosis in one of Creighton's labs. Paige plans to attend dental school after graduation.

**Jessica Hua**

Jessica is a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences majoring in psychology. While at Creighton Jessica has assisted oral history research on refugees through the English department, leading weekly service opportunities, and mentoring through her role as a teaching assistant in the Chemistry Department. Jessica plans to attend dental school after graduation.

**Katie Huisman**

Katie is a senior in the College of Arts and Sciences majoring in chemistry and economics with concentrations in undergraduate research and scholarship. While at Creighton, Katie has been the president of the Pre-Dental Society and the Sign Language Club. She has been an undergraduate researcher, drop-in Chemistry tutor, and participated in the BlueBox Project. Katie plans to attend dental school in the fall of 2024.

**Nathan Jobalia**

Nathan is a junior majoring in history with a minor in biology. He is involved in both biomedical and humanities research and has presented three research posters. He also engages his faith as a member of a Christian Life Community and will serve as a peer leader for the spring Encounter with Christ Retreat through Campus Ministry. Additionally, he has served as the head photo editor for the Creightonian and has worked for Creighton athletics as a photographer.

**Alexis Johnson**

Alexis is a senior in the College of Arts and Sciences majoring in biochemistry. While at Creighton, Alexis has played on the Women's Soccer Team while also being involved in the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice leading fellow students to Siena Francis House and Refugee Empowerment Center. Emily enjoys playing and studying piano, as she has done for the past thirteen years.

**Alessandra Kakish**

Alessandra is a sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences majoring in biochemistry. While at Creighton, she has been involved in undergraduate research, SURF, CURAS Ambassador Program, and Students for National Health Program. Alessandra enjoys volunteering weekly in a local emergency department and at the Siena Francis House.

**Sophie Kash**

Sophie is a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences majoring in exercise science on the pre-PA track. She has been involved on campus as an active member and 2023 philanthropy chair of Gamma Phi Beta. She was also a freshman retreat leader, volunteer in the Dominican Republic through the ILAC Summer Health Program, anatomy lab TA, and volunteer in the Omaha community at homeless shelters and afterschool programs for underserved children.

**Gabrielle Kay**

Gabrielle is a junior majoring in biology. She serves as a student leader on the local community engagement team in the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice where she leads a group of her peers in weekly service at a local elementary. She also has participated on two service immersion trips to Ecuador and Costa Rica through Creighton's Med-Life chapter.

**Aliya Keaton**

Aliya is junior in the College of Arts and Sciences majoring in social work. She plans to pursue a masters degree in social work after her time in undergraduate. She has been involved in various activities at Creighton, including two service trips to Mississippi and the Dominican Republic. Aliya serves on the executive board for the student organization of social workers, participates in the Dean's Fellows program, interned at Creighton's food pantry, participates in undergraduate research, and serves on the executive board for her sorority. Beyond Creighton, Aliya has volunteered at the local NorthStar foundation, tutoring elementary aged boys after school.

**Morgan Koca**

Morgan is a senior and will start her teaching career in the Desoto school district in Kansas City in the fall of 2024. She has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton including being a member of the cross country and track teams all four years. She also serves for her church home in Omaha, Citylight Church, and is a student leader for their college ministry.

**Hannah Ladwig**

Hannah is a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences majoring in biology. While at Creighton, Hannah has been co-president of the women's lacrosse club team, participated in relay for life, habitat for humanity, and has volunteered with hospice. She has been an undergraduate biology teaching assistant and a member of the INBRE scholars program. Hannah plans to attend medical school after graduation.

**Katelyn Landolt**

Katelyn is a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences majoring in exercise science. She is a member of the Creighton Pre-Professional Scholars Program and will attend Creighton's Doctor of Physical Therapy program in the fall of 2024. She is involved in a variety of clubs and holds leadership positions at Creighton serving as VP of the Creighton women's club soccer team and treasurer for the Pre-PT club. Katelyn is a TA for Human Anatomy Lab and assists with knee studies in the Creighton Rehab Science Research Lab. She is an active member of Greek Life as well as a volunteer in the Omaha community and her home community.

**Jonathan Li**

Jonathan is a senior in the College of Arts and Sciences studying biology and is currently applying for medical school. He is involved in research at Creighton, working under the Nebraska INBRE program which focuses on developing the biomedical sciences. He is also the current president of Creighton's Fishing Club and holds a master angler award for channel catfish.

**Jack Lundstrom**

Jack is a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences majoring in biology. While at Creighton Jack is a part of Creighton's DREAM Scholar program and student life. Jack has enjoyed volunteering in the Omaha community and is an advocate for service and justice trips that expand beyond the local community as well. Jack plans to attend dental school after graduation.

**Molly McLaughlin**

Molly is a junior majoring in mathematics and physics with an interest in attending law school after graduation. She has been involved with Creighton's Freshman Leadership Program, Campus Ministry and Sorority Life. She is the secretary of the physics club and a student leader for a science and religion interest group on campus.

**Benjamin Mulert**

Benjamin is a senior in the College of Arts and Sciences majoring in exercise science and pre-health professions. He will attend physical therapy school in the fall of 2024. While at Creighton, he has been involved in a variety of activities including the Dean's Fellows program through the College of Arts and Sciences. He has also been involved in volunteer work through the UNMC Munroe-Meyer Institute and Food Bank for the Heartland.

**Elyse Nakano**

Elyse is a senior in the College of Arts and Sciences majoring in health administration and policy and economics. While at Creighton, Elyse has discovered a passion for service and leadership as a member of the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Fellows program and Alpha Phi Omega. Through her research and internship experiences Elyse has committed to improve health equity through policy and plans to pursue a Master's of Public Health Education after graduation.

**Olivia Prouty**

Olivia is a senior majoring in health administration & policy and Spanish with plans to attend Creighton's Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing in the spring of 2024. She serves as a Peer Educator in the Violence Intervention and Prevention Center and is a member of Upsilon Phi Delta, the national healthcare administration honor society. She also serves the community through part-time work as a certified nursing assistant.

**Shreya Reddy**

Shreya is a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences majoring in sociology. While at Creighton, Shreya has been involved in Best Buddies and Project Sunshine, which works closely with the families at the Ronald McDonald House in Omaha. Additionally, Shreya has conducted research in Creighton's School of Medicine.

