

*At the close of the
one hundred forty-fifth year*

2024

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Commencement**

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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

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Emily J. Voogd
Class of 2024

INVOCATION

Rev. Nicholas J. C. Santos, SJ, PhD
Rector, Jesuit Community

PROVOST'S WELCOME

Mardell A. Wilson, EdD, RDN
Provost

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD
President

INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Carol Zuegner, PhD
Associate Professor, College of Arts and Sciences

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Nicholas D. Kristof
New York Times Columnist

HONORARY DEGREES

Hooded by

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD
President

ROBERT F. KENNEDY MEMORIAL AWARD FOR TEACHING ACHIEVEMENT

Presented by

Emily A. Meister
Class of 2026, Creighton Students Union President

SPIRIT OF CREIGHTON AWARDS

Presented by

Mardell A. Wilson, EdD, RDN
Provost

BOARD AUTHORIZATION

Presented by

Board of Trustees Member

DEGREE CONFERRAL STATEMENT

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD
President

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR EARNED DEGREES

College of Arts and Sciences
Bridget M. Keegan, PhD, Dean

Heider College of Business
Anthony R. Hendrickson, PhD, Dean

College of Professional and Continuing Education
Gayla M. Stoner, PhD, Dean

College of Nursing
Jessica R. Clark, DNP, RN, Dean

TURNING OF THE TASSEL

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD
President

STAGE PARTY AND FACULTY RECESSIONAL



Nicholas D. Kristof

New York Times Columnist

Nicholas Kristof has been a journalistic and intellectual stalwart of America's leading newspaper, *The New York Times*, for nearly four decades. He is a Pulitzer Prize winner, author, commentator and humanitarian whose personal background has shaped the stories he tells. Using his skills and position to bring attention to injustice and walking alongside those who live at the margins of society, Kristof's words and actions have influenced positive change in the world.

A native of Yamhill, Oregon, Kristof grew up on a cherry farm and raised sheep for his Future Farmers of America project. After graduating from Harvard College Phi Beta Kappa in 1981, he studied law at Oxford University on a Rhodes Scholarship. He later studied Arabic in Cairo and Chinese in Taipei and, after working in France, he caught the travel bug and began backpacking around Africa and Asia, writing articles to cover his expenses.

All told, Kristof has lived on four continents, reported on six and traveled to well over 160 countries. He has encountered malaria, mobs, war and even an airplane crash while in Africa.

Originally joining the *Times* in 1984 to cover economics, Kristof went on to serve as a business correspondent based in Los Angeles, Hong Kong bureau chief, Beijing bureau chief and Tokyo bureau chief. Since joining the paper, Kristof has covered six American presidencies and dozens of international figures.

In 1990, Kristof and his wife, Sheryl WuDunn, then also a journalist for the *New York Times*, won a Pulitzer Prize for their coverage of China's Tiananmen Square

democracy movement. They were the first married couple to win a Pulitzer for journalism. Kristof also notably covered the 2000 presidential campaign and election of eventual president George W. Bush.



Kristof won his second Pulitzer in 2006 for what the judges called "his graphic, deeply reported columns that, at personal risk, focused attention on genocide in Darfur and that gave voice to the voiceless in other parts of the world." Together, Kristof and WuDunn have written five best-selling books with his latest solo-authored book titled *Chasing Hope: A Reporter's Life*. This is a candid memoir of vulnerability and courage, humility and purpose, mistakes and learning—a singular tale of the trials, tribulations and hope to be found in a life dedicated to the pursuit of truth.

Throughout his career, Kristof has won numerous awards, including the Dayton Literary Peace Prize, the Anne Frank Award and the

Fred Cuny Award for Prevention of Deadly Conflict. He has also served on the board of Harvard University and the Association of American Rhodes Scholars. He is the father of three adult children, Gregory, Geoffrey and Caroline, with whom he has converted his family's cherry farm into Kristof Farms, a grape and apple orchard that produces and sells wine and cider.

In recognition of his significant contributions to journalism, enhancing global awareness and opening new avenues for dialogue in local and international politics, Creighton University proudly confers upon Nicholas Kristof the honorary degree **Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*.**



Mogens C. Bay

Chairman, Valmont Industries, Inc.

