

Creighton Today

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Today's Headlines

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Job Postings

To apply for a position with Creighton, go to: careers.creighton.edu or call the job hotline at 402-280-2943. You may also visit Human Resources at 23rd & Burt streets (8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday). All applications are accepted online only.

Submit an event?

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Today's Events

Medical Microbiology & Immunology Master's Defense

"Multiplex PCR Assay for Detection of USA300 Community-Associated Mathicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*," Kristin Bonnstetter
Criss III, Room 452
1 p.m.

Academic Affairs Forum: Achievements in Scholarship at Creighton

Speakers: Dr. Natalie Ross Adkins, Dr. Greg W. Zacharias and Michael Kelly, professor of law
Hixson-Lied Science Building, Room G4
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, December 13, 2006

Medicine Grand Rounds

"Optimizing Anticoagulation Therapy: A Systems Approach," Dr. Dennis Esterbrooks, Dr. Syed Mohiuddin, Dr. Amy Arouni and Dr. Stephanie Maciejewski
CUMC, Morrison Seminar Room
Noon

Creighton in the Community TV Series

Topic: "Latest in IT," Brian Young
Cox Cable Channel 4
6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 14, 2006

Medicine Research Conference

"Severe and Uncontrolled Asthma: What are the Causes and Treatment of Status Asthmaticus and Steroid Resistant Asthma," Dr. Robert Townley
CUMC, Morrison Seminar Room
Noon

Osteoporosis Research Center

Creighton FIRST Spotlight on Tobacco Cessation: Commit to Quit

Do you or someone you love smoke or chew? Take our short quiz ([click here](#)) to find out about tobacco use and its risks. If you complete the questionnaire by 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15, you will be entered for a chance to win one of three \$100 gift certificates to Sharper Image. For more information about Creighton's Commit to Quit Program, tobacco use and its risks, please visit the Spotlight on Tobacco Cessation: Commit to Quit web pages ([click here](#)). As an added incentive to quit tobacco, CUMC will pay the fee for CUMC employees who successfully complete Creighton's seven-week, eight-session, Commit to Quit program, while CU will pay for CU employees who are enrolled in the CU healthcare benefit program. You can also attend one of the Creighton FIRST Lunch-N-Learn Sessions Regarding Tobacco Cessation at CUMC, Becic Dining Room, on Monday, Dec. 11, from noon-1 p.m., or at the Skutt Student Center, Mutual of Omaha Ballroom, on Friday, Dec. 15, from noon-1 p.m. RSVP to CreightonFIRST@creighton.edu.

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Holiday Spirit Update

The Department of OB/Gyn has selected the Shelter for Abused Women and Children its Holiday Spirit project. Congratulations and thank you to the Creighton crochet and knit group, which donated the following: 4 afghans, 25 hats, 2 scarves and 2 ponchos to the Rosebud Indian Reservation; 14 baby blankets and 10 baby hats to Jennie Edmunson Hospital; 4 hats, 2 scarves and 2 afghans to a church collecting items for Christmas families; 21 hats and 4 scarves to Bellevue elementary schools; 13 hats and 11 scarves to the Omaha Street School. A total of 114 items! Looking for a project? A list of possible agencies is available at: www.creighton.edu/HolidaySpirit/OrgList.html. Sign up for a project today by visiting www.creighton.edu/HolidaySpirit/. Holiday Spirit is an annual effort by the Creighton community to help those less fortunate during the holidays, from Thanksgiving to New Year's.

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New Campus Recreation Website

Check out the new Campus Recreation website at www2.creighton.edu/student-services/campusrecreationintramurals/ for updates on the Kiewit Fitness Center's holiday hours and December schedule. Of special note are two new online surveys: Living Learning Center - Fitness Center suggestions and Kiewit Fitness Center Satisfaction. Both of these surveys would only take a few minutes to complete. Your input on both surveys is welcome.

Research Conference

"Time course of periosteal pre-osteoblast proliferation following the application of a single mechanical load," Dr. Sharon Tanner
CUMC, Conference Room 5766
Noon to 1 p.m.

