



President's WEEKLY UPDATE

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Good morning. Welcome back from the Easter holiday weekend. **We're now entering our last two weeks of classes in spring semester**, and both weeks are filled with celebrations and festivities. I look forward to being with many of you during the busy days leading up to Commencement as we find occasion to celebrate your achievements.

During this week we celebrate the following—for details, go to the Notable Events calendar below:

- Monday, **McNair Scholars Senior Dinner**, recognizing our graduating McNair Scholars
- Tuesday, **Student Leadership Recognition Banquet**, celebrating students nominated for leadership awards
- Wednesday–Saturday, **Zyzzogeton**, celebrating student creativity and research
- Wednesday, **Scholastic Connections Dinner**, recognizing the activities of scholars of color and their alumni mentors during the past year
- Friday, **Honors Convocation**, a chance for all of us to join students and their families to share in the recognition of those who have earned Latin Honors, who are members in honor societies, who have presented at professional conferences, and who have earned other achievements
- Friday, **Student juried art exhibition** reception and awards
- Sunday, **Auggie Awards**, a celebration of Augsburg athletics, honoring teams and student-athletes

Please remember the **Sverdrup Visiting Lectures tonight at 7:30 and tomorrow morning (Tuesday) at 11 a.m.** in Hoversten Chapel, bringing Stephen Schneider here from Stanford University. His topic tonight is “Global Warming: Is the Science Settled Enough for Politics?” and tomorrow is “What Can Individuals Do to Deal with Global Climate Change When They Aren’t Authorized to Negotiate with the Chinese?”

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Fourth Annual Zyzzogeton

Our fourth Zyzzogeton (“The Last Word in Student Research and Creative Activity”) festival kicks off on Wednesday and celebrates the creativity and scholarship of students. Student poster presentations on research and a student art show are complemented by readings, performances, and special events. For the complete schedule, go to www.augsburg.edu/zyzzogeton/schedule.html

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Augsburg awarded a Kresge grant

I'm pleased to announce that the **Kresge Foundation** has awarded Augsburg a **\$50,000 Green Building Planning Grant** to support the planning of sustainable design features in our new **Center for Science, Business, and Religion**. Augsburg will serve as a national model to show how urban colleges with highly developed campuses can increase their density while also reducing hardscape. The grant will help cover costs of the integrated design process, including consulting services and travel by teams of faculty and staff to facilities with exemplary sustainable features.

KUDOS

Congratulations to **Jodi Collen** and the **Event and Conference Planning Office**, who received an award for the Best Event Design and Décor for last year's Advent Vespers Donor Dinner in the category for budget under \$25,000. The award was given by the Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter of the International Special Events Society (ISES) and was awarded in March at the annual ISES Minnesota Star Awards celebration.

Kudos to English professor **Ann Linde**, who participated with the Line 45 Poets in the Carol Connelly series at the Banfill-Locke Center for the Arts in Fridley. She read her poetry there last Friday evening.

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

April 13–14

2008-09 Convocation Series

Sverdrup Visiting Scientist Lecture, Stephen Schneider, Professor for Interdisciplinary Environmental Studies and Professor of Biological Science, Stanford University

April 13, 7:30 p.m., Hoversten Chapel, "Global Warming: Is the Science Settled Enough for Politics?"

April 14, 11 a.m., Hoversten Chapel, "What Can Individuals Do to Deal with Global Climate Change When They Aren't Authorized to Negotiate with the Chinese?"

Tuesday, April 14

Student Leadership Recognition Banquet

4 p.m., East Commons, Christensen Center

Friday, April 16

Scholastic Connections dinner

5:30 p.m., Minneapolis Room, Christensen Center

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April 15–18

Zyzzogeton: The last word on student research and creative activity

For complete schedule, go to www.augsburg.edu/zyzzogeton/schedule.html

Thursday, April 16

Focused Conversation, Tom Morgan, Executive Director, Center for Faith and Learning, and David Tiede, Bernhard Christensen Professor of Religion and Vocation, “Augsburg Center for Faith and Learning and the Augsburg Promise”

Noon, Johnson Conference Center, OGC 100

April 16–19

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

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

April 19 at 3 p.m.

Tjornhom Nelson Theater

Friday, April 17

Honors Convocation

4:30 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

Friday, April 17

All-Student Juried Art Exhibition Reception

5:30 p.m., Student Art Gallery, Christensen Center

Friday, April 17

Spring Affairs Dance, “A Night at the Roxbury”

8 p.m., Murphy Square

April 17–19

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

Saturday, April 18

Augsburg Symphony Orchestra Spring Concert

3 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

Sunday, April 19

Auggie Awards, a celebration of Augsburg athletics

5 p.m., Commons, Christensen Center

Sunday, April 19

Riverside and Cedar Singers Spring Concert

7 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 14—11 a.m., 2008-09 Convocation Series, Sverdrup Visiting Scientist
Lecture; Stephen Schneider, Stanford University

Wednesday, April 15—Vocatio Chapel, Pastor Jerry Evesrud, and Riverside and Cedar
Singers

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

Thursday, April 16—Cody Warren, Senior Speaker

Friday, April 17—Athletic Recognition Chapel, with John Gordon, Minnesota Twins

Saturday, April 18—First Word Gathering, Michele Roulet, WEC Senate president,
“Weep with Those Who Weep”

Monday, April 20—Sarah Ruch, Luther Seminary intern pastor

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

Have a great week!