



SCHOOL OF PHARMACY AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS



A Bold Vision for Our Future

FORWARDBLUE™



A Vision in Blue

for the School of Pharmacy
and Health Professions

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EVAN T. ROBINSON, RPh, PhD, FNAP
DEAN, SCHOOL OF PHARMACY
AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS



Compassion is one of the most important traits health care professionals can possess, and while it can't be learned, it can be sharpened through an education rooted in Jesuit, Catholic values and beliefs. As we teach each student, understanding the science behind health is only one part of the equation. It is just as important to see beyond science to the humanistic needs of the patients we treat.

We believe in teaching *cura personalis*, or care for the whole person. Through modern facilities, exceptional faculty, and an interdisciplinary approach to education, we deliver on our promise to provide holistic care and to help our students find deeper meaning in the paths they so passionately choose to follow.

The role of the pharmacist, occupational therapist, and physical therapist is evolving. Workforce competition for our graduates becomes stronger than ever.

We will meet the changing needs of our forward-thinking students on our Omaha and

Phoenix campuses by recruiting expert faculty, providing first-class learning environments, offering multi-level research opportunities, and enhancing our student success programs.

For many students, their success begins with scholarships. Offering more financial aid will mean more students can access our top-ranking education to become the passionate and skilled professionals that the world needs.

We teach care with compassion—leading the way on campus with thousands of annual service hours, charitable partnerships, and research aimed to improve services for the underserved. There is no end to what we can accomplish.

With your **Forward Blue** commitment to the Creighton mission, we will continue to mold and mentor compassionate pharmacists, occupational therapists, and physical therapists who will go on to lead in the health care industry.

Evan T. Robinson



Practice Makes **Practice-ready**

To graduate practice-ready professionals, we must continue to build on our reputation for providing a program that offers continual hands-on industry experience. That is why clinical learning is so fundamental to our pharmacy, physical therapy, and occupational therapy programs.

Since our founding in 1905, our mission has been to use our health sciences skills, passion, and expertise to serve our community. That starts within. Our affiliation with CHI Health, the largest health system in the region, provides each student with access to a vibrant community of health experts, leaders, and real-world learning environments. The renovated Cheryl and Robert Greenwood, BSPHA'77 Family Pharmacy Skills Lab in the Vinardi Center houses a sleek, technologically advanced

lab for pharmacy students. Additionally, the new CL Werner Center for Health Sciences Education includes a centralized, state-of-the-art interdisciplinary simulation center and active group classrooms, bringing School of Pharmacy and Health Professions students together with medical, nursing, physician assistant, behavioral health and other students to train and learn with—and from—each other. We will have more workstations, laboratories, collaborative space, classrooms, and digital learning resources than ever before.

With your help, we will continue to build cutting-edge facilities and professional development opportunities that will assist our health care professionals in earning an education fine-tuned to the needs of each discipline.

By the Numbers



22

RESIDENCY AND FELLOWSHIP
POSITIONS IN THE SCHOOL



More than 80%

OF OUR STUDENTS RECEIVE 1 TO 3
JOB OFFERS BEFORE THEY GRADUATE



100%

OF OT CORE FACULTY MEMBERS
HOLD TERMINAL DEGREES



**1st Online
Pharmacy
Program**

ACCREDITED IN THE NATION



**1st in
the Nation**

TO OFFER ENTRY-LEVEL
DOCTORATES IN
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
AND PHYSICAL THERAPY



**42
Countries**

REPRESENTED IN
THE STUDENT BODY



20+

INTERNATIONAL FIELDWORK AND
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING SITES



44+ Weeks

OF CLINICAL TRAINING FOR
DPT STUDENTS

*Up to 10 weeks more than PT students
at other Midwest schools*



**Near 100%
Pass Rates**

FOR FIRST-TIME
NATIONAL LICENSURE
In pharmacy, OT, and PT



#9 Program

FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY



#15 Program

FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT RANKINGS



A CROSS-CONTINENTAL CALLING, ANSWERED

At Creighton, we are committed to creating citizens of the world. But what happens when a citizen of the world commits herself to Creighton?

Diana Ndunda came to the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions with a vision in mind and a mission at heart. “I moved to the United States to go to pharmacy school,” says the Kenyan-born student. “I knew I wanted to serve others, and that this career path would give me purpose.”

After earning her bachelor’s degree in toxicology from the University of Louisiana at Monroe, Diana continued her studies by enrolling in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions at Creighton. “From the moment I came to Creighton for my interview, I loved the people I met, and how mission-driven they were,” she remembers.

