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Good morning. On Friday, we complete spring semester classes for this academic year and move into final exams and Commencement activities. I'm excited that the day undergraduate class of 2010 began at Augsburg the same year I did – a milestone for all of us!

On Wednesday, the third annual **Lavender Graduation highlights the accomplishments and contributions of Augsburg's LGBTQIA and allied students.** It honors graduating students as well as the recipients of the Karen Neitge Scholarship and the LGBTQIA Leadership Award. The Neitge Scholarship is awarded to a student who has shown a commitment to issues of social justice, particularly in areas of gender expression, gender identity, and sexual orientation. The LGBTQIA Leadership Award goes to a student who has shown consistent leadership throughout the year around LGBTQIA activism, programming, scholarship, and service. The Lavender Graduation takes place at 5 p.m. in Oren Gateway Center.

On Friday, the Agre Challenge, at 3 p.m. in Murphy Square welcomes any and all spectators. Started by the Augsburg Chemistry Society (ACS) and honoring Auggie Nobel laureate Peter Agre, **the Agre Challenge seeks to involve science and other departments in some departmental rivalry, appreciation, and fun.** Students and faculty each year decide on a theme based in science but that could also include non-science students. This year, ACS and Engineers Without Borders (EWB) are co-sponsoring the challenge for teams to build the sturdiest bridge over a three-foot span using limited materials.

Next Sunday, **we welcome and honor our donors and scholarship recipients at the annual Scholarship Brunch.** In the past year, we've received 716 gifts to scholarships, totaling \$529,374, and have started eight new scholarships. Rev. Philip Formo will speak on behalf of donors, talking about the Jerome and Winifred Formo Music Scholarship, the Formos' new family scholarship honoring their parents. Peter Miller will speak on behalf of student scholarship recipients. This is a very popular and wonderful event, which gives our donors opportunities to meet many of the students who benefit from their generosity—so far, 260 people have responded to attend.

We begin the week tonight with the third annual Auggie Awards, celebrating the accomplishments of our student-athletes on and off the field. It's a formal awards gala, complete with a "maroon carpet."

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Dump 'n' Run items go to the Salvation Army

The Department of Residence Life and MPIRG are co-sponsoring the second annual Dump 'n' Run, from April 23 to May 4, collecting unwanted items from the residence halls. All items collected in the boxes provided in each building will be donated to the Salvation Army.

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KUDOS

Kudos to the students and groups who were honored at the Student Leadership Awards banquet last week:

- Student Leader Service Work Award—**Whitney Blount-Smith**
- Student Leader Social Justice Award—**Arianna Genis**
- Outstanding First-Years—**Angela Bonfiglio** and **Lucky Dirie**
- Outstanding Sophomores—**Tim Bemrich**, **Erika Coe** and **Gloria Xinico Morales**
- Outstanding Juniors—**Seth Lienard** and **Mai Yer Vang**
- Outstanding Seniors—**Lacey Hoover** and **Taylor Norman**
- Outstanding WEC—**Michelle Cerase**
- Student Leader of the Year—**Peter Miller**
- Linda Schrempp Alberg—**Michele Roulet**
- Student Group Service Work Award—**Bonner Leaders**
- Student Group Social Justice Award—**Muslim Student Association**
- Outstanding New Student Group of the Year—**Minnesota Students for Equal Rights**
- Outstanding Veteran Student Group of the Year—**Queer and Straight in Unity**
- Adviser of the Year—**Peggy Cerrito (KAUG)**
- Student Group of the Year—**AFA/WEC Student Body Senate**

Kudos to **Jenny Yang**, Enrollment Center, for her continuing work and leadership with the students in the Asian Women's Group, especially as they plan to travel to Australia in June for a study seminar. Jenny started the women's group when she was an intern on campus in 2007-08, and has since joined the staff as a financial aid counselor.

Kudos to **Ken Kaminsky**, Mathematics, for "Odd-Boiled Eggs," a paper he co-authored with Naomi Scheman, University of Minnesota, that appears in the May issue of the *MathAMATYC Educator*.

Kudos to Lindell librarians **Mike Bloomberg** and **Bill Wittenbreer**, along with contracted librarians **Meg Holle** and **Rebecca Ganzel Thompson**, who presented "Contracting for Creation of Research Guides Using LibGuides" at the Library Technology Conference in St. Paul in March.

Kudos to librarian **Bill Wittenbreer**, whose essay, "Looking Forward: Mid-19th-Century Predictions for Minnesota's Future," is included in a Minnesota Historical Society book, *The State We're In, Reflections on Minnesota History*.

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

Monday, April 19

Third annual Auggie Awards for student-athletes

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

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Tuesday, April 20
McNair Scholars Dinner

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 20—Ray Makeever, Campus Ministry Associate, Music and Worship

Wednesday, April 21—Vocatio Chapel, Vivian Jenkins Nelsen, Inter-Race Institute

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

Thursday, April 22—Pastor Dave Wold, Hootenanny Chapel

Friday, April 23—Last Day Extravaganza

Monday, April 26—Daily chapel services will resume in September

Tuesday, April 27, 9:09 p.m.—Songs and communion

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

Have a great week!