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## Graduate Commencement and Hooding Ceremony

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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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 God bless you and your families.

Sincerely,

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD



# Order of Exercises

## PROCESSION

### MACE BEARER

**Mary Ann Danielson, PhD**  
*Professor, College of Arts and Sciences*

### GRAND MARSHAL'S OPENING REMARKS

**Mardell A. Wilson, EdD, RDN**  
*Provost*

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

**Donna S. Buck**  
*Degree Candidate, Master of  
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and Preventive Mental Health*

### INVOCATION

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

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

### 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

Names read by  
**A. Barron Breland, DM**  
*Dean, Graduate School*

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

**School of Medicine**  
**Robert W. Dunlay, MD, Dean**

**School of Law**  
**Joshua P. Fershée, JD, Dean**

**School of Dentistry**  
**Jillian A. Wallen, BDS, MS, Dean**

**School of Pharmacy and Health Professions**  
**Amy Friedman Wilson, PharmD, Dean**

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

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

Hooding of graduates will be conducted  
by faculty from the individual programs.

## STUDENT AND FACULTY AWARDS

Awards read by  
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## TURNING OF THE TASSEL

**Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD**  
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# CANDIDATES FOR EARNED DEGREES

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in Business Administration*

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Nathan Richard Schumacher ♦  
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*Bachelor of Science  
in Business Administration*

Andrew Thomas Standard ♦  
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in Business Administration*

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in Business Administration*

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*Christian Spirituality*

Jean Baptiste Mvukiyehe  
Kigali, Rwanda  
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Tuan Giang Bui  
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Andrew Joseph Fabiano  
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Katherine Rose Ford  
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Daniel Gresko  
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Rao Gutta  
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Charles Robert Haggett  
Urbandale, Iowa

Rachel Elizabeth Hass  
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Kiera Alanna Henderson  
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The deployment experience for MQ-9 contractors and their families: A phenomenological study

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The impact of ethical leadership on volunteer satisfaction, organizational commitment, and intention to stay among VITA volunteers post Covid-19

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Countering teacher attrition with appreciative inquiry

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Teacher turnover in private secondary schools in rural Tanzania: A qualitative explorative case study of factors that influence the problem

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Jesuit influences on executive leadership

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Antioxidants in normal and epileptic brain: Effect on synaptic plasticity, neural network physiology, and memory

**Joseph Anthony Kostansek IV***Omaha, Nebraska**Pharmacology*

The role of orexin in hippocampal synaptic plasticity and neural network physiology in a normal and epileptic brain



# Student and Faculty Awards

## 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:** Segewkal Heruye,  
*PhD in Pharmacology candidate*

### 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 independent and original thinking in students.

**Recipient:** Vicki Bautista, EdD,  
*Assistant Professor of Family and Community Medicine*

### Maurine Hamilton Award

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

**Recipient:** Natalie Simms,  
*EdD in Interdisciplinary Leadership candidate*

### Outstanding Dissertation Award

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

**Recipients:** Segewkal Heruye,  
*PhD in Pharmacology candidate;*  
Zoran Grabovac, EdD'22,  
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### 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:** Andrew Baruth, PhD,  
*Associate Professor of Physics*

### 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.

**Recipient:** Terra Caputo,  
*MS in Educational Leadership candidate*

### 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:** Edward Driko Parsons,  
*EdD in Interdisciplinary Leadership candidate*

## Heider College of Business

### Ignite the Greatness Award

In honor of Creighton alumnus Charles "Charlie" Heider and his wife Mary, the Ignite the Greatness Award is given to the student who exemplifies the Jesuit values, exhibits ethical business leadership and the compassion to give back to their community. Nominations submitted by students and faculty.

**Recipient:** Evan Weerts, *Master of Investment Management and Financial Analysis candidate*

### Outstanding Graduate Business Faculty Award

Awarded to a Heider College of Business faculty member who has shown extraordinary dedication to students, gone above and beyond the expectations of students to do their job well, and left a lasting impression on the lives of students. Nominations submitted by graduate business students.

**Recipient:** Kristie Briggs, PhD, *Associate Dean of Faculty, Professor of Economics*

### Outstanding Graduate Business Student Award

Given to a student who exemplified the Jesuit values, inspired their peers to be the best that they could be, and exceeded all academic expectations. Nominations submitted by the graduate faculty of the Heider College of Business.

