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Good morning! We have a short work week as we celebrate Thanksgiving, a time to pause and remember our many blessings. We began last Sunday at the Scholarship Brunch as we gave thanks and honored our donors who generously support scholarships—some honoring their loved ones—that benefit current students.

We highlighted three new endowed scholarships that were established during the past year:

- The **Pastor Red Nelson Scholarship** was established by Pastor LuVerne (Red) Nelson '43, '46 Sem and his family in appreciation for the Augsburg community and the education he received. It will be awarded to students who demonstrate financial need and show academic achievement, with preference to students who play the tuba.
- The **William and Anne Frame Scholarship** honors the presidency of William and Anne Frame and was established by regents, regents emeriti, and special friends of the College. It will be awarded to students who demonstrate interest in community or public service, and have strong academic performance and a commitment to diversity. Preference will be given to students with financial need.
- The **Ryan Rivard Scholarship** was established by Stephen and Christine Rivard to honor their son Ryan upon graduation from Augsburg and successful completion of the StepUP program. It will be awarded to provide encouragement and financial assistance to students in the StepUP program, with preference to first-year students.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Augsburg hosts education colleagues on campus

On Monday this past week, two events brought a number of our colleagues in higher education to Augsburg. In connection with the fall meeting of the Association of Lutheran Development Executives (ALDE), a **leadership development conference** at Augsburg brought together the advancement and development officers from the ELCA colleges.

The same day, we also hosted a meeting of the **Nobel Peace Prize Forum Executive Committee**. Included in their committee business was planning for the next Peace Prize Forum, to be held March 9-10 at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Nursing Department accreditation visit

This week we also received a team visit from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), **evaluating our nursing program for renewal of accreditation**. While the final notice will not come until June, after the commission's board reviews the team's report, the exit report given as the review team left indicated that all standards for accreditation have been met, suggesting a positive outcome. Congratulations to our colleagues in the nursing department!

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KUDOS

A Thanksgiving Turkeypalooza—Many thanks to our Campus Kitchen volunteers, to coordinator Rachel Vallens, and to all other faculty, staff, and students who participated in this year's Turkeypalooza. A total of 25 turkeys and 300 pounds of food were transformed in our kitchen to 625 meals, which were served at the Brian Coyle Center's annual multicultural dinner.

Congratulations to the Physician Assistant program, who were the grand winners of Turkeypalooza, having donated five turkeys and 90 pounds of food. Also, I'm pleased to report, the five of us in the president's office received the honor of donating the most food per person of any office—10 turkeys and 18 additional pounds of food.

Thanks to all the offices and departments that contributed to Turkeypalooza—Academic Affairs; CLASS; Counseling and Health Promotion; Service, Work, and Learning; Day Admissions; Education; Enrollment Center; Event Services; Hispanic/Latino program; History; Modern Languages; Physics; and Sociology.

Kudos to Tim Pippert, Sociology Department, for his book, *Road Dogs and Loners*, being published by Lexington Books, that investigates and provides perspectives on the lives and relationships of homeless men in America.

Music at Augsburg—What a couple of weeks we've enjoyed with our various musical ensembles adding to the richness of campus life. Congratulations to the Augsburg band and orchestra for successful fall concerts. Kudos as well to the Augsburg Choir that performed to two sold-out audiences at Orchestra Hall over the weekend as part of the F. Melius Christiansen Endowment Fund concerts—along with choirs from Concordia-Moorhead, Concordia-St. Paul, Gustavus Adolphus, and St. Olaf. The Gospel Praise ensemble will perform tomorrow morning at the annual Sons of Norway breakfast. And several of us enjoyed hearing Professor Eric Buffalohead's band, Bluedog, perform last Friday night in Sateren Hall. Our thanks to all of you for sharing your talent and love of music!

DAILY CHAPEL SPEAKERS THIS WEEK:

Tues., Nov. 21—Larry Crockett, Computer Science Dept.

Wed., Nov. 22—Thanksgiving Communion

Thurs., Nov. 23—Thanksgiving holiday

Fri., Nov. 24—Thanksgiving holiday

Next week:

Mon., Nov. 27—

Tues., Nov. 28—Mary Lowe, Religion Dept.

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Sports schedule—www.augsburg.edu/athletics/schedules/winter0607.html.

Have a great week!