



# PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY UPDATE

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**Good morning.** On Saturday, **I leave for a brief, week-long trip to China** sponsored by the Minnesota Private College Council, in conjunction with the new partnership between our private colleges and the United International College (UIC) in Zhuhai, China. While there, I will present a lecture entitled "A Civic Education: Wisdom and Citizenship" as part of the first annual UIC Presidential Lecture Series on the Liberal Arts. United International College is also a partnership, between Beijing Normal University and the Hong Kong Baptist University, and is the first fully-sanctioned liberal arts college to be created in China in more than 50 years. The UIC-MPCC partnership offers great opportunities for student, staff, and faculty exchanges, and gives us a unique experience in learning about China from the perspectives of the liberal arts. When I return, I look forward to sharing with you what I learned during the week there.

**Already, we have enjoyed exchanges and visits with UIC over the past few months.** In September Tom Morgan (special assistant to the president) and Diane Pike (sociology) traveled there to lead several workshops on leadership, and on teaching and learning. In July we hosted a group of 25 Chinese students from UIC who spent four days on our campus (plus five other MPCC campuses) to experience American culture

## CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

### Community Shares and United Way

On Tuesday, at community time beginning at 3:45 p.m. in East Commons, **I will launch the 2007 giving campaign for Community Shares (formerly Community Solutions) and the United Way.** Our guests will be Janis Lane-Ewart, from Community Shares, and Tiffany Ogle from United Way, who will talk about their programs and those who benefit from them.

As we build our culture of philanthropy at Augsburg, **this is one of the most important ways we can impact the lives of many people and organizations in our community.** We will also discuss other projects to help our neighbors, including food collections for the Brian Coyle Center. I hope you will plan to attend the community time gathering. Sally Daniels, Family and Parent Relations Office, will again serve as our campus coordinator.

## KUDOS

Kudos to **Nancy Steblay**, psychology, who was one of a number of notable social scientists who spoke at the Behavioral Foundations of Policy Forum at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. She discussed her research on eyewitness memory and the legal system.

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## NOTABLE EVENTS

### October 30

**Tuesday community time, kicking off community giving campaign**

3:45 p.m., East Commons

**"For the Kool Kyds"—Food, stories, and community to end LGBT History month and National Coming Out month**

7 p.m., Meet in Johnson Conference Center, Oren Gateway Center

### November 2-3

**Board of Regents Fall Retreat**

### November 2-11

**Life Is a Dream, script by Pedro Calderon de la Barca; transl. by Nilo Cruz. Directed by Martha Johnson,**

Nov. 2-3, 8-10—7 p.m., Tjornhom-Nelson Theater, Foss Center

Nov. 4, 11—2 p.m., Tjornhom-Nelson Theater, Foss Center

### November 2-December 21

**Somali Women's Textiles, Christensen Center Art Gallery**

Reception, Nov. 9, 4-7 p.m.

Artist Presentation, TBA

### November 4 – December 16

**"Journey toward Healing," Collages by Janette Maley and photographs by Arthur Hand, Gage Family Art Gallery**

Nov. 4—5 p.m., opening event, "Becoming Well Within: A Tribute to Women with Breast Cancer," musical performances

Nov. 4—6:30 p.m., Artist Presentation

### November 4

#### Masterworks Chorale

"Requiem for All Souls," an evensong service/concert by Masterworks Chorale

4 p.m., Annunciation Catholic Church, 509 West 54th St., Minneapolis

## 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. 30**—Reformation Week, featuring Russell Kleckley, Mark Tranvik, and Hans Wiersma

**Wed., Oct. 31**—Reformation Week

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**Thurs., Nov. 1**—All Saints observance

**Fri., Nov. 2**—Lutheran hymn fest

**Mon., Nov. 5**—Lynn Lorenzen, Religion Dept.

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

Have a great week!