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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

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GRAND MARSHAL'S OPENING REMARKS

Mark D. Essner, DDS
Chair and Assistant Professor, Endodontics

NATIONAL ANTHEM

James K. Lemon
Class of 2023

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DEGREE CONFERRAL STATEMENT

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Hooding of graduates by

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James A. Kelly, DDS
Chair and Associate Professor, Prosthodontics

OATH OF HIPPOCRATES

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CLOSING REMARKS

James B. Spagna
Class of 2023

TURNING OF THE TASSEL

STAGE PARTY, FACULTY, AND GRADUATE RECESSIONAL



Vision Statement

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



Awards

American College of Prosthodontics

Your Smile. Our Speciality® Award

Noor H Alrabaiah

Dr. Marvin O. Ludlow, Brasseler USA Endodontics Award

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honor Dental Society

Miranda Lynn Anderson

American Association of Orthodontics Award

International College of Dentists Student Leadership Award

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honor Dental Society

Adhm Hussein Asfan

American Association of Endodontics, Department of

Endodontics Award Excellence and Harriet J. Knowles

Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarship Award

Timothy Matthew Balzen

Academy of General Dentistry

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honor Dental Society

Morgan Elizabeth Wittmeier Brower

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Kathleen Marie Daly

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial

Surgeons Dental Student Award

Brennan Garth Hansen

ZimVie Biomet Implant Concierge Award

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honor Dental Society

Sidney Christine Hildahl-Schleuger

American Student Dental Association Award of Excellence

Lyndsey Kathryn Herron

Academy of Osseointegration “Outstanding

Dental Student in Implant Dentistry” Award

American Academy of Oral Medicine Award

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honor Dental Society

Julianne Rose Loewen

American Equilibration Society Award

Eli James Lohrmeyer

Dr. Michael McGuire Award

Bianca Michelle Luna-Ruiz

Brian D. Stone Memorial Award

Geraldine Flores Manansala-Martinez

American Academy of Implant

Dentistry Predoctoral Student Award

DENTSPLY Tulsa Dental Leadership in Endodontics

Quintessence Award for Clinical in Restorative Dentistry

Valeria Morales

Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Award

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honor Dental Society

Kyle Dean Mueller

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

Predoctoral Student Certificate of Merit

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Department of General Dentistry Acute Care Award

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Savannah Bryn Oliver

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Award

American College of Dentists Student Leadership

Award Nebraska Section

American Dental Society of Anesthesiology-Horace Wells

Senior Student Award

Department of General Dentistry Award

Pierre Fauchard Academy Award

Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Periodontics

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honor Dental Society

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American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Award

American Association of Women Dentists Eleanor J. Bushee

Dental Student Award

Dr. and Mrs. Philip J. Maschka Award

Dr. Joseph M. Simpson III Award

Whip Mix Hanau “Best of the Best” Prosthodontic Award

Nicole Marie Radzius

American Academy of Periodontology Award

Kameron Brady Reddish

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American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons

Dental Implant Student Award

Bien Air 2023 Excellence in Endodontics

Center for Interprofessional Practice, Education and Research

International College of Dentists Student Humanitarian Award

Quintessence Award for Research Achievement

Abdullah Shah

American Association of Public Health Dentistry Award

Dr. Jeanne Craig Sinkford Student Leadership Award

LaDijah Imani Shivers

Dr. Stanley J. Honsa Award

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honor Dental Society

Christina Raye Siek

American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry Award

James B. Spagna

International Congress of Oral Implantologists Predoctoral

Student Achievement Award

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honor Dental Society

Sydney Kay Waterman

Academy of Operative Dentistry Award

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Traditions of Creighton



Creighton Seal

The Creighton University seal includes elements representing the Creighton family, Creighton's Jesuit tradition and the Omaha Archdiocese.

The gold stripes on the red field, in the upper left-hand quadrant of the shield, come from the family coat of arms of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). The lion rampant comes from the Creighton family coat of arms, and the three seashells on a field of white and red sable come from the Wareham family coat of arms—paying homage to Creighton University's founding families. The design for the shield's final quadrant, in the lower left, comes from the coat of arms of the Archdiocese of Omaha. The starburst behind the shield comes from the seal of the Society of Jesus.



