



# President's WEEKLY UPDATE

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**Good morning.** We had a great weekend at Augsburg as we welcomed prospective scholarship students to campus for the annual President's and Fine Arts Scholarships Weekend.

I always enjoy meeting these very talented high school students (and their families) and to see their excitement to be at Augsburg. My thanks especially to Bob Groven and the Honors students and to our day admissions staff who led the planning and to all those who helped make this weekend successful.

**At the end of this week we host the annual Batalden Seminar in Applied Ethics**, this year hosting Mexican writer and activist Gustavo Esteva. He will talk about his belief in "radical pluralism," recognizing and honoring distinctive cultural variety and assisting groups at the grassroots level to realize their own aspirations. He will speak both on Friday morning and Saturday noon, and I hope you will join these conversations. See the calendar for details about the two presentations.

This convocation is planned as part of the work of nursing professor Ruth Enestvedt, who serves as Augsburg's Batalden Scholar in Applied Ethics. Much of her work has involved engaging the community in discussions of applied ethics. The graduate course she developed and is currently teaching, *Making Room at the Table: Applying Ethics to Ending Hunger and Sharing Food*, approaches these issues from interdisciplinary perspectives.

**On Friday, we celebrate the success of the StepUP program** at its annual gala fundraising dinner. Since 1997, this program has transformed the lives of hundreds of students in recovery through the support and encouragement of the Augsburg community. With a focused campaign of \$5 million, we hope to sustain the program through endowment and allow it to grow to its capacity to serve more than 100 residential students per year.

The StepUP Gala on Friday is an evening of inspiration, entertainment, and fellowship, with a silent and live auction, and keynote address by William C. Moyers. At 5 p.m., the event begins with a reception for Dave Hadden, who recently retired as assistant director of StepUP. Tickets are \$100 per person; for reservations, call 612-330-1692 or e-mail [grovea@augsborg.edu](mailto:grovea@augsborg.edu).

## **CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES**

### **Peace Prize Forum registration deadline—Thursday**

Thursday, February 25, is the deadline to register for this year's Nobel Peace Prize Forum on March 5–6. For information about speakers and schedule, and to register, go to <http://peaceprizeforum.org>. There is no cost for Augsburg faculty, staff, and students, and I hope many of you plan to attend.

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## **Student leadership summits focuses on anti-racism**

The Campus Activities and Orientation Student Leadership Summit will take place on Saturday, Feb. 27, from 1–5 p.m., in East Commons, Christensen Center. Heather Hackmann from St. Cloud State University will present “Everyday Anti-Racism: Developing Awareness, Skills, and Action in the Service of a Socially Just Society.” Students will develop the knowledge, tools, and resources to help them eliminate racism on campus and in their everyday lives. I encourage all students to participate, but space is limited. To RSVP, e-mail Michael Grewe at [grewe@augsborg.edu](mailto:grewe@augsborg.edu) by Wednesday, Feb. 24.

## **Vocatio Chapel on Wednesday**

Continuing the theme of “Listen! God is Calling: Race, Place, and Class,” this month’s Vocatio Chapel focuses on disparities in transportation and will be presented by Lonnie Ellis, minister of social justice at St. Thomas More Catholic Community. For information about the theme, go to the Close the Gap Study by the Itasca Project at <http://www.mnchannel.org/partners/closethegap/>.

## **Support the Auggies in the postseason**

Congratulations to three Auggie teams that qualified for postseason playoffs and tournaments. Let’s turn out and cheer Auggie teams on to victories!

Tickets for the two home games are \$3 for students and \$7 general; the first 150 students at each game get in free. Both are “Maroon Out” games—if you wear something maroon, you receive a free popcorn. And, if you’re unable to be there, you can watch live video webcasts online at <http://athletics.augsburg.edu>.

The **Augsburg wrestling team** won the NCAA Division III Great Lakes Regional on Saturday for the eighth straight year, competing at home in Si Melby, and will advance nine wrestlers to the NCAA Division III national tournament, March 5–6, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

- Fri–Sat., March 5–6—NCAA Division III wrestling national tournament, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

The **men’s basketball team** advances as the No. 3 seed to the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) postseason playoffs.

- Tomorrow, Tuesday, Feb. 23, Augsburg vs. St. John’s, home at Si Melby, 7:30 p.m.

The **men’s hockey team** clinched a playoff berth with their 3–2 win Saturday over Bethel.

