



PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY UPDATE

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Good morning. Happy spring! And welcome back, as we begin our last six weeks of this semester and academic year. I look forward to hearing from many of you about your spring break experiences, and hope that all went well for those of you who worked in New Orleans; immersed yourselves in D.C.; pedaled and sang through several states; played baseball, softball, track and golf; and were involved in other projects during the week.

Remembering Ernie Anderson '37

With sadness, we mourn the death on March 18 of Augsburg alumnus, teacher, basketball coach, and athletic director Ernie Anderson, who graduated from both Augsburg Academy and College. Our prayers are with his wife, Marge, and their family. **We are thankful for the many decades of Ernie's service to Augsburg** and know that his legacy lives on through all Auggies who play basketball on the Ernie Anderson Court in Melby.

Applications due for Scholastic Connections

An important deadline is approaching on April 15—applications are due for Scholastic Connections scholarships. I truly believe that Scholastic Connections is an example of Augsburg at its best. As a Scholastic Connections student, you receive not only a significant financial award, but you are matched with an Augsburg alumni mentor who has traveled the same educational path as you, has become successful in the community, and is committed to helping his or her student mentee achieve academic success and plan for his or her future interests. Through Scholastic Connections we demonstrate our commitment to a diverse community and offer welcome, support, and opportunity.

I strongly encourage students of color and mixed race to apply for Scholastic Connections scholarships. The Ethnic Services directors are happy to help you with the application process. Applications are available online at www.augsburg.edu/connections and through the Ethnic Services directors. The deadline is Sunday, April 15, and you must also have complete financial aid files by that date as well. Return applications to Ann Garvey at Campus Box 72 or via e-mail to garvey@augsb.org.

Honoring the service of Rick Thoni

On Monday evening in Rochester, more than 150 friends, colleagues, and current and past students gathered to celebrate the work and service of Rick Thoni, director of the Rochester program, as he retires from Augsburg. For 35 years, Rick has guided Augsburg in living out its mission, understanding how a liberal arts education helps students understand their gifts and discern their vocations. He founded our Weekend College program, he was instrumental in the creation of the Master of Arts in Leadership program, and he worked with others to respond to the needs in Rochester for liberal arts education. On May 17, Rick will also be honored here as part of Weekend College's 25th anniversary celebration. We are grateful to Rick for his many years of service to Augsburg and wish him well as he continues to give service to the community in Rochester.

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CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Congratulations to the 2007-08 day program student government leaders:

Sophomore Class Representatives

Jake Quarstad (Class President)
Donnarose Storer
Megan Benrud
Jamie Krumenauer

Junior Class Representatives

Agnes Kigwana (Class President)
Charles Hugo
Andrew Bergeson
Chris Shockey

Senior Class Representatives

Purity Ouma
Matt Eller

Student Body President and Vice President

Ricky Oudekerk and Alex Hoselton

Weekend College student government elections will be held after spring trimester is underway in April.

Wrestling Celebration on April 2

Next Monday, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in East Commons, the Augsburg community will celebrate the achievements of Augsburg's national champion wrestling team and the leadership of coach Jeff Swenson. Stay tuned for more details later this week.

Don't forget the Brian Coyle Center Food Shelf

This is the last week to drop off donations for the Brian Coyle Center Food Shelf for it to receive the additional help from a grant through the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches Minnesota FoodShare Program.

Augsburg has made a commitment to the Coyle Center to refill the shelves several times this year, and this will give our donations a boost. Bins for donations are located in Christensen Center; lists of suggested donations are posted on the bins.

Celebrating Tracy Elftmann's service

Tomorrow, March 27, please join in the campus celebration to honor Tracy Elftmann's service to Augsburg. It will be held in Arnold Atrium, Foss Center. from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

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KUDOS

On Thursday, I joined the Augsburg staff to recognize those who have reached milestones in service of 5, 10, 15, and 25 years. I also had the honor of recognizing two staff members—[Mary Jastremski in the Undergraduate Admissions Office](#), and [Sharon Rauenhorst, in Administrative Accounting](#)—as Staff Employees of the Year. Congratulations to both of them for their dedication and service, as recognized and lifted up by their colleagues.

Congratulations to [sophomore Nou Chang](#), who has been named a recipient of a Jay and Rose Phillips Foundation Scholarship for 2007-09. She is one of six students at Minnesota private colleges to receive a Phillips Foundation scholarship that supports potential leaders who have outstanding academic credentials and who intend to dedicate a portion of their lives to community service. Her project includes activities and programs for homeless Hmong refugee children at Mary's Place in north Minneapolis.

My congratulations also to [men's hockey head coach Chris Brown](#), who after his first year as Augsburg's head coach was named one of 12 finalists for the Edward Jeremiah Award as the NCAA Division III National Coach of the Year by the American Hockey Coaches Association. He was also named MIAC Men's Hockey Coach of the Year.

Kudos also to [senior Aaron Johnson](#), who was named MIAC Men's Hockey Player of the Year. He will compete in the NCAA Frozen Four Skills Challenge at the NCAA Division I finals on April 6 in St. Louis, selected as one of only two Division III players.

Kudos to [freshman Megan Dale](#), who qualified to compete in the National Collegiate Weightlifting Championships to be held in Las Vegas next month.

NOTABLE EVENTS

[March 27](#)

[Celebrating Tracy Elftmann's service](#)

1:30–3 p.m., Arnold Atrium, Foss Center

[March 29–31](#)

[Christensen Center Task Force community sessions to present a preliminary report](#)

March 29, 3–4 p.m., East Commons

March 29, 5–6 p.m., Student Art Gallery

March 31, noon–1 p.m., Student Art Gallery

[March 30](#)

[Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, chapel speaker](#)

10:20 a.m., Hoversten Chapel

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Wrestling team celebration

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., East Commons

DAILY CHAPEL SPEAKERS:

Tues., March 27—Jane Ann Nelson, Lindell Library

Wed., March 28—Lynn Ellingson, WEC Admissions, and Christopher Johnstone, Education Dept.

Thurs., March 29—Kyle Danner, senior speaker

Fri., March 30, 10:20 -11 a.m.—Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi

Sports schedule—<http://www.augsburg.edu/athletics/schedules/spring0607.html>

Have a great week!