

*At the close of the
one hundred forty-sixth year*

2025

Creighton University
Commencement

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Kinley M. Hansen
Class of 2025

INVOCATION

Most Reverend Michael G. McGovern
Archbishop, Archdiocese of Omaha

PROVOST'S WELCOME

Mardell A. Wilson, EdD, RDN
Provost

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD
President

ROBERT F. KENNEDY MEMORIAL AWARD FOR TEACHING ACHIEVEMENT

Presented by
Emily A. Meister
Class of 2026, Creighton Students Union President

SPIRIT OF CREIGHTON AWARDS

Presented by
Mardell A. Wilson, EdD, RDN
Provost

HONORARY DEGREES

Hooded by
Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD
President

Presented by
Juliane K. Strauss-Soukup, PhD
Associate Vice Provost, Research and Scholarship

Peggy M. Rupprecht, PhD
Associate Professor

INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Rev. Nicholas J. C. Santos, SJ, PhD
*Associate Professor,
Heider College of Business*

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Carolyn Y. Woo, PhD
*Retired President and CEO,
Catholic Relief Services*

BOARD AUTHORIZATION

Presented by
Board of Trustees Member

DEGREE CONFERRAL STATEMENT

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD
President

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR EARNED DEGREES

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

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

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

College of Nursing
Jessica R. Clark, DNP, RN, Dean

TURNING OF THE TASSEL

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD
President

STAGE PARTY AND FACULTY RECESSIONAL



Carolyn Woo, PhD

Retired President and CEO, Catholic Relief Services

Carolyn Woo, PhD, is the former president and CEO of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), which is the official humanitarian agency of the United States Catholic community. Formed in 1943 by the Catholic Bishops of the United States to support World War II survivors in Europe, the organization has grown to serve more than 200 million people across 100 countries on five continents.

Serving as CEO from 2012-2016, Dr. Woo used her expertise in corporate strategy and management to develop leaders internally and ensure those served by the organization's mission would be cared for well into the future.

Prior to joining CRS, Dr. Woo was a distinguished academic and higher education administrator. She served from 1997 to 2011 as dean of the University of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business and, during her tenure, the Mendoza College was frequently recognized as the nation's leading business school in ethics education and research.

Before Notre Dame, Dr. Woo was associate executive vice president for academic affairs and a professor at her alma mater, Purdue University, where she earned three degrees, including a doctorate in strategic management after immigrating from her native Hong Kong at the age of 18. Dr. Woo also holds honorary degrees from Providence College, Loyola University of Maryland, Manhattan College, Wake Forest University and the University of Notre Dame, among others.

In 2013, *Foreign Policy* named Dr. Woo as one of the 500 Most Powerful people on the planet for her work and one of only 33 in the category of "a force for good." In 2015, she was one of five presenters in Rome at the release of Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'* encyclical on the environment and she co-coordinated the Energy Transition dialogues held at the Vatican in 2018 and 2019.

Additional accolades and recognitions include serving as the first female dean to chair the accreditation body for business schools (AACSB), helping launch the Principles for Responsible Management Education for the United Nations Global Compact, best paper awards by the Academy of Management, selection as one of 40 Young Leaders of American Academe by *Change Magazine* and earning first place in the 2013 Catholic Press Association Awards for her monthly column published by the *Catholic News Service*.



Dr. Woo has also served on the Board of Directors of CRS, Catholic Charities USA, Catholic University of America; Archdiocese of Baltimore Independent Child Abuse Review Board; Migration & Refugee Services, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; the International Policy Committee, United States of Conference of Catholic Bishops, National Catholic Education Association,

University of Portland, University of Notre Dame Australia, and Ascension Health System. Current board service includes Holy Cross Family Ministries, Oblate School of Theology and Our Sunday Visitor.

Dr. Woo is married to Dr. David E. Bartkus. They have two sons, Ryan and Justin. Her parish is the St. Matthew's Cathedral in South Bend, Indiana.

In recognition of her selfless commitment to supporting those on the margins of society, orchestrating widescale aid and care for refugees across the globe and embodying the charisms of the Society of Jesus and the Creighton University mission, Creighton University proudly confers upon Dr. Carolyn Woo the honorary degree **Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa***.

Randolph Ferlic, BS'58, MD'61 and Teresa Kolars Ferlic

Philanthropists

Randolph (Randy) Ferlic, BS'58, MD'61, a cardiovascular and thoracic surgeon for many years, and his wife, Teresa (Terry) Kolars Ferlic, a former nurse, have spent more than 50 years dedicated to improving the health of citizens across Nebraska and supporting educational opportunities for students – at Creighton and beyond.

