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CONFERRAL OF
DOCTORAL HOODS

Friday, May 15, 2015
5 p.m.

Holland Center
Kiewit Concert Hall
Omaha, Nebraska
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In addition to their Juris Doctor degree, students with the following notation earned this graduate degree:

^ MA in International Relations
◊ Master in Business Administration
* MS in Government and Leadership
† MS in Negotiation and Dispute Resolution

Academic honors are based upon a student’s cumulative grade point average through six semesters of law school. Notation of academic honors at hooding and commencement are provisional pending finalization of students’ grades through the last semester of law school.
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ACADEMIC DRESS

The scholastic dress worn at academic ceremonies is a customary practice which dates back to the Middle Ages when people dressed according to class distinction. The clergy was the literate class, thus, the dress worn by scholars was that of the church – gowns. Hoods were also worn because the buildings where scholars lived and studied were often cold.

The academic dress worn today by the graduating law students and the faculty members identifies the institution from which they received, or will receive, their degrees and also the nature of the degrees received.

The gowns worn by today’s Juris Doctor degree candidates are black and are marked by three horizontal velvet bars on each sleeve. The greatest degree of symbolism, however, is shown by the hood. The doctor’s hood has a purple velvet border marking the law degree received, and is lined with blue and white, the colors of Creighton University.

Similarly, the colors of the gowns and the colors of the hoods worn by the faculty mark the institution from which they received their degrees.
CREDO OF CREIGHTON

Creighton, a Jesuit University, is convinced that the hope of humanity is the ability of men and women to seek the truths and values essential to human life. It aims to lead all its members in discovering and embracing the challenging responsibilities of their intelligence, freedom and value as persons.

We therefore profess and pledge ourselves to teach in the perspectives of, the following creed:

**WE BELIEVE** in God, our loving Creator and Father.

**WE BELIEVE** in the intrinsic value of the human being as created in God’s image and called to be his child. This includes all persons and excludes any form of racism and other discrimination.

**WE BELIEVE** that the deepest purpose of each man and woman is to create, enrich, and share life through love and reverence in the human community. This motivates our open and relentless pursuit of truth. For this reason we foster reverence for life in all its human potential.

**WE BELIEVE** that we should support all persons in their free and responsible life-sharing through family and social systems and through political, scientific, and cultural achievements.

**WE BELIEVE** that we must strive for a human community of justice, mutual respect and concern. In this context we must cultivate respect and care for our planet and its resources.

**WE BELIEVE** that laws exist for the benefit and well-being of individual persons, that legal systems must express the common good, and that all government must be subject to the courageous, though respectful and loyal, criticism of intelligent and responsible citizens.

**WE BELIEVE** that the law of justice and love must regulate the personal, family, economic, political and international life of all persons if civilization is to endure.

**WE BELIEVE** in the teachings and example of Jesus Christ.