- Play-in game, Friday, Feb. 26, Augsburg vs. St. Olaf, home in the Augsburg Ice Arena, 8:05 p.m. The women’s hockey game vs. Gustavus scheduled for 7:05 p.m. that day has been moved to 5:05 p.m.

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## KUDOS

Kudos to Kevin J. Bowman, Economics, who recently had an article published in the peer-reviewed *International Journal of Transpersonal Studies*, titled “Holarchical Development: Discovering and Applying Missing Drives from Ken Wilber’s Twenty Tenets.”

Kudos to the **students who staged Augsburg’s production of *The Vagina Monologues*** over Valentine’s Day weekend, sponsored by the Women’s Resource Center and the Student Feminist Collective. It raised over \$800 to benefit the House of Sharing, an organization in South Korea that houses and cares for survivors of sexual slavery to the Japanese military during World War II. Augsburg student Krystal Mattison spent a year with the *Halmonis*, or Grandmothers, and returned with the desire to raise awareness and funding on their behalf (they exist on donations and protest regularly in front of the Japanese embassy in pursuit of an apology).

Meanwhile, student Julia Sewell was interested in directing Eve Ensler’s *The Vagina Monologues*, performed internationally on and around Valentine’s Day to raise awareness about violence against women and to raise funds for organizations that work with survivors of violence. Krystal, Julia, and the cast of 19 (Irene Abdullah, Veronica Berg, Kia Burton, Amber Davis, Rebecca Dickinson, Sarah Gillund, Lucrechia Grant, Annika Gunderson, Elizabeth Hanson, Brandy Hyatt, Valencia McMurray, Lily Morris, Kris Ness, Magdalen Ng, Shannon O’Brien, Yasameen Sajady, Leann Vice-Reshel, Rochelle Weidner, and Courtney Wiley) deserve kudos for both the artistic and activist work they’ve done on behalf of women both locally and globally.

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

### Tuesday, Feb. 23

**Speaking of Scholarship**, Jessica Nathanson, Women’s Studies, and Jacqui deVries, History, “A Shepherd in Lion’s Clothing: Approaches to Book Editing”  
12:15–1:15 p.m., Oren Gateway Center 100

### Tuesday, Feb. 23

**Community Time**, Preview of the Nobel Peace Prize Forum  
3:45 p.m., East Commons

### Tuesday, Feb. 23

**Joint concert, Gospel Praise and Zeitgeist**  
7 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

### Friday, Feb. 26–Sunday, Feb. 28

**WEC, MAE, MAN, and MSW classes meet**

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## Friday, Feb. 26 and Saturday, Feb. 27

**Batalden Seminar in Applied Ethics**, Gustavo Esteva, writer and social activist  
Friday, Feb. 26—10 a.m., Hoversten Chapel, "Beyond Development and Education: The Good Life"

Saturday, Feb. 27—Noon, Hoversten Chapel, "From Crisis to Commons"

## Friday, Feb. 26

### StepUP Gala

5 p.m., Reception in honor of Dave Hadden

5:30 p.m., Silent Auction and Social

7 p.m., Dinner and Program

The Commons, Christensen Center

## Saturday, Feb. 27

**Campus Activities and Orientation Student Leadership Institute**, "Everyday Anti-Racism: Developing Awareness, Skills, and Action in the Service of a Socially Just Society"

1–5 p.m., East Commons, Christensen Center

## Sunday, Feb. 28

### Gospel Praise Jazz Ensemble at

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

9:15 a.m.

## 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, Feb. 23**—Dennis Mumyak, ELCA missionary in Tanzania, Heifer International

**Wednesday, Feb. 24**—Vocatio Chapel, Lonnie Ellis, Minister of Social Justice, St. Thomas More Catholic Community

**Thursday, Feb. 25**—Erika Benson, Augsburg alumna and Director of Camp Emphasis

**Friday, Feb. 26**—10 a.m., Batalden Seminar in Applied Ethics, Gustavo Esteva, "Beyond Development and Education: The Good Life"

**Saturday, Feb. 27**—First Word Gathering, Lori Peterson, Director of Augsburg for Adults, "The Parable of the Salt of the Earth"

**Monday, March 1**—St. David's Day *Gymanfa Ganu*, Welsh hymn sing, Mary Mergenthal, leader

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

Have a great week!