**Recipient:** Jonathan Oswald, MBA'22

### Executive MBA Academic Distinction Award

This award is presented to the student with the highest cumulative GPA.

**Recipient:** Andrea Paulson, MD,  
*Master of Business Administration candidate*

### Executive MBA Accretio Award

This award is presented to the student who achieved the most overall growth personally and professionally during this program.

**Recipient:** Olivia Wolf,  
*Master of Business Administration candidate*



## **Vision Statement**

Creighton University will leverage its unique strengths as a small, yet comprehensive university to be a leader in graduate education by offering innovative programs that foster academic excellence and scholarly research; developing graduates with an ethical foundation who will serve society; and promoting Creighton's mission as a Jesuit, Catholic University.

# 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 Academic Regalia

The robes, hats and hoods worn by faculty members and graduates as they march into the commencement hall, and even the different colors you see on them, have historical origins and significance. During the Middle Ages, scholars at the earliest English and European universities wore wool or fur garments to stay warm in the drafty, stone buildings that were poorly heated. Most of the scholars were also monks or priests, and as such had the hair shaved from the crowns of their heads in the distinctive clerical tonsure. Most wore cloaks that included a hood that could be pulled up to keep their heads warm. The academic gowns and hoods were adapted from both secular and clerical garments of the time, and the hood was chosen by the early scholars to indicate by color, trim or binding the degree held by the wearer.

The style of academic dress most frequently worn in the United States dates back to colonial times, although it was not formally adopted until near the end of the 19th century, when it was chosen as appropriate attire by the Intercollegiate Commission during a meeting in New York. It has remained the general standard in America since, although some variations occur at individual institutions. In the United States, black is the traditional color for academic gowns, although some institutions allow holders of doctoral degrees to wear robes in the university's colors.

The sleeves of the robes vary, depending on the degree held by the wearer. The bachelor's robe has long, pointed sleeves. The master's robe has sleeves that are oblong and closed at the ends, with slits through which the arms may be extended. The doctoral robe has a full sleeve with a velvet facing on the front and at the neck, and three velvet bars on each sleeve. The velvet may be black or of a color that symbolizes the degree held by the wearer.

The head covering most commonly used in the United States is the square, tasseled "mortarboard." Some American universities, however, use berets, and in other countries a variety of styles of head coverings is worn with academic regalia. The tassel is usually black and is worn over the left front quarter of the mortarboard. Holders of doctoral degrees may wear gold tassels.

The hood is the most distinctive feature of American academic dress, which through color and design may indicate the wear's degree and the institution at which that degree was earned. Hoods are lined with the colors of the institution that awards the degree, and may be faced with the color designating the degree awarded. Hoods vary in length. The bachelor's hood is about three feet long, the master's slightly longer and the doctoral version is longer still and is decorated with broad color panels.

Candidates may have the hood ceremoniously placed upon them, as is done at some British universities, or a college/school may 'self-hood' en masse at the appropriate time during the ceremony as has been the practice at Fordham University in the United States. Additionally, the code allows for the wearing of the hood into the commencement ceremony as part of the academic procession, but only if neither of the two procedures above are being employed.

The code also states: "It is quite appropriate for the bachelor's gown to be worn without a hood." Many institutions, particularly larger ones, have therefore dispensed with the bachelor's hood at commencement ceremonies altogether, though a graduate is still entitled to wear one once the degree is conferred. Honorary and/or earned doctoral degrees are very often conferred by the highest academic officer of an institution bestowing the appropriate hood at the podium, regardless of the procedure being followed for other candidates at the ceremony.

Only one hood may be worn at any given time. Trim colors may not be combined or displayed together in any way to attempt to indicate more than one academic field. The regalia indicating the highest degree attained is usually worn, though the code seems to allow for a graduate to revert for some occasion to the entire academic costume (e.g., robe style, trim width, hood length, etc.) of a lesser degree earned. Those who hold multiple degrees of the same level (i.e., more than one master's or doctorate degree) may wear at any given time the regalia, in its entirety, of any one degree earned. The code does not allow for "mixing-and-matching." The regalia prescribed by an academic institution and the degree actually awarded by that institution to the wearer (as indicated by trim color, hood length, robe style, etc.) must be consistent. The one exception is for officers of the academic institution who, while wearing a doctoral gown of the university being served, may display one hood from any degree earned from any institution.



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Edward Creighton



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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.

