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Good morning. Summer session classes began last week, and the schedule of summer conferences soon will be in full swing. Every summer our campus hosts a variety of activities, many of which bring young people to a college campus for the first time.

Summertime also is important in our student recruitment cycle, especially during Minnesota Private College Week, June 23-27. The undergraduate admissions office will welcome high school students and their parents at two sessions each day, 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., for tours of campus. Tour guides will lead groups of students around campus, with short presentations on campus life and academics given at several locations.

SOAR, Summer Orientation And Registration, is an important event for incoming first-year day students and their parents, with three sessions offered from July 14-19. The students stay in the residence halls and are presented with a great deal of information about Augsburg campus life—activities, IT, advising, public safety, etc. This year, for the first time, faculty, staff, and orientation leaders will lead groups on visits to various neighborhoods in the city. For these incoming students, SOAR is their first experience as an official Auggie!

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Welcome A'viands!

I hope you'll join me in welcoming A'viands, our new food services provider, as they begin their operations on campus today. We're grateful to A'viands for hiring 40 of 44 former Sodexo employees who interviewed for positions with them. I look forward to working with A'viands for our campus dining services and hospitality events. For catering questions and needs, call Michelle Inserra, at minserra@aviands.com.

Summer events on campus

More than 30 meetings, workshops, camps, and seminars will take place on campus during the next three months. A sampling of them includes:

- **Summer Bridge**—a five-week residential program for 25 admitted first-year Augsburg students who are TRIO/SSS eligible. Students take two courses, attend academic support seminars, workshops, and enjoy other social and cultural activities. July 7–Aug. 8.
- **Augsburg Advantage at St. Kate's Summer Transition program**—a five-week program for approximately eight students who have been studying in a skills program at St. Kate's. They will take a Summer Session II course on campus and transfer to Augsburg for fall semester. July 7–Aug. 8.

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- **GEMS/GISE program** (Girls in Engineering, Mathematics, and Science) and GISE (Guys in Science and Engineering)—Middle- and high-school girls and boys from Minneapolis Public Schools on campus, with eight Augsburg student mentors working with them. June 16–Aug. 14.
- **Sports camps**—A number of sports camps are offered by Augsburg athletics:
 - Wrestling
 - June 13–15, Father-Son Camp
 - June 15–19, Technique Camp
 - June 15–24, Elite Camp
 - June 22–26, Team Camp
 - Volleyball
 - June 30–July 2, Advanced Skills Camp (grades 9–12)
 - July 7–8, Basic Skills Camp (grades 5–9)
 - July 9–10, Positional Training Camp (grades 8–12)
 - Women's hockey
 - June 29–July 3, Camp for ages 10–19
 - Football
 - July 8, High school 7-on-7 Passing Tournament
 - July 14–17, Youth Football Clinic (ages 8–14)
 - Men's/Women's Soccer
 - August 15, Soccer Mom Camp (benefiting Kicks against Breast Cancer—www.ecmiracles.org)
- **Athletics Fundraising Golf Tournaments**—for details and contacts about these tournaments, go to www.augsburg.edu/athletics/aclub-awac/index.html
 - June 18, Ed Saugestad Men's Hockey Alumni Golf Tournament at StoneRidge Golf Course, Stillwater, Minn.
 - June 30, 45th Annual Clair Strommen A-Club Golf Tournament at Pebble Creek Golf Course, Becker, Minn.
 - July 18, Edor Nelson Football Alumni Golf Tournament at Manitou Ridge Golf Course, White Bear Lake, Minn.
 - August 1, John Grygelko/Jeff Swenson Wrestling Alumni Golf Tournament at Bluff Creek Golf Course, Chanhassen, Minn.
 - August 3, Men's Golf Alumni Golf Tournament at Columbia Golf Course, Minneapolis, Minn.
- **Music camps**
 - June 21–July 12, Nautilus Music Theater presents, the Wesley Balk Opera, Music-Theater Institute
 - July 6–12, Junior Composers Institute, sponsored by the North Central Region of the National Federation of Music Clubs
- **Medieval Minnesota Summer Camp**—August 10–16

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- **Advanced Placement Institutes**—More than 300 middle- and high-school teachers coming from as far as the Middle East will attend a week-long workshop offered in June, July, and August to learn how to prepare students for AP courses or to teach them.
- **American Field Service (AFS) Orientation for incoming exchange students**, August 13-16

Weekly Update schedule

From now through the end of spring trimester and our June Commencement, two more Weekly Updates will be published, on June 16 and June 30. After that the Update will be in hiatus throughout the summer.

KUDOS

Many thanks to the **Faculty Senate** for hosting the “Hot Topics” sessions in May, and to the **faculty and staff who presented** at them.

Congratulations to **new WEC student body leaders** elected in May. Current WEC student body vice president **Michele Roulet** is new the president-elect, and **Michelle Cerame** is the new vice president-elect. I am happy to hear that three times as many votes were cast in this election as in the last WEC election.

For senators-at-large, there was a tie in write-in votes for these positions. The WEC officers are currently contacting those who received the votes and will announce the new senators-at-large at a later date.

Like day students, WEC students showed their support for green practices. They voted by a margin of 2 to 1 to implement a \$5 fee to support wind, energy, and green practices.

Kudos to **Sally Daniels, Richard Webb, Carrie Carroll and Shira Hussain**, who presented at the TriState Conference of the Associations of College Admission Counseling of Minnesota, Iowa, and Wisconsin, held May 19-21 in Madison, Wisconsin. Sally's session was about helping parents “launch” their sons and daughters into college; Richard presented on culturally competent recruitment; and Carrie and Shira offered an approach to building productive teams and strong morale by having fun at work.

Kudos to the **track and field team**, who recorded one MIAC champion and six All-MIAC honorable mention performances (top 6) at the MIAC Championships—Nick Ward, 100 meter dash champion; and honorable mentions for James Strand, (400 meter dash); Adam Horkey (110 meter hurdles); D.J. Wendell, James Strand, David Nestrud, and Nick Ward (400 meter relay); Nick Ward (long jump); Kevin Haglund (triple jump); and Megan Krumrie (long jump).

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NOTABLE EVENTS

June 23-27

Minnesota Private College Week, hosting high school students and their parents on campus.

DAILY CHAPEL SPEAKERS

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

Saturday, June 7—WEC Chapel

For Augsburg athletic news, scores, and schedules: www.augsburg.edu/athletics/

Have a great two weeks!