## **Creighton Prep's Student Support Services**

Beginning in July of 2018, Creighton Prep will provide a comprehensive student support services program with more specialized, professional support services to help students succeed in the classroom, help students and families navigate the college admissions and scholarship application processes, and help Prep meet a wider range of students' emotional, psychological, social, and socioeconomic needs. A description of each of the roles associated with student support services follows.

All five of our **Guidance Counselors** will continue to serve their assigned students by providing regular support with course selection and scheduling, personal development, academic support, career and college planning, and social and emotional counseling.

The **Director of College Counseling** will work in concert with the guidance counselors to provide students and parents with specialized expertise and insight into the college admissions and scholarship application processes. The Director of College Counseling will be responsible for coordinating and managing programming related to the college admissions and scholarship application processes such as college visits, parent and student presentations, and individualized college counseling, as needed.

A four-member *Cura Personalis* Team will work to augment the efforts of guidance counselors when special circumstances arise and more specialized expertise is required. This team will consist of:

- A School Psychologist who will help students and parents with emotional and behavioral
  concerns. The school psychologist will provide individualized mental health counseling, group
  sessions, drug and alcohol education and counseling, suicide awareness and prevention, and
  address other topics relevant to adolescent psychological development. The school psychologist
  will have either an LMHP or PhD with a specialization in adolescent psychology.
- 2. A **Learning Specialist** who will create, administer and review accommodation plans for students with diagnosed learning differences. The learning specialist will work with students, parents, teachers and administrators to ensure that all Prep students with learning differences receive the support they need to be successful.
- 3. An **Academic Coach** will work with students who need additional academic coaching in forming skills, behaviors, and habits of mind that are required for successful independent learning at Prep. These students may include those with formal learning accommodations, as well as those students who need special assistance transitioning from non-traditional academic backgrounds to a college prep environment.
- 4. A **Director of Student Advocacy and Outreach** is responsible for helping students and their families with any special socioeconomic or cultural needs that might prevent them from reaching their full potential at Prep by helping them find resources, mentors, programs, etc. that meet their unique needs.

The **Assistant Principal for Student Support Services** will be responsible for coordinating and providing administrative oversight for all of the positions listed above. Additionally, the AP for Student Services will be responsible for the community period curriculum and related programming, will oversee the random drug testing program and coordinate the school's response to positive tests, will assist with faculty evaluations, and will manage the administrative response to special student circumstances as they arise.