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Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD

President, Creighton University



Dear Creighton University Graduate,

As we gather in the company of family, friends, and supporters to celebrate your tremendous accomplishments, let me offer my heartfelt congratulations on behalf of our Creighton community that you are now, officially, a proud member of the graduating Class of 2023.

This commencement ceremony is an incredibly special and well-deserved recognition of your persistence and dedication. All the effort that you have put in up to this point is yours to cherish as you close the book on one chapter and turn the page to discover something entirely new. I know I join everyone who has helped you and supported you along the way when I say that we cannot wait to see what awaits you in this world of endless possibility.

I encourage you to give yourself the chance to enjoy this special moment and reflect on the transformational journey that has brought you here. The rigor, sense of purpose, and focus needed to reach this point is not just something anyone can achieve; however, you can now count yourself among those few who can call themselves a college graduate. You have done something extraordinary.

This is the same passion that I hope you bring as you go on to make meaningful contributions in your profession and in your community. The world needs you, and I have faith that you will be a leader who will remain steadfastly driven and compassionate because you are not just a graduate, you are a Creighton University graduate.

Know, too, that you are not alone on this journey. You are now part of a Creighton alumni family that is nearly 80,000 strong and stretches across the globe. May you take from your experiences the best of what 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.

Enjoy this milestone in your life, and may $\operatorname{\mathsf{God}}$ bless you and your families.

Sincerely,

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD



Order of Exercises

PROCESSION

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Nancy D. Bredenkamp, PhD, APRN-NP Assistant Professor Assistant Dean, Graduate Nursing Programs

GRAND MARSHAL'S OPENING REMARKS

Mardell A. Wilson, EdD, RDN Provost

INVOCATION

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD *President*

DEAN'S MESSAGE

Catherine M. Todero, PhD, RN
Dean
Vice Provost, Health Sciences Campuses

STUDENT COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Kathleen L. Burrows, RN, BSN, CCRNDoctor of Nursing Practice Candidate

BOARD AUTHORIZATION

Presented by Board of Trustees Member

DEGREE CONFERRAL STATEMENT

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD President

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR EARNED DEGREES AND CONFERRAL OF ACADEMIC HOODS

Catherine M. Todero, PhD, RN
Dean
Vice Provost, Health Sciences Campuses

Names read by

Mary Kunes-Connell, PhD, RN Professor Associate Dean, Academics, Assessment and Accreditation

Hooding of graduates by

Sara E. Banzhaf, DNP, APRN-NP, PMHNP-BC Assistant Professor

Ryan K. Batenhorst, MEd, NRP Paramedic Program Coordinator

Nancy D. Bredenkamp, PhD, APRN-NP Assistant Professor Assistant Dean, Graduate Nursing Programs

Susan C. Connelly, DNP, APRN-NP, CPNP, PC/AC Associate Professor

Lindsay M. Iverson, DNP, APRN-NP, ACNP-BCAssociate Professor

Lisa A. Johnson, DNP, APRN-NP, FNP-C, SANE Assistant Professor

Shelly J. Luger, DNP, RN, NEA-BC Assistant Professor

Lori B. Rubarth, PhD, APRN, NNP-BC, Professor Lori M. Rusch, PhD, RN, Associate Professor

COLLEGE OF NURSING AWARDS

Jerilyn H. Kamm, PhD *Assistant Dean, Student Affairs*

TURNING OF THE TASSEL

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD President

STAGE PARTY, FACULTY, AND GRADUATE RECESSIONAL

CANDIDATES FOR EARNED DEGREES

Catherine M. Todero, PhD, RN, Dean, Vice Provost, Health Sciences Campuses

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Erin Teresa Anderson * Nurse Practitioner—Family Williston, North Dakota

Megan Rogel Armstrong * Nurse Practitioner—Adult/ Gerontology Acute Care Albuquerque, New Mexico

Mollie Marie Babich *
Nurse Practitioner—
Psychiatric Mental Health
Elk Grove, California

Randy Lynn Becker Nurse Practitioner—Pediatric Acute/Primary Care Omaha, Nebraska

Anne Kathryn Bohman with high honors Nurse Practitioner—Pediatric Acute/Primary Care St. Paul, Minnesota

Marguerite Elizabeth Bristow Nurse Practitioner–Family Helena, Montana

Kathleen LaPlaca Burrows * Nurse Practitioner—Adult/ Gerontology Acute Care Phoenix, Arizona

