



President's WEEKLY UPDATE

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Good morning. This week, **two 10-week undergraduate summer research programs get underway** for students in the McNair Program and for the research students funded through the Office of Undergraduate Research and Graduate Opportunity (URGO).

The **McNair Scholars**, students from groups that are underrepresented in graduate studies, receive support and encouragement to attend graduate school. Their summer research is the major component of the federally-funded McNair program; students carry out original research with a faculty mentor, and have opportunities later to publish and present their work at professional conferences.

This summer's McNair Scholars are studying varied topics—from poetry to kidney stones, from children's humor to over-the-counter medicines, and from surface potential to success. Read more at http://augnet.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2009/05_18_09/mcnair_researchers.html

URGO undergraduate student researchers will work with faculty mentors in 15 different disciplines. They meet weekly at a Research Roundtable to hear about each other's projects across disciplines, and to learn about literature reviews, making presentations, graduate school, national fellowships, etc. A final paper and an oral presentation are required. To read about the students and their research, go to <http://www.augsburg.edu/urgo/summer09.html>.

Congratulations to Diane Pike, professor of sociology and director of the Center for Teaching and Learning, who was named the winner of the 2009 Hans O. Mauksch Award for Distinguished Contributions to Undergraduate Education, given by the American Sociological Association. It will be presented in San Francisco on August 9. The award recognizes career contributions to undergraduate education.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Weekly Update schedule

From now through the end of spring trimester and our June Commencement, the Weekly Update will be published on June 1, 15, and 29. During the summer there will be an Update on July 20 and August 10 until the regular schedule begins again at the end of August.

Reorganization of the admissions offices

In an effort to streamline our admissions efforts and to better serve our prospective students, Augsburg's admissions team has been reorganized. On April 1, Carrie Carroll was named assistant vice president of admissions. In her new role she oversees the strategic admissions efforts for all of the College. Three senior associate directors oversee the day-to-day operations for the various admissions teams: Carola Thorson leads

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the traditional undergraduate admissions team; Devon Ross leads the transfer students team, which will merge outreach and recruitment initiatives for all transfer students; and Nate Gorr leads the graduate admissions team.

Diversity and Global Learning conference

Many thanks to Bev Stratton, Augsburg Seminar director, and Lori Brandt Hale, director of general education, for organizing last week's very successful two-day conversation about diversity and global learning, by more than 90 faculty, staff, and students.

The conference examined questions about curriculum, teaching in diverse classrooms, a framework that explores Augsburg's belief tenets, how we prepare students to be ethical citizens, and more. A follow-up meeting to continue this conversation is being discussed.

Congratulations, WEC Student Senate!

With the elections held last week, new WEC Student Senate members are:

President—Michelle Cerame

New senators—Tom Christensen, Tom Gouras, and Jamie Dohse

Two awards for admissions materials

Augsburg has won two awards for its series of admissions recruiting materials. The Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) Circle of Excellence awarded a silver medal for Augsburg's admissions marketing materials in the category, Student Recruitment Publications Packages. Included in the package is the "Auggie Field Guide" publication that was sent last fall to high school seniors graduating in 2009. Through photos and storylines, it gave a "first-timers guide to the Augsburg experience."

The Admissions Marketing Report's 24th Annual Admissions Advertising Awards gave merit awards for Augsburg in three categories—the Auggie train "billboard," total recruitment package, and Internet/World Wide Web site.

KUDOS

Congratulations to **Roberta Kagin**, music therapy, who was honored Wednesday for Outstanding Contributions to the Field of Music Therapy by the Department of Music Education and Therapy at Temple University. She is pursuing her doctoral degree in music therapy and received the award that honors a graduate student who has made significant contributions to the discipline and profession of music therapy.

She was also honored by the Great Lakes Region of the American Music Therapy Association (AMTA) with Honorary Life Membership, presented at their convention in early March.

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Kudos to **Mark Matzek '05**, who was named last week as wrestling head coach, after serving since last summer as interim head coach and leading the Auggie wrestlers to a second place in the NCAA Division III national championships.

Kudos to **K. Christian McGuire**, music, who will serve as assistant instructor and present on music manuscripts at the Medieval Manuscript Research Laboratory, May 31–June 5, co-sponsored by the Hill Museum and Manuscript Library at St. John's University and the University of Minnesota Center for Medieval Studies. He was also recently appointed treasurer for the International Society of Hildegard von Bingen Studies.

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

Tuesday, May 19

2008-09 Convocation Series, Rochester

"A Search for Satisfaction: Can you Find It in Less Than 40 Years of Looking?," Paul Horgen, former CEO, Think Mutual Bank
7 p.m., Rochester Campus, Bethel Lutheran Church, 810 Third Ave., SE, Rochester

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day holiday—College closed

Tuesday, May 26

Community Time

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

May 26–June 26

Summer Session I classes

DAILY CHAPEL SPEAKERS

Daily chapel services Monday through Friday will resume in September; Saturday (when weekend classes meet), WEC First Word Community, 7:30–7:50 a.m.

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

Have a great two weeks—the next Weekly Update is on June 1.