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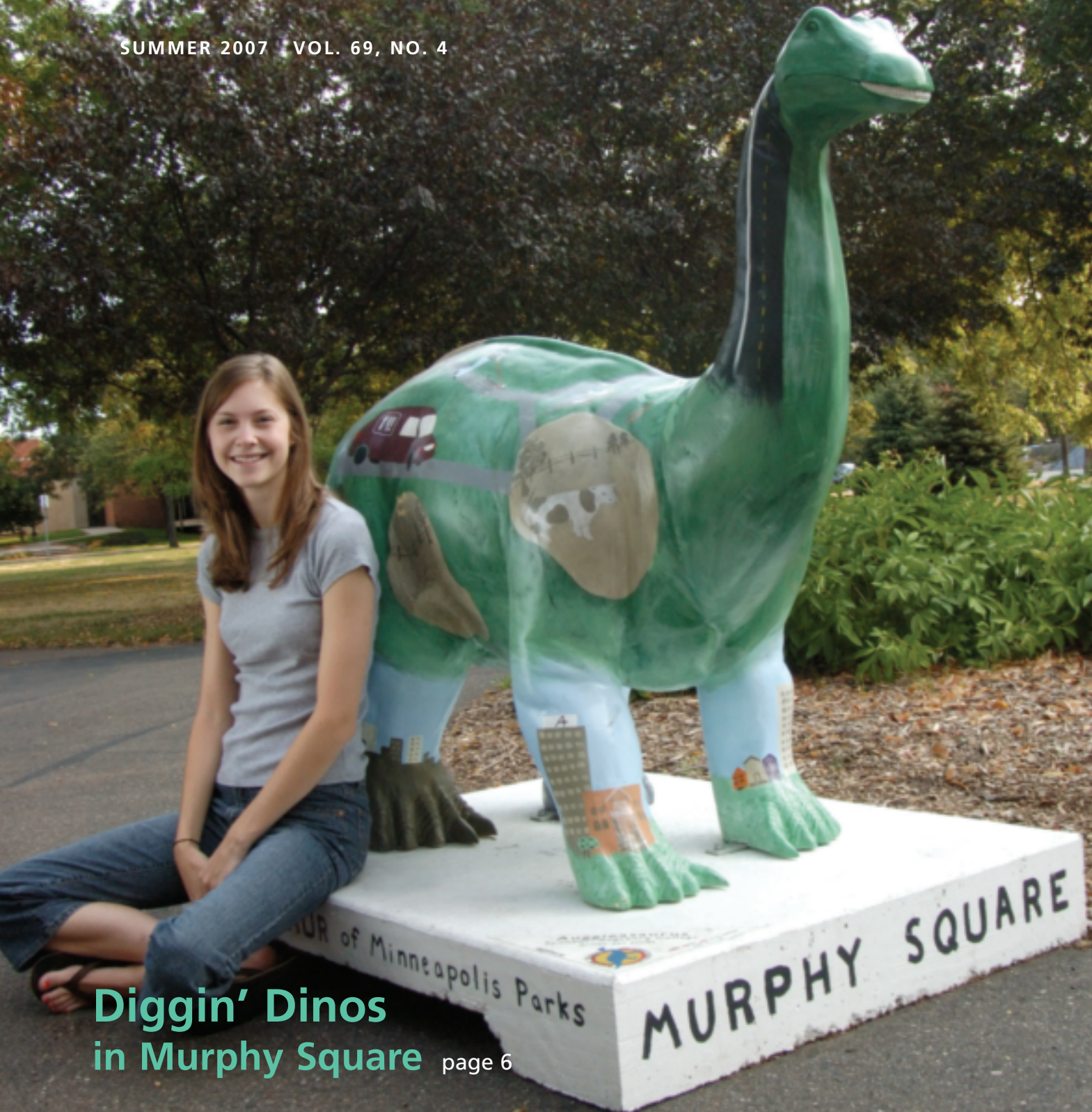
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Notes

from President Pribbenow on...

Students at the center of our lives

It is the end of July as I pen these Notes for the summer 2007 issue of *Augsburg Now*, and we have just concluded our summer orientation for more than 400 incoming first-year students, the Class of 2011. I am as energized as always by the sense of wonder and hope that comes with an incoming class of college students!

At the other end of the continuum, you will find in the following pages the stories and images of our two 2007 Commencement ceremonies—the first early in May for our day undergraduates and our physician assistant graduate students; the second late in June for our weekend undergraduates and the other five graduate programs (nursing, social work, education, leadership, and business administration). All combined, we graduated more than 900 new Auggie alums this spring—what grand celebrations we enjoyed!

I have been thinking a lot about this continuum of student experiences—and have enjoyed some rich and important conversations the past several months with the Augsburg community about how we might better honor the centrality of students to our life as a college.

It is, above all, about the promise we make to our students. Let's call it the Augsburg Promise. As students come to us, no matter their prior experience or background, we regard them as:

- Gifted—a gift to us and the world, to be cared for, educated, and nurtured,
- Called—on a vocational path that we will help them discern and navigate,
- Accountable—persons of responsibility and integrity.

As they enter the College—as undergraduates or graduate students—we engage them in mission-based academic and social experiences that prepare them for meaningful work and service in the world. In the classroom, on the playing fields, in the residence halls, on stage, and in the neighborhood, students enter a teaching and learning community that prepares them to make a living and to make a life in the world.

