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Good morning. The past week was highlighted by the annual meeting of NAFSA: Association of International Educators, which brought more than 7,400 international educators to Minneapolis. Augsburg was a central part of the meeting. Marissa Machado (Admissions) was a member of the local arrangements committee. We sponsored a plenary session address by Professor Jack Weatherford of Macalester College in honor of the 25th anniversary of the Center for Global Education. We also hosted several events here on campus during the week, including study abroad staff from ELCA colleges and universities; a large group of Norwegian and American educators focused on increasing student exchanges between our countries (a gathering that also included the Honorable Ben Whitney, U.S. ambassador to Norway, and the Honorable Knut Vollebæk, Norwegian ambassador to the U.S.); and a group of CGE partner institutions. Truly an exciting week of activities that reminded us of our strong commitment to educating students for global citizenship.

CAMPUS INITIATIVES

WEC elections

Weekend College held elections in May for WEC student body president and vice president, and for four senators-at-large. [Congratulations to Mia Bothun who was elected president of the WEC student body, and to Michele Roulet, who was elected vice president.](#) The four senators-at-large will be announced at a later date.

Mindpower visit

Last week we hosted a two-day visit with Mindpower, the agency working with our [Augsburg Promise initiative and new branding proposal](#). The Mindpower team met with a number of people on campus, especially in the Advancement and Enrollment Management divisions, to discuss their proposed ideas and begin to plan for the implementation of the experience and image proposals.

The Augsburg Promise team that will direct the branding implementation on campus is made up of Tom Morgan, Leif Anderson, Julie Olson, David Warch, Kevin Myren, Kathy Rumpza, Sarah Griesse, and Mary Lowe.

Survey recommends choices for the eatery

In a recent survey, over 400 respondents, more than half of them students, [expressed a desire for healthy foods and socially responsible choices for the Oren Gateway Center's new eatery.](#)

The survey report, compiled by Lars Christiansen in the sociology department, lists the responses on types of food, the costs respondents were willing to pay, and the hours the eatery should be open. Some respondents suggested that the eatery is an opportunity for Augsburg to make a statement in the community about what the College values. The

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survey results are available in the Finance and Administration ORGS folder on AugNet.

The food service staff is currently reviewing the results of the Gateway eatery survey and determining a proposed menu for the location. The proposed menu and a taste test will be held in the near future.

Summer events on campus

Campus facilities remain busy all summer, with College-scheduled activities as well as outside groups renting space. [Here's a sampling of what's going on this summer](#)—please welcome Augsburg visitors as you meet them!

- [Minnesota Private College Week](#)—High school students and parents visit colleges, with information sessions at 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day. June 25-29. Additional visits days for day admissions at Augsburg are on July 27 for Summer in the City and on Aug. 7 for Back to School Special Event
- [Summer Bridge](#)—a five-week residential program for 25 admitted first-year Augsburg students who are TRIO/SSS eligible. Students take two courses, attend academic support seminars, workshops, and enjoy other social and cultural activities. July 8–Aug. 9.
- [SOAR](#)—Incoming first-year students attend an overnight orientation, with their parents, that includes information on academics, community values, building social relationships and activities, etc., to ease the transition into college. Choice of sessions on July 18-19, 19-20, or 20-21.
- [GEMS/GISE program](#) (Girls in Engineering, Mathematics, and Science) and GISE (Guys in Science and Engineering)—Middle- and high-school girls and boys from Minneapolis Public Schools on campus, with nine Augsburg student mentors working with them. June 18–Aug. 16.
- [Advanced Placement teacher workshops](#)—Two sessions will bring around 300 teachers from the U.S. and other countries who teach or are preparing to teach advanced placement courses. June 25-29 and July 23-27.
- [Sports camps](#)—A number of sports camps are offered by Augsburg athletics:
 - Wrestling
 - June 10-14, Technique Camp
 - June 15-17, Father-Son Camp (elementary/junior high)
 - June 17-21, Team Camp
 - Men's Soccer
 - June 18-21, ages 9-14
 - Volleyball
 - June 25-27, High school Prep Camp (grades 6-9)
 - June 27-29, High School All-Skills Camp (grades 9-12)

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- Football
 - July 10, 7-on-7 Passing Tournament (varsity)
 - July 16-19, Youth Football Clinic (ages 8-14)
- Men's Basketball
 - July 27-28, Auggie Shootout (high school teams)
- Women's Hockey
 - Aug. 6-10, Two camps (ages 10-14 and 15-19)
- [Weddings in Hoversten Chapel](#)—Nine weddings are taking place this summer. The season began on May 19, with the marriage of Pastor Dave Wold's daughter, Rebecca.

KUDOS

Many congratulations to [Jeanette Clark '07](#), who was awarded the first annual Sodexo STOP Hunger Award for her commitment to the Campus Kitchen at Augsburg College (CKAC). The award is given to students in grades K–college at the 1,400 schools served by Sodexo who have made a significant impact in the fight against hunger in their communities. She will be officially recognized on June 11 at the annual Sodexo Foundation dinner.

Congratulations also to [Lisa Luinenburg '07](#) who was named Social Work Student of the Year by the Minnesota Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) for her outstanding scholarship and service to the community. On June 7, social work professors Nancy Rodenberg and Tony Bibus will present the award to her on behalf of NASW at the chapter's annual conference.

Congratulations to [Meghan Sherer '07](#) and [Krista Costin '08](#), who were selected among worldwide applicants for the Festivalensemble Stuttgart, a choir that is part of the Internationale Bachakademie Stuttgart, founded and directed by conductor Helmuth Rilling. The choir rehearses for two weeks, beginning Aug. 17, and sings at the European Music Festival Stuttgart, plus other venues, through Sept. 13.

Congratulations to the newly-elected members of Staff Senate—[Matt Rumpza](#), Central Services; [Becky Taute](#), Alumni Affairs; and [Sandy Tilton](#), Center for Service, Work, and Learning.

NOTABLE EVENTS (next two weeks)

[June 4–7](#)

[Conference, "In Conversation with Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Pastors Gathering in Life Together,"](#) a conference exploring the life, theology, political activism, and spirituality of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

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June 6

Wednesday Gathering

Community lunch for faculty and staff

11 a.m.–1 p.m., Christensen Center, East Commons

MAL Spring Colloquium

MAL students present final MAL projects

5:30–8 p.m., Christensen Center, East Commons

June 7

Celebration and thank you for Cindy Peterson, as she transitions from the American Indian Student Services Program to direct the Scholastic Connections Program.

3–4:30 p.m., Christensen Center, Marshall Room

June 11

Artist Gallery Talk

Painter Adam Johnson discusses the exhibition, “From a Parallel Place”

Noon, Christensen Center, Art Gallery

June 16

WEC 25th Anniversary Picnic

11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., Quad (Christensen Center in case of rain)

Have a great week!