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Good morning. We begin this last week of classes still reeling from the tragic losses of the past week. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with families who suffered losses at Virginia Tech, as well as with the entire campus community as they begin to heal.

At the same time on our own campus, we mourn the death of Jack Farley, Dean Barbara Edwards Farley's husband, and keep her and their family in our prayers.

As the year wraps up in a flurry of activities, including juried arts shows and many music concerts and recitals, [I want to draw special attention to the strength and vitality of the arts at Augsburg](#) that we have experienced all year long in so many ways. Faculty, staff, and students continue to be engaged with the community in innovative partnerships. As noted below, for example, two Augsburg film students took advantage of an opportunity to work on a film that is now being screened in the Midwest's largest film festival. Music students performed with prominent musicians in the WITNESS program to bring new music to stage and to public schools. Tonight, Augsburg faculty are participating in the "Illuminating Bolcom" series, celebrating the extraordinary work of composer William Bolcom.

[My thanks and appreciation go to all who are involved in the arts at Augsburg](#)—to theatre and art department faculty; music department faculty and staff; Randall Davidson and Kathy Anderson, who help support fine arts programming; Kerry Morgan, galleries coordinator; as well as to everyone who participate in classes, ensembles, exhibitions, performances, and in so many other ways. We can all be proud of the arts at Augsburg!

CAMPUS INITIATIVES

Learn about HOURCAR

On Tuesday, as part of the Transportation Fair that runs from 11 a.m.–2 p.m., [we will officially launch HOURCAR](#), which has been parked in the HOURCAR space in the commuter lot on 23rd Ave. This is a great resource for Augsburg and our neighborhood, and I encourage you to learn about it and take advantage of its use.

Augsburg has opened a business account, which waives the registration fee for Augsburg users to drive the HOURCAR for business purposes. You can also register for a personal account. Visit the booth at the fair to learn how to register, or call Kathleen Tuckner at x1403. Watch for more information about HOURCAR in A-mail.

Community Time on Tuesday

I urge faculty and staff to attend our Community Time gathering tomorrow, April 24, at 3:30 pm in East Commons. We'll spend some time [talking about our community responses to the tragedy at Virginia Tech](#).

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KUDOS

Special congratulations to the [cast and crew of *The Threepenny Opera*](#), which concluded its sold-out run this past weekend. What a masterful performance by our students! Thanks to faculty members [Darcey Engen and Sonja Thompson](#) for helping to produce such a fine performance to conclude the theatre season.

Kudos to [Su Dorée](#), mathematics, who was elected president of the North Central Section of the Mathematical Association of America at their spring meeting. She serves this next year as president-elect of the section, which includes colleges and universities in Minnesota, North Dakota, parts of South Dakota, Alberta, and Manitoba.

Congratulations to [Augsburg Orientation Leaders](#) who received awards among the Experienced Orientation Staff from the National Orientation Directors Association (NODA) at their conference in Waterloo, Iowa:

- [Sama Sandy](#)—Best Communication Skills
- [Michael Cunningham](#)—Best Critical Thinking Skills
- [Sarah Tellin](#)—Best Communication Skills, Best Critical Thinking
- [Perry Egertson](#)—Best Overall Case Analysis

Kudos to [James Scannell McCormick](#), English (in Minneapolis and Rochester), whose poem “Bealtaine: Atwater Park” has been accepted for publication in *The Oklahoma Review*.

Congratulations to senior sociology majors [Chris Adams, Anna Gotschall, Donny Lessard, Marissa Lindback, Maria Mitchell, Sarah Pesola, Maria Power, Megan Schiller, Nicole Stanich, and Stu Wylie](#), who were accepted into Alpha Kappa Delta, an international sociology honor society.

Congratulations to film students [Ben Katz and Joe Lueben](#), who worked on a film, *The Conservationist*, accepted into the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Film Festival. Katz is co-producer, and both worked on the technical production of the film, which is part of the Minnesota Shorts series on Wed., April 25, at 7:30 p.m., at the Oak Street Cinema.

Congratulations to the [student winners of the 2007 International Programs Photo Contest](#):

- Landscapes—Anthony Porter, first place; Ryan Treptow, second place; Krista Costin, third place; and Laura Henry, honorable mention
- Photojournalism—Ryan Treptow, first place and Best in Show; Jennifer Oliver, second place; and Allison Hutterer, third place
- Portraits—Megan Schiller, first place; and Ryan Treptow, second place.

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NOTABLE EVENTS

April 24

Transportation Fair

11 a.m.-2 p.m., Christensen Center

An Afternoon with Al Franken

2:30 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

Community Time

3:30 p.m., Christensen Center, East Commons

April 25-27

Council of Social Work Education (CSWE) site visit

8 a.m.-5 p.m., Lindell Library 301

April 25

Music Department Chamber Music Recital and High Tea

4 p.m., Sateren Auditorium and Foss Center

April 26

Senior Reception

5-7 p.m., Augsburg House

April 27

Last day of spring semester classes

April 30

Final exams begin

DAILY CHAPEL SPEAKERS:

Tues., April 24—Andi Slack, senior speaker

Wed., April 25—Pastor Sonja Hagander

Thurs., April 26—Pastor Dave Wold

Fri., April 27—Last day extravaganza

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

Have a great week!