And as they leave us, our students remain at the center of our lives as graduates whose lives and work are emblems of this college's aspirations and commitments. We expect them to have gained an informed vision of the world, focused on discovery and appreciating difference. We prepare them for intelligent understanding, full of curiosity and a commitment to dialogue. And we offer them remarkable opportunities for relevant experience, learning to apply what they have learned and lead others.

Students are at the center of our lives. There is no more energizing and engaging work. And there are few places that do it as well as Augsburg College. It is the Augsburg Promise, a promise we strive to keep each and every day.

Faithfully yours,

Paul C. Pribbenow, president

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Social Work Student of the Year

Lisa Luinenburg '07 was named Social Work Student of the Year by the Minnesota Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) for her “outstanding scholarship and service to the community.” She graduated in May with double majors in social work and international relations.

Physician Assistant program earns national award

Augsburg's Physician Assistant program was recently awarded the 2007 American Academy of Physician Assistants' Constituent Organization Award of Achievement for a high school curriculum project developed in 2005. With the help of the Minnesota Academy of Physician Assistants (MAPA), the PA faculty developed a program to educate high school students about the role of a PA, increase the diversity among PA providers, and provide health education and hands-on learning.

In May 2006 and 2007, Augsburg hosted high school groups on campus who participated in interactive educational activities on how diseases, specifically HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, can spread, as well as how to administer a neurological exam and take blood pressures. Current PA students and recent graduates helped with the teaching.

Nou Chang '09 joins Minnesota's Future Doctors

Junior Nou Chang participated this summer in Minnesota's Future Doctors, a program to explore the medical profession that is sponsored by the University of Minnesota and Mayo Medical School. Over three summers, it aims to increase the number of Minnesota minority, immigrant, and rural physicians by helping these students develop academic skills, an understanding of medicine, and an appreciation for serving in an underserved community.

Chang, a biology and English major with a religion minor, immigrated with her family to Rochester, Minn., from Thailand in 1988. She also is the recipient of a Jay and Rose Phillips Family Foundation Scholarship that awards potential student leaders who intend to dedicate a portion of their lives to community service. She works with homeless Hmong refugee children, ages 6-12, in partnership with the Southeast Asian Community Council, and hopes to create a center where the homeless children can participate in culturally-based programs.

Rick Thoni retires as WEC celebrates 25 years

As Weekend College celebrated 25 years in May, the program's founder, Rick Thoni, prepared to retire from the College in June, after 35 years of service.

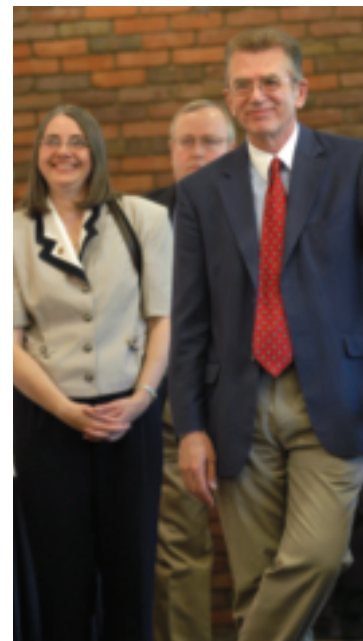


Mia Bothun, WEC student body president, spoke at the 25th anniversary celebration on behalf of WEC students, urging them to become more involved in building greater community.

Thoni joined Augsburg in 1972 as a part-time psychology professor and counselor in the Student Affairs Office and went on to fill such roles as associate dean of students, acting vice president of student affairs, vice president for research and development, director of Weekend College, and vice president for enrollment management.

On May 17, students, faculty, staff, and alumni of Weekend College gathered to look back on a quarter century. President Pribbenow commented that the number of stories from faculty and staff of being asked to help students get an education clearly demonstrates the organic nature of how WEC grew, beginning with the student at the center.

He also commented on the commitment of Rick Thoni and others in WEC who didn't merely launch the program, but threw themselves into the work of meeting students' needs.



Rick Thoni, with his wife, Linda, listened as President Pribbenow announced the creation of the Richard J. Thoni Award for a graduating WEC student that would honor him “in an abiding way.”

Don Gustafson, professor of history, applauded WEC students and described the rewards of teaching in WEC—meeting students who bring different experiences, perspectives, and commitment to class.

In Thoni's honor, President Pribbenow announced the creation of the Richard J. Thoni Award, which will be given annually to a graduating WEC student whose actions, commitments, and future aspirations most profoundly demonstrate a commitment to Augsburg's motto, “Education for Service.”

SUPPORTING AUGSBURG

The Kennedy Center— filled with Auggie spirit

On May 4, the dedication of the Kennedy Center, the three-story addition to Melby Hall, brought together Augsburg alumni, donors, regents, faculty, staff, and students in celebration of Augsburg athletics, fitness, and health and physical education.



President Pribbenow (second from left), together with President Emeritus William Frame (left) and lead donors Dean '75 and Terry Kennedy, cut the ribbon to showcase the new training, fitness, locker, classroom, and hospitality facilities.



The Lute Olson Hall of Champions highlights and celebrates the accomplishments of the many Auggie student-athletes across 18 men's and women's intercollegiate sports.



Greco-wrestling champion Alan Rice was greeted by President Pribbenow in front of the Alan and Gloria Rice Wrestling Center, a state-of-the-art training facility for Augsburg's championship team and Greco-Roman wrestling.



