



President's WEEKLY UPDATE

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Good morning. It's great to see our day students and faculty back from midterm break, as we move into the final, busy weeks of spring semester. This weekend is the final weekend of winter trimester for weekend and graduate students, and I wish you good luck on final exams and completion of your courses.

On Wednesday this week, I will have one of my regular meetings with a group of **emeritus/a members of the Augsburg Board of Regents**, former long-time members of the board who come together three or four times a year to engage in conversation about the strategic work of the College. It is gratifying to have the continuing interest and support of these wise and experienced individuals—there are more than 75 members of our emeritus/a regent group who have served the College over more than a 40-year period. It also is a great gift to me and Augsburg that these distinguished individuals are generous with their perspectives and experience in helping to ensure Augsburg's continued success. This week we will discuss Augsburg's three strategic pathways: innovation and excellence, student success, and telling our story more effectively. And I expect that I will gain helpful insights into how our college can most effectively pursue its mission-based work.

I am pleased to announce that Augsburg College will participate in the 2010 Great Colleges for Work For Program which is co-sponsored by the Chronicle of Higher Education and ModernThink LLC. Now in its third year, the Great Colleges program recognizes institutions for specific best practices and policies such as tenure clarity, collaborative governance, work/life balance, and compensation/benefits. Our participation in this survey will provide many benefits to the College, including help in identifying our areas of strength and those in need of improvement. In addition, we will also receive benchmark and best practices information. All full-time Augsburg employees (faculty and staff) are invited to complete the online survey between now and April 16, 2010. Each full-time employee will receive an email message from Great Colleges (in fact, many of you should have received this message this past weekend) with instructions about how to log on to the survey website. Please read through the information about confidentiality of the process and information. I encourage each of you to give about 20 minutes of your time to provide feedback about your experience working at Augsburg.

A more detailed letter about this survey will be mailed with the payroll this week. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office or Dionne Doering in Human Resources who is coordinating Augsburg's participation.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

CGE receives Fulbright Group Project Award

Augsburg's Center for Global Education has received an \$86,820 grant from the US Department of Education for a Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad to coordinate a four-week curriculum development program in Namibia this summer. It will provide 12

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scholarships for elementary and secondary teachers, preservice teachers, and education faculty at US institutions.

This is the fifth Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad grant awarded to Augsburg College since 1995.

Congratulations, outstanding employees!

Congratulations to Staff Recognition Award winners for 2010 who were recognized at the annual staff recognition event last week: **Janine Borchardt**, Public Safety; **Mark Chamberlain**, Marketing and Communication; **Paul Grauer**, Athletics; **Susan Hecker**, Business Administration; **Carrie Shidla**, Academic Advising; and **Howard Weiss**, Custodial Services.

Recognition was also given to staff who celebrated their 5- through 30-year anniversaries at Augsburg.

All-Hands meeting on March 30

Please mark your calendars for next Tuesday, March 30, from 11:15–11:45 a.m., in Hoversten Chapel, when we meet for our spring All-Hands Meeting. It will be an opportunity to receive updates on College initiatives and ask questions.

Join students for Asian Heritage Week

This week, Monday–Friday, the Augsburg Asian Student Association, in cooperation with Pan Asian Student Services, is conducting events each day in the College's first Asian Heritage Week. See the Inside Augsburg calendar for events, times, and locations.

Foodless Food Drive ends next week

Many thanks to those who have donated to the Foodless Food Drive to fill the shelves of Brian Coyle Community Center. There's still time to contribute by March 31—send a check made out to Brian Coyle Food Shelf to Sandy Tilton at CB 310. The Central Minneapolis Chapter of Thrivent Financial will provide \$1 for every \$2 we donate.

KUDOS

Kudos to **Jennifer Simon**, director of American Indian Student Services and the Powwow Committee members: **Desmond Juan** and **Jennifer Weber**, co-chairs; **Angela Wheeler**, **Bernell Martin**, **Bob Goodman**, **Dennis Sargent**, **Jennifer Stenstrom**, **John Boyd**, **Julie Erickson**, **Kassie Benjamin-Ficken**, **Kathy Forliti**, **Rebecca Roepke**, **Richard LaRoque**, **Tasheena LaChapelle**, **Tom Gouras**, **Wahbon Spears**, and **Sandy Fevig**. The head dancers were alums **Greg** and **Yvonne Barrett**.

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Kudos to **Nancy Guilbeault**, Counseling and Health Promotion, and the Center for Teaching and Learning committee of **Jeanine Gregoire, Lee Clarke, and Terry Martin** for the faculty/staff Life of the Mind Retreat: The Chemistry of Well-Being on March 12-13.

Kudos to **Lisa Jack**, whose contact sheet from a college photo shoot of President Barack Obama sold for \$60,000 at the 18th Annual Elton John Aids Foundation Academy Viewing Party auction. Lisa was at the event that was also attended by many film, television, and music celebrities and garnered \$3.7 million for the foundation.

Kudos to **Jessica Fox-Wilson**, Augsburg for Adults, and **Judy Johnson**, Undergraduate Admissions, who presented "Preparing Your Four-Year College for Community College Transfer Students" at the Annual ANTSHE (Association for Non-Traditional Students in Higher Education) Conference, March 11-13.

Kudos to **Cass Dalglish**, English, who discussed her use of jazz poetics in her interpretation of cuneiform signs and who read from "Humming the Blues" on Talking Earth radio in Portland on March 15.

Kudos to **Stephen Geffre**, staff photographer, who was selected as the Artist of the Month at Unison Bank in Jamestown, N.D. His photography exhibit is on display there through the end of March.

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

Monday, March 22

Spring Semester classes resume

Monday–Friday, March 22–26

Asian Heritage Week

See the Inside Augsburg calendar for event information.

Tuesday, March 23

Speaking of Scholarship

Andy Myers, Music Dept., "Stories: Excerpts from the lives of Percussionist Legends Marv Dahlgren and Elliot Fine" and **Ben Hoffman** and **John Singleton**, Math and Physics Departments, "Using Mathematical Modeling to Harness the Sun's Energy" 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m., Oren Gateway Center 100

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Tuesday, March 23

Native American Film Series

"Mona Smith: Media Artist, A Retrospective," will include several video and other projects. A reception will begin at 5:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Sateren Auditorium, Music Hall

Wednesday, March 24

Vocatio Chapel with Kelly Woods '98, teacher and winner of a 2008 Milken Family Foundation Education Award

10:20–10:40 a.m., Hoversten Chapel

Friday-Monday, March 26–28

WEC, MAE, MAN, MSW classes meet; WEC final exams

Sunday, March 28

Masterworks Chorale concert

7 p.m., Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Excelsior, MN

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, March 23—Jeanne Boeh, Economics

Wednesday, March 24—Vocatio Chapel with Kelly Woods '98, teacher and winner of a 2008 Milken Family Foundation Education Award

Wednesday evening, 9:09 p.m.—Songs and communion, with Pastor Dave Wold

Thursday, March 25—John MacCormick, senior speaker

Friday, March 26—Lee Clarke, Business Administration, Center for Teaching and Learning

Saturday, March 27—First Word Gathering, Barbara Farley, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the College, "The Parable of the Salt of the Earth"

Monday, March 29—Guillermo Cuellar, composer, Salvadoran Folk Mass

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

Have a great week!