The Ferlics met in Omaha shortly after Terry Kolars graduated from the Mayo Clinic's St. Mary's School of Nursing in Minnesota and while Randy was earning his medical doctorate. The two had much in common as both of their fathers had earned medical degrees from Creighton (James Kolars, MD'26, and Rudolph Ferlic, MD'35). They married in 1959, and in 1961 they moved to complete Randy's research and residency at the University of Minnesota.

Randy joined the surgery staff at Cornell University Medical Center in New York in 1967 and then, from 1968 to 1970, while on active duty in the US Navy, Randy served in hospitals in Boston and New York on the USS Forrestal. He would return to Omaha in 1970 to begin a 24-year tenure at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and 13-year career at Bishop Clarkson Memorial Hospital where he held roles as chair of the surgery department, vice president, president and member of the hospital board. In 1985, while at Clarkson, Randy led the team that completed Nebraska's first heart transplant.

Terry would become an active volunteer in hospitals and schools, including sponsoring a primary school for girls in Egypt. She also explored her passion for painting, having her work displayed in galleries stretching from the west coast to the upper Midwest. Randy retired from medical practice in 1993 and beyond medicine, he directed the Apache Corporation from 1986 to 2014, chairing its audit committee.



As engaged citizens, the Ferlics are active in supporting higher education with Randy holding leadership positions on the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, Midwestern Higher Education, University of Nebraska Board of Regents and University of Nebraska-Creighton University Healthcare Corporation.

At Creighton, Randy and Terry Ferlic have been responsible for providing nearly 250 students with the opportunity to spend a summer immersed in research through the Ferlic Fellowship Program, which was launched in 2006. Since the program's inception nine Ferlic Fellows have been awarded Goldwater Scholarships, and three have been recognized as Goldwater honorable mentions, placing them among the country's most prestigious undergraduate scholars in the natural sciences, mathematics and engineering. The Ferlics also support students through the

Teresa Kolars Ferlic Endowment, Ferlic Undergraduate Research Fund and Ferlic STEM Research Fund.

They are parents to four children, two of whom earned degrees from Creighton (Ann L. Ferlic Ashford, JD'85; Jennifer Ferlic Mellitt, MHA; Sara Ferlic Bonn, MS'89; and Randolph J. Ferlic, MD) and they have 11 grandchildren who are college graduates, five with Creighton degrees (John P. Ashford, JD'08; Eleanor Ashford, BA'08; Kathrine Bonn, MS'20, BSBA'18; Thomas Ferlic, BA'16; John Ferlic, BA'17).

In recognition of their dedication to STEM education, contributions to the well-being of the state of Nebraska, longstanding support of Creighton students, and leadership in the field of higher education, Creighton University proudly confers upon Randolph M. Ferlic and Teresa Ferlic the honorary degrees:
Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*.



James V. Grimaldi

Executive Editor, National Catholic Reporter

James V. Grimaldi is executive editor of the *National Catholic Reporter* (NCR), the leading independent national Catholic newspaper in the United States, founded and run by lay leaders six decades ago.

Grimaldi is a multiple Pulitzer Prize winner and investigative journalist; his work at *The Washington Post* in 2005 exposed lobbyist Jack Abramoff's bribery schemes and he and a *Wall Street Journal* team in 2018 identified federal regulators investing in companies they oversaw. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri Journalism School and master's degree from Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, where he was a Knight Bagehot Fellow in Business and Economics Journalism. He also was a Ferris Professor of Journalism at Princeton University.

He is a past president and board member of Investigative Reporters and Editors, where he has mentored young journalists for decades, and is a frequent guest lecturer at universities. Grimaldi is a member of the steering committee of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, the nation's leading defender of the media's First Amendment protections, and he previously served on the board of the Fund for Investigative Journalism.

Grimaldi is the winner of many national and regional awards, including the Dirksen Award from the National Press Foundation, the Selden Ring Award from the University of Southern California and the Worth Bingham Prize for Investigative Journalism, now a part of Harvard University.

He has many ties to the Society of Jesus. He was baptized and raised in a Jesuit parish and graduated

from Jesuit-run Rockhurst High School in Kansas City, Missouri. His three brothers, three nephews and niece also are beneficiaries of a Jesuit education, and his father worked as an architect designing institutional buildings for the Jesuits.