President Pribbenow expressed gratitude to the family of former regent James Haglund and his wife, Kathleen, whose gifts provided the spacious, new fitness center bearing their family name.



The open entryway provided a great gathering place for the Augsburg community to celebrate the dedication.

2007 International Programs Photo Contest



FIRST PLACE

"Mysterious Ireland"

Anthony Porter '07, Wicklow, Ireland



SECOND PLACE

"Cliffside: Bonsai Overlooking Tea Hills"

Ryan Treptow '07, Munnar, Kerala, India



THIRD PLACE

"Beneath African Skies"

Krista Costin '08, Ada-Foah, Ghana



HONORABLE MENTION

"Eiffel Tower"

Laura Henry '07, Paris, France

LANDSCAPE

PHOTOJOURNALISM



FIRST PLACE AND BEST IN SHOW

"Pilgrims and Three Oceans Converge at Sunrise"
Ryan Treptow '07, Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu, India



SECOND PLACE

"Untitled"
Jennifer Oliver '07, Chiang Mai, Thailand



THIRD PLACE

"The Boat Keeper"
Allison Hutterer '07, Rabat, Morocco



FIRST PLACE

"Las Hermanitas" ("The Little Sisters")
Megan Schiller '07,
San Lucas Toliman, Guatemala



SECOND PLACE

"Lumbini Woman"
Ryan Treptow '07, Bijapur,
Northern Karnataka, India

Augsburg senior Jen Janda has been “Diggin’ Dinos” this summer—not on an archeological dig in Egypt, but in downtown St. Paul. It’s part of the “Diggin’ Dinos” summer celebration honoring the 100th anniversary of the Science Museum of Minnesota. Beginning Memorial Day weekend, 53 dinosaurs were placed around the streets of St. Paul, mostly downtown, and seven in the parks of Minneapolis as part of their 150th anniversary celebration.

Much like the Snoopy statues a few years ago, these dinosaurs have been painted by local artists. Until Labor Day, Janda’s 4.5 feet tall by 8 feet long, 80 lb. dinosaur will live in Murphy Square, Minneapolis’s oldest park, located in the heart of Augsburg’s campus.

When the College joined the project, Janda was selected as Augsburg’s designer by the art faculty. In keeping with the overall theme, she named the dinosaur “Auggieasaurus.” All the statues were painted during the Diggin’ Dinos Paint-Off at RiverCentre in St. Paul, just before Memorial Day weekend.

“My idea for the Auggieasaurus was to incorporate Murphy Square’s history into a ‘map’ of the various activities that go on in the

park each spring and fall because of its location in Augsburg College’s campus,” Janda says. Around the base of the statue, she inscribed:

Murphy Square Celebrating 150 Years,
1857-2007 “From cow pasture to
community center” The Dinosaur
of Minneapolis Parks

The activities she depicts on the Auggieasaurus are:

- Runners—The Auggie cross-country team runs around Murphy Square every fall.
- A biker—Minneapolis has many biking commuters who travel through the park area every day.
- A picnic scene
- A student reading *Murphy Square*, the College’s literary and arts journal
- A Somali family, representing the rich cultural diversity of our neighborhood
- Frisbee players
- The Campus Kitchen van that delivers meals in the neighborhood

- Kayaks, representing Minnesotans’ love of the outdoors

The four legs of the Auggieasaurus are designed to represent the Minneapolis skyline, Augsburg campus, Seward neighborhood, and the University of Minnesota.

On Sept. 9, all the statues will be auctioned off to benefit the work of the Science Museum of Minnesota in its next century.

Janda is a senior in the Honors Program, with an art studio major. During the summer she is working on a project to illustrate a book for children in hospitals to help them understand medical treatments and surgery. She also works as a graphic designer in the Marketing and Communication Office.

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lives in murphy square



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by Betsey Norgard
and Judy Petree

page design by Jen Janda '08

A Paint-Off took place in downtown St. Paul as local artists created dinosaurs to be placed around the city, all in honor of the Science Museum of Minnesota.

traditional day undergraduates and master's program in physician assistant studies

commencement

Jeanette Clark receives Marina Christensen Justice Award

Jeanette Clark, a senior graduating with a double major in metro-urban studies and youth and family ministry, was selected as the 2007 recipient of the Marina Christensen Justice Award. Each year, this honor is presented to the graduating senior who best exemplifies Augsburg's motto, "Education for Service."

Clark, a President's Scholar, participated in the Honors Program as well as Concert Band. At Augsburg, she held numerous leadership roles, including serving as a campus ministry commissioner, resident adviser, and leadership team member for the Campus Kitchen at Augsburg College.

As a Spanish minor, Clark spent a semester in Cuernavaca, Mexico, through Augsburg's Center for Global Education, where she worked for a pre-school and after-school program.

This past year, Clark created a spring break opportunity for students staying in Minneapolis, called "Go Away Here." In order to show students opportunities in the city, it included service projects, visits to neighborhood organizations such as the Sierra Club and East African Women's Center, and social outings.

The award recipient must have demonstrated a dedication to community involvement as characterized by the personal and professional life of Marina Christensen Justice, who reached out to disadvantaged people and communities.