Mogens C. Bay is chairman of Valmont Industries Inc., in Omaha, Nebraska. He is a native of Vejle, Denmark, and graduated from Vejle Gymnasium in June 1968. He studied law at Aarhus University from 1968 to 1970 and graduated from the EAC College of International Business in Copenhagen in 1973. In 1984, he graduated from the Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program. Bay served a tour of duty with the Royal Guards of the Danish Army from July 1973 to June 1974, during which he was detailed to protect the queen and her family.

From December 1974 to December 1978, Bay served as manager of the East Asiatic Company's office in Beijing. The East Asiatic Company was the only western company permitted to operate an office in the People's Republic of China at that time. During his first three years in Beijing, he was the only businessman from the Western world living permanently in China.

Following his time in China, Bay joined Valmont Industries, an international agriculture and infrastructure manufacturer, in 1979 as regional vice president, Southeast Asia, and resided in Hong Kong. He moved to Madrid, Spain, in 1982 as vice president for sales and later vice president for marketing of Valmont International. In 1986, he was assigned to corporate headquarters as the president and general manager of Valmont International and, four years later, he was named president and general manager of Valmont Irrigation. He became president and chief executive officer of Valmont Industries, Inc. in 1993; chairman and chief executive officer of Valmont Industries, Inc. in January 1997; executive chairman in 2018; and chairman in 2019.

Alongside fellow honorary degree recipient Kenneth Stinson, Bay was instrumental to the design and development of the recent \$400 million redevelopment of the Omaha Riverfront that includes Gene Leahy Mall, Heartland of America Park and Lewis and Clark Landing.

Additionally, Bay and Stinson's collaborative efforts during their time as members of Creighton's Board of Trustees and members of the board for Heritage Omaha made possible many of the iconic landmarks that border the Creighton University campus throughout Omaha's downtown urban core.

As a community advocate, Bay is active throughout the business and civic community. He currently is chairman of The Robert B. Daugherty Foundation, The Walter Scott Family Foundation, the Omaha Zoological Society and the Omaha Zoo Foundation. He serves as vice chair of Nebraska Medicine and Heritage Omaha. He also is a trustee of the Downtown Riverfront Trust and Robert B. Daugherty

Water for Food Global Institute at the University of Nebraska. He is trustee emeritus for Creighton University, having served as a trustee under three presidents from 1996 to 2015 and helping guide the University through an extraordinary period of expansion.

He and his wife, Cindy, have a daughter, Sarah, and three grandsons, Charlie, Henry and Alexander.

In recognition of his more than 40 years of work supporting sustainable energy and ecological conservation, as well as his many years of service as a trustee, Creighton University proudly confers upon Mogens Bay the honorary degree **Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*.**





Kenneth E. Stinson

Chairman Emeritus, Peter Kiewit Sons', Inc.

Kenneth E. Stinson is chairman emeritus of Peter Kiewit Sons', Inc. Kiewit is one of North America's largest and most respected construction and engineering organizations. With its roots dating back to 1884, the employee-owned organization operates through a network of subsidiaries in the United States, Canada and Mexico. Kiewit offers construction and engineering services in various markets including transportation; oil, gas and chemical; power; building; water/wastewater; industrial; and mining. Kiewit had revenues of \$17.1 billion in 2023 and employs 31,100 staff and craft employees.

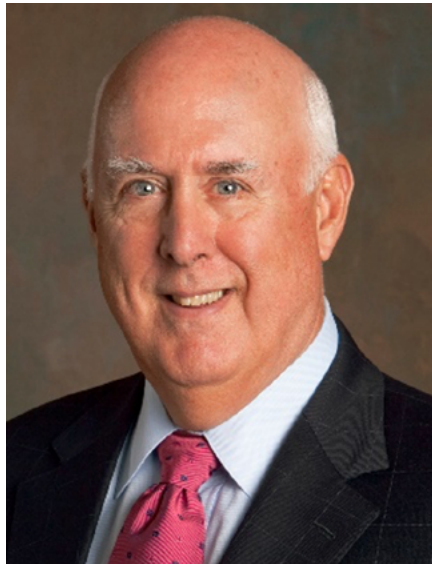
Stinson is a 1964 civil engineering graduate of the University of Notre Dame. He served two-and-a-half tours in Vietnam with the U.S. Navy Civil Engineer Corps, becoming company commander in a Seabee Construction Battalion. After his military service, he returned to school, earning his master's degree in civil engineering from Stanford University in 1970.

