



President's WEEKLY UPDATE

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Good morning. I wish you God's blessings as we enter the week celebrating both Passover and Easter. The College is closed from Friday through Sunday in observance of the Easter holiday.

Next Monday evening, upon our return from Easter weekend, **we host the 2009 Leif J. Sverdrup Visiting Scientist lecture**—the last presentation on the Minneapolis campus in this year's Convocation Series. Stephen Schneider, the Melvin and Joan Lane Professor for Interdisciplinary Environmental Studies and senior fellow in the Woods Institute for the Environment at Stanford University, is actively engaged in improving public understanding of science and the environment through extensive media communication and public outreach. He will speak on Monday evening, April 13, at 7:30 p.m. and Tuesday morning, April 14, at 11 a.m. in Hoversten Chapel.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Tom Oslund presents on Wednesday

Award-winning landscape architect Tom Oslund will speak on Wednesday to an architecture class as well as to the campus community about his own career and his proposed design for Augsburg's new central quadrangle. Oslund's recent projects include the Gold Medal Park near the Guthrie Theater and the plaza-bridge for Target Field, the new Minnesota Twins stadium. He will speak to the campus community on Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Sateren Auditorium.

Foodless Food Drive

I am very pleased to report that Augsburg met its \$3,000 goal to supply the food shelf at Brian Coyle Center in the Cedar-Riverside community. A total of \$3,229 was given by Augsburg faculty, staff, and students by the end of March—with the help of a match from the Central Minneapolis chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Since the Coyle Center is able to leverage four dollars of food from every dollar given in cash, Augsburg's gift will provide \$12,000 of food, which supplies their food shelf for an entire month. As more and more of our neighbors need to use the food shelf, I'm proud of Augsburg's contribution to this community center. Many thanks to the Center for Service, Work, and Learning, and to Steve Peacock, community relations director, for their work on this project.

KUDOS

Congratulations to **Alex Garver**, a mathematics major, who has been awarded a Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship for 2009-10. These scholarships are awarded to students pursuing careers in mathematics, the natural sciences, and engineering. This is the only Goldwater Scholarship awarded to a student in Minnesota private colleges this year.

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Kudos to **Bruce Bengry**, Public Safety, who has been awarded the Advanced Safety Certificate by the National Safety Council. To earn the certificate, he completed 120 hours of training and three different exams. He will be recognized during the Governor's Safety Awards Luncheon at the Annual Minnesota Health and Safety Conference on May 15.

Congratulations to Augsburg regent **Emily Anne Tuttle**, who was awarded the Lorinne Emery Award for Volunteer Service by the Minnesota International Center, which recognizes outstanding volunteer spirit, dedication to citizen diplomacy, and an enduring contribution to international understanding. She received the award, presented to her by Senator Amy Kloubuchar, in Washington, D.C., in February.

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

Monday, April 6
Spring Rochester classes begin

April 7–8
Sneak Preview
Christensen Center

Wednesday, April 8
Presentation by Tom Oslund, landscape architect
11 a.m., Sateren Auditorium

Wednesday, April 8
Third Annual Torstenson Lecture in Sociology—Doug Hartmann, University of Minnesota, “Barack Obama, Michael Jordan, and the Complexities of Blackness in 21st-Century American Culture”
5 p.m., Arnold Atrium, Foss Center

April 10–12
Easter Break, no classes meet

Monday, April 13
2008–09 Convocation Series
Sverdrup Visiting Scientist Lecture, Stephen Schneider, Lane Professor for Interdisciplinary Environmental Studies and Professor of Biological Sciences, Stanford University
7:30 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

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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, April 7—Marie Sager, senior speaker

Wednesday, April 8—President Paul Pribbenow

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

Thursday, April 9—Maundy Thursday communion and Cedar Singers

Friday, April 10—Easter break; no chapel service

Monday, April 13—Easter celebration, led by brass groups

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

Have a great week!