



# PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY UPDATE

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**Good morning.** Six years ago, we joined AQIP—the Academic Quality Improvement Program—and we began a process through the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (our accrediting body) that has led up to the important events taking place this week. On Wednesday through Friday we welcome the site visit team for a Quality Checkup to help us prepare to apply for Reaffirmation of Accreditation next year.

Please take time at noon to attend the **Wednesday Gathering** to meet Lynn Onken from San Juan College in New Mexico and Warren Roby from John Brown University in Arkansas, our two site visit reviewers. At 12:40 we will officially welcome and introduce them to the Augsburg community.

Many of you will meet with them over the three days in various meetings—they are anxious to learn more about Augsburg and get to know us. On Friday afternoon, we will wrap up the visit with a closing celebration from 1 to 2 p.m. in Hoversten Chapel; at 1:20 p.m. they will present their report to us.

We welcome the review team to campus and look forward to engaging them in conversations about our common work and learning from them.

Please also go to the AQIP website (<http://www.augsburg.edu/aqip>) to become familiar with our Systems Portfolio and other materials posted there.

## CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

### Augsburg joins the Common Application

It was announced by Common App, Inc. that Augsburg is one of 23 colleges and universities selected to join the Common Application process nationwide. With this, prospective students can apply to a number of colleges by completing one application online. We hope this will make the process easier for many of our applicants. To learn more about the common application, go to <http://www.commonapp.org>.

## KUDOS

Congratulations to the **Physician Assistant program graduates** for their excellence on the recent NCCPA national examination. All 28 students who took the exam passed, and Augsburg's mean score was 581, compared to the national mean of 506. This placed Augsburg in the 91st percentile nationwide.

Congratulations also to **Elise Marubbio**, American Indian Studies, who has been awarded the 2006 Peter C. Rollins Annual Book Award for her recently published book, *Killing the Indian Maiden: Images of Native American Women in Film*. She will be honored at a conference on American Indian film on Feb. 15.

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Kudos to [Mark Engebretson and the space physics group](#), who have published the following research: "ULF Waves at Very High Latitudes," by M. J. Engebretson and J. L. Posch (from Augsburg) and V. A. Pilipenko and O. M. Chugunova (from the Space Research Institute in Moscow). The research was published last year in *Magnetospheric ULF Waves: Synthesis and New Directions*, Geophysical Monograph Series 169.

## NOTABLE EVENTS

Wednesday, February 7

[AQIP Quality Checkup Site Visit](#)

(see schedule at <http://www.augsburg.edu/aqip>). Meet the Quality Checkup Site Visit team at the monthly community lunch on Wed., Feb. 7, in East Commons.

Noon to 1 p.m. (program at 12:40), Christensen Center

Thursday, February 8

[AQIP Quality Checkup Site Visit continues](#)

8 a.m.–7 p.m.

(see schedule at <http://www.augsburg.edu/aqip>)

[Staff Winter Warm Up Reception](#)

3–4:30 p.m.—East Commons

Friday, February 9

[AQIP Quality Checkup Site Visit continues](#)

(see schedule at <http://www.augsburg.edu/aqip>)

Closing celebration in Hoversten Chapel

1–2 p.m. (report at 1:20), Foss Center

Sunday, February 11

[College Goal Sunday](#)

Presentations and assistance with financial aid

2 p.m.—Christensen Center

## DAILY CHAPEL SPEAKERS THIS WEEK:

Tues., Feb. 6—Evangelical Lutheran Book of Worship—Beat Day!

Wed., Feb. 7—Cheryl Leuning, Nursing Dept.

Thurs., Feb. 8—Sarah Pesola, senior speaker

Fri., Feb. 9—Whitey Aus, head of Hockey MN, former St. Olaf hockey coach

**Sports schedule**—<http://www.augsburg.edu/athletics/schedules/winter0607.html>.

Have a great week!