—Jen Winter '07



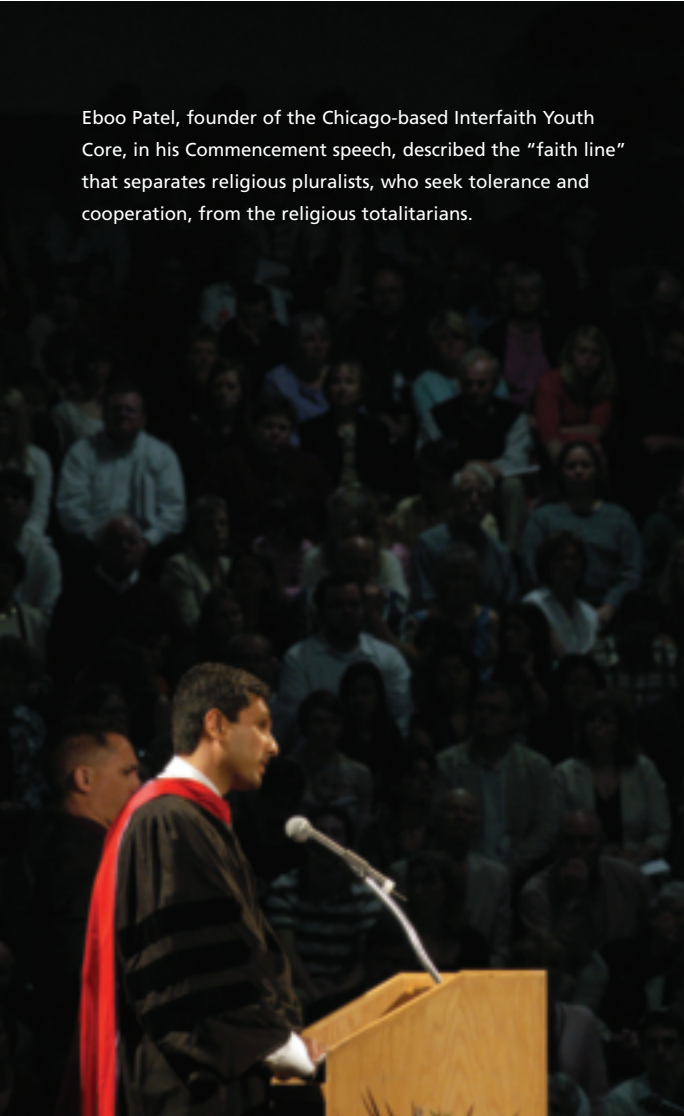
Senior Jeanette Clark was honored with the Marina Christensen Justice award from President Pribbenow for her work in the community and on campus.

May

2007



Eboo Patel, founder of the Chicago-based Interfaith Youth Core, in his Commencement speech, described the “faith line” that separates religious pluralists, who seek tolerance and cooperation, from the religious totalitarians.



excerpts from the commencement address

“The Faith Line: On Building the Cathedrals of Pluralism” *Eboo Patel*

... In his new book, *Peace Be upon You*, Zachary Karabell writes: “If we emphasize hate, scorn, war, and conquest, we are unlikely to perceive that any other path is viable ...”.

Hate, scorn, war, and conquest sounds like a pretty good summary of our newscasts; it certainly seems like the dominant narrative of our times. And the soundtrack of violence these days appears to be prayer—in Arabic, in Hebrew, in Hindi, in various inflections of English.

There are many who are eager to divide humanity along a faith line: Sunnis vs. Shias, Catholics vs. Protestants, Hindus vs. Buddhists.

I believe there is something else going on. I believe that the faith line is indeed the challenge of our century, but it does not divide people of different religious backgrounds. The faith line does not separate Muslims and Christians or Hindus and Jews. The faith line separates religious totalitarians and religious pluralists.

A religious totalitarian is someone who seeks to suffocate those who are different. Their weapons range from suicide bombs to media empires. There are Christian totalitarians and Hindu totalitarians and Jewish totalitarians and Muslim totalitarians. They are on the same side of the faith line: arm in arm against the dream of a common life together.

A pluralist is someone who seeks to live with people who are different, be enriched by them, help them thrive. Pluralists resonate with the Qur’annic line, “God made us different nations and tribes that we may come to know one another.” Pluralists are moved by the image of the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. marching together with the Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel in Selma. Pluralists love the words of the poet Gwendolyn Brooks:

We are each other’s business
We are each other’s harvest
We are each other’s magnitude
and bond...

We pluralists far outnumber the totalitarians. What if we let ourselves imagine? What if we began building? What if every city block were a cathedral of pluralism; every university campus; every summer camp and day care. There would not be enough bombs in the world to destroy all of our cathedrals.

Read the full Commencement Address at www.augsburg.edu/commencement/patel.pdf



President Emeritus Charles S. Anderson (right), who led the College from 1980-1997 during a period of significant growth, received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.



Maria Belen Power is the third in her family to graduate from Augsburg. She poses here with sister and brother Ana Gabriela '05 and Camilo Jose '02, and their uncle, Dennis Power, from White Plains, N.Y. The three grads are from Managua, Nicaragua, where their mother, Kathleen McBride, is the Center for Global Education regional co-director for Central America and adjunct professor.

As the graduates process down the street lined with faculty, hands are shaken, hugs exchanged, and high-fives given.



Physician Assistant program director Dawn Ludwig places the master's hood on Huong Timp, one of the 31 newly-graduated PA students.



Theatre arts professors Darcey Engen '88 (second from left) and Martha Johnson (second from right) pose with grads James Lekatz (left) and Justin Hooper (right).



President Emeritus William V. Frame, who retired last year from Augsburg, received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree, and was lauded for his work in sharpening the mission of the College.



