



# PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY UPDATE

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**Good morning.** This is my last President's Weekly Update for 2006—we'll resume again in the new year as we begin to settle back into our work after the holidays.

As we end this semester, I've been pleased while reflecting on our common work to notice important efforts that happen mostly behind the scenes, or at least out of the limelight. One such area that comes to mind is the students' work each week to publish the [Echo](#). I've been impressed with the commitment the *Echo* staff bring to their jobs in reporting and producing the paper, as well as the quality of work put into it.

I've also been impressed with the work of those involved with the [Christensen Center renovation committee](#). They've done a great job in ensuring that all voices are heard and that everyone has an opportunity to be part of the conversation about how best we can use the space we have on our campus. I commend both groups for their work.

## CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

### "Be cool and dress hip" for the Holiday party

For one last time in the weekly update, I want to remind you about the [Augsburg Holiday Party](#) on Thursday next week, Dec. 21, from 3:30–5:30 in Christensen Center. We'll be celebrating around a '50s theme—Abigail and I hope to see you there.

Please also remember to bring food donations to help keep the Brian Coyle Community Center's food shelves filled.

### Commencement speakers for 2007

At the end of November, I sent out information about the change to [two Commencement ceremonies](#), beginning in 2007, to be held on May 5 for day students and the PA Program, and on June 24 for Weekend College, Rochester, and the other five graduate programs.

I am pleased to announce that on May 5 the commencement speaker will be Dr. Eboo Patel, founder and executive director of the Interfaith Youth Core in Chicago.

I still am working to select a commencement speaker for the June ceremony.

## KUDOS

My thanks and appreciation go to [Carol Knicker](#), in the Center for Teaching and Learning, for organizing the dinner and program that featured Dr. Stephen Brookfield. We enjoyed his leadership in an interesting discussion around teaching that focused on adult learners.

Kudos to [Robert Groven](#), in Communication Studies and the Honors Program, for his two presentations at the 41st annual conference of the National Collegiate Honors Council in

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November. His topics were, "Cheating at Monopoly: Teaching about American Inequality through Unfair Classroom Exercises," and "Is PowerPoint Anti-Democratic in the Honors Classroom?"

## NOTABLE EVENTS

December 18

Late Night Breakfast

10 p.m.–midnight, Christensen Center

## DAILY CHAPEL SPEAKERS THIS WEEK:

Tues., Dec. 12—David Solberg, senior speaker

Wed., Dec. 13—Vocatio Chapel with T. Mychael Rambo

Thurs., Dec. 14—Mike Matson, senior speaker

Fri., Dec. 15—Las Posadas

Sports schedule—[www.augsburg.edu/athletics/schedules/winter0607.html](http://www.augsburg.edu/athletics/schedules/winter0607.html).

Have a great week and enjoy a peaceful, healthful, and relaxing holiday break!