



# SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



A Bold Vision for Our Future

**FORWARDBLUE™**





# A Vision in Blue

for the School of Medicine



ROBERT "BO"  
DUNLAY, MD'81  
DEAN, SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

We stand at a significant moment in the life of the School of Medicine—looking back on more than 125 years of educating health care professionals in Creighton’s Jesuit, Catholic tradition while looking forward to the ever-changing landscape of medicine. The “practice” of medicine, not the “perfection” of medicine, will face many changes in the future, some we cannot imagine today. We must constantly learn about, reflect on, and improve the care we provide with the Jesuit concept of *magis*, or “more,” as our driving force.

Our clinical partnerships in Omaha and Phoenix—with CHI Health, Valleywise Health, and Dignity Health St. Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center, in conjunction with District Medical Group—provide access to the latest clinical advancements and expose our students to a diverse population of patients. Through exceptional hands-on opportunities, Creighton prepares some of the most clinic-ready physicians in the country.

A new home for the School of Medicine, opening in August 2023, will advance this strong legacy. Future physician leaders will learn alongside students from other health science disciplines in team-based, interprofessional environments at the CL Werner Center for Health Sciences Education in Omaha.

A Creighton campus in midtown Phoenix, which will eventually educate nearly 900 Creighton health sciences students annually, is an answer to the growing demand for Creighton health care professionals in the Southwest. The two campuses will strengthen each other.

As we look ahead to initiatives that further build upon our expertise in medical education and research, our guiding Jesuit values will continue to show us the way forward, as they have since the school’s founding in 1892. Today and always, we strive to:

- ◆ Provide an education committed to the whole person (mind, body, and soul)
- ◆ Educate women and men of competence and compassion (not only “how,” but also “who”)
- ◆ Do all things for the greater glory of God (for all the right reasons)

With your support of **Forward Blue**, the School of Medicine is poised to carry on this tradition of excellence for many years to come.





— **EST. 1892**  
**IMPROVING, ALWAYS**

Since its founding, the School of Medicine has been keenly focused on infusing Jesuit, Catholic values into the work we do. Our holistic approach to medicine has remained steadfast, but the ways in which we apply it are always changing with society.

Take our new Arrupe Global Scholars and Partnerships Program. Announced in January 2021, the initiative seeks to improve the health of the international poor and educate servant-leader physicians. Another example is a new initiative with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Phoenix and the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust. Creighton physician faculty and health sciences students will work together to reduce health disparities

disproportionately affecting low-income populations and people of color in Arizona's Maricopa County.

At Creighton, *cura personalis*, or "care for the whole person," guides both the relationship between professor and student—and between provider and patient. Residency program directors consistently recognize this as a differentiator of Creighton-educated graduates.

The synergy of values, educational rigor, and clinical experience attracts top students from all over the country. We send our alumni to all 50 states and beyond to make the Creighton impact felt far and wide.



# By the Numbers



**730**  
**Medical Students**



**80% of Students**  
**Engage in Research**

WITH FACULTY



**570**  
**Residents**  
**and Fellows**



**91% of**  
**2021 Graduates**

MATCHED WITH THEIR  
SPECIALTIES OF CHOICE



**100%**  
**Participation Rate**

IN COMMUNITY SERVICE  
*of medical students and faculty*



**38**  
**Residency**  
**and Fellowship**  
**Programs**



**Creighton is the**  
**Largest Catholic Health**  
**Professions Educator**  
**in the U.S.**



**1st**  
**Jesuit University**

TO RECEIVE THE PRESTIGIOUS  
COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD  
*from the Association of American*  
*Medical Colleges*



**\$114.1M**  
**Donated Annually**

IN CHARITABLE MEDICAL CARE  
*by Creighton health sciences*  
*and CHI Health affiliated clinics*



**3 Clinical**  
**Partnerships**



**2 Student-run**  
**Free Clinics**

*Magis Clinic (Omaha),*  
*Virginia G. Piper Medical Clinic at*  
*St. Vincent de Paul (Phoenix)*



**1,000+ People**  
**Treated Annually**

AT THE FREE, STUDENT-RUN  
MAGIS MEDICAL CLINIC AT  
SIENA/FRANCIS HOUSE,  
*Omaha's largest emergency shelter*



**1st**  
**Catholic University**

WITH TWO COMPREHENSIVE  
HEALTH SCIENCES CAMPUSES  
*(Omaha and Phoenix)*



**7,086**  
**Applicants**

FOR 230 SEATS  
*(2021-2022)*



# BE AN ADVOCATE'S ADVOCATE



“Knowing someone is out there who cares about you, who supports you when you’re going through such a hard, long process ... I’m so thankful, I can’t even put words to it.”

– KAILYNN PHILLIPS, MD’19  
FRANKSVILLE, WISCONSIN



No one in Kailynn Phillips’ family went to college, let alone medical school. And yet her mother, Diane, who raised her in a small Wisconsin town, never let her question her dreams. She was determined to give Kailynn a life better than her own, no matter what it took. Fortunately, others also saw her potential.