Stinson joined Kiewit as a college intern on a Bay Area Rapid Transit project during the summer of 1969. Following graduation, he was assigned to some of Kiewit's more notable projects; serving in various engineering and management roles on the 63rd Street Tube and Tunnel in New York City, the Pasco-Kennewick Bridge in Central Washington State, the I-205 Bridge in Portland, Oregon, and the Fort McHenry Traffic Tunnel in Baltimore, Maryland.

He moved to the Omaha headquarters in 1982 to serve as vice president. In that role, he established a new private client marketing effort to complement Kiewit's traditional public sector contracting. In 1986, he was named division manager for contracting operations east of the Mississippi, and a few years later added executive management responsibility for Kiewit's underground/tunneling group, its power and process group, and its mining and construction materials division.

Stinson was named president and CEO of Kiewit's construction and mining division in 1992. When Kiewit's

noncore operations were spun off in 1998, he was named chairman, president and CEO of the parent company. When a new president was named in 2000, he continued to serve as chairman and CEO, retiring from the latter title in 2005. He was chairman of the board until January 2013; and continues to serve as a director of the company as chairman emeritus.



Alongside fellow honorary degree recipient Mogens Bay, Stinson was instrumental to the design and development of the recent \$400 million redevelopment of the Omaha Riverfront that includes Gene Leahy Mall, Heartland of America Park and Lewis and Clark Landing. Additionally, Bay and Stinson's collaborative efforts during their time as members of Creighton's Board of Trustees and members of the board for Heritage Omaha made possible many of the iconic landmarks that border the Creighton University campus throughout Omaha's downtown urban core.

Stinson was first elected to the Peter Kiewit Sons', Inc., board of directors in 1986. He also serves on the board of directors for McCarthy Group, LLC.

On the national level, he is a trustee emeritus of the University of Notre Dame and civic leader emeritus for the U.S. Air Force Civic Leaders Program. In the construction industry, he is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the National Academy of Construction, the National Academy of Engineering, The Moles, The Beavers and is former chairman of the Construction Industry Round Table.

Stinson is the recipient of numerous awards from engineering, civic and charitable organizations. He and his wife, Ann, have four sons, two daughters and seven grandchildren in the combined family.

In recognition of his decades of support for the city of Omaha, steadfast business leadership, and involvement in the University's significant growth during the 21st century, Creighton proudly confers upon Kenneth Stinson the honorary degree **Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*.**



Sr. Delores Hannon, RSM

Former President, Mercy High School

Sr. Delores Hannon, RSM, affectionately known as ‘Sister Dee’ has given more than 50 years to the Church and more than 40 years to the education profession, most recently serving as president of Omaha’s Mercy High School from 2009 to 2023. Sr. Dee is a member of the Sisters of Mercy, a congregation originally formed in Ireland in 1831 before establishing strong presence in Omaha, Nebraska, in 1864. Sr. Dee is a significant figure in one of Creighton University’s longest-standing partnerships.

Sr. Dee is proud to have been born and raised in North English, Iowa, on a dairy farm with a loving and faith-filled family. She joined the Sisters of Mercy in 1969 while in college and soon took on educational leadership roles across Catholic schools in the Midwest. She first served as a math teacher but would go on to become a principal serving in Montana, Minnesota and Iowa before becoming president of Mercy High School in Omaha.

As a community, the Sisters of Mercy were foundational to Creighton University’s early growth. The order founded St. Joseph’s Mercy Hospital in 1870, eventually renamed Creighton Memorial St. Joseph’s Hospital in recognition of a gift from Sarah Emily Creighton. While the hospital was sold in 1880, it would be a key partner in the opening of Creighton’s School of Medicine in 1892 and is known today as CHI Health Creighton University Medical Center – Bergan Mercy. The Sisters of Mercy also have ties to Creighton’s presence in Phoenix, Arizona, opening Dignity Health St. Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center in 1895 — where Creighton students have engaged in clinical rotations since 2005.

The legacy of the Sisters of Mercy includes opening the first Catholic school in Omaha in 1864 and teaching at 29 elementary and four high schools across Nebraska.

The Sisters of Mercy also opened St. John’s Grade School in 1897, which was originally located within St. John’s Church on the Creighton campus; the school’s stand-alone facility was built in 1901 and was located on

the current footprint of the Kiewit Fitness Center. The Sisters taught freshman boys in the high school department at Creighton for many of the early years and opened St. John’s High School for girls in 1911.

