



President's WEEKLY UPDATE

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Good morning. If there's a lull on campus during the summer, we're in it for the moment. Summer session classes ended last week, and, beginning on Saturday, we welcome back student athletes and other groups returning to prepare for fall activities—see the list in Notable Events below.

Orientation for new faculty and staff takes place on September 1 and 2, and the campus community will have opportunities to meet and welcome them at that time.

Saturday, September 5, signals the official return to fall activities as first-year day students move into the residence halls. A week of events during Auggie Days will keep them busy, as their Augsburg Seminar (AugSem) begins to orient them to college life and activities on and off campus. We also host the first Auggie football game of the year that evening against non-conference foe Crown College.

Opening Convocation, featuring an address by Professor Tracy Bibelnieks, is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, followed by our annual City Service Day in the community.

Fall semester classes begin on Wednesday, September 9, and fall trimester undergraduate adult classes and most graduate classes begin on Friday, September 11.

In the meantime, many of us on staff and faculty look forward to welcoming alumni, students, families, and friends at the Augsburg booth in the Education Building at the Minnesota State Fair, August 27–September 7. I hope to see you there!

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Yellow Ribbon Program

I am pleased to report that Augsburg has joined the Yellow Ribbon Program, part of the new Post-9/11 G.I. Bill, which offers recent active-duty military veterans wider options for college study than ever before, including at private colleges. The requirements for benefits include 36 months of active duty service after September 11, 2001, or a discharge with a disability after serving at least 30 days.

With matches from the U.S. government, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and Augsburg's military discount, it means that a weekend undergraduate student can attend Augsburg for \$33 per course, or a full year for under \$200. Cost for the traditional day program and graduate programs will be somewhat higher, due to higher tuition costs in those programs. Post-9/11 veterans will pay approximately \$250 per course, for example, in the MBA program.

Events on the Inside Augsburg calendar

Just a reminder that all College events should be posted to the calendar on the Inside

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Augsburg Web page. Faculty, staff, and students who plan events are responsible for listing these events, and also for submitting any changes or cancellations to these events.

To list an event on the Inside Augsburg calendar, first, log in to the Inside Augsburg page. Use the "Submit Calendar Item" link in AugNet Services, (on the left-hand side of the page) under Community. These submissions go to the Marketing and Communication Office and are then posted. It's important to remember also to submit any subsequent changes to update the calendar.

The Calendar includes events that are open to the public as well as internal events, i.e., those just for campus groups or committees. (The information for these events is marked "internal" and is visible only after log-in to Inside Augsburg.) The calendar can also include major events off campus involving Augsburg faculty, staff, and students. For more information or answers to questions, e-mail marcomm@augsborg.edu.

Each week, some events from the Inside Augsburg calendar are also highlighted in the This Week@Augsburg section on the Inside Augsburg page.

Fringe Festival on Augsburg stages

Yesterday was the last day of the Minnesota Fringe Festival, which brought many people to Augsburg's campus, as we hosted plays on both our theatre mainstage and studio stage. Eleven different shows ran on each stage during the 11-day run of the festival, which has become the Midwest's largest performing arts festival over its 16 years. It's a great opportunity for people to visit the campus and learn about Augsburg.

KUDOS

Many thanks to the Campus Activities and Orientation staff, who were the heart and soul of the SOAR sessions. Kudos to **Joanne Reeck**, director, and **Michael Grewe**, assistant director; to **Emily Andrews** and **Renee Van Siclen**, the two student orientation coordinators, for their leadership; and to the orientation leaders for their hard work, energy, enthusiasm, and hospitality: **Bradley (Brad) Baus**, **Ryan Behnke**, **Claire Bergren**, **Kathryn (Katie) Flakne**, **Andrew Fox**, **Vanessa Geurtz**, **Christine Glaser**, **Ana Gonzalez Fernandez**, **Lauren Grafelman**, **Ethan Gutzmann Williams**, **Amanda Hammaker**, **Shannon O'Brien**, **Rebecca (Becky) Reimann**, **Amelia Rethwisch**, **Alejandro (Alex) Reyes Hernandez**, **Thomas (Tom) Rixen**, **Benjamin (Ben) Robertson**, **Kelly Roselyne**, **Yasameen (Yas) Sajady**, **Caitlin Sapa**, **Amanda Schwartz**, **Kathleen Watson**, **Andrew Witte**, and **Jasmine Zand**.

Kudos to **Jennifer Simon**, American Indian Student Services, and **Emiliano Chagil**, Hispanic/Latino Student Services, who hosted the Page Foundation orientation on August 1 that brought to the Augsburg campus all the Page Foundation scholars who

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will be studying across the country. Thanks to Event and Conference Planning for their work to make this event successful.

Congratulations to **Jodi Collen**, Event and Conference Planning, who led Augsburg team efforts to win two Esprit awards at the International Special Events Society (ISES) Eventworld 2009, announced on Saturday. Augsburg's 2008 Advent Vespers donor dinner won the award for Best Event Design/Decor for Budgets under \$25,000, and the Hillary Clinton Campaign Rally in February won Best ISES Team Effort for Budget under \$75,000.

Kudos to **Amanda Erdman** and **Mike Perry**, Residence Life, who will be co-presenters on Wednesday on a panel at the Associated Twin Cities College Housing Administrators (ATCCHA) meeting that talks about professional development opportunities.

Thanks to **Tom Morgan** and **David Tiede** in the **Center for Faith and Learning**, who hosted the ELCA's recent annual conference on vocation and to those who helped to make it successful: **Lori Peterson**, Augsburg for Adults; **Sara Schlipp-Riedel**, Event and Conference Planning; **Deb Hutterer**, Faith in the City; **Kelly Chatman**, Campus Ministry and Redeemer Center for Life; and **Ray Makeever**, Campus Ministry.

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>

August 15–September 5

Early arrivals on campus

Aug. 15—football players and trainers

Aug. 20—volleyball

Aug. 21—cross country

Aug. 26—golf men and women

Aug. 27—international program hosts

Aug. 28—orientation leaders

Sept. 2—AugSem leaders, StepUP

Sept. 3—transfer students, SOAR IV, Student Senate, ASAC, KAUG

Friday, Sept. 4

TRANSFER-mation

Fall orientation for incoming transfer students

Tuesday, Sept. 8

Opening convocation and City Service Day

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Wednesday, Sept. 9

Classes begin for fall semester for day students

Friday, Sept. 11

Classes begin for fall trimester class for WEC and most graduate students

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 31.