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Good morning. I hope all of you have enjoyed a blessed holiday. Although it may not feel much like spring weather, we are nearing the end of spring semester—and my first academic year at Augsburg. **During the next three weeks, before finals begin, we have many opportunities to celebrate your achievements and scholarship,** and our year together. I look forward to joining you for as many of those celebrations as humanly possible—and for marking with you the great achievements of our students and faculty. Watch the calendar on the Inside Augsburg page for listings and details.

If you are planning activities, please remember to enter the information about your event on the calendar—after you log in on the Inside Augsburg page, use the “Submit Calendar Item” link on the left.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Support our spring Auggie sports

I encourage all of us to support our Auggie athletic teams during their short spring season, which ends in early May.

- **Softball**—New head coach Tim Gormley, only the third coach in Augsburg’s softball history, is doing a fine job building his team this year in its spring competitions.
- **Baseball**—Auggie baseball games are played at Parade Stadium in Minneapolis, under head coach Keith Bateman. This season the team is contending for a spot in the conference playoffs.
- **Track and field**—Head coach Dennis Barker’s young team showed strong performances at the conference indoor championships in March and are now competing at outdoor events.
- **Golf**—The women’s team is showing continued improvement with head coach Laura Patrick. The men’s team has a shot at qualifying for national competition in one of the most difficult regions. They are co-coached by alums Ted Vickerman ’02 and Jim Rustad ’95.

With weather considerations, and especially with the weather we’ve had lately, check the athletics web page for cancellations or postponements of games and meets—

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

KUDOS

Many congratulations to **2006 graduate Matt Broughton**, with a dual degree in physics and English, who **has been named a Fulbright Scholar in Germany** for next year. He will spend 10 weeks this summer in Washington, D.C., in an intensive German language program and then travel to Germany for space physics research at the Technical University of Braunschweig. What an honor for Augsburg!

Congratulations also to junior **Brian Krohn**, a chemistry and biology major, who has **received a Goldwater Scholarship** for 2007-08, totaling \$7,500. It is given to students in

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science, technology, engineering, and math who show promise in research and who plan to pursue PhDs. Approximately 300 awards were made from 1100 applications. He will participate in a Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) in Austria this summer, funded through National Science Foundation.

Two physics students, [Reid Larson](#) and [Kent Bodurtha](#), received [Goldwater Honorable Mention](#), which places them in the top tiers. Congratulations to them, also! These are Augsburg's first Goldwater honors in four years, and we are proud of all three students.

Kudos to four Augsburg psychology majors who recently presented at professional conferences. [Alyssa Kane](#) and [Shannon Ryan](#) presented their research results in Memphis at the annual conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology. Their research adviser, [Dave Matz](#), also presented.

[Amanda Brey](#) and [Robert Tix](#) traveled to New York City, along with adviser [Nancy Steblay](#), to present their laboratory studies at "Off the Witness Stand," a conference at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. All four students are supported by URGO.

And a special congratulations to academic vice president and dean of the College, [Barbara Edwards Farley](#), who recently was named as a participant in the [2007 Harvard Institute for Educational Management \(IEM\)](#). This highly competitive institute brings together senior leaders in higher education for an intensive experience at Harvard aimed at helping to develop leadership capacity. I was pleased to nominate Dean Farley for this prestigious honor and I know she will represent Augsburg exceedingly well among this group of national leaders.

NOTABLE EVENTS

April 11

[International Student Organization Annual Spring Dinner](#)

5–6:30 p.m., Christensen Center, East Commons

April 12

[Rally Day at the State Capitol](#)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Register at: <http://ga6.org/mnprivatecolleges/capitol.html>

[First Annual Torstenson Lecture in Sociology](#)

"Islam and the Hidden Injuries of Civilization Discourse: From Orlando to Istanbul and Mecca." Joel Torstenson and Khaldoun Samman will lecture.

5–6:30 p.m., Christensen Center, Minneapolis Room

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April 13, 14, 19, 20, and 21 at 7 p.m.

April 15 and 22 at 2 p.m.

The Threepenny Opera, by Bertolt Brecht, with music by Kurt Weill. Faculty directed by Darcey Engen, with music direction by Sonja Thompson

Tjornhom-Nelson Theater

April 16

Talk by Daniel Ellsberg, "U.S. Nuclear Terrorism and the Human Future "

Noon, Hoversten Chapel

Sverdrup Visiting Scientist Lecture

Dr. Fran Bagenal, "Exploring the Giant Magnetosphere of Jupiter"

8 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

DAILY CHAPEL SPEAKERS

Tues., April 10—Edward Arrindell, senior speaker

Wed., April 11—Vocatio Chapel, Elizabeth Hunter, writer for The Lutheran

Thurs., April 12—Forest City (Iowa) Choir, Linda Ferjak, director (mother of Abby)

Fri., April 13—Bill Green, superintendent of Minneapolis Public Schools; and faculty member, History Dept.

Sat., April 14 (7:30 a.m.)—WEC Chapel, Michele Roulet, student speaker

Mon., April 16—New Orleans service trip, group presentation

Tues., April 17—Minneapolis service experience, Peddlers for Peace

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

Have a great week!