David Walter Bursack Nurse Practitioner—Family Canby, Minnesota

Jillian Chance Nurse Practitioner-Family Lincoln, Nebraska

Shannon Suzanne Clark * with honors Nurse Practitioner—Psychiatric Mental Health Lincoln, Nebraska

Kiley Erin Core Nurse Practitioner—Pediatric Acute/Primary Care Readlyn, Iowa

Jessica Marie Crandall with high honors Kellerton, lowa

Kelsie Dee Creevan Nurse Practitioner-Family Wymore, Nebraska

Kimberly Ann Danish * Nurse Practitioner–Family Parker, Colorado

Cheila Marie Ditzler * with honors Nurse Practitioner—Psychiatric Mental Health *Lincoln, Nebraska* Mary Jordan Driscoll *
Nurse Practitioner-Family
Boise, Idaho

Sara F. Dukart *
Nurse Practitioner—
Psychiatric Mental Health
Fargo, North Dakota

Megan Marie Eitzmann * with high honors Nurse Practitioner—Family Blue Earth, Minnesota

Erin Misty Enriquez *
Nurse Practitioner—Pediatric
Acute/Primary Care
San Antonio, Texas

Weily J. Esch * Nurse Practitioner-Family Hastings, Nebraska

Sochi Vivian Eze * Nurse Practitioner–Pediatric Acute/Primary Care Temple, Texas

Jamie Lea Fischer * Nurse Practitioner-Family Lincoln, Nebraska

Jessica May Graff Nurse Practitioner–Pediatric Acute/Primary Care Grinnell, Iowa

Molly M. Hendricks-King * with honors Nursing Administration and Leadership Castle Pines, Colorado

Kelli Ann Hubley * Nurse Practitioner—Family Helena, Montana

Konnie Lynn Jurek Prior Lake, Minnesota

Andrea Rae Kaufman Nurse Practitioner—Adult/ Gerontology Acute Care Omaha, Nebraska

Carissa Jo Kelm Nurse Practitioner—Adult/ Gerontology Acute Care Cedar Falls, Iowa

Keiya Lynette Kendrick * Nurse Practitioner–Neonatal Dacula, Georgia

Taylor Lynn Kiler Nurse Practitioner—Pediatric Acute/Primary Care Shawnee, Kansas

Margaret Eleanor Kriz * with honors Nurse Practitioner—Neonatal Minneapolis, Minnesota Haley Joy Lammers with honors Nurse Practitioner—Family Marion, Iowa

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Nurse Practitioner—Neonatal
Hartland, Wisconsin

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Avoca, lowa

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Anthony Robert Miller Nurse Practitioner—Adult/ Gerontology Acute Care Omaha, Nebraska

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Sueky Marie Moeller Nurse Practitioner—Family Pipestone, Minnesota

Alexandra Nelson Nurse Practitioner—Family Rochester, Minnesota

Kaitlyn Mary Nettleton * Nurse Practitioner-Family Mason City, Iowa

Mika Kelli Ogata with honors Nurse Practitioner–Family Waipahu, Hawaii

Titilope Olaoluwa Omisakin * Nurse Practitioner–Psychiatric Mental Health Blaine, Minnesota

Ashley Nicole Paldino * > with high honors Nurse Practitioner—Adult/ Gerontology Acute Care Winterville, North Carolina Barbara Arlene Petersen * with honors Nursing Administration and Leadership North Platte, Nebraska

Carmen Marie Petsch * Nurse Practitioner–Adult/ Gerontology Acute Care Omaha, Nebraska

Emalie Berndt Price Nurse Practitioner-Psychiatric Mental Health Dallas, Texas

Amber Danielle Purdell with honors Nurse Practitioner–Family Portland, Oregon

Brittany Rose Ramos * with high honors Nurse Practitioner–Neonatal Columbia, Illinois

Amanda Lea Rauh Nurse Practitioner—Adult/ Gerontology Primary Care Omaha, Nebraska

Lindsey Rae Ricklefs with high honors Nurse Practitioner—Neonatal Monticello, lowa

Gabrielle Rosario * with honors Nurse Practitioner–Family Minneapolis, Minnesota

Jessica Rae Rowell with honors Nurse Practitioner—Family Lincoln, Nebraska

Kirsten Marie Sax * Nurse Practitioner—Family Prescott, Wisconsin

Hannah Schiefelbein *
Nurse Practitioner–Adult/
Gerontology Acute Care
Fargo, North Dakota