Diana was accepted, and began her Creighton pharmacy journey. When an injury left her unable to work and medical bills began accumulating, the Creighton community came to her aid to help fund her dream. “I was the recipient of several [academic, family-endowed, and centennial] scholarships. Because of this support, I was able to give full focus to my studies,” she says.

Her exceptional performance led to her induction into the Rho Chi Pharmacy Academic Honor Society, Phi Lambda Sigma Pharmacy Leadership Society, and Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Honor Society. In return, she helps give back to the Creighton community. During her time at Creighton, Diana served as director of the free, student-run community Magis Clinic, as vice president of Creighton’s multicultural organization, as a volunteer for refugee causes, and as an organizer for HIV/AIDS Awareness Week.

Diana’s story is proof that when we challenge members of our community to reflect on transcendent values while gaining the skills needed to serve their communities, we inspire students to grow beyond their circumstances.

Thanks in part to generous donors, alumni, and friends like the Ghiglieri family, Kathleen Harnett, William Roe, and the Wareham family, this is only the beginning of Diana’s story. “My scholarships have made a massive difference. They have allowed me the opportunity to choose Creighton, and to continue to learn and grow here. I’ve always tried to give back in my capacity as a student, but my biggest dream is to one day give back in the way that was given to me,” she says.

“I was not just taught to be a pharmacist, but a reflective practitioner; not just taught to care for people physically, but to care for the whole person, to do the ‘magis.’ I was taught to go beyond, and to fight for justice for all. These values are what makes the Creighton experience so much more.”

– DIANA NDUNDA, PharmD’19



WHY ARE SCHOLARSHIPS IMPORTANT?

Like its students, the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions itself experiences the impact of scholarships. With financial aid, Creighton recruits the country’s top students seeking a Jesuit, Catholic health sciences education. A diverse, high-achieving student body enhances our reputation and resources.





FIGHTING GROWTH WITH GROWTH

Jeffrey North, PhD, believes the first step to fighting the development of disease-causing bacteria is to build a team that mimics that growth. When you walk into the associate professor's pharmacy sciences classroom, you see an evolving network of pharmacy students, from graduate-level students developing mentorship skills, to undergraduates taking steps to participate in upper-level research projects.

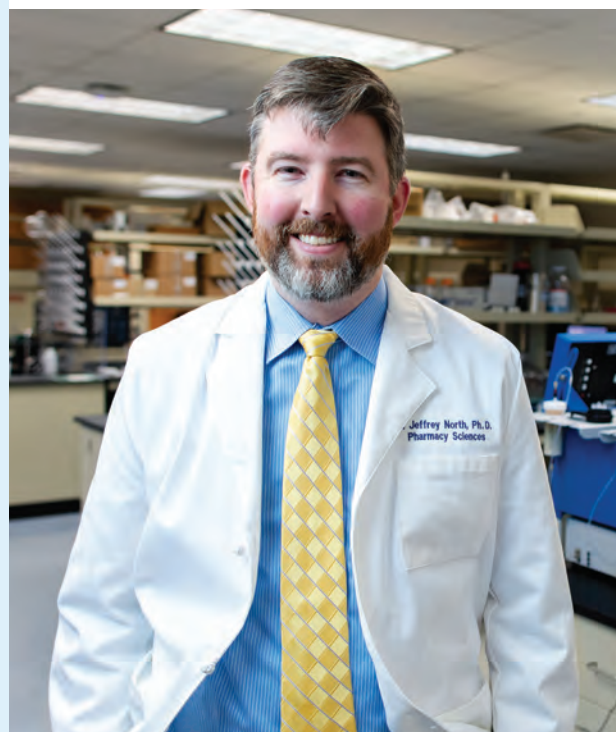
"It gives the senior undergraduates the opportunity to show their own leadership, and to present their research to the new undergraduates, who will then take that data and move the project forward," he says, explaining his teaching philosophy.

Dr. North and his team combat new drug-resistant strains of bacteria, with the goal of identifying compounds that will speed up the treatment time of everything from tuberculosis to disease-causing *Mycobacterium abscessus*. Their work earned the prestigious Jack and Lois Wareham Research Award, to support student release time, equipment maintenance, and other costs necessary to bring these compounds forward into the discovery phase.

Dr. North hopes to earn more grants to further the project and eventually publish the findings. He says this forward momentum would not be possible without the help of the research award, and the hard work of the students who have grown and developed professionally in his classroom.

