



# PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY UPDATE

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**Good morning.** This week I received a great report about **Augsburg's participation in the College Goal Sunday program, which helps students get ready for college by completing their FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).** On Wednesday evening, Augsburg staff teamed with Pillsbury United Communities staff at Brian Coyle Community Center and helped 21 Cedar-Riverside students in the FANS program (grades 8-12) take the first step toward financing their college education. Many thanks to site coordinator Michele Kidwell and Carrie Carroll, Sam Napit, Liz Bassani, Jennifer Oliver, Wendi Wheeler, and Mary Laurel True for their enthusiasm, positive attitude, and expertise to help our neighbors set educational goals. This is a fine example of the difference we can make, in collaboration with our community partners, in the lives of the young people in our neighborhood. This is Augsburg at its best—living out its mission and vision through education and service.

## CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

### MSW students to focus on older adults

**The Master of Social Work (MSW) program has received a \$75,000, three-year grant in the Hartford Partnership Program for Aging Education.** This program addresses the growing demand for social workers as the nation's aging population is expected to more than triple by 2050. The grant, in consortium with the University of Minnesota, will support the advanced field placement work of second-year MSW students specializing in serving older adults.

Augsburg's unique contribution will be to focus on older adults of color. The College will adopt a program model developed by the New York Academy of Medicine's Social Work Leadership Institute, with support from the John A. Hartford Foundation.

## KUDOS

### Congratulations, new McNair Scholars!

**Thursday night Dean Farley hosted a welcome banquet for the 20 new McNair Scholars** selected for the program that serves students who are low-income, first-generation, or students from groups underrepresented in graduate education. Rev. Rozenia Fuller '01, inspired students and guests with a talk about her educational journey at Augsburg and how the McNair Scholars program that helped her pursue a vocation in the ministry at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Many thanks and congratulations to Dixie Shafer and Xia Xiong-Vang '05, assistant director, for recruiting a fine group of students into the program.

The McNair program is important to Augsburg because it advances our mission of intentional diversity, increases the number of research opportunities for scholars and

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faculty mentors, and prepares students for graduate school. Engagement in the McNair program leads to high levels of student retention (all 45 of Augsburg's past scholars graduated from the College) and raises the profile of Augsburg's graduates who are applying to graduate school.

## NOTABLE EVENTS

### February 12

**Reception and celebration for currently serving military members**, family of currently serving military members, and veterans who are Augsburg students  
4–6 p.m., with short program at 5 p.m., Oren Gateway Center 114

### February 13

#### Carl H. Chrislock Memorial History Lecture

"The State We're In: Thinking about Ourselves in Place and Time," Annette Atkins, professor of history, St. John's University  
7 p.m., Marshall Room, Christensen Center

### February 15–16

#### 2007–08 Convocation Series

Dr. Ned Hallowell, adult and child psychiatrist, the Hallowell Center

Feb. 15—"Worry," 3:30 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

Feb. 16—"CrazyBusy," noon, Hoversten Chapel

## DAILY CHAPEL SPEAKERS

M,W,F–10:20 a.m.; T-Th–11:20 a.m.; Wed–9:09 p.m., Communion; Sat (when weekend classes meet)–7:30 a.m.

**Tues., Feb. 12**—Black history chapel, led by Rev. Kelly and Babette Chatman

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**Thurs., Feb. 14**—Stephanie Wood, senior speaker

**Fri., Feb. 15**—Charlie Ruud, Luther Seminary intern pastor

**Sat., Feb. 16**—noon, Weekend Convocation, Dr. Ned Hallowell

**Mon., Feb. 18**—Justin Dietrich, Luther Seminary intern pastor

**Sports schedule**— <http://www.augsburg.edu/athletics/schedules/winter0708.html>

Have a great week!