



President's WEEKLY UPDATE

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Good morning. It was a great weekend as we recognized remarkable successes and accomplishments in Auggie athletics. On Friday evening, alumni, families, and friends helped celebrate six decades of success earned by our wrestlers, both on the mats and in the classroom. Augsburg has become one of the most dominant programs in the country in small-college wrestling, as demonstrated later Friday evening with an Auggie win over University of Nebraska-Omaha, the top-ranked team in NCAA Division II wrestling.

On Saturday, we celebrated the 10-year anniversary of the 2000 national championships of the American Women's College Hockey Alliance Division III, where the Auggies finished as runners-up. Five years earlier, Augsburg had established the first collegiate varsity hockey program for women in the Midwest.

On Friday and Saturday of this week, the Augsburg Board of Regents holds its winter meeting on campus. The regents will meet with faculty leaders to discuss a variety of topics related to the state of the professoriate at Augsburg and beyond. At the formal regents' meeting on Saturday, the board will focus attention on assumptions for 2010-11 budget planning and will receive reports on design and funding plans for the new Center for Science, Business, and Religion. I hope you'll take time to greet our regents as you see them on campus during the meeting.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Congratulations, Spirit of MLK Award recipients

Congratulations to the 2010 recipients of the Spirit of MLK Awards announced at the convocation last week—Professor **Richard Spratt '74**, Department of Social Work, and **Robert Goodman '10**.

In his department, Professor Spratt has served on the intergroup dialogue project implementation team; in the community he has served with the Powderhorn Community Agency, restorative justice, National Association of Social Work, and the Nellie Stone Johnson School.

Goodman, a sociology major and American Indian Studies minor, transferred to Augsburg from Anoka Ramsey Community College where he was president of the Multicultural Student Organization. At Augsburg he helped found and promote the Augsburg Indigenous Student Association. He is a McNair Scholar, TRiO/SSS student, a mentor, and a tutor.

Augsburg's diversity featured in The Chronicle

The January 17 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education* includes an article on the changing demographics of Minnesota and how that is reflected in college student populations—and Augsburg was their college of choice to feature. The article points out that the percentage of students of color in the first-year class at Augsburg jumped from 22% to 42% in two years, largely thanks to a commitment to provide access to underrepresented students. Read the story at https://augnet.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2010/01_20_10/chronicle.html.

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KUDOS

Kudos to the **Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation planning committee**, chaired by **Mohamed Sallam**, and including **Sadie Curtis, Mary Laurel True, Kasidy Moore, Ann Garvey, Amanda Storm, Leslie Larson, Justin Nash, Lucrechia Grant, and Raymond Kidd.**

Kudos to the **performers and organizers of the Lunar New Year Celebration**, including the planning committee: **Mai Choua Thao, Nou Yang '12, Maya Vue, Nou Yang '13, Kong Houa Lee, Vang Vang, Issie Kashima, Boom Khoun, Eugene Talatala, Crystal Lee, Mai Choua Xiong, Houa Lor, Susie Mechtel, Mee Vue, Mee Vang, and Nathan Ly.**

Kudos to **Sadie Curtis, Amanda Erdman, and Michael Perry**, presenters at the Minnesota College Personnel Association (MCPA) drive-in workshop, "Reframing Disabilities into an Array of Abilities," in January at Concordia University, St. Paul. Sadie presented on "Advantages of Collaboration" in building a supportive culture for students with disabilities. Amanda and Michael presented on "Assisting Students in Recovery."

NOTABLE EVENTS THIS WEEK—For a complete listing of Augsburg events, go to the Inside Augsburg Calendar at <http://inside.augsburg.edu>

Tuesday, Jan. 26

Community Time

3:45 p.m., East Commons

Thursday, Jan. 28

Spring 2010 Student Involvement Fair

2–7 p.m., Christensen Center

Friday, Jan. 29

Augsburg All-Nighter

10 p.m., Christensen Center

Jan. 29–31

WEC, MAE, MAN, and MSW classes meet

Sunday, Jan. 31

Career Athletes program for student-athletes

6:30–8:15 p.m.

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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—9:09 p.m., Communion; Sat (when weekend classes meet)—First Word Community Gathering, 7:30-7:50 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 26—Bob Stacke, Music Dept., “Reflections on Haiti”

Wednesday, Jan. 27—Vocatio Chapel, Eric Iverson '00, YouthWorks, speaking on youth, service, and justice

Thursday, Jan. 28—Michele Roulet, commissioner and senior speaker

Friday, Jan. 29—Bishop Duane Peterson, Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, and Augsburg regent

Saturday, Jan. 30—First Word Gathering, Jessica Fox-Wilson, Augsburg for Adults coordinator, discussing “The Parable of the Salt of the Earth.”

Sports results and schedule—<http://athletics.augsburg.edu>

Just a reminder about Augsburg's planning for an H1N1 flu outbreak ... follow the link from Inside Augsburg or go to <http://www.augsburg.edu/h1n1> for information, updates, monitoring, and communications during the flu season.

Have a great week!