



# All Things Ignatian



## The C-Unity Mural Project

The result was **The C-Unity Mural Project**, a community mural approximately 9' x 50' long, depicting imagery generated by Creighton and Omaha community ideations and imagery. The project was led by local Artist **Mike Girón**, who brought to life the general themes of the mural: what acts as barriers in our communities, what connects us, and how to interact with each other in the process of a common goal - conveyed to form in the mural. Participants in the project shared and gathered thoughts on this theme on paper and photography. Many visual representations were brought from these lists. The painting of the mural was done by Omaha high school students, Creighton students, and staff.



Color Mixing Party 11/12/13

As part of the first C-Unity Week celebration on campus the Outreach and Programming Team provided educational and social programs that advanced the cultural and social understanding of diversity at Creighton and in our Omaha community. A central activity was developed that would act as an opportunity to bring together the community through art and create opportunities to dialogue about aspects of diversity in our community.



The Deep Well of Unity (Unity in different languages in Omaha)



Heart Blossoms

### Quick Facts:

- Mural is painted on vinyl, recycled from a local billboard.
- 8 gallons of paint was used to create the range of color.
- Approx. 186 hours went into the creation of the mural.
- Over 175 participants assisted in creating the mural.
- From 11/11- 12/6/13 we had over 500 visitors to the mural.

### When viewing the mural consider the following:

- What keeps you in your own bubble?
- How do you break barriers between yourself and others?
- What do we share in common?
- What do we have to offer as individuals and as a community?



Join Together



Freaks: "the Other"

### Project Team:

- **Outreach and Programming Team:** Valerie Tufano '15, Samantha Broderick '15, Chelsea Williams '14, Zachary Tom '16, Garrick Hayashi '16, Kathleen Ambre '14, and supervised by Luz Colon-Rodriguez, Assistant Director of Outreach and Programming-Office of Multicultural Affairs.
- **Skutt Student Center Art Gallery:** Sarah Garroh '14 and Tami Thibodeau, Assistant Director-Skutt and Harper Center.
- **Artist: Mike Girón** was born in New Orleans, 1970. He has featured in solo and group exhibitions, created public artworks and even painted mardi gras parade floats. As a professor, he has influenced many artists, and has been curator of socially-conscious art exhibits. His chosen media include oil painting, murals, traditional and digital printmaking, and design. Mike currently lives in Omaha, Nebraska, with his wife and children. His work can be seen at [www.mikegiron.com](http://www.mikegiron.com).

### Next Steps:

The C-Unity Mural will be divided up into sections and shared across the Omaha Community to encourage dialogue and community building.

### Sponsors:

- The Outreach and Programming Team of the Office of Multicultural Affairs
- Nebraska Arts Council
- Skutt Student Center Art Gallery
- Diversity Action Team of the Division of Student Life
- Multicultural Advisory Council (MAC)
- Creighton Student Union (CSU)
- Office of Multicultural Affairs



C-Unity Mural Closing Reception.

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