



PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY UPDATE

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Good morning. Even though our regular publication schedule won't begin again until late August, I want to update you on several projects and events. I hope you are all enjoying the summer and managing to stay cool in our unusually warm and dry weather.

The Weekly Update will begin its regular schedule again on Aug. 27. During the rest of the summer, see the Web calendar for event information, <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/>

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Update on building projects

1. Capital renewal projects

- Christensen Center elevator modernization—Project is underway and on schedule. Until elevators are renovated, there is no elevator access in Christensen Center. Anticipated completion: Aug. 28
- Urness elevator modernization—Elevator #1 is currently out of service, with anticipated completion on Aug. 28. On Sept. 10, the same work will begin on elevator #2 and go through fall semester.
- Wireless clock system—Clocks will be installed in all classrooms once a wireless system is installed, giving the entire campus a uniform time! Anticipated completion: Aug. 31.
- Urness/Mort skyway glass and carpet—New glass and carpet tiles will be installed in the Urness-Mort skyway, half at a time to avoid disrupting traffic. Anticipated completion: Aug. 30, depending on delivery of materials.

2. Oren Gateway Center—opening on Aug. 1

Barnes & Noble @ Augsburg—opens on Monday, July 30.

NOTE: The bookstore in Christensen Center will be closed or have very limited service this week on Thursday and Friday, July 26 and 27, as the move takes place in preparation for Monday's opening.

The eatery—Opens around August 8. Watch A-mail for details about a building tour of Gateway Center on Wed., August 8, including the beautiful student residence areas.

Students and program offices will begin moving into Gateway in the middle of August. The celebration and dedication of Oren Gateway Center will be on Fri., October 12.

3. "16 Classrooms Project"

The "16 Classrooms Project," led by Classroom Services and Facilities Management, has identified classrooms in Old Main, Foss Center, and Science Hall for remodeling and renovation to create more comfortable and flexible learning spaces.

Old Main 26, for example, was completely gutted. Walls have been patched, ceiling tiles replaced, and new carpeting, furniture, and classroom technology is on order. The other 15

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classrooms are slated to be equipped with flexible tables and comfortable chairs, new easy-to-use classroom technology, fresh carpet and paint, whiteboards to replace chalkboards, and other minor aesthetic touching up. Anticipated completion: Aug. 31.

CGE Celebrates 25 years

I enjoyed participating last week and over the weekend in the Center for Global Education's 25th anniversary celebration. It was especially good to have CGE staff from their six sites (Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Namibia, and the U.S.) with us for the festivities.

The CGE 25th anniversary conference on Saturday focused around the keynote speech of Dr. Pandu Hailonga Van Dijk, former site director in Namibia, on "Education for Decolonization," which provided an insightful and challenging foundation for conversations about the future of CGE's work.

The Center for Global Education has gained national recognition for its work, and I look forward to more fully integrating the lessons that their experience teaches us, as they become more central in our mission-based work.

Throughout the year there will be other opportunities to continue celebrating CGE's 25th anniversary, culminating in next spring's two commencement ceremonies, which will feature speakers and honorary degree recipients who reflect CGE's mission and impact.

KUDOS

Thanks for SOAR!

Many thanks to everyone on campus who took part in welcoming the Class of 2011 at SOAR last week. Nearly 400 students and their families attended over the three intense sessions.

Thanks especially to the orientation staff and orientation leaders, to Sodexho, Event Services, Academic Advising, Facilities Management, Buildings and Grounds, faculty and staff who participated in the SOAR Showcase, students who returned from vacation to assist, Campus Ministry, Alumni and Parent Relations, and Admissions. You all went above and beyond the call to make SOAR a great experience for our newest students!

TRiO Summer Bridge

Also, we welcome 27 first-year students who qualify for the TRiO/Student Support Services program as they began a five-week Summer Bridge program on campus, running through August 9.

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NOTABLE EVENTS

July 27

Summer Group Visit Day for prospective day students
8 a.m.–5 p.m., Christensen Center

Aug. 3–12

Manna Fest, a festival of spiritual performance
Various times and locations on campus.

Aug. 3–14

Men's soccer trip to Argentina

Aug. 19

Move-In Day for International Partners students

Aug. 29–30

Move-In Day for transfer students

Have a great month of August!