**Grace Rogers**

Grace is a senior majoring in neuroscience with minors in Spanish and biology with plans to begin physician assistant school after graduation. She is a member of Nu Rho Psi, the national honor society in neuroscience, the Dean's Service Honor Roll, and the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. Grace also volunteers with hospice patients as a nursing assistant and teaches ESL classes in the Omaha Community.

**Megan Rysko**

Megan is a junior studying biology on the pre-medicine track. She has been involved with many activities at Creighton including weekly service with the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice, leading service one year. She also has been on two medical service-learning trips with MEDLIFE, and is currently the president of the organization. In addition, she is involved with research and is a Ferlic Fellow, she is a tutor for various biology courses, and was involved in new student orientation.

**Maggie Schaefer**

Maggie is a sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences majoring in chemistry. Maggie is in the Honors Program and while at Creighton has been part of the DREAM Scholars program, the College of Arts and Sciences Student Senate, the badminton club, and founder of the club "Gut Feelings". Maggie has served others by volunteering as a tutor and camp counselor for Camp Oasis through the Chron's and Colitis Foundation. Maggie plans to attend medical school after graduation.

**Jakob Schmit**

Jakob is a sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences majoring in Neuroscience and Psychology on a pre-medicine pathway. He has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton such as the Honors Program, Pre-Professional Scholars Program, biology club, swim club, Nu Rho Psi Honors society, neuroscience club, and more. He is involved in volunteer service throughout the Omaha community and is involved in on-campus research.

**Augie Sonnenberg**

Augie is a senior majoring in exercise science. He is currently in the medical school application process. He splits his time between research in the chemistry department, DREAM Scholars, and Greek life.

**Rexton Suzuki**

Rexton is a junior majoring in biology. He has participated and served as a coordinator for three service and justice trips through the SCSJ to New Orleans, Omaha, and Cleveland. He conducts research under Dr. North's biomedical sciences lab studying aging and also is an active volunteer in the Omaha community through his leadership in the service fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega.

**Josephine Talley**

Josephine is a sophomore studying social work and English. She is deeply involved in the St. John's community as a choir member, sacristan, lector, and catechism teacher. She has been on multiple Service and Justice trips, and she has attended and lead Campus Ministry retreats. Josephine is an active member of Greek Life and Dean's Fellows. The Jesuit value she aspires to live by is Seeing God in All Things.

**Brecken Van Baale**

Brecken is a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences majoring in biology with a minor in Spanish and hispanic studies. She plans to attend medical school in the fall of 2025. Brecken has been involved in many activities at Creighton, including Campus Ministry, service trips through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice, and the Success Center alongside the Biology Department. She also serves as an executive member for the Women's Club Basketball team and a committee member for her Greek Life organization.

**Adele Varley**

Adele is a junior from Minneapolis, Minnesota studying English and Spanish. She is an active and involved member of the Creighton community, serving as a student leader for the Candlelight Choir and a team leader at the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice. She also is an active member of Fraternity and Sorority Life, a member of Pathways Choir, and is currently researching and writing her first novel.

**Isabel Venteicher**

Isabel is a junior studying social work and psychology with plans to pursue a Masters in Social Work after graduation. She serves as the current president of the Student Organization of Social Workers and is a member of Delta Zeta. She is also very involved in Campus Ministry through leading a Christian Life Community (faith sharing small group) and serving as a small group leader for Campus Ministry retreats.

**Kate Wald**

Kate is a senior in the College of Arts and Sciences studying biochemistry and will attend medical school in the fall of 2024. She has been involved in various service organizations while studying at Creighton including the Magis Clinic with Creighton's School of Medicine and volunteering as an ESL tutor with Ukrainian refugees. She serves as the student co-director of Creighton's Center for Undergraduate Research and Scholarship (CURAS) Ambassadors program and is also a student researcher in Dr. Carol Fassbinder-Orth's laboratory.

**Payton Wolfgram**

Payton is a senior in the College of Arts and Sciences majoring in biology. While at Creighton, Payton has served at the Siena Francis House and the Community Kitchen, in addition to tutoring general chemistry. Payton is president of the Biology Club and plans to attend medical school after graduation.

**Kate Zachary**

Kate is a senior in the College of Arts and Sciences studying neuroscience. She transferred to Creighton from Loyola Chicago during her junior year of college and has appreciated the way in which her time at Creighton has allowed her to develop a deeper relationship with God and others through service and studies. She is particularly passionate about serving young women and their children regularly through Mater Filius.

# Heider College of Business

## **Jessica Barich**

Jessica is a senior preparing to graduate in May and will be moving to Denver to work as a Corporate Finance Consultant on a Power, Renewables, and Energy Transition team at FTI Consulting. For four years, she has been a member of the Women's Cross Country and Track teams where she has competed for the university, represented her team on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, and earned Big East All-Academic Honors. She also serves on the Creighton Student Sustainability Action Fund and is passionate about environmental justice in the Omaha community.

## **Julia Finn**

Julia is a junior in the Heider College of Business studying marketing and finance. At Creighton, she has been involved in the Heider Business Senate, Alpha Kappa Psi, Dean's Fellows Program, Anna Tyler Waite Leadership Program, and Dean's Honor Roll for Social Responsibility. She also serves as the Financial Vice President for her sorority, Gamma Phi Beta, and will act as one of the co-coordinators of Welcome Week in 2024.

## **Iliana Garcia**

Iliana is a junior in the Heider College of Business majoring in accounting and finance. She has been involved in a variety of activities, the most impactful being a service trip to El Paso, Texas through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice. She serves as first chair of the second violin section in the Creighton Orchestra, and she is also involved in the professional co-ed business fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi and social sorority Pi Beta Phi.

## **Grace Gardner**

Grace is a junior planning to graduate in the spring of 2025 with her BSBA and Master of Accounting. She is a leader within the Business Intelligence & Analytics Association and a member of Creighton's CircleK Volunteer Organization. She also participated in Cortina Community, an intentional social justice and service living learning community, her sophomore year and continues to volunteer in the Omaha community.

