



# PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY UPDATE

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**Good morning.** Homecoming week—and our Auggie Adventure—is over for this year, and it was a wonderful, event-filled week. The awesome fireworks at the kick-off pep rally, alumni athletes recognized at the Hall of Fame banquet, achievements of remarkable alumni honored at the Homecoming Convocation, celebrations in Hoversten Chapel and the dedication of Oren Gateway Center, and Auggie spirit at the picnic and game—all left great memories of alumni, students, families, friends, faculty, and staff coming together around Auggie traditions.

I especially want to recognize the **Sociology Department's 60th-anniversary celebration** on Friday. What a pleasure it was to witness the fellowship between current sociology students and faculty members with our sociology alumni. The festive event included roundtable conversations focused on career paths in sociology; an impressive talk by sociology alum, Dan Cress '85, who teaches at Western State College in Colorado; and plenty of time for reminiscing and being proud of a legacy of scholarship and service that has had a major impact on Augsburg and its environs for 60 years.

I also want to mention how proud I am of our **student participation** this year, the most we've ever had! What a wonderful way for alumni to meet students and share both in the time-honored Auggie traditions and even some new ones.

And, kudos to the **Human Resources Office for winning the Homecoming Department Decorating award**. Staff Senate, in announcing the decision, called their huge mural the highlight among a number of excellent entries.

## CAMPUS INITIATIVES

**On Wednesday we welcome Peter Bisanz**, the second speaker in this year's Convocation Series, "Many Voices Bold Visions," who will speak about the strong focus on faith and spirituality in his documentary filmmaking.

This year marks the eighth year in which our annual endowed and special convocations — the Christensen Symposium, Batalden Seminar in Applied Ethics, Sverdrup Visiting Scientist Lecture, and Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation—have been combined in a series around a common theme. Over the years, we have explored faith and religion, diversity, vocation, and global citizenship through the differing perspectives of speakers and groups. These convocations shape and support learning in our campus community and offer opportunities for Augsburg to welcome public audiences.

We can expect a large crowd at our next Convocation program on **November 14, when Jane Fonda delivers the annual Anne Pedersen Women's Resource Center and Koryne Horbal lecture**.

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**To make these convocations available to all our student populations, we're adding programs on Saturday and in Rochester** to enable evening, weekend, and graduate students to attend. On Saturday, Feb. 16, at noon, Dr. Ned Hallowell will speak about changing stressed, overstretched schedules into lives with more fulfillment and focus. In May a convocation is scheduled for Rochester. Watch for details at [www.augsburg.edu/convo](http://www.augsburg.edu/convo) and Inside Augsburg.

## KUDOS

**Kudos to Phil Adamo and all those who helped plan Terry Jones' "Medieval Lives,"** the successful and entertaining presentation, also involving Augsburg students, to a sold-out crowd in Hoversten Chapel on Oct. 5.

**Congratulations and many thanks to everyone involved in making this year's Auggie Adventure so memorable**—especially the Alumni, Parent, and Family Relations staff; Event Services; Sodexo; Marketing and Communication; Public Safety; and thanks to Taylor Norman, for leading the student participation. Thanks also to all the musicians whose performances enriched the events all week.

**Thanks also to those who planned the campaign celebration and dedication of Oren Gateway Center**—the Institutional Advancement division and planning committee, plus Sodexo and Barnes & Noble—what a festive and remarkable day for Augsburg!

## NOTABLE EVENTS

### October 17

**2007 Convocation Series, Peter Bisanz, "Inspiring Change and Universal Responsibility"**

10 a.m., Hoversten Chapel, Foss Center

**Ethnic Student Leadership Scholarship Dinner**

**5:30 p.m.—East Commons, Christensen Center**

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### October 18-19

**Education Minnesota days for prospective day students**

### October 21-23

**National Association of Schools of Music (NASM), Committee Site Visit**

## 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)—8 a.m.

**Tues., Oct. 16**—Phil Quanbeck II, Religion Dept.

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**Wed., Oct. 17, 10 a.m.**—Augsburg Convocation Series, Peter Bisanz, “Inspiring Change and Universal Responsibility”

**Thurs., Oct. 18**—St. Luke the Physician Day, a time for healing

**Fri., Oct. 19**—Campus Kitchen

**Sat., Oct. 20**—Weekend Chapel

**Mon., Oct. 22**—Barbara Edwards Farley, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs and Dean of the College

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

Have a great week!