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From the Director's Desk

Transitions

Summer is often a time of transition. It is the period when students typically are transitioning to a new term in the fall, families take vacations, and there are sometimes changes in jobs. In this newsletter you will notice that **Patty Park** is "transitioning" into retirement this summer. Patty has been a very valuable member of the Augsburg College community for many years—the last ten as the program coordinator in the MA in Leadership program. When she retires we will not only be losing a very dedicated and highly professional staff member but will also be losing the incredible "institutional memory" that she has brought to our work. In addition, many of you will be losing a trusted friend and advisor who has been so helpful as you have progressed toward your degree. You will see elsewhere in this newsletter that we will be hosting a retirement reception on Thursday, June 25 from 3-5pm to honor Patty's service.

I hope you are all taking time to do some productive transitions of your own this summer. In the newsletter, you will see a couple of other job changes. Some of you are taking classes this summer and others are taking time off. Regardless of what you have planned, the summer goes by too fast. I hope that you will take some time to enjoy your summer.

Alan Tuchtenhagen, Director
Augsburg MA in Leadership and the Center for Leadership Studies

Course Evaluations

As *Summer Time 1* courses end, please remember to complete the online course evaluations. **All course evaluations are anonymous and are not available to the instructors until after grades have been submitted.** In addition, feel free to contact Alan Tuchtenhagen any time with comments.

Don't Forget to Register

For the 2015-16 course schedule (including class dates), go to:
http://web.augsburg.edu/mal/MAL_2015-16_courses.pdf.

A couple of notes about the AugNet "Records and Registration" site:

1. Identifying MAL hybrid courses: The College lists all courses that have a Moodle component as "hybrid." To find the courses that MAL defines as hybrid (i.e. that meet three times per term), refer to the suffix of the course number. Our hybrid courses end in IH1 or IH2.
2. "Start-end date" column: The dates listed in the "Start-end date" column cover the span of the term rather than the individual course.

Reception for Patty Park, June 25

To honor her many years of service to the MAL program and to the College, the MAL Program will host a retirement reception in Patty Park's honor. We hope that you can come.

Date: Thursday, June 25

Time: 300 – 5:00 pm (Brief program at 3:30pm)

Location: Oren Gateway, room 100

If you are unable to attend but would like to send your good wishes to Patty, you can contact her using her Augsburg e-mail until July 9 (parkp@augsborg.edu).

Colloquium Projects

Here are the topics that were covered at MAL's June 10 Colloquium. Feel free to contact the presenters if you would like to learn more about their research. **For event photos, see page 3.**

Susan Brezny The Leadership Styles of American Indian Women Professionals

Jocelyn Broyles: Supporting Success: Implementing Effective Parental Involvement with Black Families

Sera Knutson: Maintaining Trust Through Patient-Centered Care and Collab.: A Leadership Model for Hospitals

John Mason: Does Staff Engagement Impact Organizational Goals?

Donna Oda; Lessons Learned from Adam Clayton Powell Jr.

David Olson: The Impact of Experiential Learning on Retention

Randall Ross: Media Selection for Use in Virtual Teams

Miriah Van Duuren: Identifying Key Success Factors for the Visual Arts-Based Business Owner

Vocation and the Common Good

On-campus conference free to MAL students

5 pm, July 20 through 1 pm, July 22

This summer, Augsburg will host the 21th annual Vocation of a Lutheran College Conference, and you are invited to attend. The registration fee for the conference is waived for Augsburg participants, and all meals are provided to Augsburg participants free of charge. Each year this conference brings together faculty, staff, and administrators of Lutheran colleges to explore the distinctive roles we play in higher education. This year we will examine the common good through the lens of vocation. MAL Professor Tom Morgan is the conference chair.

Theme: "Vocation and the Common Good"

Begins at 5:00 pm on Monday, July 20

Ends at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, July 22

You may view the agenda and register for the conference at

<http://www.augsburg.edu/ccv/events/vocation-of-a-lutheran-college-conference/>.

Waiving the fee for students is part of Augsburg's continuing effort to provide low cost professional development opportunities for you. You are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to add your voice to these important discussions. It is a great conference for those of you who are interested in, or currently working in, higher education.

To register, use the Augsburg Faculty and Staff button on the registration site. The deadline for registration is Monday, July 13. If you have questions about registration, please contact Vivian Chen (voalc@augsborg.edu or 612-330-1334); if you would like more information about the conference, please contact Tom Morgan (morgan@augsborg.edu or 612-330-1773).

There will also be a pre-conference session to promote Women's Leadership Development at ELCA Colleges and Universities. More information on these sessions are available at:

<http://www.augsburg.edu/ccv/2015/05/07/2015-vocation-of-a-lutheran-college-pre-conference/>.

About our MAL Students

Starting in July, **Gina Sevic** '15 will begin her role of director of community and work-based learning at Inver Hills Community College. Gina will support faculty, students and staff to engage students in community involvement and learning that stimulates critical thinking, addresses community needs, and fosters lifelong civic engagement.

Mo Gaitan '15 has been named the first head coach of the Golden Bear women's lacrosse team at Concordia University in St. Paul. Previously, Gaitan served as Augsburg's top assistant coach of the women's lacrosse team, the first NCAA women's lacrosse program in the state. For more detail about Mo's background, including her time as an Augsburg graduate fellow, go to Concordia's press release at:

<http://tinyurl.com/Gaitan-postion-Concordia>

June 3 Leadership Summit a Success

Augsburg's Center for Leadership Studies recently hosted a leadership summit in conjunction with the Midway Chamber of Commerce. A morning workshop focused on the I Opt survey was led by Tom Morgan and assisted by MAL student Diana Pierce. The luncheon speaker was RT Rybak, former mayor of Minneapolis and currently executive director of Generation Next. This was the first annual leadership summit, and we look forward to continuing this in the future.

Congratulations to David Lapakko

Congratulations to **David Lapakko** (communication studies and MAL professor), who this year was crowned "America's Greatest Thinker" at the 23rd annual Great American Think-Off in New York Mills, Minn. David won his semifinal round over David Eckel of Clayton, N.C., a software developer. In the finals he defeated Paul Terry, chief science officer at Staywell in St. Paul. This year's debate question was, "Does Technology Free Us or Trap Us?", with Professor Lapakko arguing the "freedom" position. Learn more at think-off.org.

A notice of David's win was included in the StarTribune's "Faces" column on Thursday, June 18.

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MAL Colloquium 2015

MAL students, faculty, alumni, and friends gathered in the Oren Gateway Center on Wednesday, June 10 to hear presentations of the final projects of eight MAL students. The presentations covered a wide variety of topics. Thank you to our speakers: **Susan Brezny, Jocelyn Broyles, Sera Knutson, John Mason, Donna Oda, David Olson, Randall Ross, and Miriah Van Duuren.** Your hard work and careful preparation made the Colloquium a great success. See these and more photos at <http://tinyurl.com/MALColloquium2015>.



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