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Commencement and Hooding Ceremonies

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and Health Professions

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School of Dentistry

Graduate School

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD

President, Creighton University



Dear Creighton University Graduate,

Congratulations on reaching this remarkable milestone. It is the culmination of a journey marked by hard work, embracing meaningful experiences, and the forming of skills and relationships that will guide you into the next chapter in your personal and professional life.

Commencement is an incredibly special time, and it is yours to cherish in the company of your family, friends, and supporters. As a Creighton graduate, you carry the hopes and dreams of those who have supported you as well as the legacy of others who have come before you. I am proud to count myself among the many individuals who have watched you embrace the challenges of higher education and become all the stronger and more compassionate because of it.

There is much to look forward to, but for today I encourage you to reflect on all that has brought you to this moment. Your academic rigor, service to the community, and commitment to a better world place you among the select few who have dared to pursue academic and professional excellence with courage and heart.

During your time at Creighton, you embraced the unknown and stepped out of your comfort zone. You forged new connections, explored unfamiliar places, and, most importantly, pursued truth in all its forms. I challenge you to carry forward that spirit of exploration and hold with you the lessons of your Jesuit, Catholic education as you mature into the leaders the world needs.

As you join the Creighton alumni family of more than 80,000, remember that the change you want to see in the world will not simply appear. It is your responsibility to seek it out with clarity of purpose and fullness of soul. Keep pursuing truth, embracing discomfort, and creating change, not just as a graduate, but as a Creighton graduate.

May God bless you and your family as you celebrate today. You have earned this moment, now it is time to continue your journey with courage and conviction, knowing you will be a Bluejay, always.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel S. Hendrickson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD

School of Pharmacy and Health Professions

Order of Exercises

PROCESSION

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Provost

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OTD Candidate

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Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD
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DEAN'S MESSAGE

Amy Friedman Wilson, PharmD
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Presented by

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DEGREE CONFERRAL STATEMENT

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR EARNED DEGREES

Amy Friedman Wilson, PharmD

Names read by

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Assistant Dean for Academic and Student Affairs

Hooding of OTD candidates by

Ashley Fecht, OTD, OTR/L, BCP, Assistant Professor

**Amanda Caldwell Wise, OTD, OTR/L, BCPR, NBC-HWS,
CPAM Assistant Professor**

Hooding of PharmD candidates by

Jessica Cumber, PharmD, BCPS, Assistant Professor

Jeffrey North, PhD, Professor

Hooding of DPT candidates by

Terry Grindstaff, PhD, PT, ATC, SCS, CSCS, Professor

Kate Kugler, PT, DPT, ABPTS, Assistant Professor

RECITATION OF OATHS

Oath of an Occupational Therapist presented by

Lou Jensen, OTD, OTR/L

Associate Professor, Associate Vice Provost

Oath of a Pharmacist presented by

Jenny Tilleman, PharmD

Associate Professor

Oath of a Physical Therapist presented by

Gail Jensen, PT, PhD, FAPTA

Professor, Vice Provost for Learning and Assessment

TURNING OF THE TASSEL

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD

STAGE PARTY, FACULTY, AND GRADUATE RECESSIONAL

CANDIDATES FOR EARNED DEGREES

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GRADUATION HONORS

School of Pharmacy and Health Professions

Graduation honors are awarded to the top 15% of the students in each graduating class who have at least a 3.65 grade-point average (GPA). Graduation honors are based on a student's work while enrolled in a professional program in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions at Creighton University. To be eligible for graduation honors, a student must have completed at least half of the prescribed semester hours for the degree in the School while enrolled at Creighton University. The diploma of a student who qualifies for graduation honors is inscribed "with Honors."

The School of Pharmacy and Health Professions chapters of academic and leadership honor societies provide their members with special cords to wear over their academic regalia signifying their membership. Alpha Sigma Nu is unique among honor societies in that it seeks to identify the most promising students in Jesuit colleges and universities who demonstrate a commitment to the ideals of Jesuit higher education: scholarship, loyalty, and service. Invitation to AΣN is one of the highest honors bestowed at these institutions. Today's graduating students who have been so honored wear a gold medallion with a maroon ribbon.

