



President's WEEKLY UPDATE

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Good morning. Even as we begin this last week of classes in spring semester, the series of events leading up to Commencement has already started. On Friday afternoon at the Honors Convocation, we honored graduating students who have achieved Latin Honors and who have distinguished themselves as members of honor societies, in their research, and in other ways.

Last night I walked the red carpet at the second annual Auggie Awards celebration, Augsburg's own version of the Oscars, to honor outstanding student athletes and teams. Congratulations to all the award winners!

I was also pleased to attend the spring concert of the Riverside Singers and Cedar Singers. During the program, together with members of the Wiltgen family, we honored the memory of junior Katie Wiltgen, a member of Riverside Singers who died last November.

The end-of year celebration events taking place this week include the following—check in Notable Events below for details of these events.

- Chamber Music Recital and High Tea (Wednesday, April 22)—Student music ensembles perform their semester work, followed by a tea honoring the donors and recipients of music scholarships. (The music recital in Hoversten Chapel is open to the public; the high tea is an invited event.)
- Senior Reception (Wednesday, April 22)—Abigail and I are pleased to host the graduating seniors at Augsburg House
- Lavender Graduation (Thursday, April 23)—Augsburg's second Lavender Graduation celebrates the achievements of our LGBTQIA students.
- Pan-Afrikan end-of-year and 40th anniversary celebration (Thursday, April 23).

Finally, I'd like to call attention to the academic department receptions that will take place following the Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 2. In a number of locations across campus, academic departments join together to host receptions for their graduates. It's a wonderful opportunity for families and friends of the graduates to meet the department faculty, staff, and others who have played important roles in the students' education. The list of receptions with locations is included in the Commencement program.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Earth Day is Wednesday

Over the past three years Augsburg has made significant commitments and changes as we're learning how to be a more sustainable urban institution. Many of these changes and practices are highlighted in the current *Augsburg Now* magazine's "Auggies Go Green" issue. I'm very proud that our community has embraced these commitments.

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Rather than mark Earth Day when they are busy finishing up semester work and activities, student groups are planning events relating to the environment and sustainability in the fall.

Students in POL 241 Environmental and River Politics celebrated a bit early last week with a three-day, 40-mile paddle down the Mississippi River in three voyageur canoes. The students did water-quality testing, river clean-up, and studied the local ecosystems along the way. They also stopped by the Science Museum to take in the Water Exhibit there, talked with the lockmaster at Lock & Dam #1, and learned about “leaving no trace” at campsites.

Administrative Professionals Day—Wednesday

Wednesday also marks the annual celebration across the country of work done by administrative professionals. I want to add my special appreciation and thanks to all our staff for the work they do every day in educating our students. Thank you for jobs well done.

KUDOS

Many thanks to **all who made the fourth annual Zyzzogeton a success** and to the students who presented their work in research posters, in art, in theatre performance, and in other creative ways.

Congratulations to the **winners of the All-Student Juried Art Exhibition**, who were announced during Zyzzogeton on Friday:

- First Place/Best of Show—Lindsey Dodge, “Snowbirds and Endangered Snails”
- Second Place/Award of Excellence—Melissa Ludwig, “Investigation”
- Third Place/Merit Award—Josh Davis, “15th-Century Gothic Gauntlets”
- Honorable Mention—Makoto Abe, “Kibou”
- Honorable Mention—Jonny Knoll, “Birds”
- People’s Choice Award—Makoto Abe, “Kibou”

Congratulations to second-year MSW student **Kelsey Walter**, who was selected by the National Academy of Social Insurance to receive a three-month Somers Aging and Long Term Care Research internship in Washington D.C. With this she will be able to work with professionals at the National Health Policy Forum on Aging and Disability. Kelsey is also a Hartford Scholar, which focuses on developing comprehensive service systems to meet the complex needs of aging communities.

Kudos to **Juneal Colburn-Lay**, Center for Counseling and Health Promotion, who was presented with the Outstanding Advisor award at the Area Bacchus Conference earlier

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in April. The award recognizes an adviser's relationship with students, campus, and community. The award recipients must be nominated by student members of peer education groups.