It was a Jesuit at Rockhurst who first urged him in high school to read NCR, where he now heads the editorial operations of NCRonline.org, an award-winning nonprofit news organization that delivers news and commentary about the Catholic Church, the Vatican, politics, culture and spirituality. Among other issues, NCR has been covering ongoing changes to federal immigration policy and funding cuts to nonprofit organizations that provide services such as immigrant and refugee resettlement programs.

Grimaldi's youngest son, Xavier, is a Creighton student in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program and

his niece-goddaughter, Gabby, played for the Bluejays women's soccer team for five seasons. The father of two sons, Grimaldi volunteers at local church food pantries and serves as a lector, Eucharistic minister and volunteer at his parish on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., where he lives with his wife, two dogs and three cats.

In recognition of his decades of public service as an investigative journalist, ongoing work covering the important issues facing the Catholic Church, longstanding commitment to protecting freedom of speech, and dedication to forming young men and women into discerning leaders in the field of journalism, Creighton University proudly confers upon James V. Grimaldi the honorary degree **Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa***.



Jason Marshall, PhD

Assistant Professor of Management, Heider College of Business

Since 1970, the Creighton Students Union has awarded the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Award for Teaching Achievement to a professor who exemplifies true excellence in teaching, inspires students and represents the University's highest standards. Each year, students from all nine colleges and schools nominate professors they consider exemplary educators.

Nominees must demonstrate high competence in their fields and present subject matter in interesting and effective ways. Beyond teaching aptitude, nominees must inspire, serve and take interest in students as individuals. The Creighton Students Union is pleased to recognize Jason Marshall, PhD, assistant professor of management in the Heider College of Business, as the 2025 recipient of the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Award for Teaching Achievement.

Dr. Marshall exemplifies the highest standards of excellence in teaching, mentorship and service to both students and the University community. One student notes: "Through his expertise, innovative teaching methods and deep commitment to student success, he has had a transformative impact on the learning experience."

"As an educator, I make a concerted effort to help students discover who they are and what makes them tick with the hope of helping them discover their talents, and maybe their calling," Dr. Marshall says.

Dr. Marshall's research primarily focuses on examining leadership phenomena using cutting-edge research methods. His dedication to advancing knowledge through ongoing education and research reflects his devotion to his students. He ensures his students' education remains at the forefront of the field by incorporating new information in existing courses or developing new ones.

He earned his PhD in management with a concentration in leadership and organizational science from Binghamton University, SUNY, an MBA from Western Kentucky University and a bachelor's degree from Grand Valley State University.



His extensive academic background and research expertise make him a leader in the field of management. His work has been published in top-tier journals, including the *Academy of Management Annals* and *Organizational Research Methods*, and he has presented at numerous conferences, including the Academy of Management and Southern Management Association.

A student says: "What sets Dr. Marshall apart is his ability to make complex concepts accessible, engaging and relevant. He fosters a culture of mentorship and professional development that inspires students to engage in research beyond the classroom." He also supports his

students on a personal level, offering individualized guidance tailored to their personal academic and career aspirations. His dedication extends beyond coursework—he actively checks in on students' mental well-being, encourages community service involvement and provides leadership coaching.

"Regardless of whether I receive any recognition for the work, I am willing to do it because, ultimately, students are the reason I'm here," Dr. Marshall says. "That said, receiving this award is touching because it suggests that somewhere along the way, there was at least one student who appreciated, and hopefully benefitted from, the effort."

Dr. Marshall's scholarly expertise, genuine concern for students, dedication to student engagement and development, and commitment to mentorship, make him a most deserving recipient of this honor.



College of Arts and Sciences

Bridget M. Keegan, PhD, Dean

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Anou Garang Akot
Bellevue, Nebraska

Ciella Marie Almazan
San Antonio, Texas

Fabián Álvarez Montenegro
Alajuela, Costa Rica

Marie Catherine Amelse
cum laude
Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Nia Elona Bassett
Wheaton, Illinois

Lilli Ann Bedell
Seattle, Washington

Catherine Fair Beering
Chesterfield, Missouri

Allison Mary Benjamin
summa cum laude
Woodbury, Minnesota

Lucio Ismael Berron
Santa Fe, Argentina

Christopher Joseph Bird
Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army
cum laude
Tucson, Arizona