Karmyn Elizabeth Schneider Nurse Practitioner–Pediatric Acute/Primary Care Columbus, Ohio

Rachael Jo Schultheis * with high honors Nurse Practitioner–Pediatric Acute/Primary Care Denver, Colorado

Lauren Elizabeth Sexson Nurse Practitioner—Family North Platte, Nebraska

Taylor Noelani Shain Nurse Practitioner—Pediatric Acute/Primary Care Seattle, Washington



DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE CONTINUED

Eva-Anne Marie Smith

Nurse Practitioner—Family Corpus Christi, Texas

Kali Jo Templin *

Nurse Practitioner—Family Duluth, Minnesota

Erica Danielle Van Surksum

Nurse Practitioner—Family Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Kou Vang

Nurse Practitioner—Family Oakdale, Minnesota

Kristina Maihlia Vang

Nurse Practitioner—Family Glenwood, Iowa

Kristine Iola Warner

Nurse Practitioner—Adult/ Gerontology Acute Care *Hastings, Nebraska*

Lindsey Gabriela Watson

Nurse Practitioner—Pediatric Acute/Primary Care Denver, Colorado

Katherine Jade White *

Nurse Practitioner—Psychiatric Mental Health Casper, Wyoming

Nicole Nahyun Woodfield *

with honors Nurse Practitioner–Neonatal Mountlake Terrace, Washington

Sarah Anne Wooley *

Nurse Practitioner—Neonatal Baltimore, Maryland

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Sierra Sue Beauchamp

Nursing Administration and Leadership Spokane, Washington

Sarah L. Burdette * ◆

Nursing Administration and Leadership Master of Science, Negotiation and Conflict Resolution Rosharon, Texas

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Nursing Education Avon, Colorado

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

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Washington, Kansas

Alison Leigh Fleer Battle Creek, Nebraska

Christopher A. Hammer Henning, Minnesota

Caitlin Elisabeth Michel Forest Lake, Minnesota

Michelle M. Radloff Casco, Maine



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.



History of the Hood, Cap and Gown

Though the history of the hood, cap and gown dates back to the 14th century, it was not until the 19th century that colleges and universities attempted to adopt a common code to distinguish the degree, field of study and university or college conferring the degree. The tassel color signifies the field of study. The field of nursing is signified by the apricot color. Both the baccalaureate and master's degree tassels are an apricot color. The gold, metallic colored tassel is reserved solely for doctoral graduates as it represents the highest degree earned.

Gowns, though all black, do have distinguishing characteristics signifying the degree earned. The baccalaureate gown is a simple gown with the distinguishing characteristic being a long, pointed sleeve. The master's gown is also distinguished by a sleeve that is more closed with only an opening in the wrist. The doctoral gown is the most elaborate and is adorned with velvet panels and sleeve bars.

The hood is the most distinguishing characteristic of academic regalia and is reserved only for graduates being awarded a master's or doctoral degree. The hood's colors signify both the field of study and the institution conferring the degree. The apricot color represents the field of nursing while the blue color represents Creighton University. The doctoral hood is more elaborate in that it is longer and the colored trim is wider than that associated with the master's degree hood.





Awards

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.

DNP Practice Excellence Award

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

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.

Sigma Theta Tau-Iota Tau Chapter Award

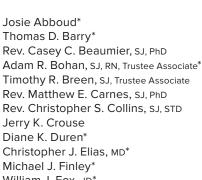
A certificate and a monetary award to a graduate student for exemplary research and scholarship.





