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**2022**

**Hooding and  
Commencement  
Ceremony**

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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# Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD

*President, Creighton University*



The Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD, completed his seventh year as president of Creighton University, with the end of this academic term.

Dear Creighton University Graduate,

On behalf of the entire Creighton University community, I offer my heartfelt congratulations to you—as a member of the Class of 2022—on this momentous occasion.

Commencement is a joyous celebration, a culmination of your hard work and dedication, and the dawn of infinite opportunities in your life. Part of the time you have been studying at Creighton, from March 2020 well into 2021, presented obstacles and uncertainty due to the pandemic. You, as well as all people of the world, faced adjustments, complications, and hardships unprecedented in modern times. You persevered and overcame those obstacles, and you remained devoted to the goals you had set for yourself. I know I join your family, friends, professors, and mentors when I say that you have my utmost admiration for your adaptability and for maintaining your sense of purpose, commitment, and focus.

Please take a moment during this exhilarating time in your life to reflect on the transformative journey you have undertaken, and how you have deepened your understanding of yourself, those around you, and the world. You are prepared to make meaningful contributions to your profession and the communities you will join and serve. I have faith that you will be a leader who will help others thrive and who exhibits a restlessness and thirst for justice and equality for all.

May you take from Creighton University the best of what your Jesuit, Catholic education offers—inquiry, imagination, and inspiration. You are a changemaker, and the world awaits.

Know, too, that you are not alone in this journey. You are now part of a Creighton alumni family that is nearly 80,000 strong and stretches across the globe. Enjoy this milestone day in your life, and may God bless you and your families.

Sincerely,

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD



# Order of Exercises

## PROCESSION

### MACE BEARER

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

### GRAND MARSHAL'S OPENING REMARKS

**Mardell A. Wilson, EdD, RDN**  
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### NATIONAL ANTHEM

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**Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD**  
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### DEGREE CONFERRAL STATEMENT

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

## PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR EARNED DEGREES AND CONFERRAL OF ACADEMIC HOODS

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*Dean*  
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Names read by

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*Associate Dean, Academics,*  
*Assessment and Accreditation*

Hooding of graduates by

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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.





# Spirit of Creighton Award

Creighton University, through the Public Honors and Events Committee, 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.

