“For 140 years, generous alumni and friends, inspired by their love of Creighton University and their commitment to its students, have strengthened its mission and ensured its success.

Thank you for your support and for your belief in the power of higher education to change lives. Your gifts are powerful and their impact transformative.”

MATT GERARD
Vice President, University Relations
Thank you for supporting the talented men and women who choose to pursue their passions at Creighton University. Your support makes it possible for students to push boundaries, advance new knowledge and affect change in Omaha, our country and in all corners of the world. Your generosity elevates the student experience into an extraordinary one.

This fiscal year, 18,470 donors supported Creighton’s annual and endowed scholarships, research, service and more. Support, at all levels, makes a difference. You help fill the gap that exists between what tuition covers and the cost of a Creighton education. In doing so, we can continue to prepare ethical, capable leaders to move society forward.

Meet three of the talented students whose lives you have touched.
The Jesuit value of cura personalis encourages Kate Albrecht to consider the whole person—body, mind and spirit—of every person she meets.

“Whether it be supporting local vendors at the Gifford Park farmers market or putting on educational skits for school children in the Dominican Republic, meeting people outside of the Creighton community demonstrates the purpose of classroom discussions and gives context to my education and to my life.”

With your help, the Institute for Latin American Concern (ILAC) sent 113 students to the DR this year to provide services and live in solidarity with others. During her sophomore year, Albrecht studied abroad in the DR where she tutored children, helped build an aqueduct and volunteered at a nursing home.

At El Hospicio, a nursing home for those who would otherwise not be able to afford the care, Albrecht spoke frequently with an 89-year-old man named Domingo.
“Service work is not always about accomplishing a goal, but rather forming meaningful relationships. The need to share human stories, especially of the marginalized, motivates me.”

As a writer, Albrecht uses *cura personalis* as a guide in her work. “Simply listening to someone share his or her story shows that pivotal care. Portraying their story in a dignified, ethical and true fashion continues that care.”

Albrecht is serving a year in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Tucson, Arizona, before she pursues a master’s degree in secondary education.

“I am so grateful to all who made possible my education at Creighton. I see the world with a critical mind and I would not have gained a worldview, had it not been for the pivotal programs such as my participation in study abroad with Encuentro Dominicano and service and justice trips. A Creighton education is unlike any other and I know firsthand that it would not be possible without the generous support of donors.”

**DURING THE SUMMER OF 2017:**
College of Nursing students traveled to Zambia, Africa, where they cared for patients and assisted with eye surgeries.
- 60 surgeries performed
- 400 health screenings provided
“Creighton is not only an educational platform, it is where I belong,” says Pooja Hegde. “It has been a great stage for developing my interpersonal skills. My research has given me exposure to learn all the analytical techniques required to develop specific skills needed for better understanding of pharmaceutical sciences and chemistry as a whole.”

Hegde’s research focuses on developing alternative treatments for tuberculosis (TB). “TB is a growing problem and a huge amount of research is currently going on in the TB realm.”

She has presented her research at a number of conferences, including the 2017 Gordon Research Seminar and Gordon Research Conference in Pisa, Italy, where she traveled thanks to donor support of the Creighton Global Initiative.

“The opportunity to share my work with international scientists and many experts helped me to...
understand the scope and utility of my research project in a real-world setting.”

“Keep on pursuing a PhD, and continuing her research to formulate drugs targeting TB.

“My education was funded by Creighton and generous donors. This support has helped fulfill my dream of pursuing higher studies at an esteemed university like Creighton and I will forever be thankful for this generosity and help achieving my goals in life.”
After taking introductory economics courses at Creighton, Tristin Taylor found a way to expand on that interest. “I found that the practice of law is one that will not only allow me to capitalize on existing skills, but one that will also satisfy my intellectual curiosity and force me to develop a new way of thinking.”

As a Haddix Scholar, Taylor says his experiences at Creighton and those individuals he met while on campus pushed him to achieve more than he thought was possible.

He considers a sophomore-year theology class to be among those inspiring experiences.

“It changed the way I thought about religion and service to others. From it, I took away that I have been blessed and I have an obligation to wake up every day and reduce some of the unnecessary suffering in the world. If I can just leave things a little bit better than I found them, that is all that matters.”