McKenna Faith Blaine
cum laude
Omaha, Nebraska

John Paul Bouman
cum laude
Chicago, Illinois

Benjamin Cameron Bradley
Verona, Wisconsin

Juan Pablo Brand
Houston, Texas

Laney JoAnne Brazzell
magna cum laude
Arvada, Colorado

Isabella Ann Brown
Germantown, Wisconsin

Ella Clare Callon
St. Louis, Missouri

Chelsea Zuleima Camargo
Omaha, Nebraska

Kaelyn Renee Caniglia
Ashland, Nebraska

Katherine Marie Canty
Park Forest, Illinois

Brett Steele Carlson
Vero Beach, Florida

Callaghan Patricia Cavanaugh
summa cum laude
Omaha, Nebraska

Luke Andrew Chronik
magna cum laude
Seattle, Washington

Taylor Elle Daffer
magna cum laude
Omaha, Nebraska

Kiely Nevaeh Davis
Sacramento, California

Paige Leigh Davis
cum laude
Lakeville, Minnesota

Sara Del Real
magna cum laude
Salina, Kansas

Dominic Ciriaco Deluca
Scottsdale, Arizona

Kimberly Ann Duckworth
Omaha, Nebraska

Samuel Quillen Duncan
Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army
St. Louis, Missouri

Declan Martin Dunham
Chicago, Illinois

Aniyah Noel Durham
Omaha, Nebraska

Brenna Kamea Elwell
Los Angeles, California

Abigail Ann Engle
Portland, Oregon

Mia Hélène Faillace
Burlingame, California

Jonathan Marshall Fales
St. Louis, Missouri

Cody Joseph Fikac
Shiner, Texas

Quinn Marie Findley
magna cum laude
Omaha, Nebraska

Clare Elizabeth Fixley
Omaha, Nebraska

Ellen A. Fogarty
summa cum laude
Ogallala, Nebraska

Laila Adrian Foy
Kansas City, Missouri

Emily Marie Gaddy
Leesburg, Georgia

David Andres Gallegos
Hillsboro, Oregon

Grace Elizabeth Garton
magna cum laude
St. Louis, Missouri

Liam Patrick Gilligan
San Francisco, California

Blake Anthony Gillingham
San Jose, California

Maria Elizabeth Glazman
magna cum laude
Mishawaka, Indiana

Braden Perry Gluth
Anthony, New Mexico

Elizabeth Mary Glynn
cum laude
Winfield, Illinois

Gabriel Cristian Gonzales
summa cum laude
Brandon, South Dakota

Bryan Manuel Gonzalez
Junction City, Kansas

Abigail Goodrum
summa cum laude
Englewood, Colorado

Lauren Elizabeth Hacker
Omaha, Nebraska

Jacques Pierre Hamel
Los Altos, California

Elizabeth Kim Hansen
Des Moines, Iowa

William Harper
Omaha, Nebraska

Clara Joan Hasemeier
magna cum laude
St. Louis, Missouri

Jonathan Adam Heese
Castle Rock, Colorado

Susanna Isabel Hernandez
Miami, Florida

Ava Simone Henseler
St. Paul, Minnesota

Samuel Vincent Hingsberger
St. Paul, Minnesota

Jacob Conner Hoffman
East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

Liam R. Hogan
magna cum laude
Columbia, Missouri

Ryan Patrick Huggins
Fair Oaks, California

Nicholas Ashton Huson
cum laude
Victoria, Minnesota

Sydney Diane Jacquin
Kansas City, Missouri

Nathan Khai-Minh Jobalia
summa cum laude
San Jose, California

Abigail Renee Joiner
Chicago, Illinois

Olivia Hope Kiernan
summa cum laude
St. Simons Island, Georgia

Jaime Suzanne Kinghorn
magna cum laude
Lincoln, Nebraska

Emily Grace Kjendal
summa cum laude
Omaha, Nebraska

Elizabeth Rose Klein
summa cum laude
Omaha, Nebraska

Aidan Thomas Krakowski
summa cum laude
Omaha, Nebraska

Andrew Ian Kresin
magna cum laude
Omaha, Nebraska

Genevieve Mae Kubsh
summa cum laude
Middleton, Wisconsin

Maddox Kacy Larson
cum laude
Council Bluffs, Iowa

Avery Elizabeth Leary
Marshall, Minnesota

Ruby Lasha LeFlore
Omaha, Nebraska

Jacie Belle Leibfried
cum laude
Plymouth, Minnesota

Sahrai Luna
Wakefield, Nebraska

William Peter MacLean
Exeter, New Hampshire

Rachel Joy Manlangit
Omaha, Nebraska

Mia Kathleen Marcozzi
magna cum laude
San Ramon, California



Michael-John Martin
Omaha, Nebraska

Nichole Danielle Matthews
Omaha, Nebraska

Ellysia Caitlyn McElroy
summa cum laude
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Shannon Megumi McFadden
Elkhorn, Nebraska