Congratulations to **Auggie Award winners in athletics:**

- Male Rookie of the Year—Nick Ward, track and field
- Female Rookie of the Year—Jennifer Castillo, softball
- Female Most Improved Team—softball
- Male Most Improved Team—golf
- Academic Team of the Year—women's cross country
- Male Outstanding Team of the Year—soccer
- Female Outstanding Team of the Year—softball
- Male Outstanding Athlete—Royce Winford, football
- Female Outstanding Athlete—Maggie DeGroot, soccer and basketball
- Male Honor Athlete—Jordan Berg, football
- Female Honor Athlete—Tiffany Magnuson, hockey and softball

Congratulations to **students honored at the Leadership Banquet** last week for the following awards:

- Global Perspective on World Culture and Economics Award—Anna Boyle
- Global Perspective on Environment Interdependence Award—Reid Larson
- Active Citizenship Award—Caitlin Hozeny, Katie Woolever
- Living Faith Award—Peter Miller
- Meaningful Work Award—First-years Katia Iverson and Katherine DeKrey; sophomores Lucrechia Grant and Caitlin Sapa; juniors Megan Benrud and Alexander Garver; and seniors Marettte Hoffman and Michele Roulet
- Leadership Award—Diamee Xiong, Jacob Quarstad, and Luis Lopez Monterrubio
- Emerging Leader Award—Jasmine Zand, Adam Spanier
- Augsburg Liberal Arts Award—Augsburg Alternative Film Society
- Urban Dwelling Award—Campus Ministry
- Sustainable Urban City Award—MPIRG
- Intentional Diversity Award—International Student Organization
- Organization of the Year Award—Augsburg Asian Student Association, First Year Council
- New Organization of the Year Award—Augsburg Indigenous Student Association

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Congratulations to **Ray Kidd**, who was honored with the Linda Schrempp Alberg Leadership Award, presented at the Leadership Banquet.

Students graduating in the Emerging Leaders Program were also recognized at the banquet: Ryan Blesi, Leo Manuntag, Devyn Pittorf, Shoua Moua, Katherine Radford, Ben Robertson, Sally Wattrus, Rochelle Weidner, Andrew Witte, Alixandra Young, Kiah Zupke.

Congratulations to senior **Jessica Lopez-Love**, who received a "Top Paper Award" at the Undergraduate Communication Research Conference on Friday at the University of St. Thomas. Out of 50 student papers submitted from a dozen schools around the state, Jessica's paper received a "Top 3" award. Her paper is titled "Understanding Silence as a Communication Tool within the Framework of Domestic Abuse."

Congratulations to senior sociology majors **Matt Burdick, Rose Fricke, Robert Goodman, Caitlin Hozeny, Jenna Mead, and Caris Warnock**, whose outstanding scholarship earned them membership in Alpha Kappa Delta, an international sociology honor society.

Congratulations to **Jessica Nathanson** in Women's Studies, and **Colin Irvine** and **Dallas Little** in English, who have recently published books. Their work will be celebrated in the Augsburg Bookstore on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon.

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

Wednesday, April 22

Chamber Music Recital and High Tea

4 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

Wednesday, April 22

Senior Commencement Reception

5 p.m., Augsburg House

Thursday, April 23

Lavender Graduation and Awards Ceremony

5 p.m., Oren Gateway Center Lobby

Thursday, April 23

Pan-Afrikan Center 40th-Anniversary Celebration

6 p.m., East Commons, Christensen Center

Friday, April 24

Last day of spring semester classes

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Friday, April 24
Second Annual Agre Challenge
5 p.m.

Friday, April 24
2008-09 American Indian Graduation Banquet, for area students
6 p.m., East Commons, Christensen Center (RSVP required)

April 24-26
WEC, MAE, MAL, MAN, MSW, and some MBA classes meet

Sunday, April 26
Honors Program Spring Banquet
6 p.m., East Commons, Christensen Center

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 21—Pastor Sonja Hagander, Associate Campus Pastor

Wednesday, April 22—Joe Midthun, Luther Seminary intern pastor

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

Thursday, April 23—Pastor Dave Wold, Campus Pastor, “Hootenanny”

Friday, April 24—End-of-year Celebration; final daily chapel service for spring semester

Saturday, April 25—First Word Gathering, Lori Peterson, Director of Augsburg for Adults, “Live in Harmony with One Another”

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

Have a great week!