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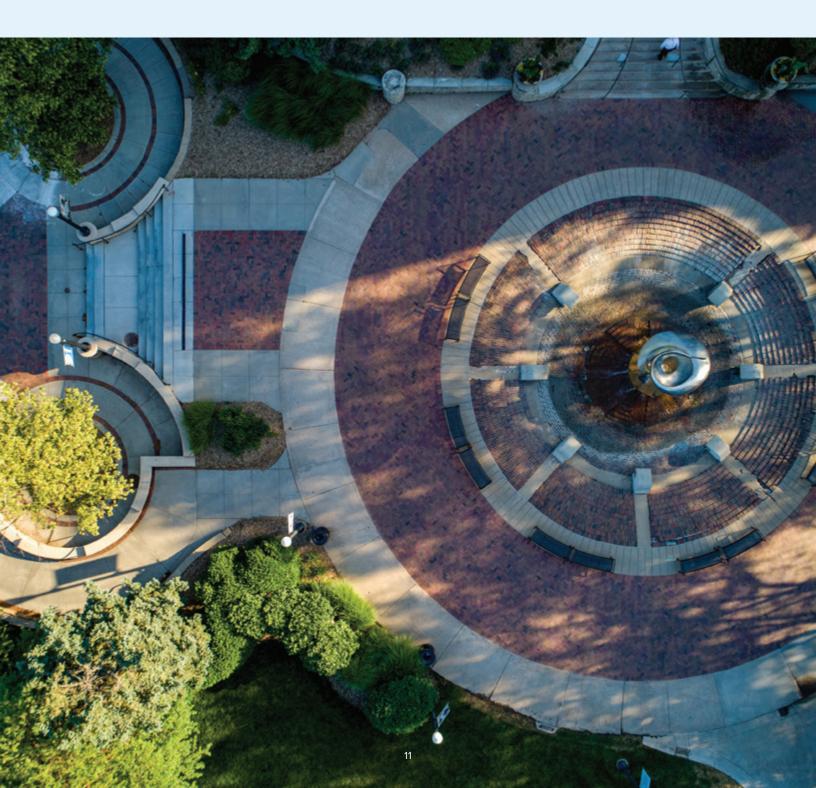
Keough Family Endowed Chair in Nursing (2022)

Meghan M. Potthoff, PhD, APRN-NP

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O'Brien Endowed Chair in Health Sciences (2016)

Alternates between School of Medicine and College of Nursing every 5 years. Martha J. Todd, PhD, APRN













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, sJ, 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.

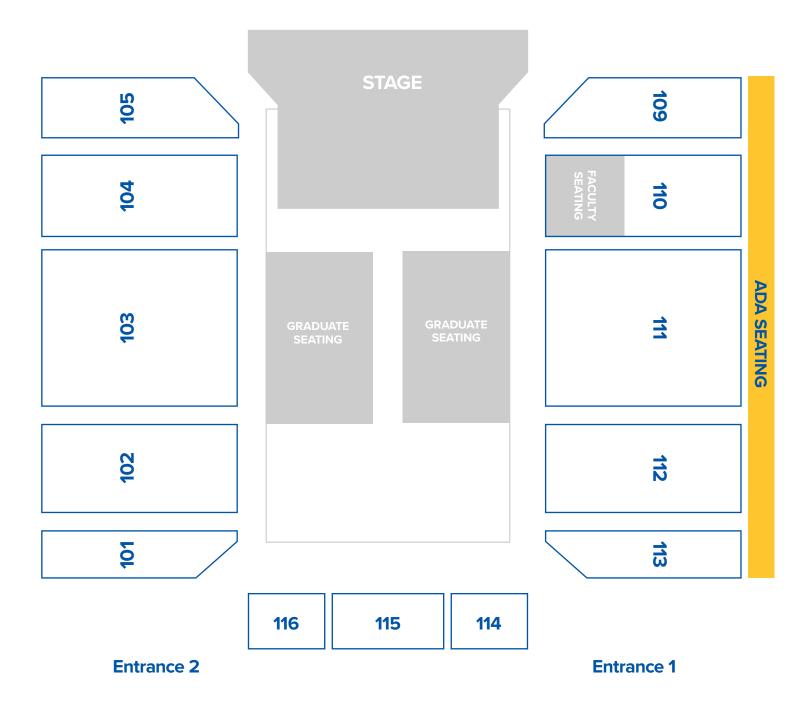


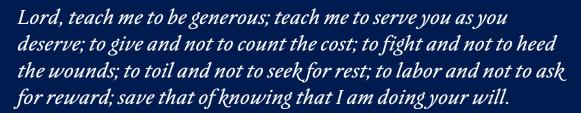
Edward and Mary Lucretia's generosity is credited with establishing Creighton College, while John and Sarah Emily's philanthropy enlarged it to a five-school university. Today, Creighton University consists of nine schools and colleges:

- 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





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 2022 cumulative grade point averages. Official honors will be awarded on the transcript and diploma based on Spring 2023 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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Join us for four days of reunion parties, campus festivities, food, fun, music and so much more.
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