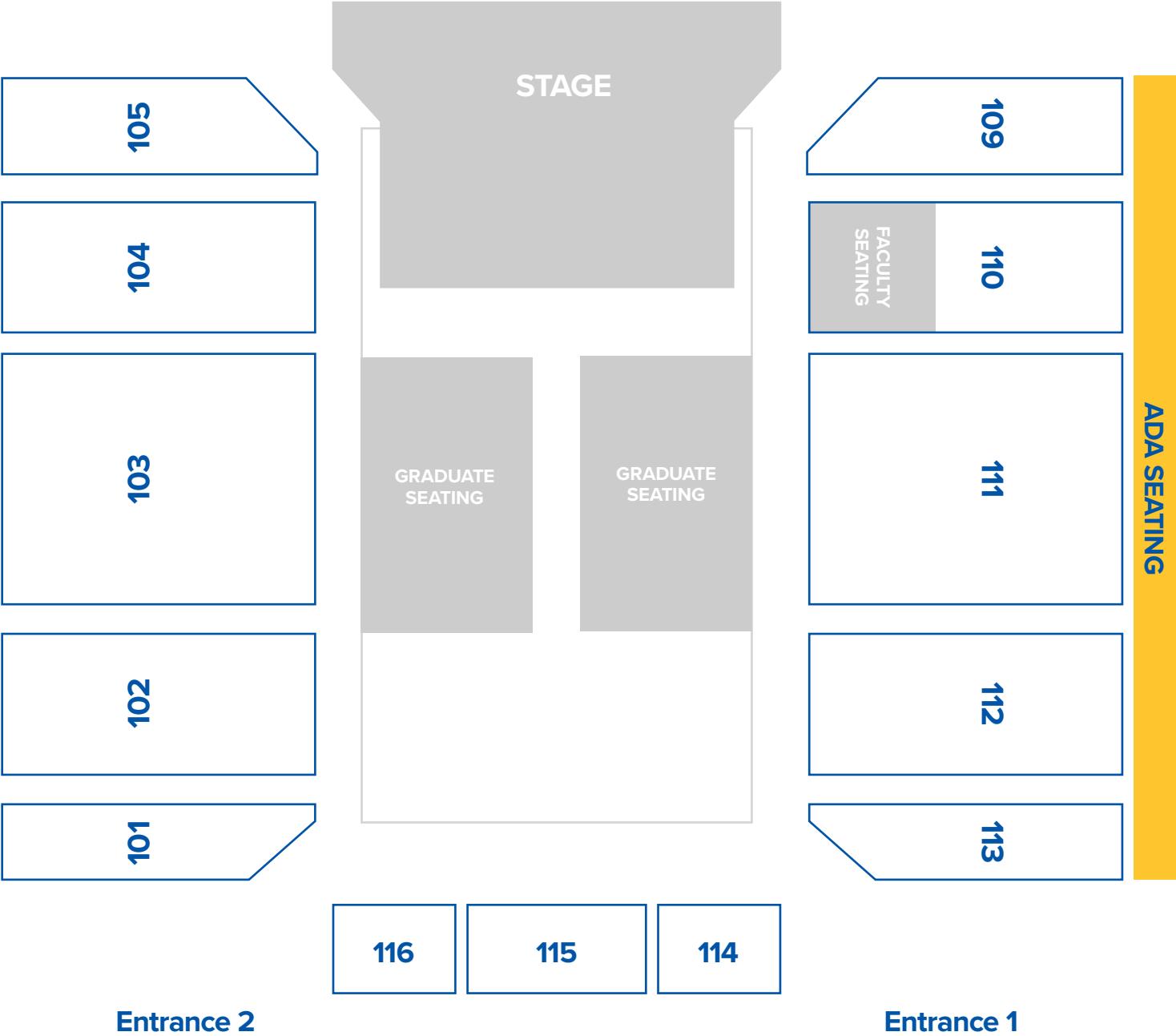
The bishop asked the Jesuits to operate the school and the first president, Roman A. Shaffel, S.J., arrived in Omaha in late 1877; the school opened on Sept. 2, 1878. One priest, two scholastics, a layman and a laywoman formed the faculty. The school began with 120 students ranging in age from 6 to 30. 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 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](https://ceremonyphotos.com) for more information. Questions may be addressed to [service@ceremonyphotos.com](mailto:service@ceremonyphotos.com) or call 402.917.6518.



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