Sr. Dee’s contributions to education continue this same legacy. She has served as a trustee or board member at Mount Mercy University, Mercy Medical Center, St. Edmond Catholic Schools, Mercy Investment Services, Opportunity Scholarships of Nebraska and College of St. Mary. In 2017, Sr. Dee was awarded the Creighton Prep Sword of St. Ignatius, the only woman to receive such recognition, for her outstanding service to the Catholic Church and the Greater Glory of God. She has also been involved in many fundraising

efforts for scholarships, school renovations and humanitarian aid for underserved people.

However, Sr. Dee would be the first to point to her students, many of which have gone on to become Creighton students themselves, as her lasting legacy. She has said that to encourage young people to enter a future filled with faith, hope, surprises, and challenges and say “you can do this,” is a role any one of us can take on for a young person.

In recognition of her longstanding and consistent dedication to the Catholic faith, educating young minds and a commitment to being a compassionate leader that proudly represents the contributions of the Sisters of Mercy, Creighton University proudly confers upon Sr. Delores Hannon the honorary degree **Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa***.





Jeffrey North, PhD

Associate Professor of Pharmacy, School of Pharmacy and Health Professions

The Creighton Students Union recognizes the achievements of students, faculty and staff through various awards. However, the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Award for Teaching Achievement stands above the rest. Each year students from all nine colleges and schools nominate professors considered exemplary educators. Nominees must demonstrate high competence in their fields and present subject matter in interesting and effective ways. Beyond teaching aptitude, nominees must inspire and serve students, and take interest in students as individuals.

The Creighton Students Union is pleased to recognize Jeffrey North, PhD, associate professor of pharmacy sciences in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions, as the recipient of the 2024 Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Award for Teaching Achievement.

Dr. North's passion for medicinal chemistry and his commitment to seeing his students thrive are two of the many reasons he is receiving this award today.

A student says: "All his work in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions has been phenomenal, but coupled with leading his own research lab – which includes undergraduate, current pharmacy, graduate, and master's students – he still manages to provide each student with the attention they need, showing the dedication that Dr. North has toward his students and his work."

Dr. North is not afraid to adapt his teaching style to meet students where they are, asking for feedback about how he presented lecture material, what was difficult and what he could have explained better. He refines his style to the needs of the cohort he is teaching. "He truly connects with his students," one student says. "He is considered one of the favorite lecturers and

professors ... taking that extra step to make sure that everyone understands the complicated material."

Dr. North consistently demonstrates care for the whole student, engaging with students academically, professionally and socially.

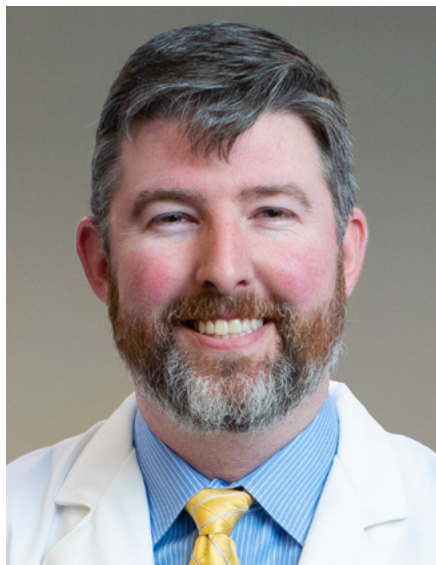
"Interactions with him feel more like conversations with a friend who genuinely wants the best for me," a student says. "His encouragement and belief in students extend beyond perceived potential, enabling us to reach new heights."

His interest in students is exemplified in his endeavors to help connect them with opportunities – whether they are undergraduate students wanting to shadow a pharmacy student before applying to Creighton's program or pharmacy students seeking internships.

Dr. North's research focuses on medicinal chemistry, computational modeling, and *in vitro* pharmacokinetic analysis,

with a particular focus on drug-resistant bacteria. He earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry and his PhD in organic chemistry from the University of Memphis, followed by a post-doctoral research fellowship at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

In his 10 years at Creighton, Dr. North has taught in both the PharmD and the master's in pharmaceutical sciences programs. He expressed his joy in the accomplishments of the students he works with, including mentoring seven master's level graduate students, seven PharmD students through elective research projects, 10 undergraduate students through elective research projects and even seven high school students through summer research projects. With an energetic and dynamic classroom presence, students respond in kind. Dr. North describes Creighton's students as thoughtful and compassionate. "I am the lucky one to have met them, taught them and learned from them," he says.