The flags of the Commencement procession represent the countries of Augsburg's graduating students.



2007

weekend, evening, and graduate programs commencement

Faculty line both sides of the street as graduates march through them on their way to the ceremony.



Roberta Kagin, associate professor and director of the music therapy program, shares a graduation moment with her daughter, Julia (Metzler) Mensing '00, who serves on Augsburg's Alumni Board and received her MBA degree.

Nursing Department chair Cheryl Leuning takes a photo of instructor Pauline Utesch '05 MAN (right) with graduates in the Bachelor of Science nursing completion degree program.



Angela Brand receives first Richard J. Thoni Award

In honor of his retirement from Augsburg, the Richard J. Thoni Award was established earlier this year. It was awarded for the first time on June 24 to Angela Brand, a social work major.

Beyond the required 240 hours of public service volunteer work Brand completed for her major, she also provided parenting instruction and visitation supervision to a working mother in Chisago County. She facilitated and organized meetings to ensure that the transportation needs of clients at the Chisago County Social Services office were met.

Additionally, Brand developed an evaluation of the youth-oriented services provided by Chisago County Social Services. The county is currently following up on her recommendations to ensure that youth are better prepared for their transition into adulthood.

During his or her time at Augsburg, the award recipient must have demonstrated a dedication to the kind of community involvement characterized by the personal and professional life of Richard J. Thoni, who until his retirement in June 2007, served as a tireless advocate for higher education at Augsburg.

— Jen Winter '07



Social work major Angela Brand is the first recipient of the Richard J. Thoni Award, established in honor of the retiring Weekend College founder and given to a weekend student committed to service in the community.



Dean Barbara Edwards Farley places a doctoral hood on Martin Marty, retired University of Chicago professor and historian of religion, who was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree. In his Commencement speech, he gave suggestions about learning to live life as a process, not a product, continually questioning and testing.



Srividya Raman, who received her master's degree in social work, spoke on behalf of the Class of 2007 and told how, after receiving a business degree in India, she realized her passion was in "doing something different that was closer to [her] heart."

A future college coed straightens the tassel of her mom's mortar board following Commencement.



More than 50 graduating students and their families from Rochester were able to leave the driving to Augsburg and relax on their way to and from the Commencement ceremony.

Going to college with your mom

With more classes than ever offered in Weekend College, more students are finding out what it's like to attend college with their parents. The Clark and the Spargo families are two who have had more than one generation attend Augsburg simultaneously. Jeanette Clark and her mother, Mary Simonson Clark, both graduated in the spring. The Spargos have three family members graduating from Augsburg this year and next. According to Clark, "Augsburg's graduate programs and Weekend College facilitate adult learning and, therefore, increase the prevalence of multi-generational students in families."

The Clark family went through four commencements this past spring. There were so many that Mary referred to their graduation schedule as: "It's a weekend, who needs a robe?" Jeanette graduated from Augsburg with a Bachelor of Arts degree in youth and family ministry and metro-urban studies on May 5. Mary graduated from Luther Seminary with a Master of Arts in theology on May 27. Mary's other daughter, Marie, graduated from the New School of Architecture and Design in San Diego, Calif., with a Master of Architecture on June 16, and Mary received the other half of her dual degree, a Master of Social Work, from Augsburg, on June 24.

Concerning being coeds together, Mary said, "I needed to learn how to be on the same campus with my daughter without either of us interfering with each other's schedules." Jeanette added, "To be honest, I had some small anxieties when my mother started college at Augsburg. It just doesn't fit the norm to go to college with your mother." But both assert that not only did it work, but that the family grew closer because of it. Jeanette claimed, "I think it was really good for both of us to have others in our family who were going through the stress of homework, tests, etc. at the same time. I think this really promoted understanding."



Jeanette Clark (left) who graduated in May, shares graduation joy with her mother, Mary Simonson Clark, who completed dual master's degrees at Luther Seminary and Augsburg College. For more on Jeanette, see page 7.

The Spargos had three members attending Augsburg last year, and all three participated in Advent Vespers. Antonio graduated in May with a Bachelor of Arts in mathematics and secondary education. Carolyn, mother to Annika and Antonio, graduated from Augsburg in 1980 and will complete the Master of Arts in Leadership program next year. She says, "It's been fun to have some of the same professors my kids have." Annika, who will graduate next year also, with a Bachelor of Arts in music and education, adds, "Although there are several of us on campus, we all have our separate programs which allow us to maintain some individuality." Continuing, she says, "I think the neatest thing about being a family of Auggies is that I have seen and met so many different people from different departments at the school whom I normally would not know."

—Jen Winter '07

the class of 2007—956 graduates

May 5, 2007—semester programs

- 31** Master of Science, Physician Assistant Studies students
- 409** Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Science
- 440** Total graduating



June 24, 2007—trimester programs

- 234** Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science
 - 172 Weekend College
 - 52 Rochester
 - 10 United/Unity/Mercy Hospitals
- 20** Master of Arts, Education
- 26** Master of Arts, Leadership
- 15** Master of Arts, Nursing
- 178** Master of Business Administration
- 43** Master of Social Work
- 516** Total graduating

An MBA degree was also awarded posthumously to Shika Addo, a student in the program, who died in April 2006.

From the Alumni Board president ...

Greetings fellow Auggies,

Well, a year has come and gone. My time as president of the Alumni Association is at an end. My hat is off to all the wonderful folks on the Alumni Board and to the faculty and staff at Augsburg. They're a great group dedicated to Augsburg and her mission.