Kailynn’s story of perseverance—combined with excellent academics and a commitment to serving the underserved—earned her several endowed scholarships, including the Medical Dean Scholarship. She attended the Academy of Health Professions for high school in Wisconsin and worked toward a career in health care long before she knew whether attending medical school would be possible. The generosity of the donors answered that question, opening her to a world of opportunity.

Kailynn thrived in the supportive family of the Creighton School of Medicine. Through the student-run Project CURA (Creighton Medical United in Relief Assistance), she built upon her service experience with transformative trips to Guatemala, working with the Maya population.

Kailynn looks forward to pursuing her passion for OBGYN—a specialty she chose because, as she put it, she loves “advocating for women and supporting them during their most vulnerable times.” Kailynn feels appreciative to have earned scholarships to attend Creighton, just as women around the world will appreciate the selfless care and attention she offers to every patient she meets.

## WHY ARE SCHOLARSHIPS IMPORTANT?

Creighton-educated medical professionals have the heart and the training to make a true difference in the lives of the patients they serve. Scholarship support ensures exceptional students seeking a Jesuit education have opportunities to become the medical advocates we need, regardless of their financial circumstances.



Scholarships help medical students be as hands-on in their learning as possible at Creighton, sponsoring them to attend conferences, conduct and present research, and see the world—supplementary elements of the School of Medicine education that prepare outstanding and in-demand graduates. A determining factor in the School of Medicine’s accreditation, which serves as a trusted representation of our institution, is having a healthy number of scholarships.





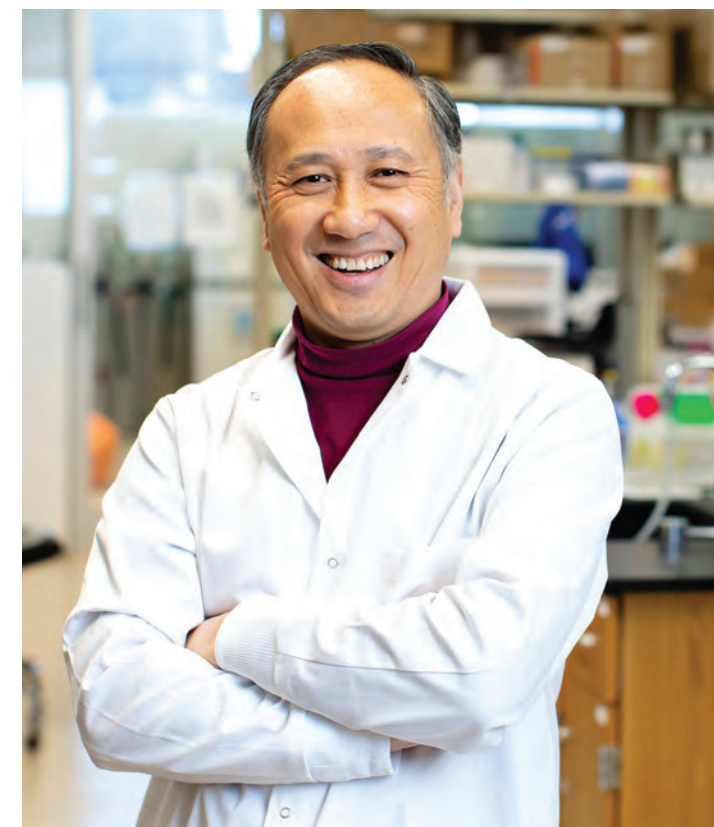
# THE ART AND SCIENCE OF BUILDING A STRONG FACULTY

**JIAN ZUO, PhD**  
CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Support for strategic hires is one of the most effective ways to further elevate Creighton's already impressive School of Medicine. Talented, connected, and visionary faculty members improve how we train our students, fill knowledge gaps, and position us as leaders on a national scale. A prominent example is Jian Zuo, PhD.

Dr. Zuo joined the School of Medicine faculty in 2018 as the new chair of the Department of Biomedical Sciences, bringing with him 20 years of experience in neuroscience and hearing disorders at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. During his tenure at St. Jude's, Dr. Zuo was named the first recipient of The Bellucci Prize for Hearing Research, and he credits the late Richard J. Bellucci, MD'42, with helping to bring him to Creighton. The Bellucci DePaoli Family Foundation continues to fund Dr. Zuo's research.

Under Dr. Zuo's leadership, the Department of Biomedical Sciences has hired six new faculty members and is in the process of rebuilding infrastructure and rejuvenating lab spaces. These advancements are in service to Dr. Zuo's priority of strengthening our research portfolio through the development of three national centers of expertise: Cancer, Neuroscience, and Translational Hearing. He sees an opportunity to establish Creighton as the nation's only academic medical center home to a hearing center with a translational focus. Collaborators at Boys Town National Research Institute will bolster Dr. Zuo's efforts.



**The type of breakthrough research led by Dr. Zuo and other basic science faculty members has strong potential to transform lives—but it requires considerable investment.** Philanthropic support is critical in recruiting the most enterprising faculty members, supporting their work to establish centers of expertise, and creating new knowledge to share with tomorrow's scientists. Whether through endowed chairs or funding for experimental research, private support for School of Medicine faculty is essential to strengthening Creighton's preeminence in priority areas. Every gift is a step toward better treatment for our patients and helps attract top physician-teachers.