College of Arts and Sciences

Bridget M. Keegan, PhD, Dean

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Des Moines, Iowa

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Omaha, Nebraska

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cum laude
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Baliguat-Lamoya
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Waukee, Iowa

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Eva Renata Brucciani
cum laude
Lakeville, Minnesota

Shaun Stephen
Michael Campbell
Mount Maunganui, New Zealand

Jason Cao
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Omaha, Nebraska

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Vero Beach, Florida

Makayla Jordan Carr
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Omaha, Nebraska

Meagan Alyse Compton
magna cum laude
Denver, Colorado

Shea Nicole Corwin
magna cum laude
Stromsburg, Nebraska

Nina Kelley Crabtree
magna cum laude
Oak Grove, Missouri

Emily Mae Dahl
cum laude
Eden Prairie, Minnesota

Paige Leigh Davis
cum laude
Lakeville, Minnesota

Matt Nelson Deiner
cum laude
Waipahu, Hawaii

Nupur Nikhil Dhoot
Dombivli East, India

Braeden Griffin Doerr
Elkhorn, Nebraska

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summa cum laude
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Mary Catherine Dudley
summa cum laude
New Prague, Minnesota

Ozzy David Dungan
magna cum laude
Omaha, Nebraska

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magna cum laude
Omaha, Nebraska

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St. Paul, Minnesota

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magna cum laude
Colorado Springs, Colorado

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Prospect, Connecticut

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Omaha, Nebraska

Jaden Dean Exline
Papillion, Nebraska

Francisco Farabello
Tortona, Italy

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magna cum laude
Lee's Summit, Missouri

Matthew John Freeman
summa cum laude
Richardson, Texas

Alison Elizabeth Friedrich
magna cum laude
West Des Moines, Iowa

Cecelia Maria Fuller
Omaha, Nebraska

Jackson Ernest David Fuller
cum laude
Arvada, Colorado

Jeanne Marie Gearity
St. Cloud, Florida

Wyatt John Greco
summa cum laude
Elverta, California

Callista Kelly Gregory
cum laude
Omaha, Nebraska

Michael Jose Guerra-York
summa cum laude
Kansas City, Missouri

Ava Simone Henseler
St. Paul, Minnesota

Aidan Michael Herrera
San Bruno, California

Fineas Gerard Herrera
summa cum laude
Omaha, Nebraska

Anne Hiatt
Omaha, Nebraska

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Honda-Pedro
Mililani, Hawaii

Eleanor Grace Hudepohl
magna cum laude
Cincinnati, Ohio

Leilani Lorraine Hung
Monterey Park, California

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Omaha, Nebraska

Korey Jaden James
Omaha, Nebraska

Alissa Ann Jeffrey
cum laude
Lakewood, California

Cori Jobman
Beatrice, Nebraska

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Papillion, Nebraska

Heidi Elizabeth Johnson
magna cum laude
Papillion, Nebraska

Abigail Kate Jordan
summa cum laude
Ankeny, Iowa

Zachary Michael Joyce
cum laude
Glenwood, Iowa

Malte Kaiser
Eschwege, Germany

Kylie Jo Karsky
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Savage, Minnesota

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Grand Island, Nebraska

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Omaha, Nebraska

Nikodije Kozic
Wadsworth, Illinois

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Wayzata, Minnesota

Levi J. Laib
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Colorado Springs, Colorado

Amanda Maria La O Cartaya
cum laude
Crete, Nebraska

Michael King Yin Lau
Macao, China

Kenna Marie Lexau
summa cum laude
St. Paul, Minnesota



Attisen Linette McCorkle
cum laude
Olathe, Kansas

Stephanie Ruth Meisterling
cum laude
Stillwater, Minnesota

Molly Kathryn Mendick
magna cum laude
La Vista, Nebraska

Jonathan Kade Miller
Aurora, Colorado

Ava Elizabeth Monte
cum laude
Hermantown, Minnesota

Alexie Marie Montes
Dakota City, Nebraska

Emily Ann Monzu
cum laude
Omaha, Nebraska

Patrawadee Gerry Moore
magna cum laude
Omaha, Nebraska

Christopher James Nubel
Omaha, Nebraska

Bridget Ann Orr
magna cum laude
Greenbrier, Tennessee

Olivia Mabel Orth
magna cum laude
Ankeny, Iowa

Francisco Isaac Pastor-Rivera, Jr.
Phoenix, Arizona

Timothy M. Pfannenstiel, Jr.
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Omaha, Nebraska

