



# PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY UPDATE

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**Good morning!** This past weekend, the [Board of Regents met for its annual off-campus retreat](#). The agenda for the meeting—which also was attended by representatives of the faculty, staff, and student senates, and the parent/family council—included a wide range of topics: (1) Update on the One College mission conversations; (2) Discussion of the College's endowment; (3) Presentation on enrollment, tuition pricing, and financial aid; (4) Update and discussion of the Science@Augsburg project; and (5) An open conversation on ways we are translating the College's mission, vision, and strategy into plans for our future. It was a good and spirited meeting, full of helpful conversation and opportunities to learn more about the College. I am pleased to report to you that the Board of Regents is a dedicated and generous group of men and women who truly care about Augsburg College. We are indeed fortunate to benefit from their leadership.

Now that the regents have received a report on the [One College project](#), I am pleased to announce that the departmental statements about how their work advances the mission of Augsburg will be available later this week on the website ([www.augsburg.edu/president](http://www.augsburg.edu/president)) under Advancing the Mission. There are nearly 50 statements available now and more will be added in the days ahead. Please take this opportunity to read the statements—they are impressive in their content and spirit related to our mission-based work. We soon will be announcing a variety of opportunities for continuing conversations about the statements. My thanks to all of you who have participated in this important work for the future of the College.

## CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

### Scholarship Brunch and Philanthropy Day

This Sunday is our annual gathering of scholarship donors, a time when we can honor their gifts and give them a chance to meet the students who have received their scholarships. It's a wonderful event to celebrate the generosity of our donors and the opportunities they make possible for our students.

[I encourage our scholarship students to attend this event](#). Not only does it honor the depth of commitment made by our alumni and donors to students, but it gives the students a chance to meet and connect with their benefactors.

In the week after the Scholarship Brunch, on Friday, Nov. 17, the country celebrates [National Philanthropy Day](#), an annual celebration to recognize the variety of services and deep impact that philanthropy makes across our society. As we acknowledge abundance and practice generosity, our Scholarship Brunch is an opportunity to remind ourselves of the role that philanthropy plays in all of our lives and of the great need to return to others what has so graciously been given to us.

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## Winter sports starting up

The next couple of “[cross-over](#)” [weeks](#) are extremely busy for our student-athletes and coaches, as fall sports wrap up and winter sports begin. I encourage you to check out the schedules for our men’s and women’s basketball, men’s and women’s hockey, wrestling, and women’s swimming teams and support their events with some Auggie spirit.

## KUDOS

Congratulations to our men’s and women’s soccer teams and head coaches [Greg Holker](#) and [Mike Navarre](#) for outstanding seasons this year. The women’s team, with an overall record of 10-6-2, advanced to the conference playoffs for the third consecutive year. The men’s team, compiling an overall record of 13-3-3, achieved their first double-digit winning season since 1980 and their best season in more than 30 years.

Many thanks to Augsburg students, faculty, staff, alumni, and visitors who contributed a total of [\\$5,537 in donations to the Abundance Lunches to benefit the food shelf](#) at the Brian Coyle Community Center. In addition, food donations were also collected.

Kudos to [Phil Adamo and the other faculty who teach Medieval Connections](#), featured in the current issue of *Renaissance* magazine. This is a national publication that reaches 30,000 readers interested in historical reenactment groups and fans of Renaissance festivals.

I also want to commend [Martha Johnson \(Theatre arts\) and the cast and crew of Hedda Gabler](#), which began its run this weekend. I had the privilege to see the production on the weekend, along with the distinguished Norwegian consul general, Rolf Hansen. It is one of the ways in which we are participating in the Year of Ibsen, the anniversary of his death 100 years ago. It is an outstanding production and I urge you to see the show this week!

## NOTABLE EVENTS DURING THIS WEEK

[November 6](#)

[Scholastic Connections Gala](#)

6 p.m.—East Commons

Contact x1104

[November 10](#)

[Founders Day lunch and lecture](#)

“Who Was Bernhard M. Christensen?”

The Rev. Dr. James Hamre ‘53

Noon—East Commons

Reservations required at [knightj@augsborg.edu](mailto:knightj@augsborg.edu) or x1351.

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"St. Francis of Assisi in the 13th Century: A Life in Art and Text,"

Brad Holt, Religion Dept.

3:30 p.m.—Marshall Room

Contact: Terry Martin, x1229

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Scholarship and Donor Brunch

12:30 p.m.—East Commons

Augsburg Symphony Orchestra

4:30 p.m.—Hoversten Chapel

Augsburg Jazz Concert

7 p.m.—Hoversten Chapel

## Next week:

November 13–17

International Education Week

Christensen Center

## DAILY CHAPEL SPEAKERS THIS WEEK:

Tues., Nov. 7—Herald Johnson and the Men's Chorus

Wed., Nov. 8—Vocatio Chapel, The Rev. Mary Sulerud

Thurs., Nov. 9—Paul Lutter, Religion Dept.

Fri., Nov. 10—Garry Hesser, Sociology Dept.

## Next week:

Mon., Nov. 13—Bev Stratton, Religion Dept., and El Salvador students

Tues., Nov. 14—"Philip Melanchthon"

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

Have a great week!