Hannah Noel McNair
cum laude
Omaha, Nebraska

Vance Isaiah Lamakūikealapono
Medeiros
cum laude
Honolulu, Hawaii

Jack Henry Meister
Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army
cum laude
Spooner, Wisconsin

Ava Kathryn Meyer
Martinsville, Virginia

Ella Lauren Meyer
magna cum laude
Columbus, Nebraska

Stephen Gregory Michalik
cum laude
Westmont, Illinois

Abigail Hollenback Miller
Parker, Colorado

Mason Ace Miller
Collierville, Tennessee

Joshua John Milota
Omaha, Nebraska

Ryan Gardner Montera
Broomfield, Colorado

Audrey Ann Moore
Temple, Texas

Nathaniel Dylan Moore
Elmhurst, Illinois

Kathleen Jane Moran
magna cum laude
Monticello, Minnesota

Gage Elias Morrell
Bellevue, Nebraska

Alivia Rose Moser
Rochester, Minnesota

Evan Robert Murphy
Kansas City, Kansas

Jadd Tadashi Nakayama
summa cum laude
Honolulu, Hawaii

Elizabeth Eve Nelson
magna cum laude
Omaha, Nebraska

Joseph Onder
magna cum laude
Augusta, Missouri

Iana Marice Flores Ordinario
Manila, The Philippines

Caleb A. Ortman
summa cum laude
La Vista, Nebraska

Lucio G. Perez
Kansas City, Kansas

Benjamin S. Powers
Hudson, Wisconsin

Conor John Reardon
cum laude
Iowa City, Iowa

Xavier Simón Rincón
Chicago, Illinois

Rashawn Demetrius Riney
Florissant, Missouri

Lauren Margaret Roecker
Omaha, Nebraska

Katie Josephine Rooney
Ratoath, Ireland

Katelyn Marie Sawyer-Lemme
magna cum laude
Seward, Alaska

Autumn Rebecca-Mary Scheer
Council Bluffs, Iowa

Keely Jean Schramm
Fairbury, Nebraska

Bishop William Schugel
Victoria, Minnesota

Jessica Joy Schulte
Lone Tree, Colorado

Sarah Grace Shelton
Omaha, Nebraska

Charlie Jackson
Omaha, Nebraska

Elliot Grace Smith
Phoenix, Arizona

Graceanne Elizabeth Specht
cum laude
Omaha, Nebraska

Sophia Amelia St. Marie
summa cum laude
Littleton, Colorado

Lily Ann Stangl
Manning, Iowa

Emma Charlene Stenner
magna cum laude
Longmont, Colorado

Carson Mathias Sturgeon
Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army
summa cum laude
Burke, Virginia

John Holden Sutton
cum laude
Spartanburg, South Carolina

Sarah Ann Tamashiro
cum laude
Kaneohe, Hawaii

Kristopher Tyrone Taylor
Omaha, Nebraska

Emily Rose Unsen
magna cum laude
Dubuque, Iowa

Adele Frechette Varley
summa cum laude
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Rajitha Lakshmi Velakaturi
Leawood, Kansas

Jose Pedro Venegas Barrantes
Bellevue, Nebraska

Christopher Joseph Vo
Phoenix, Arizona

Claire Elizabeth Von Osterheldt
Papillion, Nebraska

Sara Cathleen Warren
Chanhassen, Minnesota

Cleota Rose Wear
cum laude
Omaha, Nebraska

Lacey Rose Wendl
Davenport, Iowa

Adia West
Waco, Texas

Chloe Rose Whiddon
Omaha, Nebraska

Mason R. Wood
Wasilla, Alaska

Marcus Andrew Zegarowski
South Hamilton, Massachusetts

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Hannah Jean Graff
summa cum laude
Winona, Minnesota

Aeryn Lee Hale
Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army
McKinney, Texas

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Callie Renee Caylor
summa cum laude
Mulberry Grove, Illinois

Sarah Catherine Crowley
summa cum laude
Rochester, Minnesota

Julia Grace Dailey
magna cum laude
Maple Grove, Minnesota

Kevin James Diver, Jr.
Chicago, Illinois

Aaliyah Mabel Grafe
Omaha, Nebraska

Aliya Cay Keaton
summa cum laude
Mount Vernon, Iowa

Thalia Kimberly Lawson-Betum
Omaha, Nebraska

Sophia Christine Leach
magna cum laude
Omaha, Nebraska

Allyson Grace Parra
magna cum laude
Omaha, Nebraska

Jayna Catherine Petty
magna cum laude
Omaha, Nebraska

Liliana Marie Pickert
cum laude
Shoreview, Minnesota

Veronica Salgado
cum laude
Chicago, Illinois

Isabel Catherine Anne
Venteicher
summa cum laude
Scottsdale, Arizona

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Brittany-Arella
Kauakaninapualikolehuaokalani
Corcino-Agustin Agustin
cum laude
Honolulu, Hawaii

