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Good morning. As spring semester students complete their exams this week, we are preparing for Commencement on Saturday, the first of our two Commencement ceremonies. The theme wrapping both commencements this year is global citizenship, as the Center for Global Education completes its year-long, 25th-anniversary celebration.

At this ceremony, we will celebrate with 366 Day College students and 26 physician assistant master's degree students who are eligible to receive their degrees. Eleven international students from nine countries are included, and six International Partners students who are graduating in Norway will participate in our ceremony as well. We will also honor this year's winner of the Marina Christensen Justice award, a student who has demonstrated exceptional interest and commitment in reaching out to disadvantaged people in our community.

Professor Jack Weatherford, from Macalester College, will present the Commencement address on Saturday, as well as receive an honorary degree. Several of us enjoyed his keynote speech last year at the NAFSA international educators' conference—he is both a cultural anthropologist and a gifted storyteller—and I look forward to welcoming him to Augsburg.

The second Commencement ceremony, on Sunday, June 29, will graduate students in Weekend College, Rochester, the Partner Hospital programs, and the five master's programs of education, leadership, nursing, business administration, and social work. At that ceremony the speaker will be ELCA presiding bishop and Augsburg alumnus and parent Mark Hanson '68. Honorary degrees will be conferred upon Bishop Medardo Gomez, from El Salvador, and Ambassador Koryne Horbal.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Augsburg Board of Regents spring meeting

The Augsburg Board of Regents will meet all day Friday in Oren Gateway Center and Kennedy Center for their spring meeting. Their deliberations will include three major discussions:

- Update on the campus master plan
- Proposal for the Center for Science, Business, and Religion
- Plan and proposal for the next capital campaign

This meeting marks the retirement of three regents, each of whom has served for two terms: Chairman Ted Grindal, Gary Benson, and Ron Nelson. We are grateful for their commitment and service to Augsburg College.

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Garry Hesser appointed Sabo Professor

I am pleased that Garry Hesser, Sociology Department and Metro-Urban Studies, has been appointed as the first Sabo Professor of Citizenship and Learning. His work will lay the groundwork for the establishment of the endowed Martin Olav Sabo Center and Chair. His activities will include collaboration with the Center for Service, Work, and Learning concerning student civic engagement, and leadership in campus initiatives to practice democracy and civic engagement, among other activities.

Weekly Update schedule

Next Monday's Update will be the last weekly update for this academic year. Through spring trimester and our June Commencement, we'll issue updates every two weeks—on May 5, May 19, June 2, June 16, and June 30. After that the Update will be in hiatus throughout the summer.

KUDOS

Congratulations to [students who were honored at the Leadership Banquet](#) last week for the following awards:

- Global Perspective on World Culture and Economics Award—Augsburg Student Feminist Collective (Erin Scott, Hannah Glusenkamp, Elizabeth Hanson, Lucrechia Grant)
- Global Perspective on Environment Interdependence Award—Alex Hoselton
- Active Citizenship Award—Beth Florence
- Living Faith Award—Campus Ministry co-commissioners Joanna Flatten, Kristen Hoyles, and Stephanie Wood
- Meaningful Work Award—First-years Annika Gunderson and Geoffery Gill; sophomores Leann Vice-Reshel and Donnarose Storer; juniors Ray Kidd and Emily Tischer; and seniors Marcia Evenson, Angie Barron, Curtiss Schreiber, and Holly Tapani
- Leadership Award—Kari Aanestad, Taylor Norman, and Anne Thompson
- Emerging Leader Award—Juventino Rodriguez, Andrew DeGennaro, and Yasameen Sajady
- Service Award—the Campus Kitchen group and Lauren Back
- Augsburg Liberal Arts Award—Augsburg Chemistry Society, with special recognition to Brian Krohn, for his contribution to Augsburg and the world
- Urban Dwelling Award—LINK
- Sustainable Urban City Award—Focus the Nation
- Intentional Diversity Award—Asian Student Association

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- Organization of the Year Award—Coalition for Student Activism
- New Organization of the Year Award—Omicron Delta Social Work Honor Society
- Linda Schrempp Alberg Leadership Award—Mary Murzyn

Students in the Emerging Leader Program were also recognized at the banquet: participants Jessica King, Charmaine Bell, Stacia Francis, Jennifer Lovering, Allison Rapp, Yasameen Sajady, and Ruth Senum; and mentors Derrick Smith, Leann Vice-Reshel, Caitlin Hozeny, and Caylin Bowman

Kudos to **Natalie Sasseville**, who organized a walk/run last week as part of a service-learning component in her Health Psychology class that benefits the Family Opportunities for Living Collaborative (FOLC) in the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood.

Kudos to the **Adult and Graduate Admissions staff** for exceeding the spring trimester recruitment goals. Ninety new Weekend College students enrolled this spring; the target was 80. New student numbers also exceeded the goals in MAL, MBA, MAN and MAE.

Kudos to **Tim Pippert, Sociology Department, and sociology major Jay Matchett**, who presented their findings in a paper, "We've Got Minorities, Yes We Do: Race and the College Viewbook," at the Midwest Sociological Society meetings in St. Louis.

Kudos to **Diane Pike**, Sociology Department and Center for Teaching and Learning, who is the 2008 president-elect of the Midwest Sociological Society and will be program chair for the 2009 annual meetings in Des Moines.

Kudos to **Cary Waterman**, English Department, whose poems "Burning" and "Talking Weather in the New Year" were selected from among entries across the country for inclusion in the winter 2008 *Minnetonka Review*.

NOTABLE EVENTS

April 28

Late Night Breakfast

9–10:30 p.m., Christensen Commons

April 28–May 1

Final exams for spring semester

April 29

Community Time for faculty, staff, and students

3:45 p.m., East Commons

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Faculty Recognition Luncheon

11:30 a.m., East Commons

May 2

Augsburg Board of Regents spring meeting

8 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Oren Gateway Center and Kennedy Center

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StepUP Graduation

1 p.m., Sateren Auditorium, Music Hall

May 2

Commencement Concert, The Augsburg Choir

8 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

May 3

Commencement 2008

8 a.m., Eucharist service, Hoversten Chapel

9 a.m., Baccalaureate service, Hoversten Chapel

11 a.m., Commencement Ceremony, Melby Hall with department receptions following

May 4–14

Augsburg Choir tour to Northeastern U.S.

DAILY CHAPEL SPEAKERS

Chapel services Monday through Friday will resume in September; WEC chapel (when weekend classes meet) is at 7:40 a.m.

Tues., April 29—9:09 p.m., Communion with Pastor Dave Wold

Sports schedule— www.augsburg.edu/athletics

Have a great week