Omaha, Nebraska  |  Class of 2018
College of Arts and Sciences
Economics and Pre-Law
• Haddix Foundation Scholarship
• VP of Risk Management for Sigma Phi Epsilon, Nebraska Delta
• Heart Ministry Volunteer
• Run with the Heart Philanthropy Event Volunteer

YOUR SUPPORT changes lives
Taylor, who plans to attend law school to become a corporate attorney in Omaha, met his donor, Dr. George F. Haddix, multiple times while at Creighton.

“Receiving this scholarship was a big deal and I can honestly say that it changed the entire course of my life. I will be the first person in my entire family to attend graduate school. It’s changed my life.”

DURING THE 2017–2018 SCHOOL YEAR:

- 1,750 students received scholarships
- 813 named annual and endowed scholarships awarded
- $9,385,512 in scholarship funds awarded

A. 14 Ferlic Research Fellows spent 40 hours a week in Creighton labs over the course of 10 weeks, gaining real-world experience in scientific research.

B. The annual Scholarship Luncheon brings together Creighton’s grateful scholarship recipients with their generous benefactors to celebrate and recognize their impact.

C. Nearly 100 students have been touched by the generosity of the G. Robert Muchemore Foundation.

“You have made a difference in our lives, so that we may make a difference in the lives of others.”

—Kara Harvey, Muchemore Scholar, Class of 2018

THE CHANCE TO DO MORE
Bluejays from across the country and around the world came together to support more than 67 programs on April 11. The overwhelming success of Creighton’s inaugural Giving Day is a result of your dedication and support. The donations allow these programs to maintain and improve services to the Creighton community.

AN ORDINARY DAY became extraordinary.

$731,147 Total Amount Raised
2,747 Total Number of Donors
38% First-time Donors

A FEW AREAS SUPPORTED BY DONORS ON GIVING DAY:

**Arts:** Scheerer Scholars Program, Dance Team, Pep Band

**Faith Formation:** Campus Ministry, Retreat Center, Schlegel Center for Service and Justice

**Global:** Creighton Global Initiative, Human Trafficking Initiative, Immigrant and Refugee Clinic

**Local:** Dental Patient Assistance Program, Financial Hope Collaborative, Give Kids a Smile

**Research:** Center for Undergraduate Research and Scholarship (CURAS), Clinical and Translational Research, Creighton’s Research and Development Lab (RaD Lab)

**Student Life:** Freshman Leadership Program, Student Leadership & Involvement Center, Summer Preview and Welcome Week

**Social Justice:** Office of Sustainability, Violence Intervention and Prevention Center

**Student Support:** Creighton Intercultural Center, The EDGE Scholars Program, Health Sciences Multicultural and Community Affairs
Your Giving Day donations are making a difference in Creighton programs both local and global. In our Encuentro Dominicano program in the Dominican Republic, donor support has brought new resources to a Creighton tradition.

“We’re so thankful for the generous support on Giving Day. Your thoughtful donations allowed us to purchase new rocking chairs and chapel chairs. The replacements are crucial to the volunteers, students and community members who live and work in the space throughout the year. The chairs are more than just furniture and the space surrounding them is more than just buildings. They represent memories and people who continue to impact ILAC and Encuentro students now and far into the future.

I heard one Encuentro alum say, ‘Some of my best memories of the Dominican Republic were made in those chairs. I challenged my worldviews, made some best friends, learned to appreciate simplicity and waited patiently for the dinner bell to ring—all while rocking along. Those chairs are a huge part of the memories from my time down there.’”

Katie Kaufman, BA'13, ILAC Specialist

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A. Jacque Marte, ILAC program coordinator, and Andrea Montoya, ILAC director, shopping for new chairs.

B. The Creighton Chamber Choir reached their Giving Day goal and unlocked a matching gift to raise funds for travel and programming.

C. Your support allowed Backpack Journalism to purchase equipment and supplies before their June 2018 Uganda trip to do justice to the stories of refugees in Uganda.

“When I reflect on my Creighton career, and my life, Backpack Journalism stands out as being the closest I have felt to being a human being. This has been the best experience of my life. Every student at Creighton should have the opportunity to feel and grow this way.”

—Natalie Lynam, senior, Heider College of Business