



# PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY UPDATE

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**Good morning** as we begin a week during which we have many opportunities to **celebrate Augsburg College**—what fun!

This week Campus Compact also celebrates, with its 20th anniversary event in Chicago. I'll be joining several of our colleagues and 1000 other guests for a gala dinner this evening, and then for discussions tomorrow with campus presidents, community partners, and business leaders to plan for the next 20 years of civic and campus engagement.

Campus Compact is the largest network in higher education that facilitates service-learning and civic engagement. Counting nearly 1,000 campuses as members and with 31 state offices, the Compact has engaged some 20 million students in community service over its 20 years. Augsburg and the Minnesota Campus Compact have long and actively collaborated, and while I was at Rockford I served as the chair of the board for the Illinois Campus Compact. The Campus Compact mission to educate citizens and build communities lies at the heart of our mission as well.

## CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

### Inauguration week is here

Inaugurations of new presidents are wonderful moments in the life of a college community. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the faculty members, staff, and students who have participated during the past four months in planning for this week's inaugural week festivities. I offer my special thanks to Randall Davidson (Fine Arts), Heidi Breen (Alumni Affairs), Amanda Storm (Events), and Phil Adamo (History), who have been especially active in ensuring that our week goes smoothly and truly offers us the opportunity to celebrate this remarkable college. Many others have joined with them in planning the week—and I believe that the diverse activities of the week genuinely reflect our legacy and promise as a college.

When planning for the inauguration commenced last spring, I offered the following objectives for the week's activities:

- To invite the wider community and world to share in our sense of common work and purpose as a college—this is the foundation for a new season of leadership
- To mark with grace, dignity, and seriousness of purpose the calling of Augsburg College as a community dedicated to the liberal arts, the civic arts, the domestic arts, the fine arts, and the life of faith
- To inspire with ideas and actions the Augsburg community's passion for learning, faith, civic engagement, urban life, and diversity of experience and background
- To call the Augsburg community to action in practicing its commitments to abundance, generosity, engagement, and service
- To set the stage for an ever more urgent and relevant commitment to Augsburg's historic legacy of education for service in democracy

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I hope you'll recognize and enjoy how faithfully the inauguration planners have lived out these challenging purposes. I'm proud of them and all of you. Have good fun—inaugurations don't happen at Augsburg very often!

## Dean and Vice President for Academic Affairs

I announced to the faculty last week the good news that [Barbara Edwards Farley](#), who currently is serving a one year appointment as dean and vice president for academic affairs, has accepted my offer to extend her term for a second year (through the 2007-08 academic year). Dean Farley is a distinguished educator and administrator, and I could not be more pleased with her advocacy for our faculty and the College's core teaching and learning work.

I also am pleased with the Faculty Senate's thoughtful concurrence with my decision to extend Dean Farley's term. The Faculty Senate was closely involved in recommending Dean Farley to me and was enthusiastic in its support for her work. Over the next year, I will continue to work closely with the Faculty Senate and other campus leaders to ensure that we have a clear understanding of our needs for academic leadership and how we might best proceed in filling the vice president for academic affairs position with a permanent appointment. Please join me in thanking and congratulating Barbara Edwards Farley.

## Transit pass discounts for faculty and staff

I am happy to announce that the College is offering a [50% discount on all Metro Transit passes for faculty and staff](#) beginning today. I am especially pleased with the efforts of the Environmental Concerns Committee, which has advocated for and found ways to fund this additional discount for public transit.

We value those who make the effort to use public transit for their daily commute; and everyone who must drive to work appreciates the parking spaces that transit commuters save for others. Prices are posted at the transit schedule display in Christensen Center next to the cash machine and at the student services counters at the Enrollment Center.

If you are able, please take advantage of this opportunity to help create a more sustainable and environmentally healthy city.

## KUDOS

A special congratulations to Augsburg alumna and adjunct instructor [Jacki Brickman '97](#), who was honored with a Milken National Educator Award from the Milken Family Foundation—one of two awarded to Minnesota teachers this year. She is a mentor at the Hall International Elementary School in Minneapolis.

I want to recognize students in the residence halls for their enthusiastic participation in the [campus recycling program](#). Overall collection of cans and bottles is up 44% compared to

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September last year. During September 37 cubic yards of cans and bottles were collected on campus, and most—if not all—of the increase has come from the residence halls. Keep up the good work!

Congratulations to the following faculty members for their recent scholarship:

- **Bruce Reichenbach**, Philosophy. September publication of an article written with student Adam Nugent: "Does Plantinga Have His Own Defeater?" *I Philosophia Christi* 8, no. 1 (2006).
- **Ngeh Tiong Tan**, Social Work. July 2006 publication of new book titled, *Challenge of Social Care in Asia*, edited by Ngeh Tiong Tan and S. Vasoo (Singapore: Marshall Cavendish).
- **Robert Tom**, Art. A solo exhibition in June at the Phipps Center for the Arts in Hudson, Wis. The exhibition title and concept was based on "the formless Jhanas." His work titled, "mana revisited" is currently on display in Lindell Library and is the culmination of two years of work, sponsored by a Minnesota State Arts Board Artist Initiative grant.

## NOTABLE EVENTS IN THE NEXT WEEK

October 18-21

AGES of Imagination: The Inauguration of Paul C. Pribbenow

For the schedule of events, go to [www.augsburg.edu/inauguration](http://www.augsburg.edu/inauguration)

October 18

The Habbestad Ensemble concert

"Terje Vigen" song cycle, composed by Kjell Habbestad

7 p.m.—Sateren Auditorium

October 19-20

Education Minnesota (MEA) days—High school students and parents visit campus

## DAILY CHAPEL SPEAKERS THIS WEEK:

Tues., Oct. 17—Pastor Antonio Machado

Wed., Oct. 18—"Abundance: A Miracle," Paul C. Pribbenow

Thurs., Oct. 19—"Generosity: And the Word Became Flesh," Paul C. Pribbenow

Fri., Oct. 20, at 10:30 a.m.—Festival Service and Holy Communion, "Dr. Robin Lovin, preaching; Bishop Mark Hanson '68, presiding

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**Next week:**

Mon., Oct. 23—Phil Adamo, History

Tues., Oct. 24—Reformation series begins, with Russell Klechley, Mark Tranvik, Jacqui DeVries, Hans Wiersma, and “Martin and Katie Luther”

**Sports schedule**— [www.augsburg.edu/athletics/schedules/fall0607.html](http://www.augsburg.edu/athletics/schedules/fall0607.html).

Have a great week!