American Council of Academic Physical Therapy Honor Society:

Teal and Gold Cords

American Pharmacists Association - Academy of Student Pharmacists:

Purple and Blue Cords

Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International:

White, Gold and Navy Cords

Coalition of Occupational Therapy Advocates for Diversity Chapter:

Black and Light Blue Cords

Creative Occupations:

Multicolored LEGO Pins

Creighton Ability Network:

Light Blue and Navy Cords

Creighton University Student Occupational Therapy Association:

Navy Blue Cords

Creighton University Student Physical Therapy Association:

Light Blue and White Cords

Industry Pharmacists Organization (Executives):

Maroon and Gold Cords

Interprofessional Geriatric Organization:

Gold and Pink Cords

Interprofessional Mental Health Organization:

Green and White Cords

Jays 4 Pediatrics:

Silver and Light Blue Cords

Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity:

Red, White and Silver Cords

Nebraska Area Health Education Center Scholars Program:

Blue, Green and White Cords

Neurological Rehabilitation Organization:

Baby Blue and Navy Cords

Pharmacy and Health Professions Student Government Executive Officers:

Purple and Gold Cords

Phi Lambda Sigma:

Green and Gold Cords

Physical Therapy Leadership Guild:

Gold Cords

Pi Theta Epsilon Occupational Therapy Honor Society:

Gold and Navy Cord

Regis Occupational Therapy Graduate Council Representative:

Royal Blue and Gold Cords

Rho Chi Pharmacy Honor Society (Rho Chi Alpha Alpha Chapter):

Purple and White Cords

Student Society of Health Systems Pharmacists:

Orange and Blue Cord

Oath of an Occupational Therapist

From the privilege and rights this degree brings, I hereby pledge to hold my knowledge in trust for the good of those people whom I serve. Therefore, I will:

Endeavor to keep both the profession and the occupational needs of the clients and communities I serve foremost in my thoughts and actions;

Deliver occupational therapy services that demonstrate excellence at all levels of care while valuing and honoring diversity and respecting others as equals;

Advocate for needed services and the rights of clients regardless of the constraints I may face;

Strive to always act in a manner that is consistent with the philosophical base and values of the profession by upholding the occupational therapy code of ethics, abiding with those in need of care even in the face of personal risk, and upholding the dignity of all human beings regardless of their condition; and

Model and foster leadership, and facilitate spiritual, personal, and professional growth for myself, my profession and in others.

In keeping with the high ethical and moral standards of Creighton University, I will seek to be receptive to what those around me have to teach me, be committed to scholarship and the lifelong pursuit of truth, and be dedicated to building a human community of justice, respect, and mutual concern.

Oath of a Pharmacist

I promise to devote myself to a lifetime of service to others through the profession of pharmacy. In fulfilling this vow:

I will consider the welfare of humanity and relief of suffering my primary concerns.

I will treat all patients with dignity and respect and will not discriminate against any patient.

I will apply my knowledge, experience, and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal outcomes for all patients.

I will respect and protect all personal and health information entrusted to me.

I will accept the responsibility to improve my professional knowledge, expertise, and self-awareness.

I will hold myself and my colleagues to the highest principles of our profession's moral, ethical and legal conduct.

I will embrace and advocate changes that improve patient care.

I will utilize my knowledge, skills, experiences, and values to prepare the next generation of pharmacists.

I take these vows voluntarily with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.

Oath of a Physical Therapist

*In the presence of my colleagues, friends, families and teachers,
and in view of the honored profession I am entering into,
I solemnly and willingly state that I dedicate myself to the following:*

I will practice physical therapy with compassion for the vulnerabilities in each of my patients and will work to preserve their dignity and promote their health and welfare.

I will value the lives of my patients as I value my own life, through my concern for their significance and with respect for them and the confidential nature of our relationship.

I will be humble.