Ceremonial Mace

In the Middle Ages, the mace was a club used in battle and carried by a bodyguard to defend a person of authority. Over the years, it began to lose its warlike image and became a symbol of peaceful leadership.

At an academic institution, the mace is the symbol of the legal and chartered authority of the leadership to whom the board of trustees has delegated authority. When the ceremonial mace is present, the authority of the University is present. Use of the mace is reserved for occasions of outstanding importance, and it is an honor to bear the mace.

The Creighton University mace was designed and fashioned by Brian K. Besack, operations supervisor of the University's carpenter shop, at the invitation of then president, the Rev. John P. Schlegel, SJ, to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the University.

Using a cherry wood baluster from a long-abandoned staircase in the attic of Creighton Hall, the oldest building on Creighton's campus, Besack designed and fashioned the shaft, head and foot of the mace. Each facet of the nine-sided head displays a bronze, gold-plated medallion bearing the name and founding date of the University's schools and colleges. Its foot is sheathed in gold-plated brass, and cradled in its shaft rests the official seal of the University. At its top, the mace is crowned with a three-dimensional blue and gold medallion symbol of the Society of Jesus.



Oath of Hippocrates

One of the most widely known of Greek medical texts, the Hippocratic Oath requires new health care professionals to swear to uphold specific ethical standards.

As a member of the dental profession, I shall keep this pledge and these stipulations.

I understand and accept that my primary responsibility is to my patients, and I shall dedicate myself to render, to the best of my ability, the highest standard of oral health care and to maintain a relationship of respect and confidence. Therefore, let all come to me safe in the knowledge that their total health and well-being are my first considerations.

I shall accept the responsibility that, as a professional, my competence rests on continuing the attainment of knowledge and skill in the arts and sciences of dentistry.

I acknowledge my obligation to support and sustain the honor and integrity of the profession and to conduct myself in all endeavors such that I shall merit the respect of patients, colleagues and my community.

I further commit myself to the betterment of my community for the benefit of all society.

I shall faithfully observe the Principals of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct set forth by the profession.

All this I pledge with pride in my commitment to the profession and the public it serves.





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Edward Creighton



Mary Lucretia Creighton



John Creighton



Sarah Emily Creighton

History of Creighton University

Edward and Mary Lucretia Creighton, along with Edward's brother, John, settled in Omaha in the 1850s. John married Mary Lucretia's sister, Sarah Emily Wareham, in 1868, and the four are considered the founders of Creighton University. Edward's work with the transcontinental telegraph and freighting, ranching, railroading and banking became a major force in the city's economic development. The two brothers were widely known for their business enterprises, and the two couples were also widely regarded for their philanthropy.

Edward died in 1874, and his widow included \$100,000 in her will to establish Creighton College in memory of her husband. Mary Lucretia died in 1876, and her executors, who included her brother-in-law John, purchased 6.2 acres of land at the northwest corner of what is currently 24th and California streets. The land and additional securities were transferred to Bishop James O'Connor of Omaha, and construction began on the school.

