



President's WEEKLY UPDATE

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Good morning. On Friday, we begin the first of our three SOAR sessions, the summer orientation for incoming first-year day students and their parents. Students stay overnight for a two-day session, in which they meet their classmates and current students, receive their fall course schedules and ID cards, explore the Augsburg campus and the neighborhood, and learn about Augsburg resources and services. Separate SOAR sessions for parents provide resources to help their students make a successful transition to college. I hope you will take time to welcome these new Auggies and their parents to campus and the neighborhood.

Augsburg is currently hosting the month-long visit of a group of students from the United International College in Zhuhai, China, a partner school to Augsburg. The students are studying Minnesota history and culture, as well as participating in other summer classes of their interest. Outside of class, they're visiting cultural and historical venues and enjoying riverboat rides, canoeing, and social activities. The Chinese students began their stay with a welcome to Augsburg and Minneapolis at a Fourth of July picnic on Nicollet Island.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

CSBR Update

The design stage of the Center for Science, Business, and Religion is coming to a close. On Tuesday, we hosted an all-day design summit, opening with a presentation on how our branding and marketing insights of the past few years might influence the selection of exterior and interior materials. The architects will be refining a materials scheme with a modern urban sensibility, but respectful of the existing palette of our campus. Next month, we'll be ready to display a sample board showing these proposed finishes alongside the architects' final design renderings. A display model of the project, including the expanded quadrangle, will follow this fall.

Lutheran vocation conference

Next week, Augsburg is hosting the 15th Annual ELCA Vocation of a Lutheran College Conference, July 30–August 1. The title of this year's conference is "A Calling to Embrace Hope: Lutheran Higher Education in an Age of Anxiety."

ELCA presiding bishop Mark Hanson will give the opening address on July 30 at 7 p.m. David Tiede and Martha Stortz (2008 Christensen Symposium lecturer) will lead the morning session on July 31, and I will be part of an Augsburg team leading the final session of the conference on August 1. For information, go to <http://web.augsburg.edu/~farleyb/Voc09-AGENDA05-20-09.pdf>. Faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend—RSVP to Diane Glorvigen at glorvige@augsborg.edu by July 27.

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GEMS/GISE/SciFY in full swing

Boys and girls from Minneapolis and Saint Paul middle schools are on campus Monday through Thursdays throughout July, engaged in activities relating to science, math, technology, and fun. Molly Koppes, who has worked with the program for the past three years as a student and GEMS mentor, is Augsburg's coordinator; 11 Augsburg mentors are working with her in the program.

McNair Scholars Research Conference

Last week Augsburg McNair Scholars attended and presented their mid-summer research at the University at Buffalo. In preparation for this conference, students presented their projects on campus early last week.

Weekly Update schedule

The next Weekly Update will be published on August 10. It will resume its regular weekly publication schedule beginning August 31.

KUDOS

Congratulations to the **Augsburg for Adults program** that received a certified ranking from the Association for Non-Traditional Students in Higher Education (ANTSHE) campus survey. Augsburg achieved the seventh highest ranking of the 47 identified institutions that participated. The survey measured services and support given to nontraditional students, including student organizations, scholarships, services office, family events, lounges, etc.

Kudos to the new **Weekend College officers** for 2009-10:

Michelle Cerame, WEC student body president

Chris Buerman, vice president

Jim Malzahn, treasurer

Senators: Tom Christensen, Tom Gouras, and Jamie Dohse

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

Through July 30

GEMS/GISE SciFY—middle- and high-school girls and boys in science and math

Through August 7

Summer Session II classes

July 24-25, 27-28, 29-30

SOAR—two-day orientation for first-year day students and their parents

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Wed., August 5

Wednesday Gathering—lunch for faculty and staff
11 a.m.–1 p.m.

DAILY CHAPEL SPEAKERS

Chapel services will resume in September.

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

Have a great summer—the next Weekly Update is on August 10.