I recognize my limitations and will continue to consult with my colleagues and co-workers for knowledge with which I can better treat my patients and for the inspiration to expand and augment my education.

I will share my knowledge with my colleagues and patients freely, with compassion and patience.

I will work toward the improvement of the quality of life for all of my patients.

I will honor the choices that my patients make with respect to their wishes and needs.

I will do no harm to another human.

I will work to improve the practice of physical therapy so that all who seek it will receive treatment which is proper, ethical and just.

I will not allow my judgment regarding the practice of my profession to be influenced by race, creed, religion, greed or unethical behavior.

I will expect the same behavior from my colleagues and co-workers.

Thus, with this oath, I freely accept the obligations and rewards which will accompany my practice of physical therapy.

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For excellent performance by a student entering the field of emergency medicine.

Dr. Simon L. Moskowitz Family Medicine Award

For excellence in medical studies, involvement in family medicine, and motivation for family medicine postgraduate study.

Nebraska Academy of Family Physicians

Dr. Michael J. Haller Award

For excellence in family medicine, presented by the Department of Family Medicine.

Walter J. O'Donohue, Jr., MD, Achievement Award

For the senior student whose academic excellence, altruism, and high ethical standards demonstrate the legacy of Dr. Walter J. O'Donohue.

Outstanding Student Award

Presented by the Department of Internal Medicine, for the student who exemplifies the qualities of a physician—outstanding academic ability, strong clinical skills, empathy, and high professional standards.

The Research Award

Presented by the Department of Internal Medicine, goes to an individual student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in research carried out in the Department of Medicine.

Dr. Walter J. Holden Obstetrics and Gynecology Outstanding Student Award

For outstanding performance in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Outstanding Medical Student in Pediatrics Award

Presented by the Department of Pediatrics.

Dr. Frank J. Menolascino Department of Psychiatry Award

For outstanding academic ability, strong clinical skills, maturity, dedication to learning, and high professional standards in psychiatry.

Carole R. Doris and Peter E. Doris, MD, Outstanding Student in Radiology Endowed Award

For excellent performance by a student entering the field of radiology.

John F. Sheehan Award for Excellence in Pathology

For exceptional academic performance in Pathology.

William Albano Surgical Award

In recognition of outstanding research activity.

Surgery Outstanding Student Award

For the student who most exemplifies the qualities of a surgeon—scholarship, integrity, and humane dedication to surgical patients, their problems, and care.

Outstanding Service to the School of Medicine

Presented by the Offices of Student Affairs and Medical Education.

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Dr. Adolph and Ruth Sachs Prize

For the senior who has attained exceptionally high academic achievement during all four years of study.

AWARDED AT AN EARLIER CEREMONY

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Alpha Sigma Nu National Jesuit Honor Society

Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society

For scholarship, personal integrity, compassion, and potential leadership in the field of medicine.

Gold Humanism Honor Society

For integrity, respect, compassion, empathy, and altruism—the qualities of the humanistic healer.

Aesculapian Award

For guidance, compassion, and selfless service to the class, community, and university.

Physician's Oath

As I enter the practice of medicine, I solemnly pledge to give my life and talents to the service of humanity.

I will practice medicine with conscience and dignity.

I will not permit considerations of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, nationality, ideology or social standing to intervene between my art and my patient.

The health and life of my patient will be my first consideration and I will abstain from whatever is deleterious or mischievous.

I will hold in confidence all that my patient confides in me.

I will give respect and gratitude to my deserving teachers and all who have helped me in my pursuit of knowledge, empathy and wisdom.

My colleagues will be my brothers and sisters and, by instruction and example, we will impart a knowledge of the art to those who wish to learn it.

I will maintain the utmost respect for human life and the dignity of my fellow man.

I will not use my knowledge contrary to the laws of humanity and will strive to do no harm.

May God grant me the wisdom and compassion to practice this art. I make this oath freely and upon my honor.

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Oath of Hippocrates

One of the most widely known of Greek medical texts, the Hippocratic Oath requires new health care professionals to swear to uphold specific ethical standards.

