Creighton welcomes new honor society to campus

Phi Beta Kappa is one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious honors societies. It and is now joining Creighton University's organizations. Founded at the College of William and Mary in 1776, it strives to promote as well as support excellence in the liberal arts and sciences.

The society is so elite that it is an in-depth and lengthy process to create a new chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. General requirements include having 10 percent of the liberal arts faculty being members of Phi Beta Kappa, as well as the full-length application, which is about 500 pages of work.

Dr. Jeffrey Hause, professor of Philosophy and of Classical and Near Eastern Studies who was involved in bringing Phi Beta Kappa to Creighton's campus, was one of a team of faculty members who worked to bring Phi Beta Kappa to campus.

"Many people across the campus were extremely generous with their time and efforts," Hause said. "I think we worked a little magic this time around."

Besides the amount of faculty needed to make an accomplishment of this magnitude happen, time is also essential.

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In an effort to expand the amount of services and level of healthcare provided for its patients, the Creighton University Medical Center and Alegent Health have decided to form a "long-term strategic affiliation."

This affiliation was finalized on Saturday and as part of this newly established integration, Alegent Health acquired CUMC from Creighton University and Tenet Healthcare.

Upon the finalization of this acquisition, CUMC was renamed Alegent Creighton Health thus adding this new integration to the current list of 14 academic affiliations established between Creighton and Alegent Health.

Although this will bring about great benefits for the patients of the medical center, Creighton students will experience even greater benefits as this new increase in the amount of services and diversity of patients served will lead to a higher level of training and experience in their respective healthcare professions as these students complete their clinicals in the facility.

Assistant Vice President of Creighton Marketing and Communications, Kim Manning, believes that this Creighton and Alegent Health affiliation has been designed in a way that will ultimately "benefit the entire community."

"Patients can keep their physicians; economies of scale will free up resources to reinvest back into academic programming and healthcare delivery; additional specialists will be accessible through the joint physician groups; and student healthcare training will be enhanced through access to a broader and more diverse base of patients," Manning said.

Manning also feels that the new Creighton-Alegent Health integration will significantly improve the quality of the services and assistance that the CUMC was able to provide to the community because this affiliation combines both Creighton and Alegent Health's dedication to educating students and serving the community.

"By integrating an academic healthcare organization into the broad delivery of care, the new Alegent Creighton Health system can improve quality, access and efficiency of patient care while enhancing the education experience of students and residents," Manning said. "Additionally, both organizations have unwavering commitments to continue to serve the underserved population. In fact, it is part of their faith-based missions."

Although Manning holds to the fact that patients won't notice any major changes in the medical center environment following the completion of this integration, she anticipates somewhat of a positive change in student's learning environments as this affiliation "opens the door for many new opportunities for the medical school," Manning said.

"It's not going to be a large-scale, immediate transformation, but I can see the potential for improvement in both the student experience and the patient experience"
SOCiETY: Fall brings opportunity for involvement.

Applications for involvement are evaluated every three years, so getting all of the elements done in time is very crucial.

According to Dr. Bridget Keegan, a professor in the English Department who was also crucial to bringing the society to campus, work has been underway since 2005. A group of faculty members got together in the Jesuit dining hall and discussed the possibility of bringing in Phi Beta Kappa. The application had a small set back during the beginning process, but was back up for full application in 2009. Creighton was then given approval for a site visit, which took place in January 2011.

"Getting this application in is a lot of work, and they are very rigorous in how they review," Keegan said. However, when the Triennial council occurred in early 2012, Creighton was still up on their application to be approved, and made it to the council meeting in Palm Springs, Fla.

"When the three schools that made it through the complete process came up for a vote, Creighton received the most positive votes," Hause said. "Out of the more than 300 delegates, we had only 2.5 negative votes. This is almost unheard of. It confirmed for me that the emphasis we put here on the liberal arts is well justified and we should be proud of it."

