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**Good morning.** I wish all of you God's blessings as we enter a sacred week for the Jewish and Christian faithful.

**While our day students are on break this week, College services remain open for weekend and graduate students.**

- The Christensen Center **Welcome Desk** will be open Monday-Thursday
- **Lindell Library** hours can be found at <http://www.augsburg.edu/library>
- **Nabo Café** will be open Monday-Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- **Cooper's Coffee Shop** is open Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The College will be closed from Friday through Sunday in observance of the Easter holiday.

**I am always pleased to share with you examples of the many ways in which we are living out our institutional vocation to serve our neighbors.** This week I learned about the successful completion of the six-year capital campaign at the Southside Family Nurturing Center, a total of \$1.8 million, to renovate their Victorian house in the Phillips community.

**Rosemary Link, dean of graduate studies and associate vice president, who chairs the center's board, writes, "On behalf of the board, I thank colleagues at Augsburg College** warmly for their encouragement, support, donations, and belief in our work to nurture families in our neighborhood and to combat the effects of poverty on children's lives and educational access." David Draus is chair of the center's Building Committee; Brad Hanson, adjunct professor in social work, is director of family services; Deb Strand, MSW alumna, is helping with strategic planning; and many students have participated in the center's activities. **An Open House on Thursday, May 15, will celebrate this success.**

**Congratulations to the 2008-09 day program student government leaders:**

**President/Vice president**

Megan Benrud/Jake Quarstad

**Senior Senators**

Adam Assefa

**Junior Senators**

Donnarose Storer

Peter Hubbard

Jamie Krumenauer

Joshua Groll

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## Sophomore Senators

Sam Smith  
Juventino Meza  
Maxwell Cody  
Kovan Baldwin

Weekend College student government elections will be held after spring trimester is underway, from April 11-13.

## CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

### Winter sports wrap

**Wrestling**—Claiming a top-four finish in the team standings for the 20th straight year—a record currently unmatched by any other NCAA wrestling program in any division—the Augsburg wrestling team finished third at the NCAA Division III National Championships. Augsburg claimed five All-Americans—**Seth Flodeen, Jason Adams, Willy Holst, Travis Lang,** and **Robbie Gotreau**—marking the 20th straight season that Augsburg has had five or more All-Americans. **Flodeen** rallied from a No. 5 seed with victories over the top two seeds to win the 125-pound national title match.

The Auggies completed their first season under new head coach **Sam Barber**, who had served as an assistant under former head coach **Jeff Swenson** for the previous six seasons. Augsburg finished 10-2 in dual meets, placed third at the NWCA Division III National Duals, and won the NCAA Division III Great Lakes Regional for the sixth straight year.

**Men's basketball**—Under third-year head coach **Aaron Griess**, Augsburg finished 12-13 overall. After starting the season 0-6, Augsburg won seven of its last nine games, to finish the season with its second-straight double-digit win campaign and best record since the 2000-01 season. Augsburg came within a game of qualifying for the conference tournament, but lost on a last-second shot at Bethel in the final game of the season.

**Women's basketball**—Under fourth-year head coach **Jennifer Britz**, Augsburg finished 7-18 overall, and reached the seven-win mark for the second time in the last three seasons. Guard **Kristina Lurken** was named to the All-MIAC squad, while guard/forward **Katie LaGrave** and center **Christa Suedbeck** earned All-MIAC honorable-mention honors.

**Men's hockey**—Under head coach **Chris Brown**, Augsburg finished 6-17-2 overall in the season. **Dan Carlson, Jim Jensen, Chris Johnson,** and **Dan Leopold** all received All-MIAC honorable mention.

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**Women's hockey**—Under head coach **Jill Pohtilla**, Augsburg finished 4-16-3 overall. Defender **Jackie Keller** and forward **Tiffany Magnuson** each earned All-MIAC honors, while goalie **Toni Menth** was named to the All-MIAC honorable-mention squad. Playing in all but 20 minutes of the season in goal, Menth had the third-most saves of any Division III women's hockey goalie in the country.

**Men's/Women's indoor track and field**—The Augsburg men's and women's track and field teams each finished 11th at the MIAC indoor championships, completing the first half of the track and field season under head coach **Dennis Barker**. The Auggie women were led by **Whitney Holman**, who earned an all-conference honor with a second-place finish in the 55-meter dash, and earned honorable-mention all-conference honors with a fifth-place finish in the 200-meter dash. On the men's side, **Nick Ward** earned All-MIAC honorable-mention honors at the conference meet with a sixth-place finish in the men's 55-meter dash.

**Women's swimming**—Under new head coach **Tricia Wallace**, the Augsburg women's swimming team completed its fifth year of varsity competition, finishing 11th at the MIAC championships. The Auggies were the lone MIAC program to complete its season with every swimmer recording season-bests in every event at the MIAC championships.

Senior **Kasi Clauson** set new school records in five events at the MIAC meet. She closed her career as the top swimmer (and first four-year competitor) in the first five years of Augsburg's women's swimming program, holding school records in 10 of 14 individual events, as well as being a part of school records in all five relay events.

For more information on the winter season, go to  
<http://www.augsburg.edu/athletics/sportsnews/0708yearinreview2.html>

## KUDOS

**Thanks to everyone who attended the All-Hands Meeting** last Tuesday and engaged in discussion about our current initiatives and future plans. My PowerPoint presentation can be downloaded at [http://www.augsburg.edu/president/allhands\\_mar2008.ppt](http://www.augsburg.edu/president/allhands_mar2008.ppt)

## NOTABLE EVENTS

As we approach the end of the spring semester, we begin to anticipate the many year-end events and Commencement activities. Following are the dates of our major College events through the closing of this academic year.

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April 6	Scholarship and Donor Brunch, 12:30 p.m.
April 7	Joel S. Torstenson Lecture, with speaker Kathleen Hull, 5 p.m.
April 14-15	Sverdrup Visiting Scientist Lecture, with Steve Squyres, Cornell University April 14—7:30 p.m. April 15—11 a.m.
April 16-18	Zyzzogeton & All-Student Juried Art Show (April 11-May 4)
April 18	Honors Convocation, 4:30 p.m.
April 21	The Auggie Awards: A Celebration of Augsburg Athletics, 6 p.m.
May 2-3	Augsburg Board of Regents meeting
May 2	Commencement Concert (Augsburg Choir), 8 p.m.
May 3	Commencement—Day Program, PA program 9-10 a.m. Baccalaureate 11 a.m. Commencement Ceremony Speaker: Jack Weatherford, Macalester College Honorary degree: Jack Weatherford
May 20	2007-08 Convocation Series: John M. Perkins, Perkins Foundation for Reconciliation and Development, Bethel Lutheran Church, Rochester, 7 p.m.
June 29	Commencement—WEC, Rochester, Partner Hospitals, MAE, MAL, MAN, MBA, MSW 9-10 a.m. Baccalaureate 11 a.m. Commencement Ceremony Speaker: Mark Hanson '68, presiding bishop, ELCA Honorary degrees: Ambassador Koryne Horbal and Bishop Medardo Gomez

## DAILY CHAPEL SPEAKERS

**March 17-24**—Day College spring break—no chapel services

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

Have a great week and a blessed Easter!