As a member of the dental profession,
I shall keep this pledge and these stipulations.

I understand and accept that my primary responsibility is to my patients, and I shall dedicate myself to render, to the best of my ability, the highest standard of oral health care and to maintain a relationship of respect and confidence. Therefore, let all come to me safe in the knowledge that their total health and well-being are my first considerations.

I shall accept the responsibility that, as a professional, my competence rests on continuing the attainment of knowledge and skill in the arts and sciences of dentistry.

I acknowledge my obligation to support and sustain the honor and integrity of the profession and to conduct myself in all endeavors such that I shall merit the respect of patients, colleagues and my community.

I further commit myself to the betterment of my community for the benefit of all society.

I shall faithfully observe the Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct set forth by the profession.

All this I pledge with pride in my commitment to the profession and the public it serves.

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Is firm value affected by being
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in diversity, equity, and inclusion?

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Implementation of nurse-led
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Advance care directives
standardization and education:
A quality improvement project

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Enhancing patient communication
in emergency department waiting
areas: A quality improvement initiative

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Utilizing artificial intelligence (AI)
in the primary care setting:
A quality improvement project

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Implementing routine cognitive
screening in older adults during
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improvement project

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Implementing return to learn
and return to sport discharge
instructions in the pediatric
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Closing the postoperative
communication gap: Improving
information exchange between
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Nurse Practitioner - Family
Implementing a RN hypertension
management and prevention
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Increasing depression screening
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Managing difficult conversations:
Infant safe sleep in the
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 Improving pain recognition in advanced dementia: A quality improvement project using the PAINAD tool

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 Outpatient helper training to improve knowledge and confidence in pediatric tracheostomy and ventilator care

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 Point-of-care ultrasound for umbilical venous catheter procedures in neonates

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Nursing Administration and Leadership
 Optimizing nursing workflow efficiency in a Level IV NICU: A data-driven approach to reducing interruptions

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Nurse Practitioner - Family
 Identifying arthroplasty same day discharge candidates using the risk assessment and prediction tool (RAPT)

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Nurse Practitioner - Family
 Depression screening and documentation of care plans through implementation of a provider toolkit

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 Supporting force readiness: A quality improvement project to enhance attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) management in national guard service members

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 Implementation of PHQ-9 monitoring for patients with treatment resistant depression (TRD) in a mental health clinic: A quality improvement project

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Nurse Practitioner - Family
 An algorithm to increase diabetic education referrals in a primary care clinic: A quality improvement project

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 Implementation of brief exercise intervention to improve mood/sleep in psychiatric patients

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 Feeding pathway for children with bronchiolitis receiving noninvasive ventilation: A guideline-based quality improvement project

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 Enhancing adherence to evidence-based treatment goals in adults with type II diabetes: A quality improvement project

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 Behind every change: A quality improvement protocol for diaper dermatitis in neonates

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 Caring contacts: Decreasing rates of readmission in a psychiatric emergency services unit

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 Identifying nicotine abuse: A quality improvement project

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 Laryngeal mask airway in the NICU

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 Improving EsoGuard referral rates in a primary care clinic

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 Implementing OSA screening using the STOP-Bang questionnaire for patients in the primary care setting

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 Voices of Latino Leaders: A qualitative study on barriers and facilitators to leadership

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 Barriers for establishment of clinical research units in a safety-net health system: A qualitative case study of leadership participants at a federally qualified health center

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 Re-engaging campus life: A phenomenological study on student well-being and co-curricular participation in the post-Covid 19 era

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 A narrative case study of leadership practices in rapidly developing the next generation of leaders, engineers, and skilled technical trade workers at Patriot

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 The effect of organizational culture on the retention of United States Space Force Guardians

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 The perception of adaptive leadership and servant leadership on registered nurse well-being

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Redefining tradition: A critical examination of recruitment strategies and institutional policies for nontraditional undergraduate students at private Catholic colleges and universities

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An exploration of the relationships among financial pressure, ethical climate, and unethical pro-organizational behavior in the business setting in the United States