Connor Louis Pohl
cum laude
O'Fallon, Missouri

Giorgio Probo
Bergamo, Italy

Bianca Nhu Quynh Rademacher
Lincoln, Nebraska

Mario Miguel Cuevas Ramos
Elk Grove, California

Kobe A. Ready
Omaha, Nebraska

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summa cum laude
Plymouth, Minnesota

Emma Grace Ronsiek
Brandon, South Dakota

Mary Lynn Said
Omaha, Nebraska

Harrison Mark Schaub
Omaha, Nebraska

Baylor Scheierman
Aurora, Nebraska

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Berthoud, Colorado

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magna cum laude
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Lincoln, Nebraska

Mackenzie Kamryn Spigner
magna cum laude
Omaha, Nebraska

Conor Francis Decker Sullivan
magna cum laude
Denver, Colorado

Clarice Elizabeth Toth
Elk River, Minnesota

Renee Tracy
Aurora, Colorado

Xander Victor Albert
van den Berg
summa cum laude
Kapolei, Hawaii

Ava Rose Verzani
summa cum laude
Leawood, Kansas

Camille Rose Vigil
summa cum laude
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Emily Jo Voogd
Plattsmouth, Nebraska

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summa cum laude
Maryville, Tennessee

Ashanti Aaliyah Washington
Omaha, Nebraska

Suraya DarLen Wayne
Omaha, Nebraska

Izzabella May Wentz
Waterloo, Nebraska

Amy Katherine Wenzel
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Lawrence, Kansas

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Omaha, Nebraska

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San Fernando Valley, California

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Jenna Marie Erickson
Eagan, Minnesota

Eva-Maria Louisa
Kareneva-Simpson
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Precious
Ku'unanimakamae'ānelalani
Tomie Nakamoto
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Corine Gabrielle Noethe
Walnut, Iowa

Kandi Ku'uipo Respicio
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Avery Grace Steer
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Omaha, Nebraska

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San Diego, California

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Kansas City, Missouri

Matthew Joseph Anderson
magna cum laude
Kent, Washington

Eldaah Asfaw
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Amber Kiara Atud
Kapolei, Hawaii

Korbin Au
Honolulu, Hawaii

Jane Lindsey Bailey
cum laude
Willow Springs, Illinois

Amber Marie Baldwin
cum laude
Omaha, Nebraska

Marisa Rose Banzhaf
Omaha, Nebraska

Serena Rai Barnes
Omaha, Nebraska

Jozette Ancheta Barrios
Honolulu, Hawaii

Brock Michael Barthol
magna cum laude
Overland Park, Kansas

Aruna Ayisha Bashir
summa cum laude
Omaha, Nebraska

Yara Mohamed Bayomey
Omaha, Nebraska

Madelyn Kathleen Begley
magna cum laude
Omaha, Nebraska

Madison M. Beninato
magna cum laude
Omaha, Nebraska

Abigail Lomonaco Bercich
Lakeville, Minnesota

Katherine Nicole Berrian
summa cum laude
Castle Rock, Colorado

Anna Marie Berridge
Winnebago, Nebraska

Jack J. Bertagnolli
summa cum laude
Broomfield, Colorado

Carissa Joy Besonen
summa cum laude
Madison, Minnesota

Brianna Evalina Blake
Franktown, Colorado

Emily R. Bland
summa cum laude
Murray, Nebraska

Jacob Charles Borchert
cum laude
Kansas City, Missouri

Mason Riley Borgman
cum laude
Norfolk, Nebraska

Benjamin John Borgmeier
summa cum laude
Rochester, Minnesota

Caroline Elizabeth Brandeberry
summa cum laude
West Linn, Oregon

Makenna Campbell Bray
Papillion, Nebraska

Eliza Mei Brindley
Minneapolis, Minnesota



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cum laude
Pleasanton, California

Jocelyn Mackenzie Strom
summa cum laude
Albert Lea, Minnesota

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cum laude
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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.



Academic Attire

The history of academic dress reaches far back into the early days of the oldest universities. A statute of 1321 required that all “Doctors, Licentiates, and Bachelors” of the University of Coimbra wear gowns. In England, in the second half of the 14th century, the statutes of certain colleges forbade “excess in apparel” and prescribed the wearing of a long gown. While European institutions continue to show great diversity in their specifications of academic dress, American colleges and universities generally have adopted the Intercollegiate Code for Academic Costumes. This code specifies design characteristics of gowns, hoods, caps and tassels, including pattern, material, color and trimmings.