## **Robert Go**

Robert is a junior from the Philippines, majoring in fintech and accounting. Currently, he serves as the VP of Education for the Creighton Investment Banking Society and is a member of Alpha Kappa Psi. He engages in volunteer work in the Omaha community, particularly at the Sienna Francis House. He holds himself to the highest standards and strives to embody Magis in all facets of his life. One day, he hopes to become an ethical and principled business leader, aiming to uplift the lives of people and communities around the world.

## **Gage Kanzmeier**

Gage is a junior in the Heider College of Business majoring in financial analysis and international business. While at Creighton has been involved in service through the ILAC Center in the Dominican Republic and has participated in events hosted by the Global Engagement Office. Gage volunteers in the local Omaha community coaching middle school basketball.



**Ryan Kenny**

Ryan is a junior studying accounting in the Heider College of Business. At Creighton, Ryan has been involved with the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice, Greek Life, and Alpha Kappa Psi. He has been involved in community service with many of Omaha's local non-profits, and he strives to continue to be an active member of Creighton's community.

**Catherine Kollmeyer**

Catherine is a junior majoring in finance and management. She is a Business Research Fellow and conducts research for a professor in the accounting department in the Heider College of Business. Catherine has taken on multiple leadership roles in Alpha Kappa Psi, Campus Ministry, and New Student Orientation. She is also a member of the Anna Tyler Waite Leadership Program and an active volunteer in the Omaha community.

**Sidney Linder**

Sidney is a junior in the Heider College of Business majoring in business intelligence and analytics. As a member of the Dean's Fellows Program, she has been active in both the Dean's Honor Roll for Social Responsibility and the Anna Tyler Waite Leadership Program. She is currently on the executive team for Alpha Kappa Psi and is an active member of Gamma Phi Beta. She has served her Creighton community by becoming a New Student Orientation Peer Leader and volunteering through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice.

**Deia McGuire**

Deia is a graduate student studying accounting and will begin working with RSM, an accounting firm, in North Carolina in the summer of 2024. She has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton including studying abroad with the Global Scholars program and being an active member of Creighton's Beta Alpha Psi accounting fraternity for three years and as an officer for one of those years. Additionally, Deia has participated in the Creighton Volunteer Income Tax Assistance "VITA" program for two years and organized the program for one.

**Andrew Nolan**

Andrew is a junior in the Heider College of Business studying accounting and working towards both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees. He is actively involved in Campus Ministry and frequently serves at Sunday Mass. He also serves as a board member and the treasurer for the Omaha chapter of the American Conservation Coalition, is an active member of Greek Life, and serves as a volunteer in the Omaha community. He hopes to continue a life of service and justice by pursuing a career with the federal government after graduation.

**Jacob Rausch**

Jacob is a junior studying Accounting and Business Intelligence & Analytics. He is involved on campus through his leadership in both his social fraternity, Beta Theta Pi, as well as the business fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi. He is also involved off campus through numerous internships as well as weekly service with the NorthStar Foundation, an after-school boy's club in the North Omaha community.



**Joe Ryan**

Joe is a senior in the Heider College of Business, studying finance and accounting. He has been involved in a multitude of activities at Creighton such as being on exec of his fraternity and being involved in Big Brothers Big Sisters of Omaha. Additionally, Joe was apart of the Business Symposium team and is a member in the Creighton Investment Banking Society.

**Jack Sorensen**

Jack is a junior in the Heider College of Business majoring in accounting. He has been involved in a number of service activities and campus ministry events. He is also currently part of the Creighton Cross Country and Track teams where he runs long distance.

**Blake Stawarz**

Blake is a junior in the Heider College of Business studying finance and marketing. He serves Creighton University as a resident advisor in Graves Hall and as the Social Executive for the Freshman Leadership Program. Blake is also involved in Greek Life and is an active member of Phi Delta Theta.

**Lainie Steven**

Lainie is a senior in the Heider College of Business majoring in finance and management. Throughout her time at Creighton, she has been involved in New Student Orientation as both a peer leader and a decurion, the Heider Business Senate as vice president, Alpha Kappa Psi as president, the Creighton Business Symposium as a co-coordinator, Delta Zeta sorority, and has been in the Deans Honor Roll for Social Responsibility every semester.

**Katie Twit**

Katie recently completed a Master's degree in Negotiation and Conflict Resolution. She is an affiliate mediator at Concord Mediation Center and does facilitation and training work with local nonprofit organizations. She has a BA from Creighton in Psychology and Spanish and a Master's degree in Spanish from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

**Stephen Wheadon**

Stephen is a junior in the Heider College of Business and will begin his Master's of Investment Management and Financial Analysis program in the fall of 2024, graduating in four years with a Bachelors and Master's degree. Stephen has been involved in a variety of activities at Creighton including serving as President of the Ultimate Frisbee Organization and Vice President of Management Consulting Club. He also participates in service through the Creighton Center for Service and Justice and other local community organizations. Stephen has led multiple retreats through Creighton's campus ministry. Additionally, he has balanced multiple internships throughout his time at Creighton.

**Kayli White**

Kayli is pursuing her Master of Business Administration after also completing her undergraduate studies at Creighton. She has participated in a service and justice trip and has been involved with greek life and New Student Orientation. While in graduate school, Kayli worked in Creighton's Admissions Office informing prospective Bluejays on the benefits and opportunities of attending a Jesuit University.

### **Autumn Woolpert**

Autumn is a junior in the Heider College of Business majoring in finance. While at Creighton, Autumn has led fellow students on a service and justice trip through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice. She is a Scott Scholar and has additionally participated in undergraduate research and enjoys teaching hula for Hui 'O Hawai'i's annual lu'au.

### **Charlie Zielinski**

Charlie is a senior in the Heider College of Business majoring in accounting. He is a member of the Creighton Men's Golf Team and has earned spots on the 2021 and 2022 All-BIG EAST Second Teams as well as spots on the 2022 and 2023 All-BIG EAST All-Tournament Teams. He has also been named to College Sports Communicators Academic All-District Team in 2023, which recognizes the nation's top student-athletes for combined performances on the course and in the classroom. In his free time, he enjoys volunteering with various youth sports organizations in Omaha.

## **College of Nursing**

### **Cristian Bressani**

Cristian is a senior in the College of Nursing. He has been involved in clinicals at various hospitals in the Omaha area. He will graduate in May of 2024 and hopes to go on to a professional career as an emergency room or intensive care unit nurse.

