



President's WEEKLY UPDATE

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Good morning. Tonight is the first class meeting of the MBA program's new cohort that meets at St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Bloomington. I am grateful to senior pastor Tom Olson and the church council for their support and hospitality as we begin this partnership in learning.

On Friday and Saturday this week, the Board of Regents gathers for its winter meeting. Topics they will focus on at this meeting are:

- Tuition and fees for 2009-10
- Faculty members recommended for tenure and promotion
- Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program— The Department of Nursing is proposing a post-master's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program to be launched in the fall of 2009-10 that would eventually replace the master's degree as the entry level into advanced nursing practice.

In addition to review of these strategic activities, the regents will learn more about Augsburg's academic majors and disciplines, to understand better how an Augsburg education prepares students for professional lives, further specialized study, and/or particular lifelong intellectual interests. Several faculty members will join the board in conversation about the role that majors play in students' lives. The regents also will be invited to attend one or two classes on Friday morning.

On Friday evening the regents have the opportunity to join students, student-athletes, and the Augsburg community for the dedication of the Jeff Swenson Wrestling Wall of Fame in Kennedy Center. Located outside the Alan and Gloria Rice Wrestling Center, the wall celebrates Auggie wrestlers' accomplishments, including 10 NCAA Division III national championships; 103 NWCA Scholar All-Americans; and six honors for Swenson as National Coach of the Year.

Following the dedication, Auggie wrestlers will take on perennial rival Wartburg College in the "Battle of the 'burgs" at 7:30 p.m. in Melby Hall.

I am saddened to share with you news of the death on January 19 of former faculty member Rosalie Clark, who taught part time in the Social Work Department. She was a great encourager of our American Indian students and of the early planning for the MSW program.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Welcome to Augsburg, Pi Mu Epsilon

I am pleased to tell you that Augsburg's petition has been accepted to become the Minnesota Iota Chapter of Pi Mu Epsilon, the national mathematics honor society. Augsburg is the 335th chapter formed since the society's founding in 1914. Its purpose is to promote scholarly activity in mathematics among students in academic institutions.

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Congratulations to the Mathematics Department and to professor Jody Sorensen, who organized the department's petition to join. An installation ceremony and induction of charter members will take place later this spring.

KUDOS

Many thanks for the planning of the MLK Convocation to **Mohamed Sallam and the MLK planning committee—Sadie Curtis, Mary Laurel True, Justin Nash, Christina Erickson, Kasidy Moore, Amanda Storm, and Leslie Larson.**

Thanks also to **Pan-Asian Student Services interim director Penh Lo and planners Ka Vang, Sana Malik, Dat Nguyen, and Diamee Xiong, and to the Augsburg Asian Student Association** for their work on the Lunar New Year celebration on January 23.

Congratulations to **Nancy Grundahl**, Music Department instructor and director of Riverside Singers, whose arrangement of "America the Beautiful" was sung during the Inauguration Ceremony by the San Francisco Boys Chorus and the San Francisco Girls Chorus and heard by millions around the world. This arrangement was written in 2001, the day after 9/11, for her children's choir to sing something uplifting, and was published in 2003. Listen to the Inauguration performance of her arrangement at <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=99619575>

Kudos to **Kevin Bowman**, Economics Department, for two papers published last fall. "Integral Neoclassical Economic Growth" appeared in *The Journal of Integral Theory and Practice*. Another paper, "Endogenous Human Capital Investment and the Interaction of Frontier and Adoptive Technologies on Growth and Wage Inequality," appeared in *Economics of Innovation and New Technology*.

Congratulations to the **winners of the Spirit of MLK Award—Amelia Vang**, physician assistant graduate student, and **Dean Seal**, Religion Department, who were nominated for the award by their peers. The Spirit of MLK Award is given to persons who demonstrate peace, love, humility, integrity, and honor while working with others, and who exemplify the spirit of MLK.

Congratulations to the following **winners of the John Engman Writing Prize**, established in memory of John Engman, Augsburg alumnus, poet, and teacher. Their work will be published in *Murphy Square* in the spring.

- Poetry—Kayla Skarbakka, Emily Hanson, Malena Thoson. Honorable Mention—Rebecca Reilly
- Fiction—Joel Enright, David Siegfried. Honorable Mention—Andrea Sanow
- Laura Vitzthum—Notice of Merit
- Emily Hanson—Notice of Merit
- Creative Nonfiction—Jennifer Hipple, Benjamin Antoniewicz. Honorable Mention—Amanda Symes, Betsy Collins

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Congratulations to the **students on the Dean's List** for fall semester and trimester—713 day students and 324 weekend, Rochester, and United students.

NOTABLE EVENTS DURING THE WEEK—for a complete listing of Augsburg events, go to the Calendar on Inside Augsburg at <http://inside.augsburg.edu>

January 27

Community Time

3:45 p.m., East Commons, Christensen Center

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Business Survival Summit and Workshop, Rochester MBA Program
6–8:30 p.m., Bethel Lutheran Church, 810 3rd Ave. SE, Rochester, Minn.

January 30

Jeff Swenson Wrestling Wall of Fame Dedication

6 p.m., Kennedy Center

7:30 p.m., Augsburg vs. Wartburg College wrestling, Kennedy Center

January 30

ASAC All-Nighter, "Back to the Future"

10 p.m., Christensen Center

January 30–February 1

WEC, MAE, MAL, MAN, MSW, and some MBA classes meet

January 30–31

Augsburg Board of Regents meeting

Jan. 30—8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Jan. 31—8 a.m.–noon

January 30–February 8

Eleutheria, by Samuel Beckett; guest directed by Barbra Berlovitz

Jan. 30, 31, and Feb. 5, 6, 7 at 7 p.m.

Feb. 1 and 8 at 2 p.m.

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DAILY CHAPEL SPEAKERS

M,W,F—10:20-10:40 a.m., Community Time following; T-Th—11:20-11:40 a.m.; Wed—9:09 p.m. Songs, 9:30 p.m., Communion; Sat (when weekend classes meet)—First Word Community Gathering at 7:30-7:50

Tuesday, Jan. 27—Nate Hallanger, Special Assistant to the Vice President, Academic Affairs

Wednesday, Jan. 28—Antonio Machado, Luther Seminary Cross Cultural

Wednesday eve., 9:09 p.m.—Communion

Thursday, Jan. 29—Sarah Valasek, senior speaker

Friday, Jan. 30—Bishop and Augsburg regent Craig Johnson, Minneapolis Area Synod, ELCA

Saturday, Jan. 31—Michele Roulet, WEC Student Senate president, “Be patient in suffering”

Sports results and schedule—www.augsburg.edu/athletics

Have a great week!