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctors’ gowns, edging of hoods and tassels of caps, the colors associated with the different subjects are as follows:

Agriculture	Maize	Nursing	Apricot
Architecture.....	Blue Violet	Occupational Therapy.....	Ink Blue
Arts, Letters, Humanities.....	White	Oratory (Speech).....	Silver Gray
Commerce, Accountancy, Business.....	Nugget	Pharmacy	Olive Green
Dentistry.....	Lilac	Philosophy	Dark Blue
Economics	Copper	Physical Education	Sage Green
Education	Light Blue	Physical Therapy	Teal
Engineering	Orange	Public Administration,	
Fine Arts	Brown	including Foreign Service.....	Peacock Blue
Forestry	Russet	Public Health.....	Salmon Pink
Journalism.....	Crimson	Science	Golden Yellow
Law.....	Purple	Social Work.....	Citron
Library Science.....	Lemon	Theology	Scarlet
Medicine.....	Green	Veterinary Science.....	Gray
Music	Pink		





Spirit of Creighton Award

Creighton University annually recognizes outstanding students at May commencement with the Spirit of Creighton Award. This is the highest student award presented by the University, and the student receiving it does not know until his/her name is called during the commencement ceremony.

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2023

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2022

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2021

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College of Arts and Sciences
Adrienne Pyle
School of Medicine

2020

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2019

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School of Dentistry
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College of Arts and Sciences

2018

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Heider College of Business
Samantha Kappenman
School of Dentistry
Samantha Stoupa
College of Arts and Sciences

2017

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College of Arts and Sciences

2016

Tara Dammer
School of Pharmacy and Health Professions
Brandon Warrington
College of Arts and Sciences

2015

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School of Medicine
Augusta Rose Herman
College of Arts and Sciences
John Thomas McCoy
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2014

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Heider College of Business
Douglas Richard McDermott
Heider College of Business
Sarah Elizabeth Seifert
College of Nursing

2013

Laura Haller
College of Arts and Sciences
Matthew Leedom
School of Pharmacy and Health Professions

2012

Melissa List
School of Nursing
Edward Saito
School of Pharmacy and Health Professions

2011

Elizabeth M. Fairbairn
College of Arts and Sciences
Patrick M. O'Malley
College of Arts and Sciences

2010

Patrick Carter
College of Arts and Sciences
Marley Doyle
School of Medicine

2009

Geoffrey Hayes
College of Arts and Sciences
Danielle Potter
School of Medicine

2008

Justin Birge, Jacob Smeltzer and Mary Skrypek
School of Medicine
Joseph M. Ortega
College of Business Administration

2007

Brandon C. Hankey
College of Arts and Sciences
Mary Therese Rogers
School of Medicine

2006

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College of Arts and Sciences
Marie Halbur
School of Dentistry
Raquel "Kelly" Orbik
College of Arts and Sciences

2005

Keith McGovern
College of Business Administration
Kim Righter
School of Nursing

2004

Micah Kiel
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Gerard J. Stanley
School of Medicine
Katherine "Katie" Wadas
College of Arts and Sciences

2003

Margaret Bowie
College of Arts and Sciences
Jesse Luis Renteria
College of Arts and Sciences

2002

Nakina Mills
College of Arts and Sciences
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College of Arts and Sciences

2001

Amber Van Kirk
School of Nursing
Chad N. Scholl
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2000

Sarah Elizabeth Waetzig
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1999

Eric Stener Eastmo
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1998

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College of Arts and Sciences
Megan Walker
College of Arts and Sciences

1997

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College of Arts and Sciences
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College of Arts and Sciences

1996

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College of Arts and Sciences
Ralph Ralphson
College of Arts and Sciences

1995

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Courtney L. Carlson
College of Arts and Sciences

1994

Robyn Davis
College of Arts and Sciences
Steve Kern
School of Medicine

1993

Jana Braklow
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1992

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School of Dentistry

1991

Mary T. O'Keif
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Melvin "Paul" Palalay
School of Medicine

1990

Bill Meduna
College of Business Administration
Lisa Zimmerman
College of Arts and Sciences

1989

Kathryn Ault
College of Arts and Sciences
David A. McGuire
School of Nursing

1988

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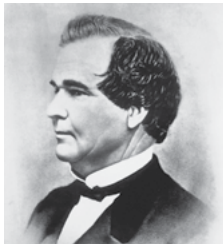
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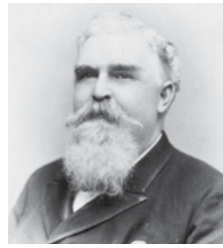
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Edward Creighton



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.