As I handed off the president's role to Buffie Blesi, we had a great strategic planning retreat in June to define our new objectives. I'm excited to report to you that our focus areas for 2007 include:

- Augsburg Stewards—Connect with the Augsburg Stewards and build our Auggie Pride!
- Career Development Program—support Augsburg's efforts around Career Development for (soon to be) alumni;
- Gateway—participate in the opening of the Oren Gateway Center and ongoing activities there
- Vespers—support the annual Advent Vespers programming
- Awards Committee—honor Auggies each year who have done amazing things in service to the world and Augsburg's mission
- Augsburg Now Advisory Committee—provide input and advice to the great group of folks producing the Augsburg Now
- Affinity Groups—build connections with other groups at Augsburg
- Fundraising—help build Augsburg's strength through support of the Annual Fund

You are invited and encouraged to participate. Please contact the Alumni Relations office.

All my best to you and your family as the cycle turns and we start another year.



Barry M. Vornbrock '96 MAL
President, Alumni Board, 2006-07



Centennial Singers perform in the Twin Cities

The Centennial Singers, a male chorus of Augsburg alumni and friends, will present a series of concerts this fall in the greater Twin Cities area.

The chorus was formed in the early 1990s of former Augsburg Quartet members to revive and continue singing the gospel quartet tradition. Since then, they have toured both to Norway and the Southwest U.S. twice.

Fall Concerts/Appearances:

Fri., Sept. 28, 7 p.m.
Faith Lutheran Church,
Staples, Minn.

Sat., Sept. 29, 7 p.m.
Salem Lutheran Church,
Deerwood, Minn.

Sun., Sept. 30, 4 p.m.
Cambridge Lutheran Church,
Cambridge, Minn.

Sat., Oct. 6, 7 p.m.
Christ the King Lutheran Church,
1900 7th St., New Brighton, Minn.

Sat., Oct. 20, 7 p.m.
Calvary Lutheran Church of
Golden Valley,\
7520 Golden Valley Rd.,
Golden Valley, Minn.
Benefit—Wilderness Canoe Base

Sun., Oct. 21, 4 p.m.
Colonial Church of Edina,
6200 Colonial Way, Edina, Minn.

Sat., Oct. 27, 7 p.m.
Community of the Cross
Lutheran Church,
10701 Bloomington Ferry Rd.,
Bloomington, Minn.

Sun., Oct. 28, 4 p.m.
King of Kings Lutheran Church,
1583 Radio Dr.,
Woodbury, Minn.

Sat., Nov. 3, 7 p.m.
Minnetonka Lutheran Church,
16023 Minnetonka Blvd.,
Minnetonka, Minn.

Sun, Nov. 4, 4 p.m.
St. Michael's Lutheran Church,
9201 Normandale Blvd.,
Bloomington, Minn.



1950

Frank Ario, Minneapolis, was featured on the Minnesota Public Radio show, *Midday* on May 18, in a program, "Two Minnesotans Touched by WWII; Two Strikingly Different Stories."

1952

Robert R. Hage Sr., Hector, Minn., was entered into the Minnesota High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame on April 21. He is the former football coach at Hector High School.

Rev. Orville Olson and his wife, **Yvonne (Bagley)**, Excelsior, Minn., celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination. He is currently a pastor at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Excelsior. Gifts will be given to the Timothy Olson Memorial Scholarship, honoring their son.

1967

Gerrie Wall (Neff), Rapid City, S. Dak., retired in May, after a five-decade teaching career, from Western Dakota Technical Institute (WDTI) in Rapid City, where she has taught in the general education department for the last 18 years. At this year's commencement ceremony, she received the Distinguished Service Award from the school, and is the first faculty member to be honored with its highest award.



1969

Royce Helmbrecht, Austin, Minn., is principal at Lyle Community School in Lyle, Minn., a small school of 240 students recently named by *Newsweek* in the top five percent of high schools in the nation.

John R. Hubbling, St. Paul, Minn., received the Max Hecht Award from ASTM International Committee D19 on Water. The committee cited Hubbling for his outstanding service and advancing the study of water. He is laboratory manager for Metropolitan Council/Environmental Services in St. Paul, and also serves on ASTM International's international committees on waste management, and quality and standards.

1970

Mary (Tweeten) Gladwin, Pocatello, Idaho, has retired after 21 years in education. She taught in Cottage Grove, Minn., and was the media specialist at Grace Lutheran and Hawthorne Middle School in Pocatello, Idaho.



1975

Barbara (Mattison) Lagrue, Lamberton, Minn., has recently moved back to the Midwest, with her husband, Paul. For many years, she taught adaptive

physical education and aquatics in the Glynn County (Ga.) schools. She was also principal horn with the Coastal Symphony of Georgia and played in other bands and small brass groups. At Augsburg, she played in a brass group named Neophonic Brass with Mike Savold, Bob Stacke, Johnny English, and others, and would love to continue playing brass music.

1982

Les Heen, Maynard, Minn., was recently appointed president and general manager of Pioneer Public Television in Appleton. He and his wife, **Barbara (Westerlund) '89**, have two children, Chris, 9, and Erik, 6.

Rev. Scott M. Ludford, Hayward, Wis., was installed as senior pastor of First Lutheran Church on January 21, after serving at Concordia Lutheran Church in Superior, Wis., for eight-and-a-half years.