Jordan Marie Ahrenstorff
Lakeville, Minnesota

Alysha Marie Kwai Lin Aki
Omaha, Nebraska

Sophia Rose Alameddin
magna cum laude
Phoenix, Arizona

Fabiola Lisett Alanoca Rugel
cum laude
Trujillo, Peru

Elizabeth Catherine Alberts
summa cum laude
Grand Island, Nebraska

Aiden Matthew Aley
magna cum laude
Olathe, Kansas

Hope Cecelia Allen
magna cum laude
Naperville, Illinois

Kate Elizabeth Allerheiligen
summa cum laude
Medina, Minnesota

Anna Kathleen Ambrose
summa cum laude
Omaha, Nebraska



Harriet Ann Ames <i>St. Paul, Minnesota</i>	Kaylee Paige Brilz <i>Omaha, Nebraska</i>	Liana Sueko Chinen summa cum laude <i>Honolulu, Hawaii</i>	Gabriel Shannon DeWeese <i>Omaha, Nebraska</i>
April Annabelle Arend <i>Eagan, Minnesota</i>	Elizabeth Lauren Brodeur cum laude <i>Colorado Springs, Colorado</i>	Isabelle Natasha Chiu <i>Dublin, California</i>	Norman Fernando Diaz Deras <i>Omaha, Nebraska</i>
Petrina Andriana Arvanitakis <i>Overland Park, Kansas</i>	Logan William Buchanan <i>Lone Tree, Colorado</i>	Jason Stephen Chong magna cum laude <i>Aiea, Hawaii</i>	Nicholas Tuong Dinh <i>Omaha, Nebraska</i>
Jacqueline Elaine Austin summa cum laude <i>Brookfield, Wisconsin</i>	Selia Xiaoli Buchl cum laude <i>St. Paul, Minnesota</i>	Megan Jean Cibulskis summa cum laude <i>North Aurora, Illinois</i>	Lyneidy Jaylene Dominguez <i>South St. Paul, Minnesota</i>
Ashley Marie Avila cum laude <i>Omaha, Nebraska</i>	James Thomas Burke, Jr. <i>Orland Park, Illinois</i>	Kristin Isabel Clemons <i>Valley Center, Kansas</i>	Mary Margaret Dowd magna cum laude <i>Omaha, Nebraska</i>
Lauren AnnMarie Baker summa cum laude <i>Fremont, Nebraska</i>	Lauren Nicole Burris magna cum laude <i>Omaha, Nebraska</i>	Jazlynn Alma Contreras Lopez cum laude <i>Beaverton, Oregon</i>	Delaney Kristine Duello cum laude <i>Lee's Summit, Missouri</i>
Jackson Ray Barnett cum laude <i>Lawrence, Kansas</i>	Madeline Rose Bushong magna cum laude <i>Goodyear, Arizona</i>	Jayden Chase Cord magna cum laude <i>Phoenix, Arizona</i>	Katherine Marie Dykeman cum laude <i>Leawood, Kansas</i>
