

Education Department Newsletter

News and information for Augsburg College Education Department faculty, staff, and students

■ **Education Holiday Party and Gretchen Irvine Celebration!** Students, faculty and staff are invited to a holiday party and celebration of Dr. Gretchen Irvine's retirement, Friday, Dec. 13, 3-6 PM; Education Department Suite, Sverdrup Hall 3. Gretchen has been an active member of the department and Augsburg community for 20 years, teaching and leading the departmental efforts in early childhood education, technology and social studies. A short program celebrating her contributions will take place at 4:00 in the suite. Please join us!

■ **Students with Fall 2013 Field Experiences:** Please remember to send a thank you note to your host teacher! This is an important professional courtesy, and will mean a lot to the teacher.

■ **Planning for Spring 2014 Courses with Field Experience:** Start thinking now about field experience requirements for Spring 2014 classes. You can check with the instructor of your course or Dee Cole Vodicka, Field Experience Coordinator, about specific requirements and suggestions about schools/sites (some classes will have arrangements with specific schools). There will also be a Field Experience Fair in SVE 102 on Friday, Jan. 17, 4:30 - 6:00 PM and Saturday, Jan. 18,

11:30 - 1:00 PM. There will be help available at the fair for securing field experience placements, including information about specific schools with whom we partner. Contact Dee Cole Vodicka <vodicka@augsborg.edu> for more information.

■ **Fall 2013 MTLE Reading, Writing and Mathematics Preparation Workshops Through TC2:** Visit <<http://www.tcteacher.org/resources.php>> for more information on the upcoming MTLE reading, writing and mathematics preparation modules prepared and coordinated through TC2.

■ **Eye to Eye:** Do you have a learning disability and/or ADHD? Do you want to change the life of a kid, and have fun while doing it? If so, we want you to join Augsburg's chapter of Eye to Eye, the mentoring movement for different thinkers! Eye to Eye is a mentoring program that pairs college students with learning disabilities and/or ADHD with similarly labeled middle school students. Each week, mentors use an art-based curriculum to help younger students learn about themselves, and develop strategies to succeed in the classroom. The goal of the program is to empower the younger students by helping them to value their learning differences, build their self esteem, and give them skills to let their teachers know what they need to succeed in the classroom. All art is good art; mentors do

General information, administrative forms, and other helpful resources pertaining to the Augsburg College teacher licensure programs are available at:

<<http://inside.augsburg.edu/edstudents/>>.

Send your edited newsletter announcements via email to:

<erickson@augsborg.edu>.

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MTLE Help Online:

Need help passing the MTLE test? MTLE and other testing information is available online. Go to:

<http://inside.augsburg.edu/edstudents/admission/>.

Assignment Pick Up:

Please pick up your assignments from all your courses. At the completion of the next term all assignments from the previous terms left in the Education offices are be thrown away. If you cannot find your work in the office, contact the instructor of your course to find out where the materials are located

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not need to be art majors or have backgrounds in art to get involved!

Mentors go to Groves Academy every Wednesday from 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. Transportation is provided for those who need it.

Become a mentor! If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Jodi Stanton or Mike Schumacher, Augsburg Eye to Eye Coordinators, at [<stantonj@augsborg.edu>](mailto:stantonj@augsborg.edu) or [<schumach@augsborg.edu>](mailto:schumach@augsborg.edu).

■ Minnesota Reading Corps or Math Corps: Minnesota Reading Corps-the nation's largest state AmeriCorps program-and its sister program Minnesota Math Corps are looking to place 12 full-time/part-time Literacy Tutors and 5 full-time/part-time Math Tutors within the Saint Paul & Minneapolis Public School Districts. Tutors not only change the world of kids who are struggling in school, they experience professional and personal growth. To see a list of all positions available in the Twin Cities metro area, please visit here: <http://minnesotareadingcorps.org/>.

■ Study Education and Psychology in Slovenia: Examine the roots of both educational and psychological practices that shaped European culture, experience Roman ruins in Croatia, and the canals of Venice, Italy! A European travel

program is scheduled to go to all of these countries during May 2014. Earn two college classes (EDC 490/580 School and Society and one Psychology elective) while traveling with your classmates and learning about other cultures and systems of education.

The trip will be led by Education professor Joseph Erickson (612-330-1647 or [<erickson@augsborg.edu>](mailto:erickson@augsborg.edu) and Stacy Freiheit of the department of psychology. Sign-up deadline is January 31, 2014.

Go to this website for more information: <http://web.augsburg.edu/~erickson/travel2014/>.

■ Spring 2014 Program Planning with Your Adviser: With changes to the WEC, we would like all students to contact their education adviser to plan their program through student teaching. 2013-14 course offerings for the Spring WEC semester can currently be found on the AugNet, records and registration. Your adviser will help you identify course pre-requisites and sequencing, undergraduate and graduate requirements, distribution of field service requirements, policy changes that may affect you (MTLE I tests) and preparation for student teaching.