



President's WEEKLY UPDATE

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Good morning. This weekend nearly 300 alumni, friends, and students at Augsburg gathered for our annual **Scholarship Brunch**. This year we honored the donors of our endowed and named scholarships as well as the students who have received them. We give thanks for the generosity of our hundreds of scholarship donors. We also celebrate the continuing achievements of Augsburg students whose education has been made possible through scholarship support. Especially in the midst of these difficult economic times, it is good to know that the philanthropic ties between Augsburg alumni and friends and our current students are strong.

This week we also celebrated our faculty and staff members who have been honored for the work they do in providing an Augsburg education. **Congratulations to the recipients of the 2009 Distinguished Contributions to Teaching and Learning Awards**, given by the Center for Teaching and Learning and the Office of the Dean. The recipients are **Tracy Bibelnieks**, Department of Mathematics, for teaching; and **Dale Pederson**, Department of Biology, and **Susan Nash**, Department of Nursing, for mentoring and advising.

Congratulations also to the six staff employees, one from each division, who were recognized with Outstanding Employee of the Year awards for their work that exemplifies the mission of the College and consistently provides exceptional service to others and/or outstanding contributions. The recipients are **Carrie Carroll**, Undergraduate Admissions; **Kathy Fagen**, MBA Program; **Lil Maunu**, Campus Ministry; **Bruce Rowe**, Facilities Management; **Cyndy Rowe**, Residence Life; and **Kathy Rumpza**, Marketing and Communication.

Also honored were staff who were recognized for their length of service and outstanding contributions in their work, reaching milestones of 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 years at Augsburg College.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Nursing Department hosts accreditation team

From Monday to Wednesday last week, our Bachelor of Science in nursing (BSN) completion program hosted an on-site evaluation for continuing accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), the accrediting agency that ensures the quality and integrity of baccalaureate and graduate nursing education programs. While the department will not receive official word about accreditation until June of this year, the evaluation team reported that they found all standards for continuing accreditation to be met. Therefore, we expect to receive positive feedback from CCNE regarding continuing accreditation of our BSN program in the spring.

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Spring theatre production opens

April 3 is opening night for the year's final mainstage production: *Urinetown: The Musical*, directed by Darcey Engen with music direction by Sonja Thompson and written by Greg Kotis and Mark Hollmann. The Broadway production of this satirical comedy musical won Tony Awards for best direction, best original score, and best book of a musical. See the calendar for dates and times.

KUDOS

Many congratulations to **Katie Macaulay**, who was awarded a Fulbright teaching assistantship for next year in Malaysia. She is Augsburg's second Fulbright award this year, joining Emma Sutton, who will be teaching English in Indonesia next year.

Congratulations also to sophomore **Pa Dao Yang** who has been awarded a Jay and Rose Phillips Family Foundation Scholarship, administered by the Minnesota Private College Fund. Recipients develop projects that demonstrate their passion to serve the community and that clearly articulate the needs of that community.

Kudos to **Jennifer Simon**, American Indian Student Services, and student leaders from Augsburg's Indigenous Student Association for hosting at Augsburg, for the first time, a traditional powwow. It was a remarkable event that attracted a very large crowd, marking Augsburg's long-standing relationships with Native communities in Minnesota, as well as the 30-year history of the American Indian Student Support Services program.

Kudos to the Augsburg faculty and staff who have made presentations recently:

- **Nancy Rodenberg** and **Mike Schock**, Social Work, along with Lorraine Calbow, a story teller from South Mountain Community College in Mesa, Ariz., presented "Tales of our Arizona Home: Using Stories to Bridge Differences through Dialogue" at the Baccalaureate Social Work Education annual meeting in Phoenix.
- At the same conference, **Annette Gerten**, Social Work, presented "Practice Evaluation: Moving beyond the Single-Subject Design."

Kudos to **Mark Tranvik**, Religion, whose article, "Sinning Boldly on Campus. Rethinking the Role of the Christian Faith in the Colleges and Universities of the Church," is published in the Lent issue of *The Cresset*.

Kudos to **Jennifer Bankers-Fulbright**, Biology, whose research manuscript, "Beta-2-Integrin-Mediated Adhesion and Intracellular Ca²⁺ Release in Human Eosinophils," will be published in the *Journal of Membrane Biology*. Her co-authors are K.R. Bartemes, G.M. Kephart, H. Kita, and S.M. O'Grady.

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Kudos to **Joe Erickson**, Education, for two papers to be published: "From 'Program' to 'Policy': Institutionalization of Urban Service-Learning from an Administrator's Perspective Resulting in Greater Student Connection to School and Learning," co-authored with William H. Hughes, that will be published in the 2009 edition of the National Youth Leadership Council's book series *Growing to Greatness*. Also, "Service-Learning's Impact on Attitudes and Behavior: A Review and Update," will appear in an upcoming book, *The Future of Service-Learning: New Solutions for Sustaining and Improving Practice*. Both papers will also be delivered at the Second International Conference on Service-Learning in Teacher Education in Galway, Ireland, in June.

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

Tuesday, March 31

Community Time

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

Wednesday, April 1

Wednesday Gathering, lunch for faculty and staff

11 a.m.–1:30 p.m., East Commons, Christensen Center

April 3–5

Spring WEC, MAE, MAL, MAN, and MSW classes begin

April 3–19

Urinetown: The Musical, by Greg Kotis and Mark Hollmann; directed by Darcey Engen, music direction by Sonja Thompson

April 3, 4, 16, 17, and 18 at 7 p.m.

April 5 and 19 at 3 p.m.

Tjornhom Nelson Theater

Sunday, April 5

Masterworks Chorale concert

7 p.m., Wayzata Community Church

Monday, April 6

Spring Rochester classes begin

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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, 7:30–7:50 a.m.

Tuesday, March 31—Erick Thompson, “Something Fishy This Way Comes”

Wednesday, April 1—Phil Quanbeck II, Religion Dept., “Always Look on the Bright Side of Life”

Wednesday eve., 9:09 p.m.—Songs and communion

Thursday, April 2—Ally Streed, Senior speaker

Friday, April 3—Sarah Tellin, Senior speaker

Saturday, April 4—First Word Gathering, Joe Midthun, Luther Seminary intern pastor,
“Rejoice with Those Who Rejoice”

Monday, April 6—Bruce Reichenbach, Philosophy Dept.

Sports results and schedule—<http://athletics.augsburg.edu>

Have a great week!

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