James Barry <i>Lenexa, Kansas</i>	Daniel James Byrne <i>Scottsdale, Arizona</i>	Clarisa Jurado Cortez <i>St. John, Indiana</i>	Emily Catherine Ekstrum summa cum laude <i>Sioux Falls, South Dakota</i>
Olivia K. Bartelson cum laude <i>Blair, Nebraska</i>	Lillian Autumn Calvin cum laude <i>Kansas City, Missouri</i>	Lauren JoAn Costin <i>Vernon Hills, Illinois</i>	Brennan Nicolas Elming magna cum laude <i>Redondo Beach, California</i>
Aubree Sue Baumhover <i>Elkhorn, Nebraska</i>	Gabrielle Anne Camara <i>Hinsdale, Illinois</i>	Elizabeth Marie Cronin <i>Littleton, Colorado</i>	Ariana Giovanna Elsden summa cum laude <i>Storm Lake, Iowa</i>
Hunter Bhalla Becker <i>Urbandale, Iowa</i>	Cael Erik Carlson summa cum laude <i>Yutan, Nebraska</i>	Colton Matthew Crowl <i>Omaha, Nebraska</i>	Henry William Emmer cum laude <i>Omaha, Nebraska</i>
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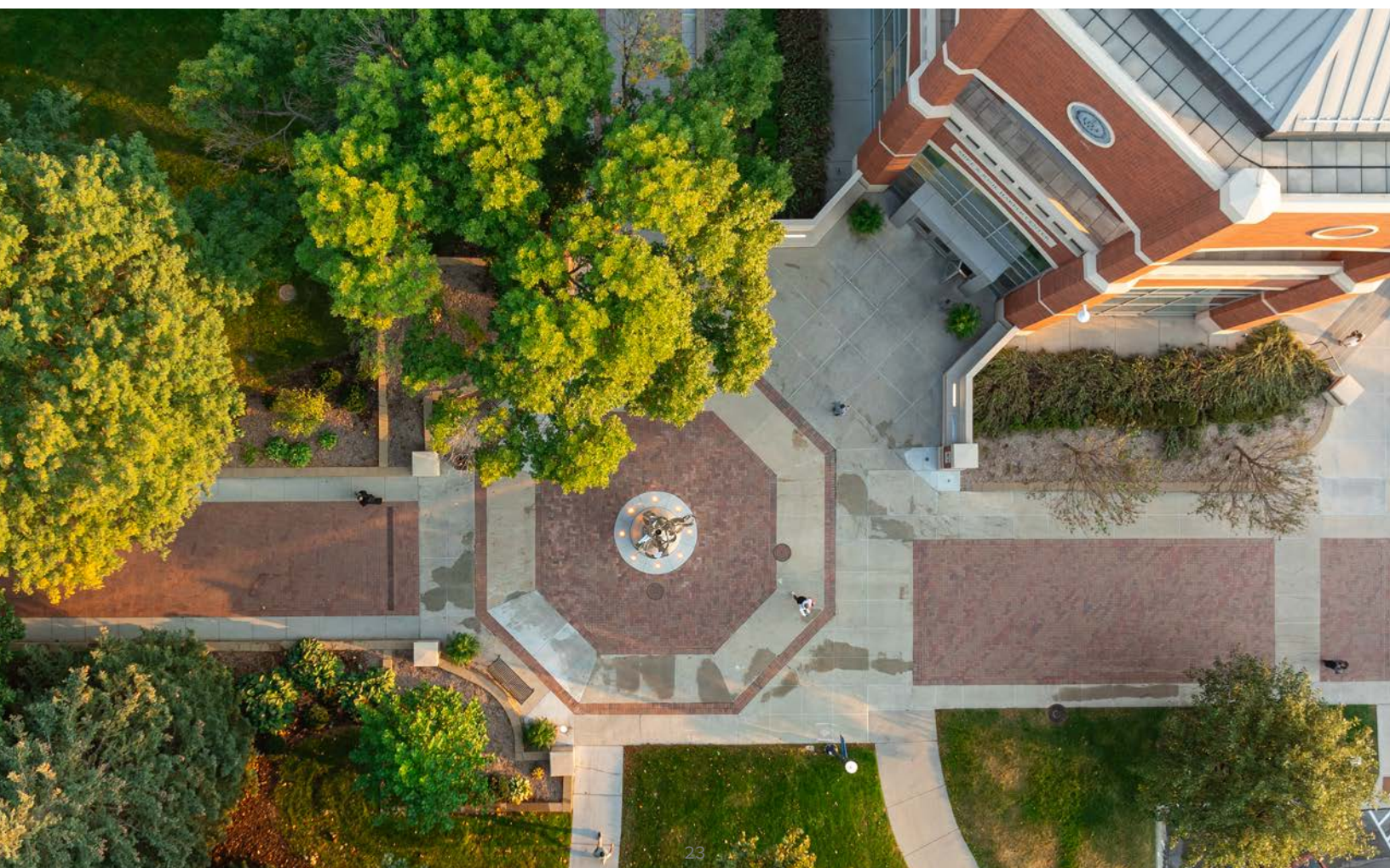
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Traditions of Creighton



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.



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:

Agriculture	Maize	Nursing	Apricot
Architecture.....	Blue Violet	Occupational Therapy.....	Ink Blue
Arts, Letters, Humanities.....	White	Oratory (Speech).....	Silver Gray
Commerce, Accountancy, Business.....	Nugget	Pharmacy	Olive Green
Dentistry.....	Lilac	Philosophy	Dark Blue
Economics	Copper	Physical Education	Sage Green
Education	Light Blue	Physical Therapy	Teal
Engineering	Orange	Public Administration,	
Fine Arts	Brown	including Foreign Service.....	Peacock Blue
Forestry	Russet	Public Health.....	Salmon Pink
Journalism.....	Crimson	Science	Golden Yellow
Law.....	Purple	Social Work.....	Citron
Library Science.....	Lemon	Theology	Scarlet
Medicine.....	Green	Veterinary Science.....	Gray
Music	Pink		





Spirit of Creighton Award

Creighton University 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.

