



# PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY UPDATE

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**Good morning.** I've just returned from visits to Florida—where the presidents of the ELCA colleges and universities held their annual gathering—and Arizona—where I met with many alumni and friends of Augsburg. It was warm, of course (!), but most important, the encouraging news from both visits is that our work here at Augsburg has the full and enthusiastic support of many good people. **We should be proud of the impact that our mission-based efforts are having—both here on campus and in the wider community.**

By the way, you might look for an unusual reversal of roles on Tuesday afternoon, when senior Cody Warren and I will “trade places” for a few hours. Cody will occupy my office and participate in various presidential meetings, including a gathering at Augsburg House. I, in turn, will visit Cody's classes and work in the Enrollment Center, where he has a work-study position. Cody won the opportunity to be “**president**” for an afternoon at last fall's Student Government raffle, held during Inauguration Week.

## CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

### Recognizing our good work at Augsburg

Notices have appeared both on Inside Augsburg and in A-mail about our annual recognition to faculty and staff for exemplary work and service. I hope you will take time to consider who among your colleagues qualify, and nominate them for these honors.

The Dean's Office has requested nominations for the **Distinguished Teaching and Learning Awards** for up to three individuals annually in the areas of teaching, advising/mentoring, and service to students/other direct contributions to teaching and learning. Each award carries a stipend of \$1000, public recognition, and celebration. For complete details on how to nominate someone, go to <http://www.augsburg.edu/ctl/award.html>. The deadline for nominations is Friday, Feb. 23.

Staff Senate is also requesting nominations for the **Staff Employee of the Year award**, with recipients being honored at the Staff Recognition and Length of Service reception on March 15. Recipients of this award consistently go above and beyond the call of duty by providing exceptional service to others and/or making innovative and outstanding contributions to enhance the objectives of their department or the Augsburg community. Details on nomination can be found in the Staff Senate public folder. Deadline for receipt of a completed nomination packet is March 2.

## KUDOS

Congratulations to **the students who earned honors** at the recent ATCCHA (Associated Twin Cities College Housing Administrators) Student Staff Conference. Auggie Case Study teams took first and third places out of 12 teams from five participating schools.

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Marcia Evenson and Marette Hoffman, both programming assistants in New Hall, took first place, and Sarah Evans and Katelyn Sutlief, Urness resident advisers, took third place.

Kudos to [Augsburg's Campus Kitchen for its Heart and Soul project](#) this past week, in which healthy meals were prepared to provide focus on the body and handmade valentines were delivered to treat the soul. Campus Kitchen's student and volunteer crew were assisted in this project by various groups—among them, a girl scout troop, charter school kids, and alumni mentoring groups.

## NOTABLE EVENTS

February 20

[Mardi Gras Madrigals](#)

Medieval-style Mardi Gras celebration with feasting and entertainment.

6:30–9 p.m.—Hoversten Chapel, Foss Center

February 22

[StepUP 10-year Anniversary Benefit](#)

Annual benefit including cabaret show, speakers, and a silent auction.

6:30 p.m.—Arnold Atrium, Foss Center

February 26

[Bidou Yamaguchi, Noh Mask Maker, Demonstration](#)

Japanese artist Bidou Yamaguchi demonstrates wood carving and painting techniques and explains the history of making special masks for Noh Theatre.

9 a.m.—noon, Minneapolis Room, Christensen Center

[Hannibal Lokumbe/Gospel Praise Concert](#)

Gospel Praise performs with composer-in-residence Hannibal Lokumbe and VocalEssence in the WITNESS program at Four Seasons A+ Elementary School and at the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts in St. Paul. In addition, four percussionists will join Lokumbe in the main concert on Feb. 25.

February 27

[Designer Ayomi Yoshida, Artist Presentation](#)

Japanese designer and printmaker Ayomi Yoshida will discuss her design work for Target and other aspects of her art-making career.

9:45–10:45 a.m.—Marshall Room, Christensen Center

February 27–28

[Supervisor Self-Assessment](#)

Human Resources will present the new leadership profile and self-assessment to all staff supervisors during two sessions.

Tues., Feb. 27, 8 a.m.—noon—East Commons, Christensen Center

Wed., Feb. 28, noon–4 p.m.—Minneapolis Room, Christensen Center

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## DAILY CHAPEL SPEAKERS:

Tues., Feb. 20—Camp Focus Day

Wed., Feb. 21—Ash Wednesday, President Paul Pribbenow

Thurs., Feb. 22—Will Laudert, senior speaker

Fri., Feb. 23—Vocatio Chapel, Jon McTaggart, Vice President, American Public Media.

**Sports schedule**—[www.augsburg.edu/athletics/schedules/winter0607.html](http://www.augsburg.edu/athletics/schedules/winter0607.html).

Have a great week!