



PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY UPDATE

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Good morning. I am just back from my trip to visit the United International College (UIC) in Zhuhai, China. There is much to report about the promise of our partnership with UIC, the first liberal arts college to be established in China in more than 50 years, and I look forward to sharing some reflections about UIC in the near future. For now, please know that our colleagues in China are extremely excited to continue to strengthen our mutual efforts to pursue a liberal arts-oriented education, preparing our students for lives of leadership and service to the world.

With less than a month passed since we mourned the death of Augsburg legend Joel Torstenson, **I am again deeply saddened to share with you the news of Leland Sateren's death on Saturday** at age 94. Dr. Sateren graduated from Augsburg in 1935 and returned in 1946 to begin teaching, composing, and conducting for 33 years. During the nearly 30 years that he directed the Augsburg Choir, Augsburg's choral music program became renowned, as the choir developed a more contemporary sound and expanded its reach outside of churches into community venues, and beyond the Midwest into Europe and other international locations. That remarkable legacy continues today in our proud tradition of excellence in our choral programs, as well as our entire music department. He has been retired since 1979. **A memorial service for Dr. Sateren will be held here on campus next Saturday morning.** Please watch for further details.

On this Veterans' Day commemoration, **I encourage you to pause to think about the members of our Augsburg community who are currently serving in the military** or who have returned from duty. Please keep their families and all who are impacted by having loved ones in the service in your thoughts and prayers.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

On Wednesday we host Jane Fonda and expect a large crowd in Melby Hall for her Koryne Horbal lecture. It has been interesting over the past few weeks to introduce our students to her work on stage and screen at the several showings we have hosted at Augsburg House. Many of us also have memories of Fonda as a frequently visible public figure in the past four decades in her commitments to peace and justice. She has remained committed to social issues in the years since, and served as a United Nations ambassador and advocate for women and girls. I hope you will take time on Wednesday to attend her presentation and welcome those who come to campus for our convocation series.

KUDOS

Kudos to **Cass Dalglish, English, whose poem, "Or Was It Jose Marti?," is the poem of the week** (Nov. 12-18) in the "What Light: This Week's Poem" series of mnartists.org, a project of the McKnight Foundation and Walker Art Center. Look for it at <http://mnartists.org>. She will read several poems at the What Light Reading on Sunday, Nov. 18, at 6 p.m. at Magers & Quinn Bookstore, 3038 Hennepin Ave. S., Minneapolis.

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Kudos also to **Darcey Engen, Theatre Arts**, for her performance in **Miriam Must's *Dead City***, that was lauded by *Star Tribune* reviewer John Townsend. The play, a re-imagining of James Joyce's *Ulysses*, opened at Red Eye Theater in October.

Congratulations to **Rochester graduate nursing student and adjunct faculty member Marty Aleman**, who received a certificate of appreciation from the Center Clinic in Dodge Center for sending Augsburg nursing students to the clinic to learn about immigrant and rural health issues. The clinic, staffed by volunteers, provides family planning and limited health services to uninsured and underinsured persons, many of whom are Latino immigrants.

Kudos to **Milo Schield, Business Administration**, who was named vice president of **the National Numeracy Network**, an organization dedicated to numeracy (quantitative literacy) across the curriculum.

NOTABLE EVENTS

November 14

2007 Convocation series, Jane Fonda, "My Life's Lessons on Sex and Gender"
10 a.m., Melby Hall; 11 a.m., Book signing in Melby Hall

November 16

Reception for "Threads of Community/Dunta Bulshada iskuxirta" art exhibit
3–7 p.m., free transportation from Christensen Center to East African Women's Center

November 18

Augsburg Concert Band concert
7 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

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., Nov. 13—Justin Dittrich, Luther Seminary intern pastor

Wed., Nov. 14—2007 Convocation series, Jane Fonda, actor and social activist (10 a.m., in Melby Hall gymnasium)

Thurs., Nov. 15—Charlie Ruud, Luther Seminary intern pastor

Fri., Nov. 16—Celebration of new life

Sat., Nov. 17—Babette Chatman, Redeemer Center for Life

Mon., Nov. 19—Mary Lowe, Religion Dept.

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

Have a great week!