



# PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY UPDATE

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**Good morning.** I hope you all enjoyed the snowy weekend!

This is a busy time of year for high school seniors, as they begin making their decisions and choices about college—and for our day admissions and enrollment staff, who have been busy preparing for admission and financial aid. **Friday and Saturday we will host our annual Scholarship Weekend**, which will bring over 200 talented students to campus to compete for President's Scholarships and Performing Arts Scholarships.

This year, an overnight component has been added with activities Friday evening to engage prospective students and help them better experience life at Augsburg. Honors Program students will host the President's Scholarship applicants, and nearly 40 faculty members will assist in conducting interviews. The Parent and Family Relations Office will offer hospitality and sessions for parents coming with their students.

Day admissions and Enrollment Center staff have also been actively involved with several organizations that help students develop college readiness and help us increase our diversity and expand higher education access. With one of these programs, Admission Possible, Augsburg has hosted four visits to campus, bringing a total of 489 students. This has been done as part of the new A-CAP (Augsburg College Access Program) that offers scholarships to students who participate in readiness programs, with top students able to qualify for full tuition.

I am very pleased that this year by the Dec. 15 Early Advantage admission deadline, Augsburg had received more than 1000 applications, up 26% over the same time in previous years. More than 30% of these applications are from students of color.

And ... in sports notes ... don't forget to cheer on our **Auggie wrestlers** as they compete for their 10th national title on Friday and Saturday in Dubuque, Iowa. While ranked no. 2, the team has qualified wrestlers in all 10 weight classes for the championship. Updates will be posted after each session at <http://www.augsburg.edu/athletics>.

We also wish our **men's hockey team** all the best as they participate in the MIAC conference tournament beginning this week!

## CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

### Budget process for 2007-08

Budget managers have submitted their budgets for 2007-08—with all of it done online for the first time. During the next couple of weeks, budget managers will work within their divisions to review budget proposals and make necessary revisions. These revisions then will go back to the business office for preparation of the college operating budget by

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mid-March. Final budget approval will be made at the meeting of the Board of Regents on May 4. Departments should receive information about next-year's budgets shortly after that May meeting. My thanks to all of you for your good work on this year's budget process.

## Safe Space educates the community

Safe Space at Augsburg is a program to assist the entire Augsburg community in understanding issues relating to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex, and asexual individuals and providing support to them. I'm pleased that I have had the opportunity to be a part of the Safe Space training program. The next Safe Space sessions will take place on Wed., Feb. 28, from 6–9 p.m. in Murphy Place 100. Call Will O'Berry at x1499 or e-mail [oberry@augsborg.edu](mailto:oberry@augsborg.edu) if you would like to participate in this good and important program.

## KUDOS

A big thanks goes to our grounds crew for a great job in clearing the streets, sidewalks, and parking lots on Saturday and yesterday during this weekend's snowstorm.

Kudos also to [Gospel Praise](#) for their participation in the WITNESS program with VocalEssence and their collaboration with composer/jazz trumpeter Hannibal Lokumbe. This included performances at Four Seasons A+ Elementary School and at the Ordway Center for Performing Arts. In addition, director Bob Stacke and four percussionists performed with Lokumbe in the main Ordway concert.

Congratulations to [Nancy Steblay](#), psychology department, who was one of the country's three leading researchers on police lineups to participate in a webcast conference, "Eyewitness Identification: Culling Practical Guidelines from an Unfinished Discussion." The conference was sponsored by the National Institute of Justice and the Ash Institute within the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Kudos also to the [English department](#), which hosted the annual ACTC English Majors Conference on Friday. Augsburg presenters were Curtiss Schreiber, Katie Winter, Abraham Piper, Joe Lueben, and Jeremy Anderson.

## NOTABLE EVENTS

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 at the Young People's Concert at the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts in St. Paul.

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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

[Leadership Profile Workshop](#)

For staff supervisors - review the profile and assess strengths relative to competencies.

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

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

February 28

[Safe Space Training](#)

Learn how to be supportive of the LGBTQIA community. Open to all students, faculty and staff.

6–9 p.m., Murphy Place 100

[Student Concerns Forum](#)

7–8 p.m., Urness-Mortensen lobby

March 2

[Batalden Seminar in Applied Ethics](#)

Guest speaker Jorge Bustamante, Ph.D., speaking on international migration.

10 a.m., Hoversten Chapel

March 2–3

[Scholarship Weekend](#)

Scholarship competition for academic and performing arts scholarships to Augsburg.

Fri., 2–10:30 p.m., and Sat., 8 a.m., Arnold Atrium, Hoversten Chapel, East Commons, and Marshall and Minneapolis Rooms, Christensen Center

[NCAA Division III Wrestling national championships](#)

Five Flags Center, Dubuque, Iowa

## DAILY CHAPEL SPEAKERS:

Tues., Feb. 27—Noel Petit, Tanzania mission trip

Wed., Feb. 28—Pastor Sonja Hagander

Thurs., March 1—St. David's Day, Welsh hymn sing led by Mary Mergenthal

Fri., March 2—Batalden Seminar in Applied Ethics, Jorge Bustamante, speaking on international migration (10 a.m.)

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“Sexuality, Mortality, and Freedom”

From [March 5-16](#), chapel services will focus on Paul’s letter to the Galatians. These services, co-sponsored by the Religion Department and Campus Ministry, are designed to generate discussion of the recent ELCA sexuality study, “Free in Christ to Serve the Neighbor: Lutherans Talk about Human Sexuality”

[Mon., March 5](#)—“Introduction to Galatians,” David Tiede, Christensen Chair, Religion Dept.

[Tues., March 6](#)—Galatians 1:1-10, Mary Lowe, Religion Dept.

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

Have a great week!