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2024

**Hooding and
Commencement
Ceremony**

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD

President, Creighton University



Dear Creighton University Graduate,

Let me be among the first to say “congratulations” on reaching this important day. After much hard work and perseverance, it is time to gather in the company of family, friends, and supporters as we celebrate you and all you have achieved. From this day on you are now, officially, a proud member of the graduating Class of 2024!

Commencement is an incredibly special time, and it is yours to cherish as you close the book on one chapter and turn the page to discover what comes next. There is so much to look forward to as you continue your journey, and I join all those who helped you and supported you along the way in expressing that we cannot wait to see what you will accomplish in this world of endless possibility.

I encourage you to take time to reflect on the transformational journey that has brought you here. The rigor of your studies, the purposeful contributions you made, and personal investment you have shown in building a better world are not something anyone can achieve. You can now count yourself among those few. You have accomplished the extraordinary.

I hope you bring this same commitment to your profession and to your community. Know, too, you are not alone in your next journey. You are part of a Creighton alumni family that is close to 80,000 strong and stretches across the globe.

As a student, you were challenged to go to the edges of the Creighton campus and step out of your comfort zone; now you have an entire world to continue to explore. Keep that fire for discovery alive by maintaining all that a Jesuit, Catholic education offers—inquiry, imagination, and inspiration.

You are a changemaker and that means you do not wait for the world to come to you; you go forth with a mission to make it better. The world needs you, and I have faith that you will be a leader who remains steadfastly driven and compassionate because you are not just a graduate, you are a Creighton University graduate!

May God bless you and your families as you celebrate today. You have earned it.

Sincerely,

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD



Order of Exercises

PROCESSION

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GRAND MARSHAL'S OPENING REMARKS

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OATH OF HIPPOCRATES

James A. Kelly, BS, DDS, MS, MBA, MPH, FACP
Chair and Professor, Prosthodontics

CLOSING REMARKS

Jesus A. Santiago
President, Class of 2024

TURNING OF THE TASSEL

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD
President

STAGE PARTY, FACULTY, AND GRADUATE RECESSIONAL



Vision Statement

Creighton University School of Dentistry is dedicated to excellence in education, patient care, service and research. The faculty and staff are passionate about developing dental professionals who will employ leading-edge knowledge and technology of the 21st century in the Jesuit educational tradition characterized by compassion, leadership, professionalism, creativity, service and social justice.



Awards

Hanau “Best of the Best” Award for Excellence in Prosthodontics

Ryan Heath Alpers

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Award American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons 2024 Dental Student Award

Steven Arrieta Ricaurte

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Predoctoral Student Award

David R. R. Beberwyk

Department of General Dentistry Acute Care Award

Dominic Michael Branz

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Dental Implant Student Award

Mitchell York Brown

Dentsply Sirona Dental Leadership in Endodontics Pierre Fauchard Academy Award

Max James Butler

Dr. Darrell Lower Pediatric Dentistry Award

Sara Ione Carmean

American Student Dental Association Excellence in Leadership Award

Maya E. Chuppe

American College of Dentists Student Leadership Award Nebraska Section

Madisen Islie Diehl

American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry Award

Kianna Rae Hren

American Association of Public Health Dentistry Award

American Association of Women Dentist’s Dr. Eleanor J. Bushee Senior Dental Student Award

American Dental Education Association Dr. Jeanne Craig Sinkford Student Leadership

Brenda Thanh Lan Huynh

Quintessence Award for Research Achievement

Mark Saayman Jones

Center for Interprofessional Practice, Education and Research

Tiffany Kong

Bein Air 2024 Excellence in Endodontics

Luke Lawler Lamb

Academy of Osseointegration “Outstanding Dental Student in Implant Dentistry” Award

Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Periodontics

Tyler Kent Marlowe

American College of Prosthodontists Your Smile. Our Speciality Award

Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Award

International College of Dentists Student Leadership Award

Yesenia Morales

Department of Periodontology Award

Anthony Leo Morrell

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Award American Dental Society of Anesthesiology-Horace Wells Senior Student Award

Dr. Joseph M. Simpson III Award for Aesthetic Restorative Dentistry

Arian Nilforushan

American Equilibration Society Award

Erica Jane Oosterhoff

American Academy of Periodontology Dental Student Award for Achievement in Periodontology

Sean Michael Powell

American Association of Orthodontics Award/Nebraska Society of Pediatric Dentistry

Salvatore Edward Rivoli

Brian D. Stone Memorial Award

International College of Dentists Student Humanitarian Award

Jesus Antonio Santiago

American Association of Endodontics and the Department of Endodontics Award of Excellence in conjunction with Harriet J. Knowles DAR Scholarship

Amirali Shokrollahi

Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Restorative Dentistry

Kailey Jean Siemonsma

American Academy of Implant Dentistry Predoctoral Student Award

Dr. Neil Norton Magis Award

Grant Rae Spranger

Dr. Stanley J. Honsa Award/ZimVie Implant Concierge Award

Chase Michael Stoffel

Academy of Operative Dentistry Award

American Academy of Oral Medicine

Dr. Marvin O. Ludlow, Brasseler USA Endodontics Award

International Congress of Oral Implantologists Predoctoral Student Achievement Award

Dr. and Mrs. Philip J. Mascka Award for Ethics in Dentistry

Omer Nasr Tabel

Department of General Dentistry Award

Department of Oral Biology Anatomical Sciences Award

Mitchell Lee Tschakert

Academy of General Dentistry Senior Student Dental Award

Paige Marie Warren

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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.