# A FUTURE HOME FOR THE FUTURE OF CARE

“Future physicians will learn how all health disciplines contribute to care so they may experience the joys and challenges of leading medical teams. This interprofessional approach lightens the burden physicians may place on themselves, increases morale, and results in better patient outcomes.”

— REV. DANIEL S. HENDRICKSON, SJ, PhD  
PRESIDENT, CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY



## CURA PERSONALIS AND COLLABORATIVE CARE

Creighton, with its commitment to Ignatian-inspired teaching and learning, is uniquely positioned to lead the nation in training and preparing students to work in collaborative care settings, says Amy McGaha, MD, chair of the Department of Family Medicine.

“It comes back to our values; to *cura personalis*. We’re not just taking care of people with diseases or bad hips. We’re taking care of the whole person—mind, body, and spirit.”

“Our patients come to us with families and values and cultural practices and social determinants. If you want to effectively care for them, you have to be willing to deliver that care in a different way. If you want to take care of the whole person, you’re going to need the whole team.”

Research conducted at the CHI Health Creighton University Medical Center – University Campus supports the value of holistic, interprofessional care. A peer-reviewed study of high-risk patients at the family medicine clinic demonstrated significant decreases in emergency room visits, hospitalizations, and patient costs.

For years, School of Medicine students have *trained* in team-based clinical settings when available, including the CHI Health Creighton University Medical Center – University Campus at 24th and Cuming streets. But our vision is to be nationally renowned for *preparing* students for collaborative, team-based care where physician servant-leaders are supported by and practice with other health care professionals.

A new home for the Creighton University School of Medicine makes this possible.

**The CL Werner Center for Health Sciences Education, opening in August 2023, will be a world-class facility designed to support Creighton’s approach to team-based, holistic medicine—widely viewed as the future of health care.**

The building will feature a centralized interdisciplinary simulation center and active group classrooms, bringing together medical, nursing, physician assistant, occupational therapy, physical therapy, pharmacy, behavioral health, and other students to train and learn with—and from—each other.

The \$75 million building will stand near the I-480 and Highway 75 interchange at Cuming Street, providing a new front door to the west side of campus. A \$10 million renovation of the adjacent Criss Complex will bring the total project cost to \$85 million. Approximately 5,900 students, faculty, and staff will use the building each year.

In February 2021, CL and Rachel Werner provided the lead gift for the facility that will bear their name. Additional investments will ensure students have access to innovative learning environments, as well as state-of-the-art equipment and technology.





# To Give is to Receive

## PALLIATIVE MEDICINE FELLOWSHIP

A new fellowship dedicated to palliative medicine immerses students in the human dimensions of illness, suffering, and death. Over two years, they will develop ways to help patients and their families celebrate life's joys and losses, while working toward a master's degree in medical humanities.

## ENDOWED CHAIRS FOR CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

We foresee no fewer than 10 endowed chairs in focus areas. Centers of Excellence to be developed over the next decade include the Henry Lynch Hereditary Cancer Institute, neurosciences, cardiovascular disease, trauma, imaging, and palliative medicine. These endowed chairs will allow us to expand the capabilities within each Center of Excellence.

## GLOBAL SURGERY FELLOWSHIP

Through the expansion of programs like Project CURA (Creighton Medical United in Relief Assistance) and the Global Surgery Fellowship, students have the opportunity to provide real, life-changing care in developing countries. These experiences help students foster skills and empathy to grow as service-minded leaders in their health professions.

## PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM

Physician assistant ranked first in *U.S. News & World Report's* 100 Best Jobs of 2021, and with a holistic Creighton education behind them, our graduates will quickly rise to the top of this field through exemplary compassionate care. Our program stands as only the fifth of its kind offered at Jesuit institutions nationwide.

## MEDICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH ENDOWMENT FUND

A strong desire to make a difference in patients' lives drives our increasingly interdisciplinary medical research efforts, and endowment funds power that research. An annual research investment will fund clinical investigator-initiated research and recruitment packages for established scientists who will work in our Centers of Excellence.

# TOGETHER AND FOREVER, THROUGH CREIGHTON

Your generosity benefits those who stand for and with others. Every gift to Creighton impacts our students and contributes to a better world.

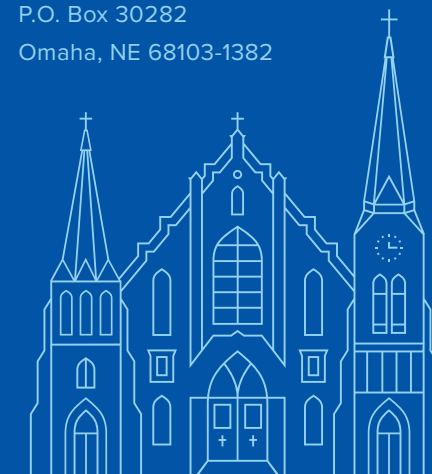
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