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Good morning—after a whirlwind week of great significance for Augsburg College! As I stated in my inaugural address on Friday, this has truly been a celebration of the College—of all of us—beyond the investiture of a new president. **I thank you all for your hard work and for celebrating on this great occasion with my family and me.**

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Meeting of the Augsburg Corporation

On Friday, October 27 (when most of you are away on Fall Break!), the annual meeting of the Augsburg Corporation Governing Board will be held on campus. The Augsburg Corporation represents the ELCA's constitutional support to the College from Augsburg's four designated synods—Minneapolis, Saint Paul, Southeastern Minnesota, and the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin. The Governing Board includes representatives from congregations in the four synods, and Augsburg's Board of Regents, faculty, college administrators, and students.

The Governing Board's primary task is to represent the ELCA for the purpose of electing Augsburg's Board of Regents, the official governing entity of the College. The regents become entrusted with the task of electing Augsburg's president. The Governing Board meets annually to elect regents, as well as to keep current about the College in order to lend ongoing spiritual and other support to us.

KUDOS

Among all the people on campus who worked long and hard to ensure our successful Inauguration week, **I want to give special thanks to all of our Sodexo Food Service employees**, who went above and beyond the call in preparation for all of the meals and receptions last week. You added greatly to our hospitality and the good spirit of the week.

In addition, my special thanks go to faculty and staff who participated in the celebration, as well as those who took leadership in planning and producing the events:

- Steering Committee—Garry Hesser (chair), Heidi Breen (co-chair), Randall Davidson (co-chair), Mark Engebretson, Tracy Elftmann, Gaye Lindfors, Tom Morgan, Vicki Olson, Glen Skovholt, Amanda Storm, David Wold
- Writing Team—Phil Adamo, Robert Cowgill, Darcey Engen
- Creative Team—Kristin Anderson, Bethany Bierman, Merilee Klemp, John Knight, Abigail Crampton Pribbenow, Mary Laurel True
- Production Team—Cathy Anderson, Augsburg Associates, Augsburg Stewards, Tracy Beckman, Campus Kitchen staff and volunteer students, Kathryn Croyle, James Falk, Paul Grauer, Joseph Herbst, Nikki Lemire, Steve Lund, Craig Maus, Lynn Mena, Office of Events and Classroom Services, Office of Development, Office of Advancement Services, Office of Marketing and Communications, Office of Public Safety, Deborah Redmond, Kathy Rumpza, Michael Schwartz, Sodexo staff members, Laura Soler, Wendi Wheeler, Krista Young

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- “Education for Democracy” events—Stuart Anderson (moderator), Tracy Bibelnieks, Lars Christiansen, Jacqueline deVries, members of the Education Department, Joe Erickson, Orv Gingerich, Bill Green, Diane Pike, principals of our neighborhood schools
- Worship Team—Cathy Anderson, Doug Diamond, “Gabe” Gabrielsen, Nancy Grundahl, Sonja Hagander, Peter Hendrickson, Merilee Klemp, Ray Makeever, Bob Stacke, David Wold.

Many thanks to the faculty and staff who assisted the two students involved in a very traumatic off-campus incident—Nancy Rodenborg, Tony Bibus, and Joe Clubb in Social Work; and Nancy Guilbeault and the CCHP staff. We are thankful for the safety of the students and for all who helped them to take good care.

Kudos to Mike Bloomberg, systems/circulation librarian, for being elected legislative chair of the Minnesota Library Association. In this role, he'll work with the MLA lobbyist to represent the interests of the library community at the State Legislature.

Thank you to the departments and programs that have already submitted their One College papers, especially to the English Department, which enjoys the distinction of having submitted the first paper.

NOTABLE EVENTS DURING THIS WEEK

Wednesday, October 25

Campus Sustainability Day

11 a.m.–3 p.m.—Marshall Room, Christensen Center

Thursday-Friday, October 26-27

Wisconsin Education Days

Individual visits with high school students and parents from Wisconsin

Thursday, October 26

Meeting of the Multicultural Affairs/Diversity Officers (MADO) of the Minnesota Private College Council

9:45 a.m.–3 p.m.—Minneapolis Room

Friday, October 27

Augsburg Corporation Governing Board meeting

8:30 a.m.–1 p.m.—Foss Center

Saturday, October 28

Men's and women's MIAC cross-country championships

2 p.m.—Como Park Golf Course, St. Paul

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Notable events next week:

Tuesday, October 31

Community Time

3:30 p.m.—East Commons

DAILY CHAPEL SPEAKERS THIS WEEK:

Tues., Oct. 24— Reformation series begins with Russell Kleckley, Religion Dept.

Wed., Oct. 25—Reformation series with Mark Tranvik, Religion Dept.

Thurs., Oct. 26— Reformation series with Jacqui deVries, History Dept.

Fri., Oct. 27—Mid-term break

Next week:

Mon., Oct. 30— Reformation series with “Martin and Katie Luther”

Tues., Oct. 31— Reformation series ends with Hans Wiersma, Religion Dept.

Sports schedule— www.augsburg.edu/athletics/schedules/fall0607.html.

Have a great week and a safe break!