## RECIPIENTS:

<b>2021</b> <b>Diego Gomez</b> <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i> <b>Adrienne Pyle</b> <i>School of Medicine</i>	<b>2012</b> <b>Melissa List</b> <i>School of Nursing</i> <b>Edward Saito</b> <i>School of Pharmacy and Health Professions</i>	<b>2003</b> <b>Margaret Bowie</b> <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i> <b>Jesse Luis Renteria</b> <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i>	<b>1993</b> <b>Jana Braklow</b> <i>School of Nursing</i> <b>Christopher Shaffer</b> <i>School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions</i>
<b>2020</b> <b>Michael Galeski</b> <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i>	<b>2011</b> <b>Elizabeth M. Fairbairn</b> <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i> <b>Patrick M. O'Malley</b> <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i>	<b>2002</b> <b>Nakina Mills</b> <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i> <b>Kurtis T. Morrison</b> <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i>	<b>1992</b> <b>Shirley Kern</b> <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i> <b>G. Scott Wall</b> <i>School of Dentistry</i>
<b>2019</b> <b>Nathaniel S. Hansen</b> <i>School of Dentistry</i> <b>Hannah O'Hagan</b> <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i>	<b>2010</b> <b>Patrick Carter</b> <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i> <b>Marley Doyle</b> <i>School of Medicine</i>	<b>2001</b> <b>Amber Van Kirk</b> <i>School of Nursing</i> <b>Chad N. Scholl</b> <i>School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions</i>	<b>1991</b> <b>Mary T. O'Keif</b> <i>School of Nursing</i> <b>Melvin "Paul" Palalay</b> <i>School of Medicine</i>
<b>2018</b> <b>Tyler Clement</b> <i>Heider College of Business</i> <b>Samantha Kappenman</b> <i>School of Dentistry</i> <b>Samantha Stoupa</b> <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i>	<b>2009</b> <b>Geoffrey Hayes</b> <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i> <b>Danielle Potter</b> <i>School of Medicine</i>	<b>2000</b> <b>Sarah Elizabeth Waetzig</b> <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i> <b>Matt West</b> <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i>	<b>1990</b> <b>Bill Meduna</b> <i>College of Business Administration</i> <b>Lisa Zimmerman</b> <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i>
<b>2017</b> <b>Nicholas Fischer</b> <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i>	<b>2008</b> <b>Justin Birge, Jacob Smeltzer and Mary Skrypek</b> <i>School of Medicine</i> <b>Joseph M. Ortega</b> <i>College of Business Administration</i>	<b>1999</b> <b>Eric Stener Eastmo</b> <i>School of Medicine</i> <b>Dawn A. Imada</b> <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i>	<b>1989</b> <b>Kathryn Ault</b> <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i> <b>David A. McGuire</b> <i>School of Nursing</i>
<b>2016</b> <b>Tara Dammer</b> <i>School of Pharmacy and Health Professions</i> <b>Brandon Warrington</b> <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i>	<b>2007</b> <b>Brandon C. Hankey</b> <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i> <b>Mary Therese Rogers</b> <i>School of Medicine</i>	<b>1998</b> <b>Steven Haskett</b> <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i> <b>Megan Walker</b> <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i>	<b>1988</b> <b>Mary Margaret Lawlor</b> <i>Graduate School</i> <b>Robert J. McQuillan</b> <i>School of Medicine</i>
<b>2015</b> <b>Stephan Charles Brannan</b> <i>School of Medicine</i> <b>Augusta Rose Herman</b> <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i> <b>John Thomas McCoy</b> <i>College of Arts and Sciences and Heider College of Business</i>	<b>2006</b> <b>Adam Greteman</b> <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i> <b>Marie Halbur</b> <i>School of Dentistry</i> <b>Raquel "Kelly" Orbik</b> <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i>	<b>1997</b> <b>Edward T. Dziedzic</b> <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i> <b>Christie Michels</b> <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i>	<b>1987</b> <b>Anne M. Duffy</b> <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i> <b>Daniel J. Huesgen</b> <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i>
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<b>2013</b> <b>Laura Haller</b> <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i> <b>Matthew Leedom</b> <i>School of Pharmacy and Health Professions</i>	<b>2004</b> <b>Micah Kiel</b> <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i> <b>Gerard J. Stanley</b> <i>School of Medicine</i> <b>Katherine "Katie" Wadas</b> <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i>	<b>1995</b> <b>Trenten B. Baush</b> <i>School of Law</i> <b>Courtney L. Carlson</b> <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i>	<b>1985</b> <b>Janet Berning</b> <i>School of Nursing</i> <b>Thomas J. Merkel</b> <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i>

For a complete list, visit [creighton.edu/spiritofcreighton](http://creighton.edu/spiritofcreighton)





# 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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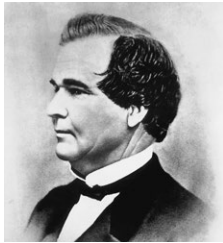
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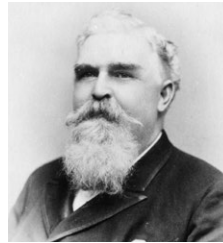




Edward Creighton



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.