1987

Jody Abbott was recently named senior vice president and chief operating officer at North Kansas City (Mo.) Hospital to provide direction for upper management in the areas of nursing services, support services, and facilities. Previously, she worked at Hillcrest Medical Center in Tulsa, Okla., in a similar position.

1992

Rev. Judith Bangsund, San Jose, Calif., is pastor, along with her husband, Rev. James Bangsund, at Timothy's Lutheran Church. She graduated in nursing, served with her husband in Tanzania for several years, and became ordained.

1993

John Sheehan, Lakeville, Minn., has been named boys varsity basketball head coach in Lakeville South High School. For seven years he was an assistant coach with the Lakeville North girls team.

1997

Jasmina Besirevic-Regan, Hamden, Conn., and her husband, Matt, welcomed their second daughter, **Lejla**, on June 14, 2006.



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- Keep in touch with classmates
- Find out what's happening on campus
- Change/update your address and e-mail

www.augsburg.edu/alumni

1999

Cheri Johnson, Minneapolis, received a \$25,000 McKnight Artist Fellowship for Writers, through the Loft Literary Center, in creative prose. She has graduate degrees in English from Hollins College and the University of Minnesota and is a regular participant in the English Department Homecoming Reading and Career Night.

2000

Sara M. Quigley, St. Paul, Minn., graduated on May 27 from Luther Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree. She is the youth director at St. Stephen Lutheran Church in White Bear Lake, Minn., and hopes to become ordained in the ELCA.

Jennifer Rensenbrink, and her husband, Adam Miller, Minneapolis, welcomed twins, a boy and a girl, at Fairview Riverside Hospital on June 9. **Rowan Charles** weighed 5 lbs., 2 oz.; and **Anneke Rensenbrink** weighed 4 lbs., 14 oz.



2001

Emily Waldon, Salem, Mass., recently joined the Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates at its Cambridge internal medicine practice as a physician assistant. She received a master's degree from Northeastern University in Boston. Formerly she was a

certified nursing assistant/environmental aide at Fairview Southdale Hospital in Edina, Minn.

2003

Natalia Pretelt, Roseville, Minn., was mentioned in the Money and Business section of the *Star Tribune* on April 15 for her role as a loan specialist with the Minneapolis Consortium of Community Developers. She is involved in microlending and small loans to help immigrants and others start businesses.

Jonathan Fahler, has studied since 2004 in the Master of Arts in Medical Sciences program at Loyola University Chicago and was recently admitted to medical school at Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

John Tieben, St. Louis Park, Minn., received his medical degree from the University of Minnesota on May 4. Tieben and his wife, **Danielle (Slack) '04**, will live in Duluth, where he will serve a three-year family practice residency in the St. Mary's/Duluth Clinic Health System, St. Luke's Hospital, and the Duluth Family Practice Center.

2004

Max Langaard, Oakland, Calif., was recently featured in an article titled, "Teaching Leadership through Coaching." The article is focused on the Sports-4-Kids program centered in the Bay area inner city schools. The program attempts to help children become not only healthier but also to learn what it takes to lead.

Laura Simones, St. Paul, has biked from Boulder, Colo., to Minneapolis with Bolder

Options, a volunteer mentoring program that connects with at-risk kids, ages 10-14, in the Twin Cities through biking and running. See blog photos at bolderoptions.org.

2005

Brooke Dornbusch received a Master of Arts in counseling degree in May from the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary in Springfield, Mo.

Mark Simmonds, placed fourth in the 120-kilogram Greco-Roman class at the 2007 USA Wrestling Senior World Team Trials. He is a damage controlman third class (DC3) in the U.S. Navy, operating out of the Mayport, Fla., Naval Station and is a member of the Navy's wrestling team.

2006

Lauren Falk, Eden Prairie, Minn., has started her own portrait/wedding photography business, Lauren B. Photography, with on-location photography of weddings, portraits, and events in the Twin Cities metro area.

Graduate Programs

Jeff Falkingham '95 MAL, Eden Prairie, Minn., donated his services to author a 2007 commemorative edition of his earlier book, *The County Courthouse Caper*, recounting the history of his native Browns Valley, Minn. The publisher, Beaver's Pond Press, has donated 1000 copies for the city to sell as a fundraiser for its Long-Term Flood Recovery Fund.

Dietrich-Swanson Wedding



Hannah Dietrich and **Nathan Swanson '05**, Lincoln, Neb., were married on June 8, in Luverne, Minn. The wedding included several Auggie students and staff, including **Sadie Dietrich '09**, **Lynde Kuipers '08**, cross-country and track coach **Dennis Barker**, **Marcia Gunz '05**, **Anna (Ferguson) Rendell '05**, **Kyla Rice '05**, **Tim Stowe**, and **Janece (Adams) Oatmann '05**. **Jeremiah Knabe '05** also served as an officiant at the wedding. Hannah is a doctoral student at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, and Nathan is pursuing a job with Lincoln Public Schools.

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In Memoriam

Larsen, Norman '34, Morristown, Minn., age 97, on June 12. He was a member of the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Woolson, Gladys (Oudal) '34, Minneapolis, age 92, on May 9.

Knudsen, Rev. Richard I. '37 Sem, Minneapolis, age 95, on July 10.

Gilseth, Margaret (Chrislock) '40, St. Charles, Minn., age 88, on June 10. She was a Distinguished Alumna.

