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Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD

President, Creighton University



Dear Creighton University Graduate,

Congratulations on reaching this remarkable milestone. Through hard work, perseverance and resilience, you have not just reached the end of your studies but the beginning of a new chapter in your life.

Commencement is an incredibly special time, and it is yours to cherish in the company of your family, friends and supporters. As a member of the Class of 2025, you carry with you the hopes and dreams of those who have supported you as well as the legacy of those who have come before you. I am proud to count myself among the many individuals who have watched you embrace the challenges of higher education and become all the stronger and more compassionate because of it.

There is so much to look forward to as you continue your journey. But today, I encourage you to reflect on all that has brought you to this moment. Your academic rigor, service to the community and commitment to a better world—these are rare and extraordinary achievements. You now stand among a select few who have dared to pursue excellence with courage and heart.

During your time at Creighton, you embraced the unknown and stepped out of your comfort zone. You met new people, explored new places, and, most importantly, pursued truth in all its forms. I implore you to keep that passion for discovery alive and hold with you the lessons of your Jesuit, Catholic education as you become a leader the future needs.

As you join the Creighton alumni family of more than 80,000, remember that the world will not simply come to you. It is your responsibility to lead with clarity of purpose and fullness of soul. Keep seeking truth, embracing discomfort and creating change not just as a graduate—but as a Creighton graduate.

May God bless you and your family as you celebrate today. You have earned this moment—and now, the world awaits your light. Go forward with courage and conviction, knowing you will be a Bluejay, always.

Sincerely,

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD



Order of Exercises

PROCESSION

BANNER CARRIER

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PROVOST'S WELCOME

Mardell A. Wilson, EdD, RDN

Provost

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Caitlin J. Kelley-Smith Class of 2025

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Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD President

BOARD AUTHORIZATION

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DEGREE CONFERRAL STATEMENT

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR EARNED DEGREES

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Associate Program Director,
Department of Internal Medicine

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CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES

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Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD

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AND GRADUATE RECESSIONAL

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United by our Jesuit, Catholic identity, we transform learners into exceptional healthcare professionals and scientists who are leaders in advancing medicine, health and well-being.

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Pittsburgh, PA
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Oluwatosin Babarinde

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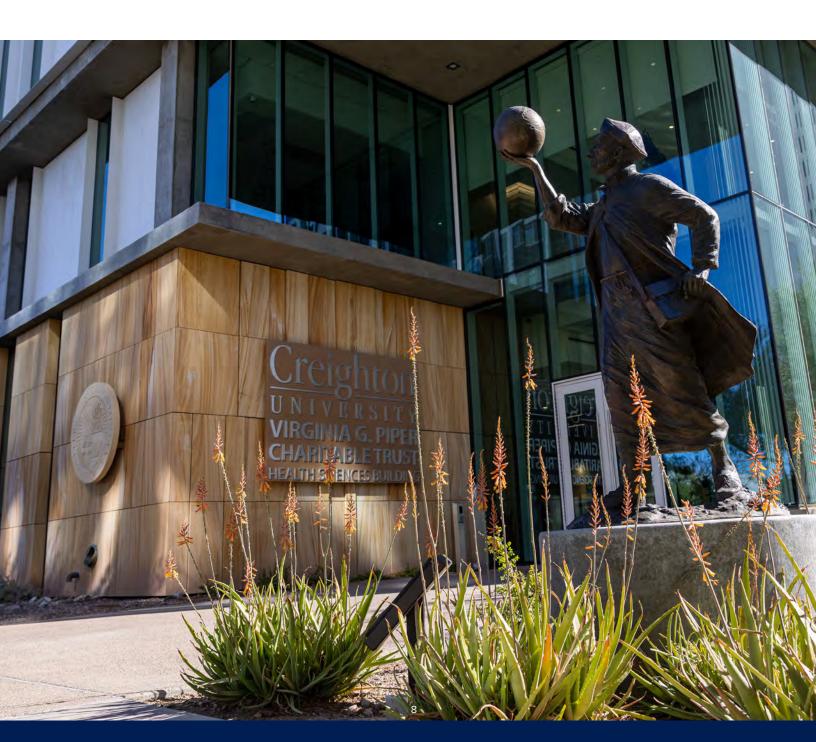
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Physician's Oath

As I enter the practice of medicine, I solemnly pledge to give my life and talents to the service of humanity. I will practice medicine with conscience and dignity. I will not permit considerations of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, nationality, ideology or social standing to intervene between my art and my patient. The health and life of my patient will be my first consideration and I will abstain from whatever is deleterious or mischievous. I will hold in confidence all that my patient confides in me.

