

March 5, 2012

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 24th Nobel Peace Prize Forum, held last week at Augsburg College and the University of Minnesota, delivered a high-quality program that attracted international speakers and participants.

Nobel Peace Prize Laureate F.W. de Klerk was the honored Laureate. He delivered the leading keynote presentation about working with Nelson Mandela to end apartheid in South Africa and the need for all nations to embrace diversity in order to successfully move toward the future. De Klerk's perspective and comments were complemented by a call to action by Naomi Tutu, international human rights activist and the daughter of Archbishop Desmond Tutu. She explored the concept that the process of truth and reconciliation begins with the individual and the willingness to accept that each of us has the capacity for evil and good.

Other highlights included a discussion by Augsburg alumni Peter Agre '70, a Nobel Chemistry Laureate, who talked about the role science can play to foster and promote peace in difficult settings. In addition, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, a Peace Laureate from Burma, delivered a special video announcement calling upon people from throughout the globe to seek unity and partnership to promote peace.

The Forum had international attendance and reach, through in-person attendance, special sessions created to foster dialogue between international communities, and through live-streaming of the programming. Students from Assumption University of Bangkok, American College of Norway, Nelson Mandela University of South Africa, the Copenhagen Business School Center, and Nagasaki University participated via live-streaming and special sessions. A number of tracks and events were sold out, including Business Day, Global Studies Day, the Education Festival, and Benjamin Britten's War Requiem. During Education Day, and likely because of the high media attention generated by Dessa's participation in the Friday program, the Forum sold – overnight – an additional 200 or so tickets.

The Forum received a range of print, radio, and television coverage, including on WCCO television and radio, Minnesota Public Radio, and the *Star Tribune*. The reach of the Forum was enhanced through social media and the Twitter hashtag for the event. A number of participants continue to post to social media about the impact of the event on their lives. A link in the "Other Information" section of this update will take you to a range of coverage about the Forum.

Staff appreciation is March 8. The community has the opportunity to celebrate the contributions by staff to the College from 2:30 to 4 p.m., March 8, in the East Commons. It's always an honor to participate in this event, and to recognize the milestone anniversaries of dedicated Auggies.

EVENTS

March 8 – Staff Appreciation. 2:30 to 4 p.m., East Commons.

March 8-9 – Mayo Innovation Scholars Program, Spring Presentations

March 16-18 – Where Condor Meets Eagle: Bolivian and Native American Film Series

<http://www.augsburg.edu/filmseries/>

For a listing of Augsburg athletic events, visit the Athletic Department Calendar at

<http://bit.ly/mUsyCB>.

DAILY CHAPEL

The community gathers from 10:20 to 10:40 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; and from 11:20 to 11:40 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Informal communion is held at 9:09 p.m., Wednesday.

- Tuesday, March 6: Religion Department Series, “Everything You’ve Learned About Religion is Wrong,” Brad Holt
- Wednesday, March 7: Religion Department Series, “Everything You’ve Learned About Religion is Wrong,” Russell Kleckley
- Thursday, March 8: Religion Department Series, “Everything You’ve Learned About Religion is Wrong,” Karl Jacobson
- Friday, March 9: Religion Department Series, “Everything You’ve Learned About Religion is Wrong,” Matthew Maruggi
- Monday, March 12: Religion Department Series, “Everything You’ve Learned About Religion is Wrong,” Martha Stortz

Augsburg for Adults and members of Campus Ministry gather from 7:30 to 7:50 a.m. on days of Saturday class for Eat, Greet & Bless: WEC/Grad Gathering (formerly known as First Word Gathering). These meetings are a chance for people of all faiths and backgrounds to meet for an informal worship and to enjoy breakfast together.

OTHER INFORMATION

Auggies tell story of college – Members of the Augsburg community can help tell the story of the College in many ways, every day. Be sure to submit your events, news, and kudos to A-Mail, and consider sharing the Augsburg story by posting to your personal Facebook page some of the news from our community. Take a moment to check out some of these neat Auggie stories:

- Nobel Peace Prize Forum in Storify, including media coverage - <http://storify.com/AugsburgCollege/buzz-about-town-nobel-peace-prize-forum>
- Nobel Peace Prize Forum in Flickr - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/augsburgcollege/sets/72157629489810939/>
- “Colleges locked in struggle for supremacy,” a *New York Times* story about the Augsburg-Wartburg wrestling rivalry - <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/03/05/sports/colleges-locked-in-struggle-for-wrestling-supremacy.html>

- Two Auggies finalists at Twin Cities Forensics League speech tournament - <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/#33401>.
- The highest number of Auggies ever participated in the Konhauser Problemfest – a mathematics challenge – last week. <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120228#33364>