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Good morning. On Friday and Saturday this week, **our Board of Regents will be on campus for their two-day fall meeting.** It will be a pleasure to host the board for its committee and plenary meetings in Kennedy Center and Oren Gateway Center, Augsburg's two newest and very beautiful buildings.

The board will hold two strategic conversations at this meeting, both of which are important to the 2007-08 goals I outlined in last week's update. On Friday, our discussions will focus on the alignment of our administrative structure and practices with the College's mission and vision. On Saturday, the regents will be joined by our Campus Ministry team; David Tiede, the Bernhard Christensen Professor of Religion and Vocation; and Religion Department faculty members for discussion about the College and its connections to the church.

I encourage you to attend chapel service on Friday to hear Bishop Peter Rogness, of the Saint Paul Area Synod and *ex officio* Board of Regents member, who will give the homily. Board members also will attend classes on Friday morning and attend a luncheon hosted by the staff of the Center for Service, Work, and Learning. I hope you'll join me in welcoming the regents when you see them on campus this weekend.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Nomination of Vice President for Academic Affairs

As outlined in my e-mail on Sept. 5, **a special committee formed by faculty has unanimously recommended Barbara Edwards Farley as the nominee for vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college,** following my recommendation of last spring.

I encourage you to participate in the open forums scheduled today and tomorrow with Dean Farley to discuss and evaluate her candidacy. She will begin each session with a short presentation on her candidacy, and then take questions. Please feel free to join any of the staff/faculty, student, or student government forums listed in the calendar below.

Peter Agre speaks at Vocatio Chapel

On Wednesday, Dr. Peter Agre, Class of 1970 and Nobel Prize-winning scientist, will speak in chapel about his vocational journey. A luncheon will also take place, supported by Exploring Our Gifts: The Lilly Grant at Augsburg. Contact Ross Murray at murray@augsborg.edu if you are interested in attending the luncheon.

KUDOS

Congratulations to the **outstanding students who were honored last week at the annual Scholastic Connections dinner.** This program celebrates our diversity, and is an example of Augsburg at its best. It celebrates the success of our alumni who are committed to giving back to the College, and is intentional about pairing them with our outstanding

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students of color in mentoring relationships so that even before they graduate students receive support and networking as they form their career plans.

New 2007-08 scholarship recipients are:

Richmond Appleton, sophomore, biology

Nou Chang, junior, biology and English

Richard La Roque, sophomore, American Indian Studies

Mohammad Sweidan, junior, public accounting and finance

Continuing 2007-08 scholarship recipients are:

Killa Martinez-Aleman (second year), senior, international relations and communications

Luis Lopez Monterrubio (second year), junior, finance

Mary Murzyn (second year), senior, social work

Sama Sandy (second year), senior, business administration and finance

Miguel Sotamba (third year), senior, business administration and management

Ashley Stoffers (second year), senior, biology

Kudos to **Tom Ruffaner, Environmental Stewardship Committee, for compiling content, and Kathy Rumpza, Marketing and Communication, for design and layout** of the new transportation board in the west hall of Christensen Center, with collaboration from the President's Office and Kerry Morgan, gallery and exhibits coordinator. Focusing on many options for commuting, the board has information about carpooling, bus routes, opportunities offered both by Augsburg and the community, and much else.

Congratulations also to the **Physician Assistant Studies Class of 1997**, who celebrated their 10th anniversary this past weekend, with 20 of the 24 students back on campus for it. They represent the inaugural class in a pioneering program that focuses on providing health care for underserved populations in both rural and urban settings and remains the state's only physician assistant training program. Consistently, Augsburg's PA graduates score in the top percentiles on the national qualifying exam. Thanks to coordinator Dave Barlow, Physician Assistant faculty and member of the 1997 graduating class.

Kudos to **Michael Lansing**, History Department, for the publication of his book, *The American West: A Concise History*, co-authored with Anne M. Butler, professor emerita at Utah State University, published this year by Blackwell. Also in the past year, his previously-published article on Chinese immigrants in late 19th-century Salt Lake City was chosen for inclusion in an anthology published by the University of Utah.

NOTABLE EVENTS IN THE NEXT WEEK

September 17

Elaine Penn, "Be the Change: Help Create a Better World"

Noon, lunch and conversation, East Commons

3 p.m., for faculty/staff, Marshall Room

7:15 p.m., for student-athletes, Foss Center

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Open forum discussions with Barbara Edwards Farley for the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College

Sept. 17

1:30–2:15 p.m.—President Pribbenow

2:30–3:15 p.m.—students (day and adult), Minneapolis Room

4–4:45 p.m.—student govts. (day and adult), Minneapolis Room

6 p.m.—dinner with the Board of Regents

Sept. 18

8:30–9:30 a.m.—staff and faculty, Minneapolis Room

10–11 a.m.—direct reports to the position, Minneapolis Room

Noon–12:45 p.m.—students (day and adult), Minneapolis Room

3:30–4:30 p.m.—faculty, Marshall Room

September 18

Faculty meeting

3:30 p.m., Marshall Room

September 21

Campus Ministry Fall Retreat at Augustana Lutheran Church

6 p.m., meet at Hoversten Chapel

September 21-22

Board of Regents meeting

Fri. p.m., Kennedy Center

Sat., 8 a.m., Oren Gateway Center

September 24-25

2007 Christensen Symposium

Rev. Rolf Jacobson, “Everyday Life in Light of the Gospel”

Sept. 24—“Why Do You Weep? Sadness, Grief, and the Gospel”

7:30 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

Sept. 25—“How Can I Keep from Singing? Laughter, Joy and the Gospel”

11 a.m.—Hoversten Chapel

DAILY CHAPEL SPEAKERS

M,W,F–10:20 a.m.; T,Th–11:20 a.m.; Sat (class weekends)–8 a.m.; Wed–Communion, 9:09 p.m.

Tues., Sept. 18—“AFRIZO”

Wed., Sept. 19—Vocatio Chapel, Peter Agre '70, 2003 Nobel laureate in chemistry.

Thurs., Sept. 20—Jim Trelstad-Porter, International Programs, and international students

Fri., Sept. 21—Bishop Peter Rogness, Saint Paul Area Synod

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Mon., Sept. 24—Rev. Kelly Chatman, Redeemer Center for Life

Tues., Sept. 25 (11 a.m.)—Christensen Symposium, “How Can I Keep from Singing?

Laughter, Joy, and the Gospel,” Rolf Jacobson, Luther Seminary

Sports schedule—<http://www.Augsburg.edu/athletics/schedules/fall0708.html>

Have a great week!