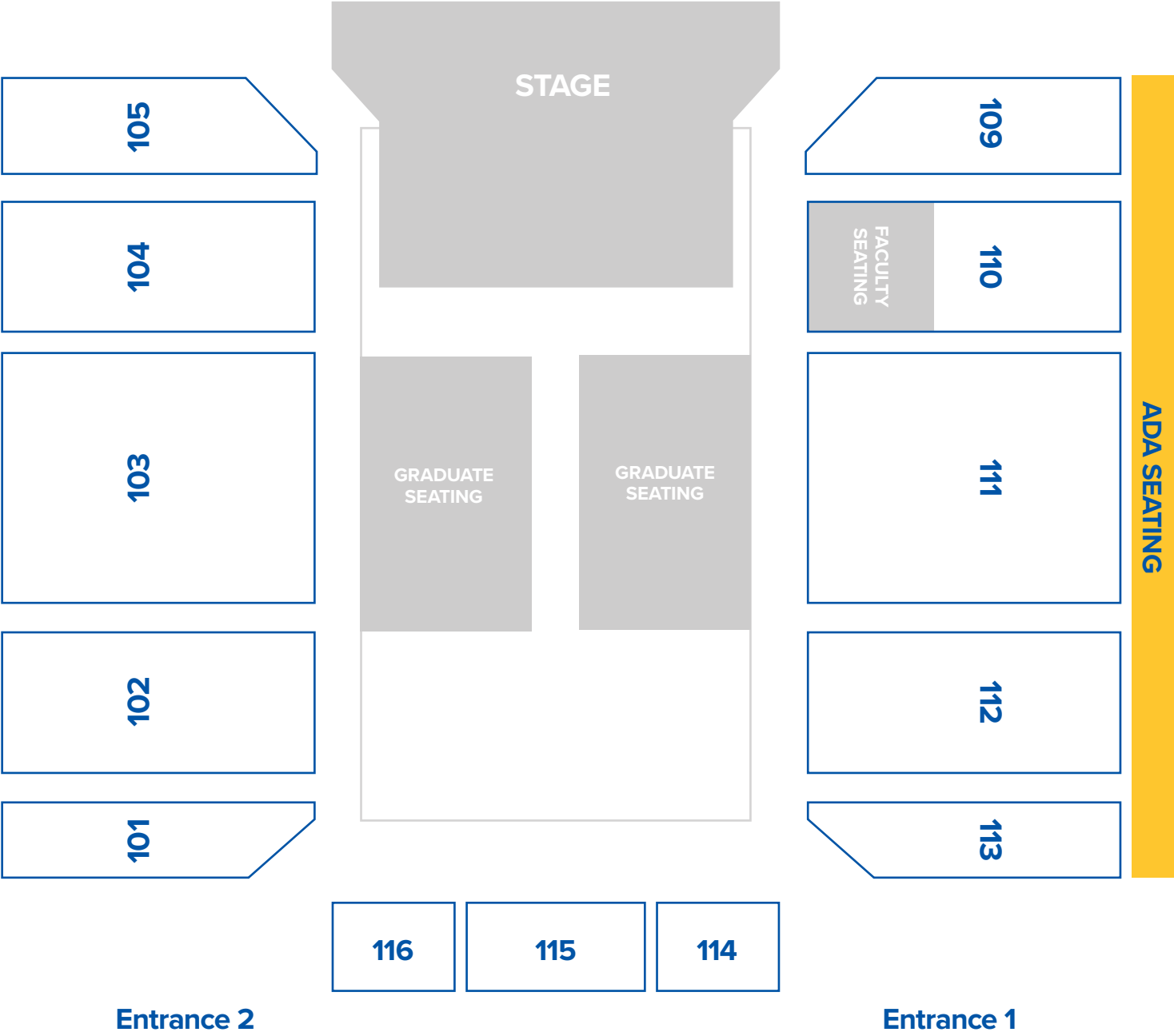
The bishop asked the Jesuits to operate the school and the first president, Roman A. Shaffel, S.J., arrived in Omaha in late 1877; the school opened on Sept. 2, 1878. One priest, two scholastics, a layman and a laywoman formed the faculty. The school began with 120 students ranging in age from 6 to 30. On Aug. 14, 1879, Bishop O'Connor surrendered his trust to the Jesuits, who incorporated "The Creighton University" under Nebraska law. Much of the initial teaching was below the collegiate level; in 1891, Creighton University awarded its first baccalaureate degree.



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

- College of Arts and Sciences (1878)
- School of Medicine (1892)
- School of Law (1904)
- School of Dentistry (1905)
- School of Pharmacy and Health Professions (1905)
- Heider College of Business (1920)
- Graduate School (1926)
- College of Nursing (1971; four-year bachelor's degree program began in 1958)
- College of Professional and Continuing Education (Established as University College in 1983)

D.J. Sokol Arena Map





Lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask for reward; save that of knowing that I am doing your will.

A Prayer for Generosity

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Founder of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits)



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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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