I will give respect and gratitude to my deserving teachers and all who have helped me in my pursuit of knowledge, empathy and wisdom. My colleagues will be my brothers and sisters and, by instruction and example, we will impart a knowledge of the art to those who wish to learn it.

I will maintain the utmost respect for human life and the dignity of my fellow man. I will not use my knowledge contrary to the laws of humanity and will strive to do no harm.

May God grant me the wisdom and compassion to practice this art. I make this oath freely and upon my honor.



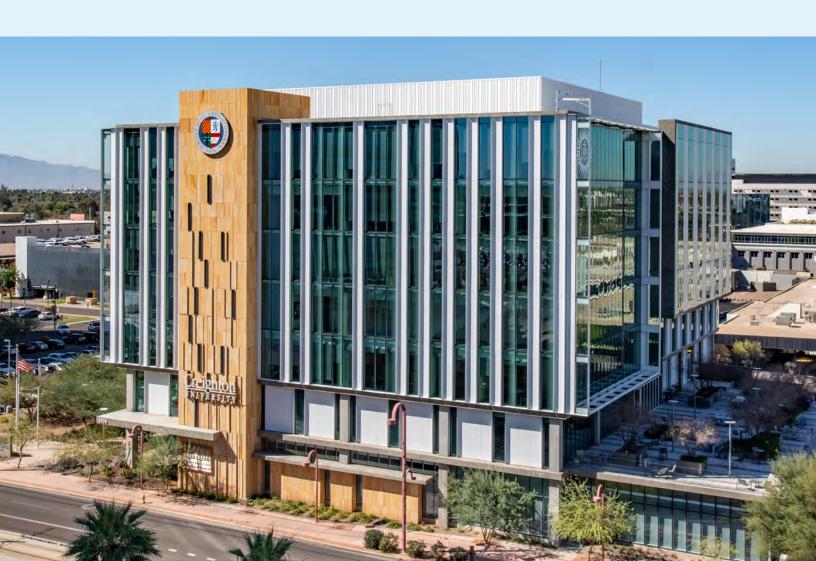
Traditions of Creighton



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.





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:

Maize
Blue Violet
White
Nugget
Lilac
Copper
Light Blue
Orange
Brown
Russet
Crimson
Purple
Lemon
Green
Pink

Nursing	Apricot
Occupational Therapy	· ·
Oratory (Speech)	
Pharmacy	
Philosophy	
Physical Education	
Physical Therapy	
Public Administration,	
including Foreign Service	Peacock Blue
Public Health	
Science	Golden Yellow
Social Work	
Theology	
Veterinary Science	
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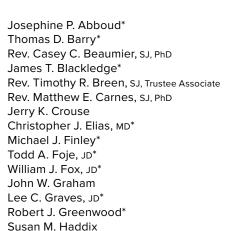




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Edward Creighton

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, 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.

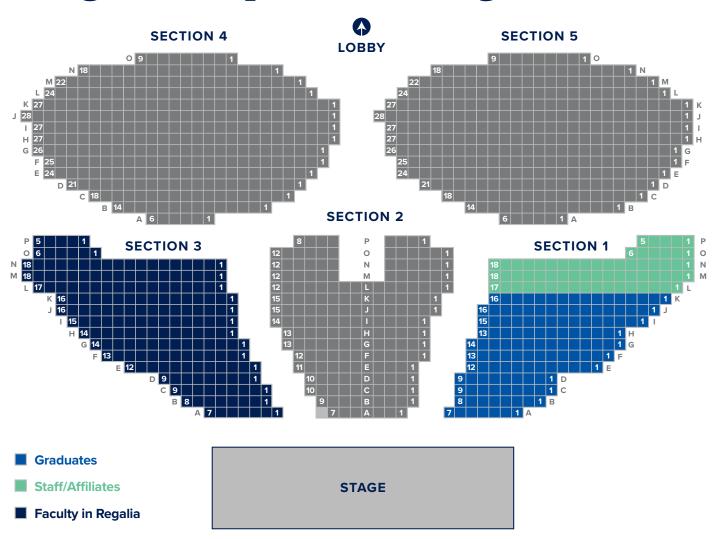


Edward and Mary Lucretia's generosity is credited with establishing Creighton College, while John and Sarah Emily's philanthropy enlarged it to a five-school university. Today, Creighton University consists of nine schools and colleges:

- 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)



Virginia G. Piper Performing Arts Center





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 2024 cumulative grade point averages. Official honors will be awarded on the transcript and diploma based on Spring 2025 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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SEPT. 12-14, 2025

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More info: creighton.edu/creightondays



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