With all of the hard work and dedication it took to get the application approved, by the end of the process multiple faculty members were heavily involved.

"Students were terrific, too," Keegan said. "They helped give tours of the University [to visiting officials] and it made a huge difference."

Now that Creighton has officially been given a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, installation of Creighton's chapter will take place on Nov. 29 at 3:30 p.m. Faculty involved must establish Creighton's own set of bylaws, which will determine which students can be involved based on a certain grade point average as well as amount of liberal arts classes taken.

HEALTH: The merge means big change for the university and vice versa. We are now ONE organization which allows us to support one another in all things.

In order to get all of the necessary arrangements in line to finalize this affiliation, Alegent and Creighton held extensive conversations about how they could "expand their strong relationship" developed from years of working together through the creation of a strategic affiliation that would make Alegent the primary teaching site for the Creighton schools of Health Sciences.

Following the completion of this affiliation, the medical center's leadership team worked diligently to develop a transition plan built entirely around "patient care and safety."

"We went into the transition with the goal of making this change seamless for patients and that is what was delivered," the Alegent Creighton Health representative said. "Patients will continue to receive the same high-quality, compassionate care at CUMC as they do at all 11 Alegent Health - now Alegent Creighton Health hospitals and Alegent Creighton Clinics."

This Alegent Creighton Health representative also said that this affiliation will have many positive benefits for both parties involved as integrating these two health care providers will allow Creighton and Alegent Health to assist a broader range of patients and make a greater impact on the medical community.

"From a healthcare provider perspective, we are forming an integrated academic-health delivery system that answers the call of healthcare reform, broadens our footprint in the region, will improve quality, access and

TECH: Track how long the lines are in the dining hall through this feature, student news (including access to the Creightonian), BlueLine, BlueLine 2, the NEST, sports news and schedules, shuttle schedules, maps of campus, the hours of the different campus recreation facilities and contact information for services on campus such as Public Safety and DoIT.

"If a student needs to find a professor's office or send an email to a professor, [he or she] can just fire up the Campus app and search for the professor's name in the Faculty and Staff Directory," Carroll said.

The iCreighton app includes many similar features, but students also have access their grades, schedules, and the BlueJayLife accounts on Facebook and Twitter.

The Go Creighton Athletics app features the latest sports news, stats, updates, team schedules and results, photos, videos and audio. Video and audio are premium features only.

According to Carroll, the Dining app was "custom-built for the Creighton community through a partnership with DoIT, Sodexo, Information Analytics in Lincoln, Nebraska, and Cory and Toby Flint of Springfield, Nebraska."

It is also the newest of the apps; it was available at the Apple App Store on Aug. 23 and on Google Play on Droid phones since Aug. 18.

This app allows students to view dining hall hours, specials, menus, nutritional information and their dining dollars and Jaybucks accounts. It also includes a webcam to see how long the lines are at each dining hall. Students can also add menu items to their calendar so they know when their favorite meals will be served.

Carroll said she would like to encourage students to fill out the feedback forms in the appropriate apps. If students have ideas for other apps DoIT can create, she encourages them to talk to the Creighton Student's Union (CSU).

### WEEKLY CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT

**1. Aug. 28 - 10:50 a.m.**
A student reported the theft of his bicycle from the rack in the Davis Square courtyard.

**2. Aug. 28 - 7:30 p.m.**
A student became ill in St. John's Church.

**3. Aug. 30 - 12:35 a.m.**
An intoxicated student was transported by Public Safety from Gallagher Hall to CUMC.

**4. Aug. 30 - 7:01 p.m.**
A student reported the theft of his motorized scooter.

**5. Aug. 30 - 9:35 p.m.**
A student reported the theft of his motorized scooter.

**6. Aug. 30 - 10:30 p.m.**
A student reported the theft of his motorized scooter.

"Freshmen do not simply walk around campus, but bright eyed and bushy tailed."

"Opinion" editor Evan Holland