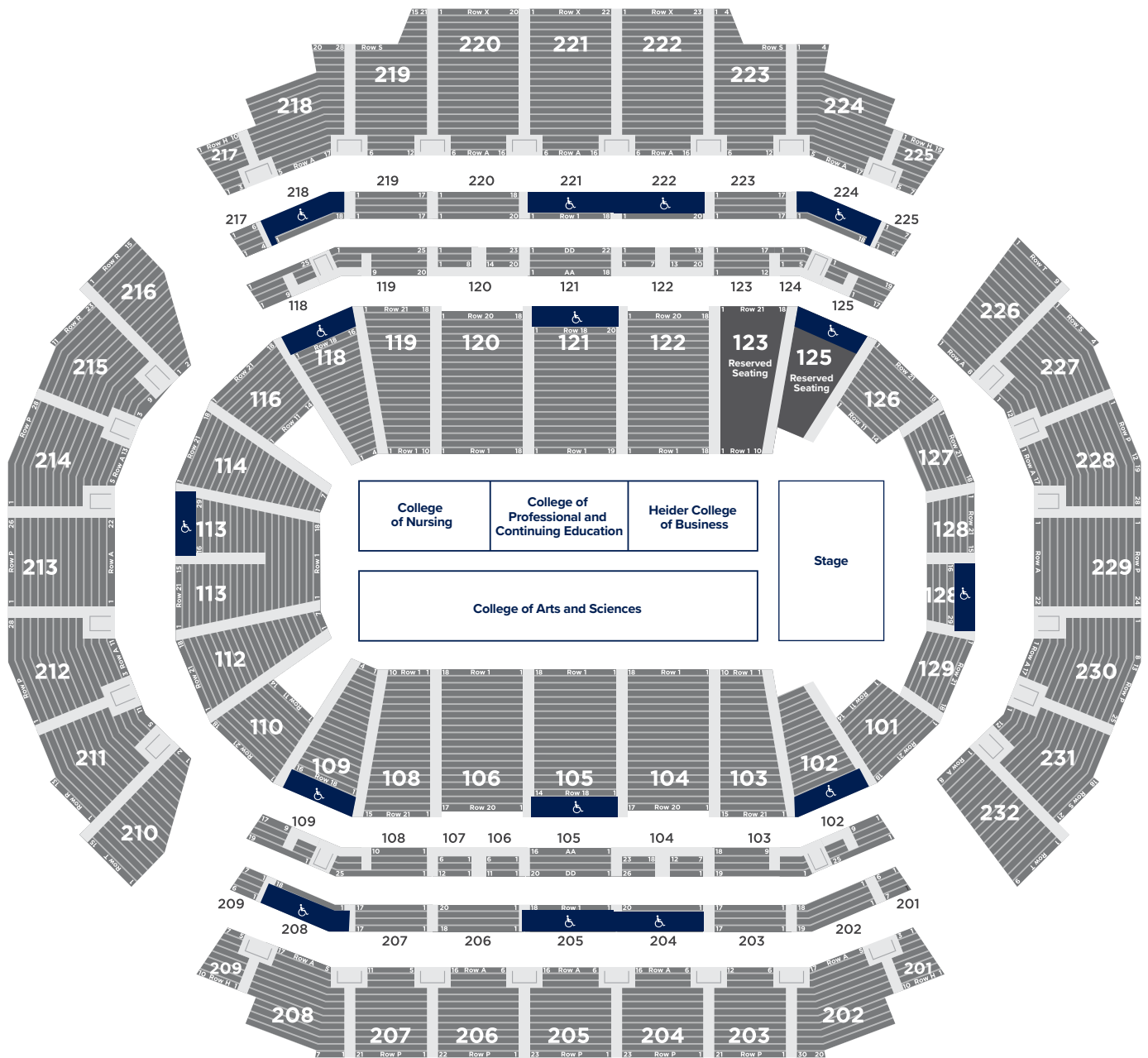


Edward and Mary Lucretia's generosity is credited with establishing Creighton College, while John and Sarah Emily's philanthropy enlarged it to a five-school university. Today, Creighton University consists of nine schools and colleges:

- 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)



CHI Health 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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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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