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Good morning. As I mentioned last Monday, these final weeks of the spring semester are filled with activities that celebrate accomplishments, mark the completion of the academic year, and in the cases of our graduating seniors, mark the completion of their undergraduate educational journey at Augsburg.

The Notable Events calendar has been expanded to cover the next three weeks and highlight many of the activities taking place now through the May 1 Commencement. **If you are planning events, please remember to submit the information to the Inside Augsburg calendar**, which is our central calendar for both internal Augsburg activities and for public events. Once you log on Inside Augsburg, there is a left-side link to Submit Calendar Items. You'll also find a link there to submit news items for the daily A-Mail.

This week we celebrate several of our Augsburg traditions, beginning with the annual Sverdrup Visiting Scientist Lecture, this year bringing Mark Rea from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute to campus. He will talk about his research and work on light and its impact in society and the environment. Tonight he speaks at 7:30 p.m., and tomorrow morning at 11 a.m.

On Thursday and Friday, we celebrate student research and creative activity in our fifth annual Zyzzogeton: The Last Word festival, which includes poster sessions, student research presentations, juried art exhibits, student musician performances, and more. The schedule is posted at <http://augsborg.edu/urgo/zyzzogeton.html>.

On Friday afternoon we welcome parents and families of our graduates to join us at the Honors Convocation, as we bestow accolades on our students who have made significant achievements in scholarship and performance.

I am saddened to report the death of Augsburg first-year student Nathan Schott, who died on April 1. He enjoyed studying in the English Department and aspired to become a media writer. He has been recognized for his skills in adaptive floor hockey and was named 2009 Rookie of the Year for the Minnesota Power Wheelchair Floor Hockey League. Please keep the Schott family in your thoughts and prayers in this most difficult time.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Deadline for the Great Colleges survey—Friday

Less than a week remains to complete the survey for the Chronicle of Higher Education's Great Colleges to Work For program. **All full-time faculty and staff are invited to complete the online survey by Friday, April 16, about their experience working at Augsburg.** Colleges are recognized for their best practices and policies relating to work/life balance, compensation and benefits, tenure clarity, etc, and the survey results provide valuable information for us about our strengths and needed improvements. E-mails were sent out with instructions on how to log on to fill out the survey. Contact Dionne Doering in Human Resources with questions.

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Foodless Food Drive

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this year's Foodless Food Drive to fill the shelves of the Brian Coyle Community Center Food Shelf. **A total of \$1,167.75 was raised, and Thrivent will provide an additional match.**

Hearst Foundation supports Scholastic Connections

The Hearst Foundation has granted \$50,000 to Augsburg College to be used over five years to support the Scholastic Connections program. This means that Augsburg will be able to offer two additional Scholastic Connections scholarships.

KUDOS

Congratulations to **Bethany Hellerich**, who has received a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship for 2010-11 in Indonesia.

Kudos to the **newly-elected Day Student Government** for 2010-11:

President: **Juve Meza Rodriguez**

Vice President: **Lucky Dirie**

Senior Class President: **Nathan Barrett**

Senior Class Senators: **Abby Fink** and **Alison Witt**

Junior Class President: **Hayley Thomas**

Junior Class Senators: **Samantha Johns** and **Madeline VanHecke**

Sophomore Class President: **Alom Martinez Alemán**

Sophomore Class Senators: **Daniel Negron**, **Jennifer Ivers**, and **Meghan Novak**

Kudos to **Aeillyne Mae Yburan**, who has been welcomed by the Augsburg for Adults/Weekend College Student Senate as their new senator.

Kudos to the 2010-11 International Student Organization Executive Committee: president, **Gloria Xinico Morales** (Guatemala); vice-president, **Alom Martinez Alemán** (Honduras); treasurer, **Gottlieb Uahengo** (Namibia); communications officer, **Bao Bui** (Vietnam); secretary, **Zebo Tursunova** (Uzbekistan); and study abroad liaison, **Son Tran** (Vietnam).

Kudos to **Michael Grewe**, campus activities and orientation /LGBTQIA adviser, for organizing Augsburg's first LGBTQIA Community Engagement Fair on April 6.

Kudos to **Steve Peacock**, community relations, and **Sandy Tilton**, Strommen Career and Internship Center, for coordinating the Foodless Food Drive for the Brian Coyle Center food shelf.

Kudos to **Brianna Olson-Carr**, winner of the English Department's John R. Mitchell American Academy of Poets Prize for 2009-10, and to **Drew DeGennaro** and **Elise Estrada**, who received honorable mentions. The prize is given in honor of the late John Mitchell, longtime professor of English at Augsburg.

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Kudos to faculty for their recent publications, presentations, and performances:

- **Diane Pike**, Sociology, delivered her address, "The Tyranny of Dead Ideas," as president of the Midwest Sociological Society at their annual meeting.
- **Kathy Swanson**, English, presented a paper at the Popular Culture/American Culture national conference, "Beyond Lectures and Essays: The English Professor as Sleuth (or, My Students Made Me Do It!)." She also chaired a session, Crossing Boundaries.
- **Milo Schield**, Business Administration, authored a chapter, "Assessing Statistical Literacy: Take CARE" that was published in *Assessment Methods in Statistical Education: An International Perspective* (Wiley Publishers, Inc.). The chapter highlights assessment activities at Augsburg initiated under a grant from the W. M. Keck Foundation.
- **John Cerrito**, Business Administration, co-authored an article, "Developing Content—Valid Selection Procedures: What Every HPT and HRD Professional Should Know," which was published in *Performance Improvement Journal*.
- Kudos to social work professors **Barbara Lehmann** and **Nancy Rodenberg**, two of the four co-authors for a chapter, "Cambiamos Juntos (Changing Together): Student Voices on Transformation through a Social Work Semester in Mexico" that was recently published in *Educating for Social Justice: Transformative Experiential Learning* (Lyceum Books Inc.).