Friday, December 15, 2006**Creighton FIRST Lunch-N-Learn**

"Session Regarding Tobacco Cessation: Commit to Quit"
Skutt Student Center, Mutual of Omaha Ballroom
Noon to 1 p.m.

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Women's Basketball vs. Oregon State

Omaha Civic Auditorium
8:05 p.m.

Saturday, December 16, 2006**Men's Basketball at Fresno State**

Watch on KMTV
Fresno, Calif.
9 p.m. (CST)

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Thanks for Making My Day Program - November Winners

Please join the Wellness Council in congratulating the winners of the November Thanks for Making My Day program. Alice Smith and Barb Stephens - Department of Information Technology: These women helped a faculty member obtain vital information on Blackboard for a program that was about to begin and helped to organize the information for her. Tami Ward - Cardiac Center: Tami has spent the last year getting a local chapter of the national program Mended Hearts established at the Cardiac Center and CUMC. This program offers services to heart patients through visiting programs, supports groups and education. If you would like to nominate an employee or a department for the December Thanks for Making My Day program, go to www.creighton.edu/WC and click on Awards and Recognition to find the nomination form.

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Reminder from the Controller's Office

Please remember that the use of University funds to purchase gift certificates is prohibited by Controller's Office policy APPL 12. Details of this policy may be viewed on the Controller's Office web page at www.creighton.edu/Controllers/policies/appl12.htm. If you have questions about this policy, please contact Mike Pille at x5750.

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Volunteers Needed for Dental Study

The Creighton University School of Dentistry is seeking volunteers to help complete a clinical research study. This involves placing tooth colored filling at or near the gum line due to over aggressive tooth brushing, erosion and abrasion. Patients must be at least 19 years of age to participate. A maximum of three fillings per patient will be done. Please contact Gina McCallum at x4317 at Creighton's Dental Center for Oral Health Research for screening to see if you qualify. All fillings will be free and will be placed by investigator Dr. Mark Latta or a faculty member at the Creighton dental school.

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Card Access

Effective Saturday, Dec. 16, card readers on the south (main) entrance to the Administration Building, the south entrance to the Humanities Building and the north entrance to the Communication Arts Building will be activated. The doors will be programmed to be unlocked Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Access to the buildings will be unrestricted during this time period. The doors will be programmed to lock Monday-Friday from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. and 24 hours per day on Saturdays and Sundays. Access to the buildings during these time periods will require a valid University ID/access card. Jesuit, faculty and staff cards have been programmed to provide 24/7 access. Student cards have been programmed to provide access from 7 a.m. to midnight. All other exterior doors in the Administration, Humanities and Communication Arts Buildings will continue to be locked or unlocked manually according to the schedule noted above. Please contact Public Safety at x2104 with any questions.

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Are You Receiving Your Holiday Greetings?

To ensure that you are receiving your holiday greetings, update your AMI contact information today. AMI (Account Management Interface) is the way people can find names, phone numbers and locations of faculty/staff/students. AMI empowers individuals to modify their own contact information such as phone and fax numbers, title, location, department and primary email address information. For instructions on how to update your AMI information, go to: doitcs.creighton.edu/docs/AMIQuickReferenceGuide.doc. If you have any questions, call the Service Desk at x1111.

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Banner System Upgrade Coming

In order to maximize the features of the latest version of the Banner system for the Creighton community, there will be an upgrade period during the campus holiday break. The process of upgrading from Banner 6 to Banner 7.2 and migrating to new hardware will begin on Dec. 28 at 5 p.m. and last through Jan. 1 at 10 p.m. During the upgrade period, INB Banner (Finance and Student) will be unavailable. The only functionality available in Banner Self-Service will be the ability for students to view their final grades. Full service to both systems will be fully restored by Jan. 2. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Service Desk at x1111. More information is available at this link: www2.creighton.edu/doit/banner/bannerupgrade/index.php.

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