



President's WEEKLY UPDATE

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Good morning. It's **Homecoming Week**, and I look forward to welcoming many of our alumni back to campus during the week, especially the reunion classes of 1948, 1958, 1968, 1983, and 1998. The week's events include many opportunities for students, faculty and staff, and alumni to connect with each other, as well as to catch up on all the changes on campus and learn about important initiatives of the College.

Homecoming also has a busy schedule for students, beginning with a Pep Rally and fireworks tonight—I hope to see many of you there sporting your Auggie colors.

I particularly draw attention the **Homecoming Convocation on Friday at 10 a.m.**, when we honor our Distinguished Alumni and First Decade Award winners. This year's Distinguished Alumni to be honored are Dennis Kalpin '61, and LaRhae (Grindal) Knatterud '70. The First Decade Awards will be presented to Jeffery L. Cameron '96 and Zach Curtis '98.

Also, please note the **Sabo Center on Citizenship and Learning Colloquium**, which will take place Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. in Hoversten Chapel. Sabo Professor Garry Hesser is welcoming alumni Martin Sabo '59 and Jim Pederson '56 who will lead a conversation among state legislators and others who played a critical role in Minnesota's political and governmental landscape during the 1970s.

For the complete schedule of events for Homecoming Week, go to <http://smaug.augsburg.edu/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?&pid=357&srcid=380>

Right on the tails of Homecoming, **Augsburg has the opportunity on Sunday to host a symposium in Hoversten Chapel at 5 p.m., "With Respect to Iran and the West: An Interface of Politics and Religion."** I'm pleased to welcome back to campus the former prime minister of Norway, **Kjell Magne Bondevik**, who is one of the panelists. The forum is co-sponsored by the Minnesota International Center, the Oslo Center-U.S. Foundation, Augsburg, and the Vesper Society of San Francisco. Also participating are Walter Mondale, vice president and honorary consul of Norway, and Congressman Keith Ellison.

The Augsburg Corporation Governing Board, at their annual meeting on Friday, elected new members to the Augsburg Board of Regents.

Elected to four-year terms are:

- Mark A. Eustis, president and CEO, Fairview Health Services
- Alexander J. Gonzalez '90, senior financial adviser, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
- Eric J. Jolly, president, Science Museum of Minnesota
- Gloria C. Lewis, president and CEO, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities
- Dr. Marshall S. Stanton, vice president, Medtronic, Inc.

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Re-elected to a second four-year term is:

- Dr. Anthony L. Genia Jr. '85, emergency physician, Fairview University Medical Center

Appointed to three-year terms, *ex officio* are:

- The Reverend Craig E. Johnson, bishop, Minneapolis Area Synod, ELCA
- The Reverend Duane C. Pederson, bishop, Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, ELCA

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Congratulations to director Dawn Ludwig and the Physician Assistant Studies program that has received continued accreditation, granted by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA). This independent accrediting body is authorized to accredit qualified educational programs leading to the professional credential of physician assistant. The next accreditation review at Augsburg is scheduled for 2011.

On Thursday, **Peter Yarrow, of the famed folksinging group Peter, Paul, and Mary, will perform on campus in the Quad** from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. He has been connected with the Center for Global Education for more than 20 years since he led two travel seminars to Central America and has hosted events to benefit CGE.

From Wednesday through Saturday this week, **members of the Transcultural Nursing Society (TCNS) from around the world gather in Minneapolis** for their 34th annual conference. Nursing department chair Cheryl Leuning and nursing professor Katherine Baumgartner are president and vice president, respectively, of TCNS and have planned the program for this conference around the theme, "Voices of Hope: Indigenous Wisdom and Transcultural Nursing."

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Many thanks to **everyone who helped to host the Augsburg Corporation's Governing Board meeting** on Friday. This is the first time the meeting has been held when the campus has not been on fall break. I'm grateful to all the students who exhibited and explained their academic research, to Hans Wiersma for his homily, and to Bob Stacke and Gospel Praise for filling the chapel with their uplifting music.

Congratulations to **Jeremy Wells**, vice president for institutional advancement, who will be honored this week as he receives a Young Alumni Medallion from his alma mater, Jamestown College, in Jamestown, N. Dak.

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NOTABLE EVENTS DURING THE WEEK

Sept. 22-29

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For a complete listing of events, go to:

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Sept. 23

ASAC Variety Show

7 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

Sept. 24

Augsburg Associates Fall Luncheon

10:30 a.m., Town and Country Club, St. Paul

Sept. 25

Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet

5:30 p.m., East Commons, Christensen Center

Sept. 26

Homecoming Convocation

10 a.m., Hoversten Chapel

Sabo Center Colloquium

2 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

Sept. 24-27

"Voices of Hope: Indigenous Wisdom and Transcultural Nursing," Transcultural Nursing Society 34th annual conference

Marriott City Center Hotel

www.tcns.org

Sept. 25

Peter Yarrow Concert

11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m., Quad (Student Art Gallery, if rain)

Sept. 28

Forum, "With Respect to Iran and the West: An Interface of Politics and Religion"

5 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

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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)—First Word Community Gathering at 7:30-7:50 and 8-8:20 a.m.

Tues., Sept. 23—Babette Chatman '05

Wed., Sept. 24—Brad Holt, Religion Dept.

Wed. eve.—Communion

Thurs., Sept. 25—Jeroy Carlson '48

Fri., Sept. 26—10 a.m., Homecoming Convocation

Mon., Sept. 29

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

Have a great week.