The AUGSBURG COLLEGE ASSOCIATES

Spring 2016

MAY BRUNCH—"LOOKING AHEAD FROM THE PAST"

You are invited to join the Associates for a Spring Brunch on Saturday, May 2 on the Augsburg College campus. We are looking forward to another lively and informative theme, "Looking Ahead from the Past." Augsburg's urban location has challenged and enriched campus life. The early founders of the College were met with a community not unlike the neighborhood where it presently resides. The presenters will take us from the early days of Augsburg's mission to the present.

The event will begin with registration and social time in the Arnold Atrium of Foss Center at 9:15 a.m. followed by the program at 9:45 a.m. in Hoversten Chapel. A delicious brunch will be served mid-morning. The cost of this event is \$30 per person, with an opportunity to sponsor a student for \$30. Please invite friends and family to join you.

Register now at **augsburg.edu/alumni/events** or call Becky Waggoner at 612-330-1085 with your credit card information.

Note: No valet parking or parking passes will be necessary as courses will not be in session.

Taste of Augsburg

The Augsburg Associates thank you for stopping by our booth at the Taste of Augsburg event during Homecoming 2015. Hot coffee and snacks were enjoyed by alumni, faculty, staff, parents, and friends. The beautiful weather brought many Auggies out to visit with old friends and new acquaintances before the football game and we were so glad you spent time with us.



Plan to visit us again in Murphy Square Park for Homecoming 2016, and while you're there, be sure to pick up some snacks to carry with you throughout the day.

The Mission of the

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The Augsburg College Associates is a service auxiliary of volunteers whose mission includes fundraising for special projects and scholarships in support of the College.



Board Members

Lennore Bevis '66 Margaret Bostelmann Eunice Dietrich '65 Alice Evenson '64 Shar Hauer Janet Potratz '63 Abigail Pribbenow Sylvia Sabo Olivia Smith '64 Karen Steenson '64 Sara Strom '63 Grace Sulerud '58 Jacqueline Teisberg '80 Carla Walgren '64



The Annual Meeting and Fall Luncheon September 2015

Augsburg Associates President Lennore Bevis conducted the September 23, 2015 meeting. Members heard the Treasurer's and Committee reports, and held elections. We were pleased to welcome five board members, each elected to a three-year term: Eunice Dietrich '65, Alice Evenson '64, Sylvia Sabo, Karen Steenson '64, and Carla Walgren '64. Outgoing board members Liz Horton and Marlys Thorsgaard '57 were recognized and thanked for each serving two terms—six years on the board. Margaret Bostelmann and Jacqueline Teisberg '80 were elected to a second three-year term. Kathleen Gabrielsen '80 and Emily Crook '07 were thanked for serving two years each on the board. Before adjourning for the luncheon, Associates learned the names of seven recipients of the 2015-2016 Associates Scholarships.

Following a delicious lunch at Town and Country Club, Ann Garvey, vice president of Student Affairs, reported on the status of Augsburg College today. She also offered the invocation. Student Affairs offers many services, programs, and activities to support academic success and personal development of Augsburg students. Presentations were made by Jennifer Simon, director of American Indian Student Services, and Dulce Monterrubio, director of Latin@ Student Services. Each inspired us with their personal stories and descriptions of their work with Augsburg students.

The luncheon closed with Associates being introduced to two recent grads, Yasameen Sajady '12 and Stella Richardson '15, who are guiding the entrepreneurship and internship program at the Sisterhood Boutique thrift shop near Augsburg.

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Velkommen Jul 2015

Once again the Augsburg community enjoyed gathering in December for the annual festive Scandinavian event. Norwegian sweaters and traditional dress added much authenticity to this Scandinavian buffet and boutique.

A joint effort of the College and the Augsburg Associates, the buffet featured Scandinavian food items such as lefse, krumkake, kransekake, gjetost, limpa rye breads, julekake, rice pudding with berry sauce, assorted cookies, cheese, and crackers. Associates' scholarship recipients helped us make heart-shaped waffles served with cream and jam.

"Scholarship Baskets" were available for individuals to make contributions for the Associates' scholarship fund. We are grateful for all donations received.

The Scandinavian boutique under the leadership of Barb Larsen and Joyce Hauge is a very popular and important part of Velkommen Jul, featuring home-baked goods, Scandinavian gifts, and holiday decorations. All proceeds from this boutique go toward our scholarship fund for Augsburg students.

Pictures of our scholarship recipients were displayed on a table near the buffet. If you missed them this year, we invite you to take note of them next year.

The Associates' Board greatly appreciates all the hard-working and dedicated volunteers as well as the guests who came to partake in this festive annual event.

Your gifts support Briana's career goal

Each year, the Augsburg Associates award approximately \$1,300 from its scholarship endowment to a student from any class or major who participates in campus-wide interfaith programs and/or community service.

This year's recipient, **Briana Ekstrom '18** of Chaska, Minnesota, is majoring in vocal performance with a minor in music theatre. Her goal is to become a vocal coach and she is already thinking about graduate school. Active in the Honors Program and the Augsburg Choir, Briana also performs in Augsburg theater productions and is a member of the cast for this spring's production of Henrik Ibsen's "An Enemy of the People."



Her 4.0 GPA for the Fall 2015 semester was gratifying, and it reinforced the wisdom of her choice of majors. Working in the Student Financial Services office is a regular reminder of how thankful she is for the financial help she has received from multiple organizations. As a member of the Pike Stewards House, Briana will work with other Honors students to coordinate public relations, job placement, graduate school placement, and fundraising opportunities for Honors students, as well as events for alumni. She looks forward to a choir tour around the four-state area in June.

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Thank you, Associates!

Your gifts support scholarships for...

Nora Barr '16, New York, New York Chelsea Crego '17, Lakeville, Minnesota Hannah Davidson '17, Virginia, Minnesota Briana Ekstrom '18, Chaska, Minnesota Jay Kiel '17, Little Falls, Minnesota Blake Miller '17, Staples, Minnesota Devin Wiggs '17, Oakdale, Minnesota

Membership

The Membership Committee thanks all who have joined the Augsburg Associates for the 2015-16 academic year. We appreciate that you've joined us and have believed in our commitment to provide scholarships to Augsburg students. Membership dues provide the basis to support the mission of Augsburg Associates.

Thank you notes and membership cards were sent to 97 members by the membership committee. The membership drive for 2016-17 will begin in June. Look for a mailer coming your way or contact Becky Waggoner at **waggoner@augsburg.edu** for a form. The membership form will also be online at **augsburg.edu/almni/volunteer** in the Augsburg Associates section.





COMING EVENTS

Saturday, May 21

Spring Brunch at Augsburg hosted by Augsburg Associates

Thursday, October 6

Fall Luncheon & Annual Meeting Town & Country Club, St. Paul

September 22-24

2016 HOMECOMING

In Memorium

Our sympathy to longtime Associate Carol Skaar on the February 2, 2016 death of her husband, Arnie. Arnold H. Skaar was 91 years old and was an Augsburg graduate in the class of 1948.