Framstad, Rev. Waldemar '41, Marinette, Wis., age 87, on June 14, after a lengthy illness.

Ahlberg, Rev. G. Harold '42, Valparaiso, Ind., age 86, on June 4.

Stolee, Magdalene (Gronseth) '42, Kenyon, Minn., age 87, on June 11.

Estness, Borghild '43, Minneapolis, age 92, on July 8. She served as a recorder in Augsburg's Office of the Registrar.

Gronseth, Luther C., Sr., '43, Apple Valley, Minn., age 86, on June 23.

Lindahl, Burton J. '50, Wayzata, Minn., age 82, on May 22.

Bakken, Rev. Hardis C. '52, San Pablo, Calif., age 97, on May 5.

Thompson, Robert D. '52, Bloomington, Minn., age 81, on June 29.

Pundy, Eileen "Dolly" '59, Minneapolis, age 69, on May 4.

Peterson, Rolf '61, University Place, Wash., on April 24.

Heimbigner, Marlene (Hanggi) '65, Olympia, Wash., on Jan. 15.

Timmons, Peter '74, St. Paul, age 63, on June 16, from pancreatic cancer.

Ness, Sheela Jo '86, Plymouth, Minn., on July 4, of injuries from an auto accident.

Galland, John H. '93, Durango, Colo., age 56, on May 18, in an auto accident.

Hope, Jared '00, West Concord, Minn., age 28, on May 8 of injuries from an auto accident.

Neitzel, Daniel Kurt '06, Eden Prairie, Minn., age 27, on June 11.

Ward, Sister Agnes, CSJ, on April 10. She taught classical languages at Augsburg in the 1960s.



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SEPTEMBER

September 10

Seventh Annual Scholastic Connections Gala and Dinner

Celebrating the scholarship/mentorship program and the four ethnic services programs
Free and open to the public
6:30–8:30 p.m.—East Commons, Christensen Center
Info and reservations: 612-359-6480 or scholar@augsb.org.edu



September 14–October 26

Glass from the American-Swedish Institute and Its Local Influence

Gage Family Art Gallery, Oren Gateway Center
Opening reception: Friday, Sept. 14, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
Artist Presentation: To be announced

September 14–October 26

Reweaving a Life

Prints by Alejandro González Aranda and baskets by women weavers of Tlamacazapa, Guerrero, Mexico
Christensen Center Art Gallery
Artist Printmaking Demonstration: Friday, Oct. 12, 8:30–10:10 a.m.
Artist Presentation and Reception: Friday, Oct. 12, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

September 18

Theatre Artist Series

Technical Direction at the Guthrie Theater
Craig Pettigrew, assistant technical director
9:40–11:10 a.m.—Tjornhom-Nelson Theater

September 20

Featured Artist Presentation

A Life in the Theatre
Peter C. Brocius, artistic director, Children's Theatre Company
7 p.m.—Tjornhom-Nelson Theater

September 24–25

2007 Christensen Symposium Everyday Life in the Light of the Gospel

Rolf A. Jacobson, associate professor of Old Testament, Luther Seminary.
Free and open to the public.
September 24, "Why Do You Weep? Sadness, Grief, and the Gospel"
7 p.m.—Hoversten Chapel
September 25, "How Can I Keep from Singing? Laughter, Joy, and the Gospel"
11 a.m.—Hoversten Chapel

September 27

Theatre Artist Series

From Augsburg to the Guthrie Theater
Katie Koch '06, stage manager and executive assistant to Joe Dowling, Guthrie Theater
9:40–11:10 a.m.—Tjornhom-Nelson Theater

OCTOBER

October 8

Theatre Artist Series

Working in the Theatre
Buffy Sedlacek, literary manager, Jungle Theatre
12:10–1:10 p.m.—Tjornhom-Nelson Theater

October 8–13

Homecoming 2007

See www.augsburg.edu/alumni for information

October 11

Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet

October 12

1957 50th Anniversary Celebration

Homecoming Convocation

Homecoming Luncheon

Campaign Completion Celebration and Oren Gateway Center Dedication

Dept. of Sociology 60th Anniversary Celebration

English Alumni/ae Reunion and Reading

October 13

1967 40-Year Reunion

Picnic in the Park

Football game vs. University of St. Thomas

Auggie Block Party

October 17

Many Voices: Bold Visions Convocation Series

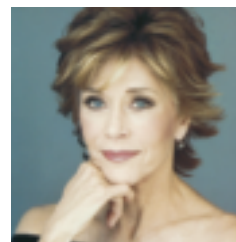
Peter Bisanz, film director, documentary *One*
10 a.m.—Hoversten Chapel

NOVEMBER

November 2–11

Life is a Dream (La vida es sueño)

by Pedro Calderon de la Barca
Directed by Martha Johnson
Nov. 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, and 10 at 7 p.m.
Nov. 4 and 11 at 2 p.m.
Tjornhom-Nelson Theater



November 14

2007 Koryne Horbal Lecture

Anne Pedersen Women's Resource Center
Jane Fonda
"My Life's Lessons about Sex and Gender"
10 a.m.—Hoversten Chapel

November 30

Velkommen Jul Celebration

10:15 a.m.—Chapel Service, Hoversten Chapel
11 a.m.—Scandinavian treats and gifts, Christensen Center

November 30–December 1

That All May Have Light 28th Annual Advent Vespers: A service of music and liturgy

5 and 8 p.m. each night
Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis
For seating envelopes, 612-330-1265