### **Miranda Burigsay**

Miranda is a junior studying nursing. She has participated in two service and justice trips through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice. She is also actively involved in Campus Ministry programs as a participant and leader. Additionally, she is a member of Creighton's Best Buddies chapter and serves as the Vice President of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

### **Kaitlin Edminsten**

Kaitlin is a student in the DNP Adult Gerontology Acute Care program in the College of Nursing. She has worked as an ICU nurse for the last six years in various states after graduating with her BSN from Creighton University in 2017. Kaitlin recently moved to Idaho, and she looks forward to truly immersing herself in her new community as a nurse practitioner. She aims to be an advocate of Creighton and Jesuit values, as well as of the DNP role in the acute care setting, and has enjoyed being a mentor to fellow AGACNP students.

### **Grace Hutchison**

Grace is a junior in the College of Nursing and will receive a BSN degree in the spring of 2025. She has been involved in multiple activities and leadership positions at Creighton through CLC small groups and retreats in Campus Ministry as well as SCSJ service trips. She will be going to the Dominican Republic this summer to serve in the Summer Health Program for a month, and she hopes to work in an ICU after earning her degree.

**Emma Johnson**

Emma is a junior in the College of Nursing. Emma is a member of the Women's Rowing team and has served on the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. She has been an active participant in student life and new student orientation, in addition to a mentor through her resident advisor position.

**Cassidy Nipp**

Cassidy is a junior in the College of Nursing and has been involved in the Freshman Leadership Program, participated in a service and justice trip through the SCSJ, and has served as a leader for Campus Ministry retreats and Christian Life Communities. She recently finished her roles as Welcome Week Mission & Ministry executive and Director of New Member Education for her sorority, Pi Beta Phi.

**Lauren Polusky**

Lauren is a senior in the College of Nursing and will graduate with her BSN this upcoming May. She has served as a peer leader and decurion for the RSP program, tutors for Creighton Athletics, and is an active member of Sigma Theta Tau, Nursing Leadership Scholars, and Greek life. She also enjoys working as a student nurse technician in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at CHI Bergan Mercy.

**Ellie Schultes**

Ellie is a senior in the College of Nursing. She has been a tutor for Creighton's Academic Success Center, the treasurer of Creighton's Nursing Leadership Scholars, and an Athletic Training Assistant. Last summer, Ellie was one of sixty students across the Nation selected for a student nurse internship at The Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Ellie fills her free time working as a CNA and promoting community health through service in Omaha and her hometown.

**Rachel Smith**

Rachel is a sophomore studying nursing. She is involved in Campus Ministry through leading and participating in two Christian Life Communities, a faith sharing small group for Creighton students. She also serves as tutor in the Academic Success Center tutor and an tour guide in the admissions office, inviting perspective students to join the Creighton community.

**Amanda Stanton**

Amanda will graduate with her Doctorate of Nursing Practice in May 2024, with a specialty in adult-geriatric acute care. She is involved in many research projects, serves as the co-student leader of the AGAC-NP mentor program at Creighton, and has developed a pathway program for international and new graduate nurses at home in North Dakota. She has received five Daisy Awards for her advocacy, education, care, and communication to and for patients and their families, in addition to advocating for the reenactment of a comprehensive emergency cardiovascular medical system for the state of North Dakota.

# School of Dentistry

## **Yousef Ashour**

Yousef is a fourth-year dental student from Kuwait. He has lived in Omaha for about 8 years, having also completed his undergraduate degree at Creighton. He has been on three service trips through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice. Jesuit values are near and dear to him. Teaching him the importance of working to improve himself in order to help others, and the importance of caring for the whole person, and doing well while doing good.

## **Elyce Cederholm**

Elyce is a third-year dental student in the Creighton University School of Dentistry. While at Creighton, Elyce has served as a student ambassador, tutor, and peer mentor. She is passionate about treating all people including underserved populations locally and in the Dominican Republic.

## **Kianna Hren**

Kianna is a fourth-year dental student in the Creighton University School of Dentistry. While at Creighton, Kianna has enjoyed being of service and feels very connected to the Creighton community. She gives credit to Creighton's mission and Jesuit values which have impacted not only her education, but also her global perspective.

## **Justin Ludwig**

Justin is a third-year dental student. He is an active member of various student dental organizations, and holds executive positions in both the ASDA and SNDA local chapters, promoting student engagement with dental partners across the country and facilitating opportunities for service within the Omaha community. He will also be participating in Creighton's ILAC Summer Health Program in the Dominican Republic in 2024.

## **Haley Molstad**

Haley is a third-year dental student in the Creighton University School of Dentistry. While at Creighton, Haley has served as a mentor through peer tutoring and student ambassador. Haley plans to attend a service-learning immersion trip to the Dominican Republic this coming summer where she hopes to continue to help others, collaborate with other medical professionals, and make an impact.

## **Chase Stoffel**

Chase is a fourth-year student at Creighton University School of Dentistry, graduating this May. In addition to his studies, he is an ambassador for the Dental School, providing tours for prospective students, and a tutor for first- and second-year dental students in various classes. He has also dedicated his time to volunteering at the Cura OneWorld Clinic. Post-graduation, he is eager to start his career in dentistry and continue providing exemplary service to his patients.

## **Omer Tabel**

Omer is a senior student at Creighton's School of Dentistry. He was raised in a rural village outside the walls of the holy city of Jerusalem. From the way the Healthy Smiles Program draws a smile on a child's face to our commitment in delivering compassionate, dental care to the youth and elderly in the Cura Clinic, the Jesuit Values of Creighton University replicates the dynamics of his village.

He says the tradition of service at Creighton University has privileged him to take part in many patients' life stories within the past two years of his clinical experiences, and he believes the call to service is a natural extension of worship, and that God grants him purpose in all that he does.

## College of Professional Studies

### **Eduardo Bousson**

Eduardo is a graduate student completing his dissertation on leadership. After working in higher education for over 15 years, he researches longevity in college student organizations. He is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church, currently serving as the Director of Schools, Colleges, and Universities. He is a founding member of Justice in Action, a multifaith organization that involves over 22 faith communities and over 2,000 individuals in Lincoln, Nebraska. His greatest passion is to help others find their way in life through vocational discernment and the exercise of love in all things.

