



President's WEEKLY UPDATE

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Good morning. This is a momentous week in our nation's history. On Tuesday we exercise our right to vote for the next president of our country and many local, state, and national representatives.

Augsburg has been fortunate this fall to become engaged in the electoral process through *Get Political*, which began with the two-week seminar in partnership with The Washington Center at the Republican National Convention, and continued with other activities and events that brought political candidates and issues to campus. I'm very proud of our campus community for the civil and engaged ways in which we have approached this important electoral season.

Students may vote on Tuesday either in the precinct of their permanent address or the precinct for Augsburg's campus. For information on voting, go to http://augnet.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2008/10_27_08/vote.html

I hope you will exercise the most important right we enjoy as citizens—electing the people who will represent us in the various offices of our government.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

All-Hands Meeting on Thursday

I will provide an overview on key strategic issues for the College—including financial planning and the fundraising campaign—when we gather for the fall semester All-Hands Meeting in Hoversten Chapel on Thursday morning. We will begin promptly at 11:20 a.m. (during the normal chapel time) and conclude by 12 noon. There will be time for questions and comments as well. Please join us for this important community gathering.

Nontraditional Student Week

Augsburg joins other schools around the country this week in celebrating Nontraditional Student Week, Nov. 2 to 8. Each day this week programs scheduled for faculty, staff, and students address needs and issues or provide information concerning Weekend College and graduate students. See the calendar in this issue for topics, times, and locations.

Augsburg—a top Fulbright producer

Augsburg was cited in an article in the October 24 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education* as one of the top producers of Fulbright awards for U.S. students in master's institutions, being highlighted as a school with two or more Fulbright awardees. Ashley Stoffers '08 and Erin Olsen '08 both received Fulbright English Teaching Assistantships for 2008-09, to Korea and Venezuela, respectively. The article discusses the desire of the Fulbright program to attract more students and faculty from minority groups and two-year colleges.

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In their communication to Augsburg about this article, the Institute of International Education, which administers the Fulbright program, commends “the excellent and instrumental work” of Fulbright program adviser Dixie Shafer in advising students and promoting the program on campus.

KUDOS

Kudos to **all the people and organizations on campus that have provided events in the Get Political series** and raised the level of discourse relating to the national and local elections. These include The Washington Center RNC interns, the Sabo Center for Citizenship and Learning, College Republicans, College Democrats, Obama Student Organization, Coalition for Student Activism (CSA), and Minnesota Public Interest Research Group (MPIRG).

Special thanks and recognition were given during halftime at Saturday's football game against St. Thomas to Augsburg donors who made possible the construction of the new press box at Edor Nelson Field—**E. Milton Kleven '47, Dick “Pork Chop” Thompson '61, Gunnar and Mary Wick, Oliver Dahl '45, John '36 and Christine Haaland, Glen Person '47, and the Augsburg Alumni A-Club.** The two-level press box completes the Kennedy Center addition to Melby Hall and provides additional hospitality space during athletic events.

Kudos to the **Office of Undergraduate Admissions** for their work and hospitality during Education Minnesota visit days and the National College Fair on October 1 and 2. The admissions counselors hosted 119 students, and a total of 250 parents and students over the two days of Education Minnesota, and received 1006 inquiries and seven applications at the National College Fair.

Kudos also to **finance director Tom Haglund and his staff** for their work in connection with the recently completed independent audit. At last week's Board of Regents Finance Committee meeting, Augsburg received a “clean” audit report for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2008.

Kudos to Augsburg registrar **Wayne Kallestad**, who is serving on Senator Norm Coleman's academy selection committee in November.

Kudos to **Kate Reinhardt, Anita Fisher, and Emiliano Chagil** for founding and sustaining the weekly Spanish conversation group that meets on Thursdays, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m., in Riverside Room, and for their commitment to make Spanish a fun and useful language to speak.

And Kudos to **director Martha Johnson and the cast and crew** of *Eurydice* by Sarah Ruhl for their outstanding performances in this engaging play. Performances continue this weekend and I urge you to show your support for our fine theatre program.

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NOTABLE EVENTS DURING THE WEEK

Nov. 4–8

Nontraditional Student Week—for descriptions, see the Web calendar

Nov. 4 and 5—“Developing Communities of Practice for Nontraditional Students,” co-sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning, noon–1 p.m., Lindell 202

Nov. 6—“Managing Debt,” co-sponsored by the Center for Service, Work, and Learning, 5:15–6:30 p.m., OGC 100

Nov. 7—“Graduate Program Fair,” co-sponsored by Graduate Programs and WEC/Graduate Admissions, 4–6 p.m., Christensen Center

Nov. 8—“Family Nutrition Information,” co-sponsored by the Center for Counseling and Health Promotion, noon–1 p.m., Christensen Center

Nov. 8—“Student Involvement Open House,” co-sponsored by WEC Student Senate, noon–1 p.m., Student Lounge

Nov. 5

Wednesday Gathering--Lunch for faculty and staff

11 a.m.–1:30 p.m., East Commons, Christensen Center

Nov. 6–9

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

For information about the time, location, and tickets, go to

<http://www.augsburg.edu/theatre/mainstage.html>

Nov. 7–9

WEC, MAE, MAL, MAN, MSW, and some MBA classes meet

Nov. 7–Dec. 19

“Mysteries of Ordinary Places,” Nicholas Conbere

Gage Family Art Gallery

For information about the exhibit events, go to

<http://www.augsburg.edu/galleries/exhibition/index.html>

Nov. 7–Dec. 19

“Superimpositions: Recent Work by Shannon Collis and Erik Waterkotte”

Christensen Center Art Gallery

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Nov. 9

Masterworks Chorale concert

4 p.m., Annunciation Catholic Church, 509 West 54th St., Minneapolis, MN 55419

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Nov. 10-11

Founders Day Reformation Lectures, Deanna Thompson, author of *Crossing the Divide: Luther, Feminism, and the Cross*.

Nov. 10—7 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

Nov. 11—10 a.m., Hoversten Chapel

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., Nov. 4—Election Day, Garry Hesser, Sabo Professor of Citizenship and Learning, Sociology Dept.

Wed., Nov. 5—Herb Brokering, pastor and poet

Wed. eve.—Communion, with Paul Lutter

Thurs., Nov. 6—All Hands meeting

Fri., Nov. 7—Thelma Buckner and family

Sat., Nov. 8—First Word Community Gathering, “Love One Another with Mutual Affection,” with WEC Student Senate vice president Michelle Cerame.

Mon., Nov. 10—Karl Jacobson, Religion Dept.

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

Good luck to the men’s soccer team in the MIAC playoffs, Nov. 4 and 8.

Have a great week.