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Good morning! I want to draw your attention to a reminder in A-mail last week about the [Sixth Annual Scholastic Connections dinner](#) on Monday, Nov. 6. This scholarship program supports students of color and connects them with our alumni of color in mentoring relationships. Scholastic Connections was established in 2001 as a positive response to discriminatory actions directed at members of the Augsburg community. Since the program began, 25 students have received scholarships and developed relationships with alumni mentors.

The annual dinner on Nov. 6 features international food and will include live jazz music and comments from current and former mentors and scholars. I encourage you attend this event if you are able—RSVP to scholar@augsborg.edu or 612-359-6480.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

New Inside Augsburg pages on the Web

Have you taken a moment to read the news and features on the new [Inside Augsburg page](#) this past week at <http://inside.augsburg.edu>? Have you noticed how many events are now showing up on the new calendar? These pages serve a dual purpose: they give our Web visitors a variety of stories to experience our campus life, and they help us on campus build community and celebrate our common work.

These new pages were created in collaboration between the Offices of Information Technology and Marketing and Communications—an effort that is, in itself, a fine example of common work, crossing departmental boundaries to create something new and important. I commend our colleagues in IT and Marketing/Communications for their fine example. Stay tuned as they continue to refine and develop the page features.

Community service paid leave for staff

As part of Augsburg's commitment to civic engagement, I want to tell you about a new initiative for staff to encourage and help us [become involved in community service work](#). Beginning immediately, the College will grant up to two days with pay each calendar year so that employees can volunteer their services to favorite community or religious organizations.

Examples of service can include working with Habitat for Humanity or a homeless shelter, serving on the board of a community group, coaching a child's team at an out-of-town championship, etc. You will hear more about this program soon from Human Resources.

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Campus Kitchen at Augsburg is honored

Congratulations to the Campus Kitchen at Augsburg College (CKAC) that was recently

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recognized with an award for **Excellence in Operations** at the annual Campus Kitchens Project Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. The award was presented in recognition of CKAC's high capacity operations, outstanding performance in meal preparation and delivery, and strong, engaged student leaders.

Congratulations also to senior Jeanette Clark, who was recognized as a nominee for Campus Kitchen Project's Leah Prudhomme Volunteer of the Year Award.

Augsburg selected for Honor Roll recognizing community service

I'm also pleased to tell you that Augsburg College is one of the colleges and universities included on the **President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll** with Distinction for General Community Service. The Honor Roll responds to President Bush's call to service by building on and supporting the civic engagement mission of our nation's colleges and universities. This new recognition program is designed to increase public awareness of the contributions that college students are making within their local communities and across the country through volunteer service.

The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll is sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, the USA Freedom Corps, and the U.S. Departments of Education, and Housing and Urban Development. More than 500 applications were received for the Honor Roll in its inaugural year.

NOTABLE EVENTS DURING THIS WEEK

October 31

Community Time

3:30–4:30 p.m.—Christensen Center, East Commons.

November 2

Student Concerns Forum

5 p.m.—Christensen Center, Coffee Shop. Sponsored by Student Affairs/Government.

November 3–30

Augsburg celebrates Ibsen Year—the 100th anniversary of Henrik Ibsen's death, with performances of *Hedda Gabler*, art exhibit, film festival.

Go to www.augsburg.edu/ibsen

November 3–12

Hedda Gabler, by Henrik Ibsen

7 p.m.—Tjornhom-Nelson Theater. Faculty-directed by Martha Johnson; Ticket reservations, 612-330-1257.

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Native American Heritage Month

Speaker Sam Roberts on intergenerational grief and Native American people.
3–5 p.m.—Christensen Center, Minneapolis Room

November 5

Masterworks Chorale concert—"November Nativity"
4 p.m.—Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church

November 6

Sixth Annual Scholastic Connections Dinner
6–8:30 p.m.—Christensen Center, East Commons
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DAILY CHAPEL SPEAKERS THIS WEEK:

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

Wed., Nov. 1—All Saints' Day—Remembering the departed, and President Paul Pribbenow

Thurs., Nov. 2—Thomas Melville, Maryknoll priest

Fri., Nov. 3—Rachel van Scoy, Lutheran Volunteer Corps.

Next week:

Mon., Nov. 6—Joe Underhill Cady, Political Science Dept.

Tues., Nov. 7—Herald Johnson '68

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

Have a great week!