Kudos to Auggies who were recently in the media:

- **Jill Pohzilla**, Women's Athletics, who was featured in a *Star Tribune* article
- **Nancy Rodenberg**, Social Work, who was featured on *To Tell the Truth* on KFAI-FM radio, presenting "White Privilege: Just What Does It Mean to be White in Minnesota—and Everywhere Else?"

NOTABLE EVENTS through May 1—For a complete listing of Augsburg events, go to the Inside Augsburg Calendar at <http://inside.augsburg.edu>

Through Friday, April 16

All-Student Juried Art Show

Student Art Gallery, Christensen Center

Monday–Tuesday, April 12–13

2009–10 Convocation Series

Sverdrup Visiting Scientist Lecture, Mark Rea, Lighting Research Center, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Monday, April 12, 7:30 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

Tuesday, April 13, 11 a.m., Hoversten Chapel

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Monday, April 12

Student Leadership Recognition Banquet

Tuesday, April 13

Augsburg Percussion Ensemble performance

7:30 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

Thursday-Friday, April 15-16

2010 Zyzzogeton: The Last Word—student research and creative activity

For complete schedule, <http://www.augsburg.edu/urgo/zyzzogeton.html>

Thursday-Sunday, April 15-18

St. Joan of the Stockyards, by Bertolt Brecht, guest directed by Vladimir Rovinsky

April 15, 16, 17 at 7 p.m., Tjornhom-Nelson Theater

April 18 at 3 p.m., Tjornhom-Nelson Theater

Thursday, April 15

Class of 2010 Senior Reception

7-9 p.m., Student Art Gallery, Christensen Center

Friday-Sunday, April 16-18

WEC, MAE, MAN, and MSW classes meet

Friday, April 16

Honors Convocation

4:30 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

Saturday, April 17

Augsburg Symphony Orchestra concert

3 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

Saturday, April 17

ASAC spring music jam

6:15-10 p.m., Murphy Square

Sunday, April 18

Augsburg College Gospel Praise Jazz Ensemble Concert

7 p.m., Dakota Jazz Club & Restaurant

Monday, April 19

Third annual Auggie Awards for student-athletes

6 p.m., reception; 7:30 p.m., awards ceremony

Tuesday, April 20

McNair Scholars Dinner

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Wednesday, April 21

Vocatio Chapel, Vivian Jenkins-Nelsen, Inter-Race Institute

10:20 a.m., Hoversten Chapel

Wednesday, April 21

Chamber Music Recital and High Tea

4 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

Wednesday, April 21

Lavender Graduation

5–6:30 p.m., Oren Gateway Center 100

Thursday, April 22

Center for Leadership Studies workshop, featuring Bryan Barry

5:30 p.m., social time; 7 p.m., presentation, Oren Gateway Center 100

Thursday, April 22

Music Theater Performances

7 p.m., Sateren Auditorium

Friday, April 23

Last day of classes, spring semester

Friday, April 23

Agre Challenge 2010: Bridge Building

3 p.m., Murphy Square

Sunday, April 25

Scholarship Brunch

12:15 p.m., East Commons, Christensen Center

Monday–Thursday, April 26–29

Final exams, spring semester

Monday, April 26

Center for Leadership Studies presentation, Eric Dregni

5:30 p.m., social time; 7 p.m., presentation, Oren Gateway Center 100

RSVP to Patty Park, 612-330-1150 or parkp@augsborg.edu

Monday, April 26

Late Night Breakfast

10 p.m., East Commons, Christensen Center

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Tuesday, April 27

Community Time

3:45 p.m., East Commons, Christensen Center

Thursday, April 29

Faculty Recognition Luncheon

11:30 p.m., Faculty Scholarship Display Reception; 12:30 p.m., Luncheon

Thursday, April 29

Commencement Rehearsal

4:30 p.m., Melby Hall

Friday, April 30

Spring meeting, Augsburg College Board of Regents

9 a.m.–5:15 p.m.

Friday, April 30

Residence halls close

Noon

Friday, April 30

StepUP Graduation

1 p.m., Sateren Auditorium

Friday, April 30

Conversation with Fr. Fernando Cardenal, Nicaragua

2 p.m., Century Room, Christensen Center

Friday, April 30

Commencement Concert, the Augsburg Choir

8 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

Saturday, May 1

MSW classes meet

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Commencement, Day students and PA Program

9 a.m., Baccalaureate, Hoversten Chapel

11 a.m., Commencement Ceremony, Melby Hall

12:30 p.m., Department Receptions

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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, April 13—Sverdrup Visiting Scientist Lecture, Mark Rea, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, “Sunrise and Sunset: Why It Will be Hard to Colonize Other planets”

Wednesday, April 14—President Paul Pribbenow

Wednesday evening, 9:09 p.m.—Songs and communion

Thursday, April 15—Brent Haglund, senior speaker

Friday, April 16—Athletics Mini-Convo, with Paul Grauer

Saturday, April 17—First Word Gathering, Judy Johnson, Assistant Director of Admissions, “A Tree and Its Fruit”

Monday, April 19—Pastor Sonja Hagander

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

Have a great week!