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Exploring Catholic social teaching in Diocese of Austin Catholic high schools: A constructive grounded theory

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The influence of authentic leadership in creating conditions for optimal learning: A hermeneutic phenomenological study

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Collaboration and retention: A phenomenological study of the lived experiences of faculty in career and technical education

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Video use in virtual meetings and employee job satisfaction: The moderating role of employee perceived leadership style among knowledge workers

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A phenomenological study of the common experiences of undergraduate students in the mentoring program at Pan-Atlantic University

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Regathering the flock: A post-pandemic case study of Catholic Church evangelization

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Interdisciplinary Leadership
Leading the way: Exploring the impact of leadership styles on women's experiences in emergency medical services

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Interdisciplinary Leadership
The leading edge: A case study on collaboration and leadership frameworks on 4 NASA space missions

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Interdisciplinary Leadership
Made, not born: Laying the foundation for success

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The impact of non-traditional mentorship experiences during Covid-19 as described by Latina graduate students

Ann Marie Varner
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Interdisciplinary Leadership
Leadership characteristics and formation: Correlation with individual spirituality, workplace spirituality, and organizational commitment within Catholic healthcare

Peter Thomas Welch
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The lived experiences of undergraduate students at Catholic universities with Catholic mission and identity



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GRADUATE SCHOOL

Academic Achievement Award

Presented to the student who demonstrates exceptional academic excellence, intellectual rigor and scholarship in his or her graduate studies and/or research.

Recipient: Shruthi Iyer

PhD in Pharmacology and Neuroscience

Dean's Award for Graduate Faculty Excellence

Recognizes a faculty member who has a strong record of teaching, demonstrates enthusiasm for learning and teaching and creates a supportive environment that engages all students and inspires original thinking in students.

Recipients:

Sherri Brown, PhD

Professor of Theology

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Maurine Hamilton Award

Presented to the graduating female student who demonstrates outstanding academic excellence and leadership potential.

Recipient: Janine Guerra

EdD in Interdisciplinary Leadership

Outstanding Dissertation Award

Presented to the student whose dissertation merits recognition for excellence in scholarship, research and writing.

Recipient: Justin Rudd

PhD in Biomedical Sciences

Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award

Recognizes a faculty member who positively influences student academic success, fosters an environment that is supportive of graduate students, and demonstrates the Jesuit ideals of magis and cura personalis in their interactions with students. Nominations submitted by students and selected by the Graduate Student Government.

Recipient: Marisa L. Zallocchi, PhD

Assistant Professor of Biomedical Sciences

Outstanding Graduate Student Award

Presented to the student who demonstrates the Jesuit ideals of magis, cura personalis, and contemplation-in-action as evidenced by their engagement in their program as well as their professional and personal life.

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EdD in Interdisciplinary Leadership

Outstanding Service Award

Presented to the student who demonstrates exceptional leadership ability and personal commitment to community service, including service to graduate students, Creighton University, or the local community.

Recipient: Jarrett Ryan Moses

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HEIDER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Outstanding Graduate Business Student Award

Given to a student who exemplifies the Jesuit values, inspired their peers to be the best that they could be, and exceeded all academic expectations.

Recipient: Angela Yvonne Stockdale

Master of Business Administration

COLLEGE OF NURSING

Constance Smith-Peterson Memorial Award

An award to a graduate student who best exemplifies a commitment to the advancement of nursing theory and practice through scholarship, leadership, psychosocial skills and community service.

Recipient: Rylie Rucker

Doctor of Nursing Practice

DNP Practice Excellence Award

Presented to the DNP student whose efforts substantially contribute to an enduring practice innovation or policy implementation.

Recipient: Susan Mileham

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Interprofessional Practice, Education and Research Award

The CIPER IPE Award is given annually to a student in each health profession who has demonstrated an exemplary commitment to interprofessional education and demonstrates leadership for future practice in interprofessional environments.

Recipient: Anne Taylor

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Law Student Oath

I acknowledge the privileges afforded by my accomplishments and the support of family members, teachers, mentors, friends, and associates.