### **Dana Cummings**

Dana is a doctoral student in the EdD program at Creighton University and is expected to graduate in May of 2024. Her dissertation research focuses on the lived experiences of women working in higher education in her home state of Indiana, and she is committed to continuing her work in this area after graduation. Dana and her husband have three children and live on a small farm in central Indiana where they happily raise sheep and chickens.

### **Don Day**

Don is an active-duty Air Force officer and graduate student pursuing a Doctorate of Education in Interdisciplinary Leadership. He is the Vice President of Creighton University's Alpha Iota Sigma Honor Society and an active volunteer supporting organizations such as the Wounded Warrior Project, Habitat for Humanity, & Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

### **Darlene Flakes**

Darlene is an undergraduate student in the Healthy Lifestyle Management program, which she will complete in May. She is continuing in the College of Professional and Continuing Education in the master's program in Integrative Health and Wellness. While at Creighton Darlene has of service through various Christian ministries in her church, some including children's group leader, bible study leader, and foreign healing missions' trips.

### **David Gifford**

David graduated from Creighton's EdD Interdisciplinary Leadership program in December 2023. His dissertation research focused on intersections between authentic leadership, interpersonal trust, and psychological capital among employees in higher education. He is actively involved in his local parish and Catholic school community, and while a student at Creighton, had opportunities to engage in spiritual direction in the Ignatian tradition.

**Amanda Ilg**

Amanda is in her final year of graduate school, pursuing her Masters of Organizational Leadership Degree with a Certificate in Negotiations and Conflict Resolution. At Creighton, she has worked in the University Relations Department on the Advancement Communications and Advancement Events teams. She has been involved in various groups on campus including serving as a member of the University Relations Service and Social Committee and participating in the Newcomers Orientations Valuing Ignatian and Creighton Engagement (NOVICE) program. Outside of her Creighton involvement, she has volunteered for several organizations within the Omaha community.

**Aryana Lopez**

Aryana is a graduate student in the Organizational Leadership program and is the Executive Assistant in the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Office, where she serves a variety of guests and colleagues ensuring a welcoming and helpful environment. The opportunity to incorporate her studies with her work has been transformational not only personally, but in the ability to better serve others as well.

**Patricia Lowe**

Patricia, originally from Port-au-Prince, Haiti, found her roots in Massachusetts, where she was raised. She shares a home with her husband, Travis, and four children. Her unwavering commitment to advancing racial and social justice in higher education stems from the profound influence of the Ignatian Leadership Pedagogy, a cornerstone of Jesuit Catholic education. She has been involved in various activities at Creighton and the ACJU, including ongoing commitment as an English language volunteer for the English Language Development Course with St. Paul's Institute, organized by Dr. Bloomquest. She is also an active AJCU- CDO leadership member and Ignatian Colleagues Program, cohort 11, where she continues to work to advance leadership knowledge with the Jesuit and Catholic mission and DEI. Her journey reflects a dedication to principles that align with the mission and core values ingrained in the Ignatian tradition.

**Tim Piper**

Tim is a doctoral candidate in the Interdisciplinary Leadership program. He anticipates a graduation date of December 2024. After living and working for 20 years in developing countries leading projects in economic development, he now lives in Tucson, Arizona, with his wife, Susan. He is active in leadership of his church, and has served on a number of non-profit boards domestically and overseas. With degrees in psychology and business, he has always been in the intersection of the two in organizational behavior and governance. He plans to use his doctoral degree to strengthen non-profits in his community.

**James Wetzel**

James is a veteran and civil servant from Central Illinois. He graduated from Illinois State University with a major in History, and subsequently earned a MS in Administration from Central Michigan University. He is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Interdisciplinary Leadership. James has traveled and lived in many parts of the world. He currently lives in Omaha Metro area and works as a systems engineer focusing on intelligence, planning, and strategy development systems within government.

## School of Medicine

### **Daniel Alme**

Daniel is a third-year medical student. During his time at Creighton, he has volunteered at several organizations including the Magis Clinic, Open Door Mission Clinic, and Bedside Music Program, where he carried his keyboard around the hospital to play music for patients and their families. He also serves as the vice president of his third-year medical school class. He is currently planning to pursue a career in radiation oncology.

### **Lauren Barbush**

Lauren is currently pursuing a master's in biomedical sciences to continue the research she began as an undergraduate while at Creighton University. She is studying potential drug therapies for noise-induced hearing loss, for which she won the Phi Sigma Award for Outstanding Research and placed 3rd at the BIG EAST Undergraduate Research Poster Symposium. While at Creighton, she volunteered for the ILAC Summer Health Program, tutored K-12 students at Completely Kids, volunteered at the Douglas County COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic, and attended an SCSJ service trip. Currently, she is a hospice volunteer at Endless Journey and serves Alzheimer's patients through National Alzheimer's Buddies.

### **Mary Beth Dahl**

Mary Beth is a fourth-year medical student pursuing an internal medicine residency following graduation in May. She has been involved with the Maya Community Health Collaborative, Open Door Mission, Partners Against Cancer, and the Institute for Latin American Concern in the Dominican Republic. Exploring medicine through the lens of a faith that does justice alongside her peers in the Physician's Vocation Program has been a particularly formative part of her Jesuit medical education.

### **Regan Denny**

Regan is a fourth-year medical student at the Phoenix Regional Campus who will be starting a combined internal medicine and pediatrics residency in the Summer of 2024. She has dedicated much of her time to improving healthcare accessibility to unhoused individuals through involvement with the Street Medicine Coalition and the St. Vincent de Paul free clinic. She is passionate about global health and was able to spend a month volunteering in the Dominican Republic through ILAC. She has also served as a peer tutor and been involved in the school of medicine's Educational Program Committee.

### **Gregory Devine**

Gregory is a third-year medical student at the Creighton Health Sciences Phoenix campus interested in pursuing neurology. He has been extensively involved in campus leadership and currently serves as president of the Creighton Medical Student Government. He enjoys working closely with the community through St. Vincent de Paul, where he volunteers in the medical clinic and teaches piano lessons. Gregory also engages in neurocritical care research and high school neuroscience education.

