



# President's WEEKLY UPDATE

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**Good morning.** I am pleased to take part tomorrow evening in the **10th anniversary of Augsburg's program in Rochester.** The Rochester campus has represented significant growth to our non-traditional adult programs. Founded by its former director, Rick Thoni, in conversations with regent Ruth Johnson and others, it began as a way to offer completion degrees for nurses at Mayo Clinic. Starting with 63 students in 1998, our program has grown to 250 in the undergraduate program, with more than 125 students currently enrolled in graduate courses. The program offers bachelor's degrees in business and management information systems, communication studies, education, and nursing; and master's programs in education, nursing, and business.

The Open House will take place at Rochester's campus at Bethel Lutheran Church, 810 3rd Ave. SE from 6:30 to 8 p.m. A short program begins at 7 p.m., including comments from Barbara Farley, Rick Thoni, and myself.

I hope that faculty and staff on our Minneapolis campus will join us for the monthly **Community Time** on Tuesday at 3:45 p.m. in East Commons. **This month's meeting will feature presentations from representatives of the United Way and Community Shares** programs and will kick off our annual workplace campaign for these two important community efforts. Especially in these volatile economic times, United Way and Community Shares are providing much-needed assistance to the most vulnerable in our region. For those of us who are fortunate to have enough, I commend our participation in the United Way and Community Shares campaigns. I am pleased to support both.

On Friday, in the Quad at 11:15 following the convocation, **I look forward to receiving the 95 Theses from Student Government.** This will be the 491st anniversary of Martin Luther's posting of his 95 Theses on the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany on Oct. 31, 1517. This is the fourth year that Student Government has celebrated Reformation Day by sharing their concerns and ideas with the Augsburg community in this way.

## CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

### Student voting information

Students who live on campus may vote either at the precinct for their campus or in the precinct of their permanent residence. For students living on Augsburg's campus, the voting location is the Seward Square Apartments, 2121 9th St. South—just a short walk across the footbridge over I-94.

Augsburg residence life staff have submitted residence hall lists to the Office of Elections and Voter Registration. Students who live on campus will need to present a valid photo ID (Augsburg ID card is sufficient). For more information about voting in Minnesota, or to find your precinct, go to the Minnesota Secretary of State Web page, [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us).

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## **Annual poetry and jazz bash**

Tomorrow night, Oct. 28, at 7:30 p.m., in Cooper's Coffee Shop is the Pan-Afrikan Center's 12th annual Jazz and Poetry Bash when students, alumni, and friends gather to share music, poetry, and readings. An open-mic portion of the evening offers opportunities for others to present their work.

The Jazz and Poetry Bash honors the memory, legacy, and poetry of M. Anita Gay Hawthorne, founder of the Pan-African Center and program, who died in 1998.

## **Men's soccer advances to conference playoffs**

With a double-overtime tie at St. John's University on Saturday afternoon, Augsburg's men's soccer team qualified for the conference playoffs, for just their second time in team history. In their upcoming final regular-season game on Friday night, 7 p.m., at home, they seek to beat Macalester for the first time in many years. All four of the playoff teams—Carleton, Gustavus, St. Thomas, and Augsburg—have a chance of securing at least a share of the regular-season title. The conference playoffs take place on Nov. 4 and 8.

## **Cross country teams to MIAC championships**

Good luck to the Auggie men's and women's cross country teams as they compete on Saturday in the MIAC championships, hosted by University of St. Thomas at Como Park Golf Course in St. Paul, at 2 p.m. The men's team finished in third place at the Carleton Running of the Cow meet on Saturday, and the women's team finished fifth.

## **KUDOS**

Congratulations to **Ann Garvey**, vice president of student affairs, who was doubly honored at the Minnesota College Personnel Association (MCPA) fall conference on Oct. 16 and 17. First, she was named the recipient of the Linda Schrempp Alberg Outstanding Contribution to Minnesota Higher Education Award, given to a student affairs staff member in Minnesota higher education who sets an example for all student development professionals.

Second, her conference session, "Political Activism and Free Speech: What Can You Do and What Gets You in Trouble," was chosen as the outstanding program of the conference. She led a panel that addressed student protests, marches, posters, Facebook groups, etc., that highlighted First Amendment issues.

The Linda Schrempp Alberg Award honors the work of Linda Alberg, associate dean of students at Augsburg, who was active in MCPA until her death in 1996.

Many kudos and thanks to **Jessica Fox-Wilson**, Augsburg for Adults, for organizing the Harvest of Learning Open House on Friday that featured the work of the College of the Third Age (COTA). Site partners and instructors in the program, many of whom are Augsburg faculty emeriti, talked about the program and its history, and gave sample presentations of courses offered. Faculty emeriti were honored for their volunteer work and continued service in the program. For information on the College of the Third Age, go to [www.augsburg.edu/thirdage](http://www.augsburg.edu/thirdage).

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Kudos to **Patrice Salmeri**, StepUP, who presented at the Minnesota Association of Recovery Resources and Chemical Health Conference on Oct. 23. Her topic was "Addressing the Full Continuum of Care: Collegiate Recovery Communities."

Kudos also to **Stephen Geffre**, staff photographer, Marketing and Communication, whose photo appeared in *USA Today* on Friday.

## NOTABLE EVENTS DURING THE WEEK

**Oct. 28**

**Community Time—United Way and Community Shares**

3:45 p.m., East Commons

**Oct. 28**

**Rochester 10th Anniversary Celebration**

Bethel Lutheran church, 810 3rd Ave. SE, Rochester, MN

6:30 p.m., Social hour

7 p.m., Program

**Oct. 30**

**Annual Halloween Safe Block** for neighborhood children hosted by LINK and Campus Ministry

6–8 p.m., Urness, Mortensen, and Anderson Halls

**Oct. 31**

**2008 Convocation Series**

"Just Food: Cooking as an Organizing Tool in the Food Justice Movement," Bryant Terry, eco-chef, author

10 a.m., Hoversten Chapel

**Oct. 31–Nov. 9**

***Eurydice*, by Sarah Ruhl; directed by Martha Johnson**

Oct. 31, Nov. 1, 6, and 8 at 7 p.m.

Nov. 2, 8, and 9 at 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$10 general public; \$8 ACTC, faculty, staff, and students; \$2 Augsburg students and children under age 12. Ticket reservations, 612-330-1257.

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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., Oct. 28**—Reformation Series, Mark Tranvik, Religion Dept.

**Wed., Oct. 29**—Reformation Series, Russell Kleckley, Religion Dept.

**Wed. eve.**—Communion with Pastor Dave Wold

**Thurs., Oct. 30**—Reformation Series, Hans Wiersma, Religion Dept.

**Fri., Oct. 31**—10 a.m., 2008 Convocation Series, Bryant Terry, eco-chef and urban food justice advocate

**Mon., Nov. 3**—All Saints Day, Pastor Dave Wold

**Sports results and schedule**—[www.augsburg.edu/athletics](http://www.augsburg.edu/athletics)

Have a great week.

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