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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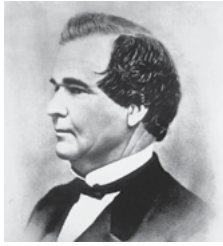
**Dr. Philip Maschka Chair for Ethics
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**Dr. Gaylord G. Huenefeld Endowed Chair
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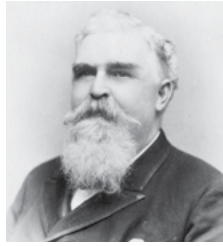




Edward Creighton



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.

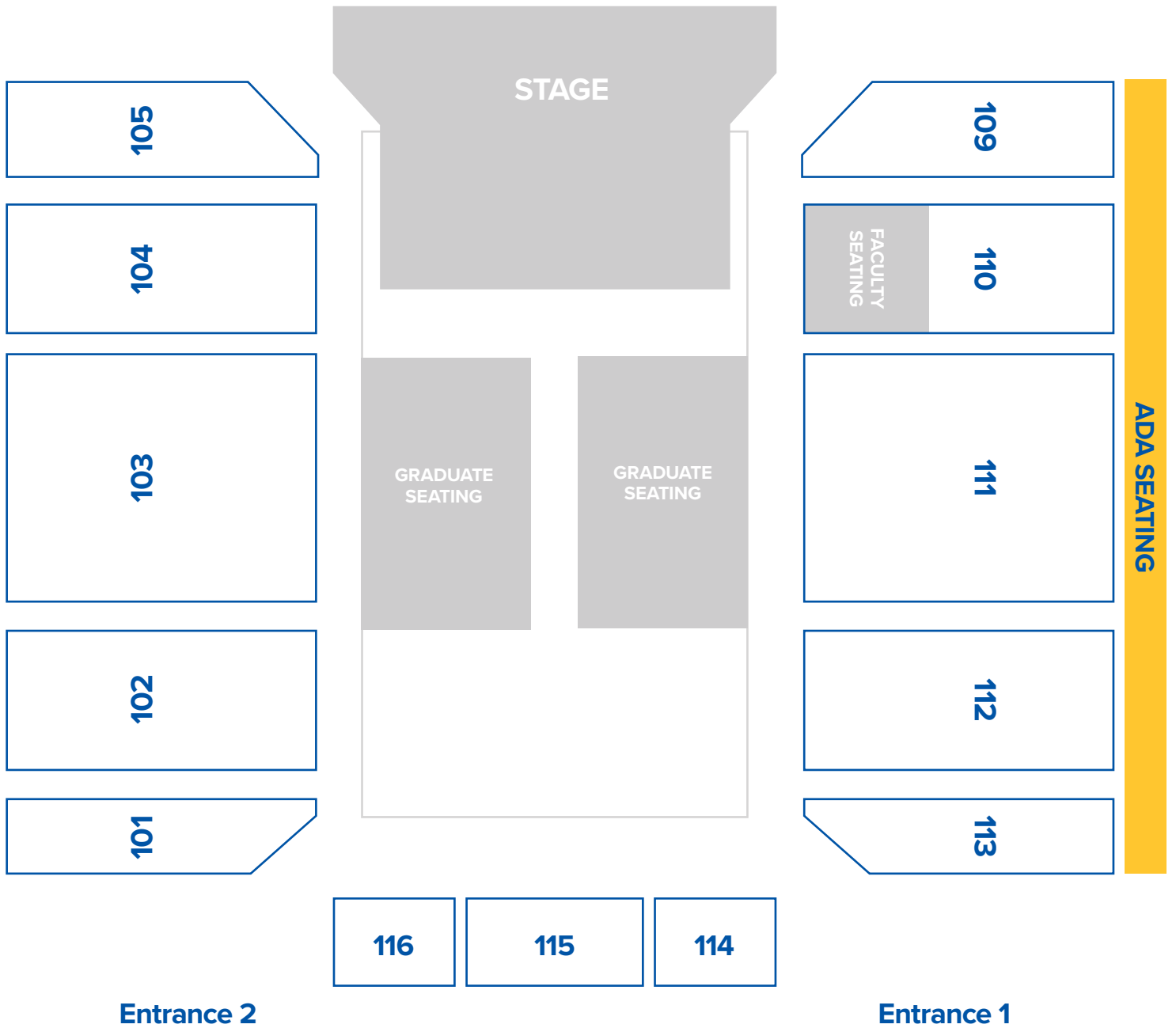


Edward and Mary Lucretia's generosity is credited with establishing Creighton College, while John and Sarah Emily's philanthropy enlarged it to a five-school university. Today, Creighton University consists of nine schools and colleges:

- 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)



D.J. Sokol Arena Map





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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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 2023 cumulative grade point averages. Official honors will be awarded on the transcript and diploma based on Spring 2024 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 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.

Ceremony Photos

Ceremony Photos will photograph each graduate receiving his or her diploma. Graduates will be emailed a link to their photo proofs, or they can go to ceremonyphotos.com for more information. Questions may be addressed to service@ceremonyphotos.com or call 402.917.6518.



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