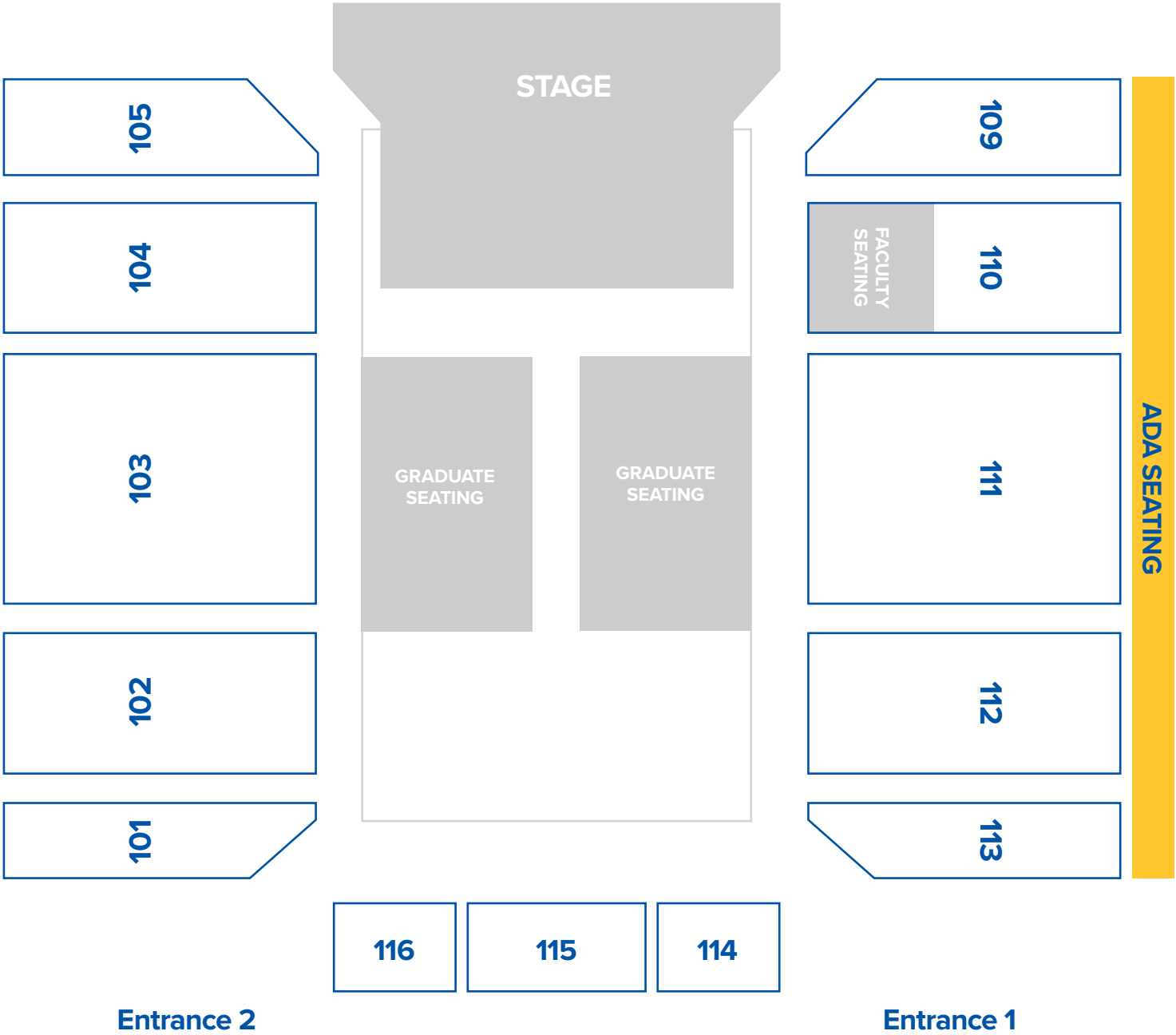


Edward and Mary Lucretia's generosity is credited with establishing Creighton College, while John and Sarah Emily's philanthropy enlarged it to a five-school university. Today, Creighton University consists of nine schools and colleges:

- 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 Studies (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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### Degree Conferral

Creighton University confers degrees three times per year: August, December and May. Annual University commencement ceremonies are held in May. Students who complete their degree programs in August or December may attend the May commencement ceremony following completion, or with 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

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