I acknowledge that with privilege comes duty. Accordingly, I commit myself to upholding the high ethical standards of the Creighton University School of Law, and I commit to upholding the Constitutions of the United States of America and the State of Nebraska.

I will treat myself, my fellow students, faculty and staff with the utmost respect and I will serve our community in the pursuit of justice and without prejudice.

I commit myself to the highest standards of integrity and diligence as I am entering this honorable profession. I take this oath freely and upon my honor.

Academic Attire

Academic regalia dates to the earliest — and coldest — universities. During the Middle Ages, scholars at early English and European universities wore wool or fur garments to stay warm in drafty stone buildings.

The academic gown made its first recorded appearance at the University of Cambridge in 1284. The tradition crossed the Atlantic with King’s College in New York, now known as Columbia University, and took root in the United States.

By the late 1800s, representatives from American universities created the Intercollegiate Code for Academic Costumes to standardize academic dress. The system assigned meaning to the colors and designs of caps, gowns and hoods, allowing observers to recognize a graduate’s degree level and alma mater by their regalia.

Today, while gowns and hoods are no longer worn for warmth, they remain symbols of years of study and academic achievement. The hood is reserved for those who have earned advanced degrees beyond the bachelor’s level.

The colors

The colors used on gown trim, hood edging and cap tassels represent specific academic disciplines and professional fields. A few examples:

Arts and Humanities	Education	Philosophy
Science	Medicine	Dentistry
Business	Nursing	Law
Occupational Therapy	Pharmacy	Physical Therapy



The gown

Black is the traditional color for academic gowns. Sleeve styles vary by degree: bachelor’s gowns have long, pointed sleeves; master’s gowns feature oblong sleeves with slits at the ends; and doctoral gowns stand out with bell-shaped sleeves, velvet trim on the front and neck, and three velvet bars on each sleeve.



The cap

In the U.S., the most common graduation cap is the square, tasseled mortarboard. Master’s and doctoral graduates, along with faculty, often wear a soft cap or tam, a round velvet hat with a more traditional style. During the ceremony, graduates begin with the tassel on the right side of the cap and move it to the left after receiving their degree.



The hood

The hood is one of the most recognizable parts of academic regalia, showing both the wearer’s degree and the institution where it was earned. The lining reflects the school’s colors — white and blue for Creighton graduates — while the velvet trim represents the degree. At Creighton, bachelor’s candidates do not wear hoods. Master’s and doctoral candidates have theirs placed upon them during their ceremonies.

Traditions of Creighton

Creighton Seal

The Creighton University seal includes elements representing the Creighton family, Creighton's Jesuit tradition and the Omaha Archdiocese.

The gold stripes on the red field, in the upper left-hand quadrant of the shield, come from the family coat of arms of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). The lion rampant comes from the Creighton family coat of arms, and the three seashells on a field of white and red sable come from the Wareham family coat of arms—paying homage to Creighton University's founding families. The design for the shield's final quadrant, in the lower left, comes from the coat of arms of the Archdiocese of Omaha. The starburst behind the shield comes from the seal of the Society of Jesus.



Ceremonial Mace

In the Middle Ages, the mace was a club used in battle and carried by a bodyguard to defend a person of authority. Over the years, it began to lose its warlike image and became a symbol of peaceful leadership.

At an academic institution, the mace is the symbol of the legal and chartered authority of the leadership to whom the board of trustees has delegated authority. When the ceremonial mace is present, the authority of the University is present. Use of the mace is reserved for occasions of outstanding importance, and it is an honor to bear the mace.

The Creighton University mace was designed and fashioned by Brian K. Besack, operations supervisor of the University's carpenter shop, at the invitation of then president, the Rev. John P. Schlegel, SJ, to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the University.

Using a cherry wood baluster from a long-abandoned staircase in the attic of Creighton Hall, the oldest building on Creighton's campus, Besack designed and fashioned the shaft, head and foot of the mace. Each facet of the nine-sided head displays a bronze, gold-plated medallion bearing the name and founding date of the University's schools and colleges. Its foot is sheathed in gold-plated brass, and cradled in its shaft rests the official seal of the University. At its top, the mace is crowned with a three-dimensional blue and gold medallion symbol of the Society of Jesus.