**Angela Dickson Finn**

Angela is a distance graduate student in the School of Medicine pursuing a degree in Integrative Health and Wellness. She is a medical educator and director of the Sacred Vocation Program at the University of Texas Health Science Center

in Houston, Texas. She serves on the board of the Hobby Center Foundation for the Performing Arts in Houston, and volunteers her time teaching stress relief and wellness techniques to veterans' groups, homeless shelters, and others.

**Colleen Glennon**

Colleen is a fourth-year medical student, currently completing a research year in dermatology at Duke University. In addition to academic pursuits, Colleen enjoys mentoring junior classmates and younger students interested in pursuing medicine through her involvement with Creighton's Dermatology Interest Group and Mini Medical School. She is currently serving at Gigi's Playhouse in Raleigh, NC, and has served both the Phoenix and Omaha communities through Street Medicine Phoenix and her time as a Magis Clinic officer respectively.

**Brandon Hoglund**

Brandon is a third-year medical student at Creighton's Phoenix Campus planning to pursue a career in neurosurgery. He founded the Phoenix campus's American Association of Neurological Surgeons Student Chapter. He also has participated in several research projects at Barrow Neurological Institute and is currently working on a project to screen for fall risk in the vulnerable community served by the St. Vincent de Paul Clinic.

**Eva Holland**

Eva attended Creighton as an undergraduate where she majored in biology and minored in health administration and policy. She graduated in 2020 and went on to pursue her medical degree at Creighton. She is currently a third-year medical student and will graduate in May 2025. Throughout these years she has enjoyed volunteering at various sites in the Omaha community as well as participating in and leading service and justice trips through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice.

**Caitlin Kelley-Smith**

Caitlin is a third-year medical student at the Phoenix regional campus who will graduate in May 2025. She is passionate about academic medicine and mentorship which has been portrayed through her leadership roles as a Curriculum Chair on student government, a Vital Signs group leader, and a medical admissions advisor, as well as through her research projects centered on improving undergraduate medical education. As someone who was brought up in a rural community, Caitlin is also an advocate for undeserved patient populations; she has coordinated many trips to the free medical clinic in Puerto Penasco, Mexico, served on the leadership board for Mini Medical School, and is a frequent volunteer at the St Vincent De Paul Dream Center. She aspires to incorporate Jesuit values while serving her community as both a clinician and a medical professor alongside her husband who is also student at CUSOM.

**Emily Krier**

Emily is a third-year medical student. She actively engages the Omaha community through service with the Open Door Mission and the Jesuit Academy. She also serves as a leader and rolemodel for her class as the class president her M2 and M3 years, and the class vice president her M1 year.



**Hunter Litz**

Hunter is a third-year medical student in the School of Medicine. During his time in medical school he has been a regular volunteer at the student-run Magis Clinic and has participated in a variety of volunteer and research activities throughout Omaha. He is also involved in various tutoring, teaching, and student government organizations within the Creighton University School of Medicine.

**Rowan Lovich**

Rowan is a third year medical student at the Phoenix Health Sciences Campus. During her time at Creighton she has been involved with the Arizona Veterans Home as a volunteer with their recreational and therapeutic program. Additionally, she has volunteered with the St. Vincent de Paul clinic that provides free healthcare to those in need. She also serves as the Vice President of the Ultrasound Interest Group on campus and helped start the Phoenix Spanish Skills club for students to practice their medical Spanish.

**Evanjalina Matoy**

Evanjalina is pursuing a master's degree in pharmacology and neuroscience. Besides taking classes her studies largely consist of engaging in hereditary cancer research. Here she exemplifies Jesuit values like cura personalis where her goal is to increase the awareness and prophylactic treatment options for patients. While she's not working hard on her studies she volunteers as a SAVE mentor, a youth lacrosse coach, and at a local hospital.

**Matthew Merwin**

Matthew is a third-year medical student who plans to go into internal medicine after graduation. He has been involved with a number of activities while at Creighton, most prominently serving as an officer and now director of the Magis Clinic, where he has found the organizations' growth over the last three years to be extremely rewarding. He is also involved in volunteering at local organizations like Open Door Mission, tutoring his peers in the anatomy lab, and conducting research within the School of Medicine.

**Madeline Nottoli**

Madeline is a fourth-year medical student in the Creighton University School of Medicine. While at Creighton, Madeline has participated in clinical research at the Phoenix Regional Campus and has held various leadership and service positions throughout her time at Creighton. Madeline is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha and plans to pursue otolaryngology (ENT) after graduation.

**Jordan Nustad**

Jordan is a fourth-year medical student who is applying to OB/GYN residency programs. During her time at Creighton she has co-founded a student organization, Mothers and Their Baby Jays, that runs a patient advocacy program for pregnant patients. She also volunteers frequently at Magis Clinic and volunteers as a mentor through Girls Inc. She looks forward to her medical career as an OBGYN and continuing to service and advocate for her community.

**Jocelyn Plowmn**

Jocelyn is a fourth-year doctoral candidate in the Department of Pharmacology and Neuroscience. She has presented her research in hereditary cancer at regional, national, and international levels, including at the American Society of Human Genetics. She genuinely cares about pursuing the truth through research which will give answers and direction to individuals and families.

**Emily Poellinger**

Emily is a fourth-year medical student pursuing a residency in internal medicine. She currently serves as the Vice President for the Medical Student Advocates for Disability Rights organization. She also enjoys spending her time volunteering with Outlook Enrichment, a local organization that empowers individuals living with vision loss. Additionally, she is involved with multiple research projects with the Department of Gastroenterology.

**Taylor Schendt**

Taylor Schendt graduated from the School of Medicine in December of 2023 with her Masters of Physician Assistant Studies. During her time at Creighton, she served as a student board member for the Nebraska Academy of Physician Assistants and as an executive member of the Creighton Physician Assistant Student Society.

**Lisa Sofiar**

Lisa is currently a graduate student in the Integrative Health and Wellness program, with a concentration in Healthy Aging. She is currently living in Singapore and working as a health and wellness coach in Chi Longevity clinic in Singapore, one of the first longevity clinics in the country. Although she is not based in the United States, she has enjoyed the spirit of Creighton through her interactions with faculty and classmates, and has grown as a person and a professional throughout her time at Creighton. She is passionate about mission work and support the underprivileged in Thailand and Indonesia through her involvement in her church and affiliation with a Christian organization in Thailand.