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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.

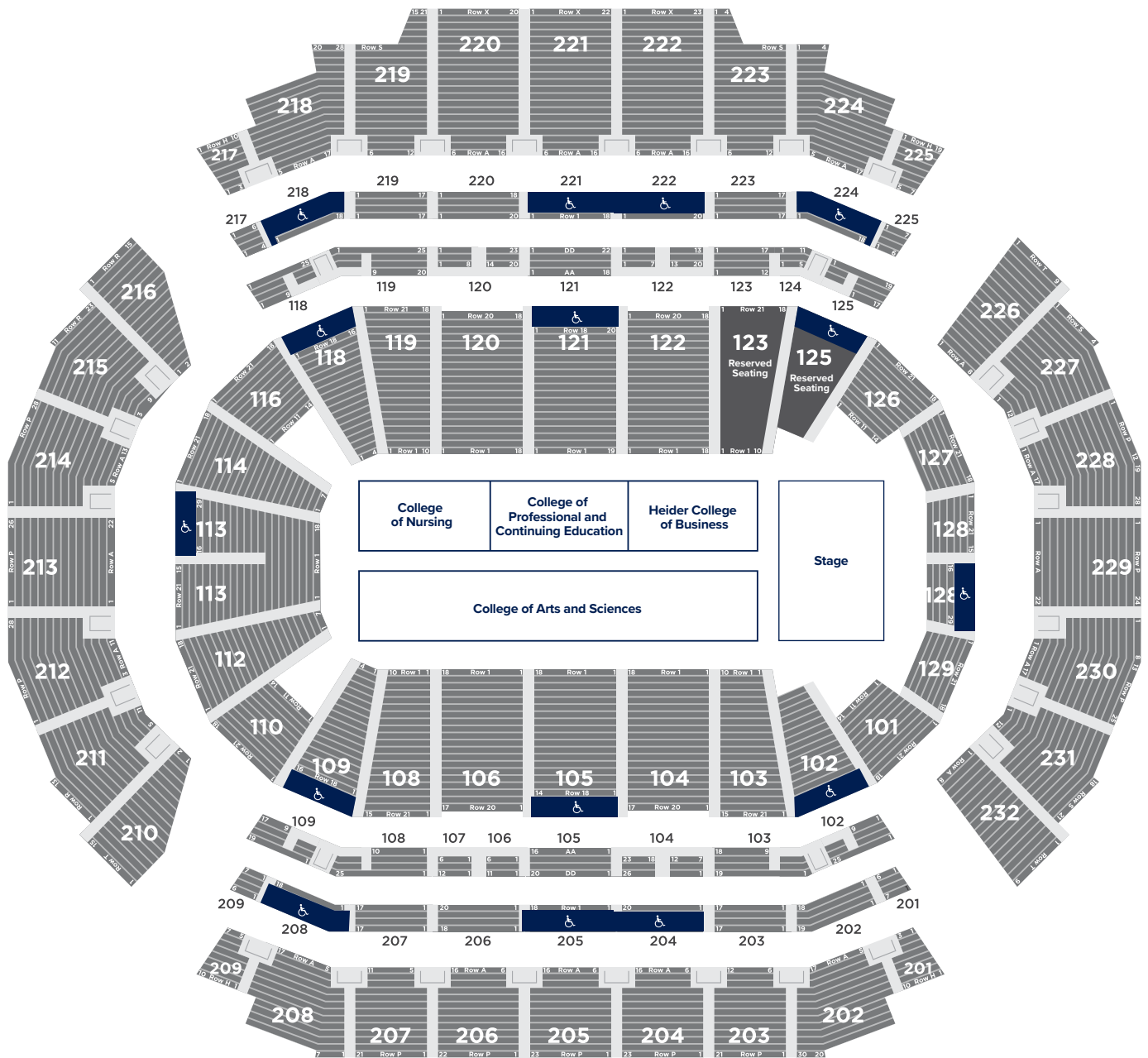


Edward and Mary Lucretia's generosity is credited with establishing Creighton College, while John and Sarah Emily's philanthropy enlarged it to a five-school university. Today, Creighton University consists of nine schools and colleges:

- 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)



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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

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