Graduation Honors — Students may graduate with honors. Criteria for graduation honors can be found in the Creighton University catalogs. Honors for students with previously conferred degrees are listed in this program. Honors for students with May degrees met the honors criteria based on Fall 2025 cumulative grade point averages. Official honors will be awarded on the transcript and diploma based on Spring 2026 cumulative grade point averages. Honors for students who anticipate completing their degree requirements in August or December are not listed in this program. Honors will be awarded on the transcript and diploma at the time of degree conferral.

Degree Conferral — Creighton University confers degrees three times per year: August, December, and May. Annual University commencement ceremonies are held in May for all Colleges and Schools. The hooding ritual is included in the commencement ceremony for master's- and doctoral-level students. An additional graduate level commencement ceremony is held in December. Students who complete their degree programs in August or December may attend the commencement ceremony following completion, or with the approval of the Office of the Dean, in the preceding May. Participation in a commencement ceremony does not guarantee a degree is officially earned. A degree is conferred only after the dean verifies all academic requirements are met and the degree is posted on the student's transcript by the Office of the Registrar.

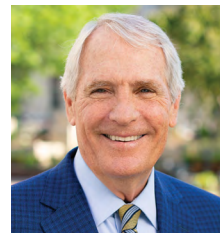
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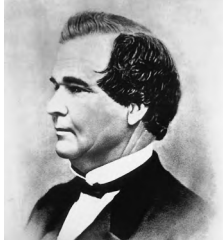
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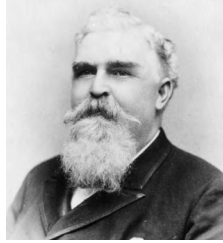
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Edward Creighton



Mary Lucretia Creighton



John Creighton



Sarah Emily Creighton

History of Creighton University

Edward and Mary Lucretia Creighton, along with Edward's brother, John, settled in Omaha in the 1850s. John married Mary Lucretia's sister, Sarah Emily Wareham, in 1868, and the four are considered the founders of Creighton University. Edward's work with the transcontinental telegraph and freighting, ranching, railroading and banking became a major force in the city's economic development. The two brothers were widely known for their business enterprises, and the two couples were also widely regarded for their philanthropy.

Edward died in 1874, and his widow included \$100,000 in her will to establish Creighton College in memory of her husband. Mary Lucretia died in 1876, and her executors, who included her brother-in-law John, purchased 6.2 acres of land at the northwest corner of what is currently 24th and California streets. The land and additional securities were transferred to Bishop James O'Connor of Omaha, and construction began on the school.

The bishop asked the Jesuits to operate the school and the first president, Roman A. Shaffel, S.J., arrived in Omaha in late 1877; the school opened on Sept. 2, 1878. One priest, two scholastics, a layman and a laywoman formed the faculty. The school began with 120 students ranging in age from 6 to 30. On Aug. 14, 1879, Bishop O'Connor surrendered his trust to the Jesuits, who incorporated "The Creighton University" under Nebraska law. Much of the initial teaching was below the collegiate level; in 1891, Creighton University awarded its first baccalaureate degree.



Edward and Mary Lucretia's generosity is credited with establishing Creighton College, while John and Sarah Emily's philanthropy enlarged it to a five-school university. Today, Creighton University consists of nine schools and colleges:

- College of Arts and Sciences (1878)
- School of Medicine (1892)
- School of Law (1904)
- School of Dentistry (1905)
- School of Pharmacy and Health Professions (1905)
- Heider College of Business (1920)
- Graduate School (1926)
- College of Nursing (1971; four-year bachelor's degree program began in 1958)
- College of Professional and Continuing Education (Established as University College in 1983)



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Lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask for reward; save that of knowing that I am doing your will.

A Prayer for Generosity

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Founder of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits)



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