**Laurel Spaccarelli**

Laurel is a third-year medical student in the Creighton University School of Medicine. While at Creighton, Laurel has volunteered with the North Phoenix Internal Medicine group, become a published researcher in the peer-reviewed journal EMBO Molecular Medicine. Important to Laurel is the student group she is founder and president of, the Obesity Medicine and Humanities Interest Group.

## School of Pharmacy and Health Professions

**Julia Anderson**

Julia is a third year occupational therapy student with an interest in women's health. She has served as the president of the Pre-Occupational Therapy club and is a member of Pi Theta Epsilon. She also has served as a student volunteer through CUSOTA and Jays 4 Peds. Julia is dedicated academic success and was awarded the Richard J. and Loretta M. Fangman Memorial Endowed Scholarship.

**Jesus Arellano**

Jesus is a third-year physical therapy student in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions. He has served in leadership positions such as Vice President of Physical Therapy for the Pharmacy and Health Professions Student Government as well as the treasurer for the Creighton University Student American Physical Therapy Association. He enjoys volunteering in numerous campus and community events and Omaha and looks forward to serving and providing physical therapy to local communities in the Dominican Republic later this spring.

**Lukas Erickson**

Lukas is a dual-degree student pursuing the Doctor of Pharmacy and Master of Pharmaceutical Sciences degrees. He is an active member of Rho Chi, the pharmacy scholarship honor society, where he is the co-chair of the community outreach committee and is coordinating a volunteer effort with the Douglas County Health Department. He also has supported an effort with All Hands and Hearts renovating buildings in Poland to house refugees from Ukraine in 2022.

**Cassandra Gomez**

Cassandra is an occupational therapy student at the Phoenix campus who served as Pi Theta Epsilon vice president promoting occupational therapy research. She also served as a peer tutor, and volunteered at a local inpatient rehabilitation facility. She will continue to provide service through her doctoral capstone project by developing a culturally sensitive neurological vision rehabilitation program on local Native American Reservations.

**Gabrielle Grell**

Gabrielle is a fourth-year pharmacy student preparing for graduation this May. She has been involved in a variety of extracurricular activities during both her undergraduate and graduate studies here at Creighton. For example, receiving an award for the most service hours logged in the district for the organization Circle K, volunteering at the Magis Clinic, and administering Covid-19 vaccinations at Creighton's free clinics. She is an active member of multiple organizations in pharmacy school such as: ASHP, APhA, Rho Chi honor society, and Greek Life, while also providing tutoring to underclassmen.

**Jared Hester**

Jared is a third-year pharmacy student who plans to complete a pharmacy residency after graduation. He has been very involved in the school of pharmacy, serving in numerous leadership positions including President of the Rho Chi Pharmacy Honor Society, Vice President of the Phi Lambda Sigma Pharmacy Leadership Society, and the Vice President of Patient Care in the American Pharmacist Association (APhA-ASP). Additionally, he serves as a student tutor and a role model to the other students.

**Alyssa Hostert**

Alyssa is a pharmacy student who will be graduating in May of 2024. She is an active member of several pharmacy organizations, both locally and nationally, including serving as the president of Rho Chi in the 2022-2023 school year.

**Mirielle Mason**

Mirielle is a fourth-year pharmacy student who will graduate with her PharmD this coming May. She has been heavily involved in campus ministry throughout her time at Creighton, most notably serving in SALT/LIFT for two years as a music ministry leader and participating as an active member in the EvenSong mass choir since her sophomore year of undergrad. Not only was she able to participate in service opportunities through the choir but she has also assisted pharmacy organizations in fundraising as well as volunteered in vaccine clinics.

**Benton Mcann**

Benton is a physical therapy student planning to graduate in May 2024. He is a member of the Physical Therapy Leadership Guild and served as president of the Creighton University Student American Physical Therapy Association where he collaborated with students from UNMC to host a philanthropic volleyball tournament to benefit the Nebraska Arthritis Foundation. He also served as a respite care provider for a child with special needs for two years.

**Kandyse Patterson**

Kandyse is a third-year pharmacy student and will graduate in the spring of 2025. In addition to serving as a Rho Chi tutor for pharmacy students, Kandyse is involved in a service project for the Douglas County Health Department and will be joining Creighton's Institute for Latin American Concern for three weeks this summer in the Dominican Republic to provide medical care to individuals living in rural areas. She is deeply committed to the Jesuit values and plans to work professionally at a critical access hospital or in other areas that serve a primarily indigent population.

**Claire Rogers**

Claire is a third-year occupational therapy student in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions. While at Creighton, Claire has actively participated in the Neurological Rehabilitation Organization, Pi Theta Epsilon, and Creighton University's Society of Occupational Therapy Association. Claire has been an advocate in the greater Omaha community through her capstone experience in the criminal justice system.

**Christian Thomas**

Christian is a pharmacy student in the class of 2024. While being originally from New Orleans, Louisiana, he now calls Creighton and Omaha home. He understands the importance of uplifting all people who he encounters, especially classmates. He was voted as the winner of the 2023 Sherman Award by his peers due to his values and character. Christian plans to continue making strides in the Omaha community and giving back to Creighton students for years to come.

**Emma Travis**

Emma is a third-year physical therapy student that has been involved in community service and engagement through her membership in the Physical Therapy Leadership Guild. She also has proposed a new faith-focused professional school elective course to provide an environment for students to discern how to remain faithful to their religious beliefs in a professional and clinical setting.

**Courtney Tymus**

Courtney is an occupational therapy student who graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a degree in rehabilitation psychology. During her gap years, Courtney served a local non-profit, GiGis playhouse, where she coordinated a life skills program for adults with Down syndrome. At Creighton, Courtney has served as president of Jays for Pediatrics and as a member in both CUSOTA and Pi Theta Epsilon. Last fall, she completed a clinical rotation at the Stephen Center where she grew passionate about the mental health and housing crises in our community.

**Paige Wood**

Paige is a third-year pharmacy student. She has served as a student volunteer at the Creighton Magis Clinic at the Siena Francis House and the Healing Gift Clinic. She also serves numerous leadership roles in pharmacy pathway clubs such as the Local Student College of Clinical Pharmacy, Student Society of Health Systems Pharmacists, and the Creighton Rho Chi chapter.