"We are a teaching institution, so generating papers, earning grants—and other academic needs—are rooted in educating students who can develop and execute the research."

— JEFFREY NORTH, PhD



JEFFREY NORTH, PhD
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
OF PHARMACY SCIENCES

Breakthroughs in pharmaceutical and therapeutic research are synonymous with faculty development.

Hiring and developing strong research professionals in our occupational therapy, physical therapy, and pharmacy programs is the first step in producing effective research that changes lives. We support faculty in their ongoing pursuit for excellence in teaching, research, outreach, leadership, and professional and personal development. Engaged and active faculty are key to helping Creighton continue to lead the charge as one of the best health sciences universities in the country.

BUILDING THE FUTURE OF HEALTH CARE



Pharmacy Research

Creighton investigators are concentrated on curing disease. With the help of generous donors, we are building state-of-the-art labs and adopting new technology to fight even the most volatile illnesses. Support for pharmacy research also will help us reach new breakthroughs in immunopharmacology as we test and study drugs designed to suppress or augment the immune system.



Rehabilitation Research Sciences (Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy)

We develop strong leaders with moral responsibility. Through funding, we will provide more students with the opportunity to learn and uphold our tradition of leadership in scholarship and research. Together, our students and faculty will continue to improve their understanding of neuromuscular disorders, neuroscience, and movement, and how to improve patient outcomes.

“We involve students in the research process, so they can directly see how classroom knowledge gets integrated into a real-world experience. The students get to see how we are changing health care and improving outcomes by involving patients, caregivers, health care professionals, industry personnel, and other community partners.”

— **VANESSA JEWELL, PhD, OTR/L**
VICE CHAIR AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR,
DEPARTMENT OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

The field of health sciences is constantly evolving. It requires innovation, urgently. A global health crisis calls for more from us as educators and experts. The world demands that we learn how to develop better treatments and approaches to care, how to fight deadly diseases, and how to prepare for a future not yet known.

At Creighton, that means expanding opportunities for students through renovations to our existing labs as well as building new spaces—like the interdisciplinary simulation center at the CL Werner Center for Health Sciences Education—for our students and faculty to learn and grow.

As we look to the future, we envision more opportunities for our students and faculty to conduct valuable research.

ALEX SIKORA
BS'17, DPT'20



Giving to Those Who Give Back

SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY STUDENTS

We are excited about the growth opportunities available for our occupational therapy and physical therapy programs as our presence, enrollment, and national rankings continue to climb—and our students go on to score consistently higher board rankings than the national average.

Through critical partnerships with schools like the University of Alaska and Regis University, and by building a new campus in Phoenix, we are able to provide more opportunities for our students interested in studying and developing the latest breakthroughs in occupational therapy and physical therapy. Scholarships are essential to continuing this momentum.

BRI McMAHON
BS'15, OTD'20

ALEX SIKORA DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Through his scholarship, Alex Sikora could choose to further his education at Creighton. As a Doctor of Physical Therapy graduate, he is excited to make a difference in the lives of those in underserved communities:

“At Creighton, physical therapy students are encouraged to take the skills and knowledge gained from the classroom out into the community, where they continue to develop through clinical practice and volunteer work. My Creighton education developed me into a well-rounded individual surrounded by passion-driven peers and impactful professors.”

BRI McMAHON DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Bri McMahon spends weekends helping patients with debilitating injuries and illnesses engage in outdoor activities like rock climbing, kayaking, and biking. She’s combined her education and passion for the outdoors to approach her own career through a holistic lens:

“My experience taught me to observe and reflect on the differences we all have in our communities and around the world. Creighton was the right place for me to receive a holistic education from a caring and compassionate faculty. Your support allowed us to be the best health care professionals possible for our future patients.”

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.

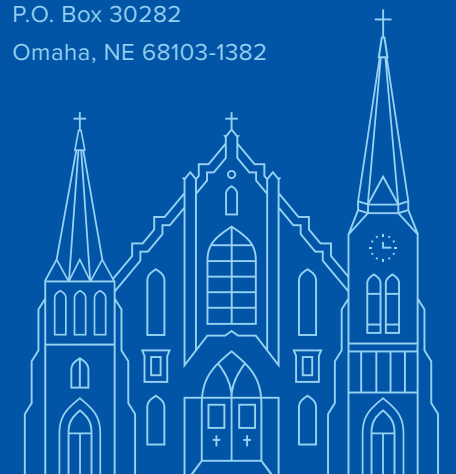
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