



President's WEEKLY UPDATE

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Good morning. Tonight classes begin on the Rochester campus, which brings our fall terms into full swing. The busy activities of last week, with both the Washington Center RNC seminar and the Democratic campaign rally on campus, afforded us unusual opportunities to take part in the national election process. I hope we all continue to “Get Political” with conversations and participation in the democratic process throughout the rest of the campaign and beyond—including the Minnesota primary elections tomorrow. This is the core of our political work as informed and responsible citizens.

On Tuesday afternoon, from 3:45–4:45 p.m., in Johnson Conference Center in Oren Gateway Center, **I will lead the first of the Focused Conversation series** planned during the year. I plan to present and discuss initiatives and topics we’ll focus on as a college community during the coming year—establishment of the commissions, action projects, etc. I hope you will join me in this conversation.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Welcome, new faculty!

This year we welcome 29 new full-time faculty members to Augsburg College, including:

Magdeline Aagard, Nursing
Martha Alemán, Nursing
Elizabeth Ankeny, Education
Brie Swenson Arnold, History
Jennifer Bankers-Fulbright, Biology
Eric Barth, Physician Assistant Studies
Bruce Batten, Business Administration
Paul Beckmann, Psychology
Pavel Bělík, Mathematics
Susan Boecher, Art
Christopher Botanga, Biology
Kevin Bowman, Economics
David Crowe, Biology
Ankita Deka, Social Work
Z. Vivian Feng, Chemistry
Richard Flint, Mathematics
Karl Jacobson, Religion
Michael Kidd, Languages and Cross-Cultural Studies
John Lewin, Chemistry
Matthew Maruggi, Religion
Robert McGinnis, Business Administration
David Murr '92, Physics
Sridevi Pudipeddi, Mathematics
John Stein, Economics

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Erik Steinmetz '85, Computer Science
Dale Taylor, Visiting Professor, Music Therapy
Diane Vodicka, Education
Dana Wagner, Education
Cary Waterman, English

Welcome, international students!

Augsburg welcomes new international students this year from 12 countries. Last spring Marissa Machado, coordinator of international admissions, visited several countries in Asia, laying the groundwork and generating interest in Augsburg College. She will return to Asia this fall as we continue to honor our commitment to expanding our number of international students at Augsburg.

First-year students:

Jamyang Phuntsho, Bhutan
Nhu Nguyen, Viet Nam
Nhung Tran, Viet Nam
Rimi Bhowmik, Bangladesh
Lucia Gayoso, Argentina
Minh Truong, Viet Nam
Claudia Lopez, Ecuador
Anh Mac, Viet Nam
Sofia-Maria Lundberg Karlsson, Sweden

Transfer students:

Gregory Holowchak, Canada
Sana Malik, Pakistan
Nuwayina Briska, Nigeria
Kelly Roselyne, Indonesia
Jelena Acimovic, Serbia
Dat Nguyen, Viet Nam

Special students:

Mark Low-Ying, Canada
Damaris Abuta, Kenya

A new Auggie web site

Augsburg has a new home page and secondary pages that extend the Auggies look and messaging across the web site, directed to prospective students. New department pages are being phased in, and work is ongoing to develop branding and messaging for Augsburg for Adults and graduate programs. **Many thanks for this work goes to**

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Cherie Christ, Jim West, Bryan Barnes, Wendi Wheeler, Ruth Senum, and others in Marketing and Communication who have worked on these new pages.

KUDOS

Congratulations to our **day first-year students, orientation leaders, faculty, and Cabinet** who contributed more than 1200 hours of service on Tuesday during City Service Day at 23 locations. Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak and City Councilman Cam Gordon came to greet students and thank them for their service. Sites visited included Bedlam Theatre, Brian Coyle Community Center, Anew Dimension Child Enrichment Center, Trinity Congregation, Seward Montessori School, Cedar Cultural Center, The Soap Factory Art Gallery, VocalEssence, La Conexión, Our Saviour's Housing, The People's Center, Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center, and the East African Women's Center.

Thanks to **Lori Peterson, Jessica Fox-Wilson and others in Augsburg for Adults, plus the faculty, staff, and student leaders** who volunteered during Welcome Weekend to greet new and returning undergraduate and graduate adult students and to help them find their classes.

Kudos to English professor **Cary Waterman**, who gave a reading at Drury Lane Books in Grand Marais in August. She also has a poem featured in the Bloomington Art Center's production, "Reflection," and has two poems published in the recent anthology, *County Lines*.

NOTABLE EVENTS DURING THE WEEK

September 9

Focused Conversation—President Paul Pribbenow speaking about initiatives and topics for the campus community during the next year
3:45–4:45 p.m., Johnson Conference Center, Oren Gateway Center

September 10

Study Abroad Fair

10:45 a.m.–1:30 p.m., Christensen Center

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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—9:30 p.m., Communion; Sat (when weekend classes meet)—time to be announced
for Sept. 20

Tues., Sept. 9—Joe Midthun, intern pastor

Wed., Sept. 10—Rev. Sonja Hagander, Associate College Pastor

Wed. eve.—Communion

Thurs., Sept. 11—Sarah Ruch, intern pastor

Fri., Sept. 12—Thelma Buckner and family, Gospel singers and musicians

Mon., Sept. 15—Rev. Kelly Chatman, Redeemer Lutheran Center for Life

Sports results and schedule—www.augsburg.edu/athletics

Have a great week.