## School of Law

**Peyton Bellon**

Peyton is a third-year law student graduating in May 2024. After graduation, she plans to stay in the Omaha area and practice real estate and corporate law. Throughout her time at Creighton, she has been involved in second year law student mentoring program, tutored Property Law students, served on Creighton Law Review's editorial board, and worked as a research assistant.

**Carson Drake**

Carson is a third-year law student graduating with her Juris Doctor and Master of Business Administration in May 2024. While at Creighton, Carson has been involved in a variety of activities, including being a tutor for Contract Law, a research assistant, a member of the Creighton Law Review, a member of the Business Law Society, and a 1L mentor. Carson also represented Creighton Law at the ABA regional negotiation competition. Upon graduating, she will practice corporate law while continuing to serve the Omaha community.

**Kevin Grossaint**

Kevin is a third-year law student who will be graduating with his Juris Doctor degree this coming May. He currently serves on the Creighton Law Review Editorial Board as well as works in the Legal Writing Center, where he helps his peers in honing their legal writing skills. He also volunteered at the Abrahams Legal Clinic, attended a service trip to the Dominican Republic, and volunteered as a mentor for a group of first year law students.

**Jack Mitchell**

Jack is set to graduate from the Creighton University School of Law in the spring of 2024. While at Creighton Jack has been involved in Creighton's Law Trial Team in addition to being a tutor. It is important to Jack to advocate for Creighton Law students and help them succeed.

**Kara Stark Smith**

Kara is a third-year law student and will begin a federal clerkship upon graduation. She is a member of the Creighton Scholars Program and the Creighton Law Review. She also has served on the executive board of Creighton's Christian Legal Society, organizing weekly gatherings and events for Christian law students and lawyers.

**Heidi Strigenz**

Heidi is a third-year law student in the Creighton University School of Law. While at Creighton, Heidi has been involved in Law Review and Trial Team. This past fall she had the opportunity to complete an externship with the Voting Rights Section of the Department of Justice. Heidi plans to practice civil litigation after graduation.

## Honorary Inductees

### **Richard (Rick) C. Davis, BA'88**

*Director of Communications, University Communications and Marketing*

Mr. Davis is a 1988 journalism graduate of Creighton University and works in the University's Department of Communications and Marketing, where he serves as director of internal communications and editor of *Creighton* magazine. Davis has been on staff at Creighton for more than 29 years, starting at the University in 1994 after working as a newspaper journalist and editor.

In 2009, Davis received the St. Ignatius Award from Creighton's Deglman Center for Ignatian Spirituality for living out the ideals of *magis, cura personalis* and being a person for others. He holds a graduate certificate in Ignatian Tradition from Creighton, which he earned in 2020 after completing the required coursework and traveling with that year's cohort to Spain to follow in the footsteps of St. Ignatius.

Davis has served on numerous committees during his tenure at Creighton, including the Committee on the Status of Women, the President's Inclusive Excellence Council, the Sustainability Governance Committee, the University Policy Committee and the Critical Incidence Response Team. He is also a member of the planning committee for the University's annual Mission Week celebration.

Davis and his wife, Jane, live in Omaha and are the parents of five adult children. Richard, BA'16, Samantha Bouda, BS'18, and Christina, BS'23, are Creighton graduates; John is a current freshman; and Daniel plans to attend Creighton in the fall.

### **Julie A. Manz, PhD, MS'05, BSN'98, RN**

*Professor, College of Nursing*

Dr. Manz' scholarship started with the classroom and has reached far beyond those beginnings. She has achieved international recognition of her scholarship, including a multitude of invitations for consultation. The major focus of her research trajectory is conceptualization, development, testing, and implementation of the Creighton Competency Evaluation Instrument (CCEI). This is an assessment rubric to evaluate student performance in clinical activities, specific to the competencies outlined in the American Academy Colleges of Nursing Essentials. Permission to use the CCEI has been requested by 323 college and universities, 53 health systems and the US Air Force and National League for Nursing. Requests for use have also come from 657 individuals, from all 50 states, Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico. The CCEI has been translated into eight languages and used internationally in 22 countries. It is one of the leading, if not the leading, tools for assessment of clinical skills and knowledge.

Dr. Manz joined the Creighton faculty in 2003 and has progressed to the rank of full professor and is an Assistant Dean. She is a servant leader and demonstrates development of her faculty. She is highly respected by students, faculty and leadership.

One of Dr. Manz's notable service contributions was her co-direction of the Creighton University COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic which led to vaccination of greater than 42,500 residents of Douglas County, many of whom were from disadvantaged areas near Creighton.

Dr. Manz's accomplishments embody the Jesuit values and the Alpha Sigma Nu ideals of scholarship, loyalty and service.

**Paul L. Price, PharmD'92**

*Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice*

*Senior Associate Dean, School of Pharmacy and Health Professions*

Dr. Price has been a faculty member in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions since 2000 and serves as the Senior Associate Dean while maintaining his clinical practice as a psychiatric pharmacist at CHI Health Immanuel Medical Center and Lasting Hope Recovery Center. He is the psychiatry content expert for the pharmacotherapy course and serves as a preceptor for fourth year pharmacy students and first year pharmacy residents on psychiatry rotations/experiences at CHI Health Immanuel Medical Center and Lasting Hope Recovery Center.

Price has contributed to the pharmacy body of knowledge through state and national presentations, peer reviewed manuscripts, book chapters, presenting abstracts and platform presentations, and participating on numerous research grants. He has been active in several professional organizations including the American Association of Psychiatric Pharmacists (AAPP), American College of Clinical Pharmacy, Nebraska Pharmacists Association, American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists, and the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill and served on numerous boards including the AAPP Foundation and the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education.

Price sits on several committees at the University. He is instrumental in providing pharmacy services at the Magis Clinic as a regular volunteer. With his leadership, the clinic established a licensed pharmacy. Paul is an active member of his parish, St. Stephan the Martyr, as a welcoming minister and Stephan's Minister. And, he is a member of the Knights of Columbus and has served many years as the faculty advisor for the council at Creighton.



## 2024 Student Chapter Officers

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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  
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