



# President's WEEKLY UPDATE

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**Good morning.** Final exams begin today for day students who are completing their spring semester. **On Saturday we celebrate the first of our two Commencements**, both highlighting this year's theme of community and civic engagement. For this Commencement, 388 day students and 28 physician assistant master's degree students are eligible to graduate, including students from eight countries. During this week there are a number of events that celebrate the achievements of our students; information about them is listed in the events calendar below.

The Commencement speaker on Saturday will be Governor Tim Pawlenty. In addition, an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree will be conferred upon Father Fernando Cardenal, a Jesuit priest from Nicaragua who has committed his life and work to improving the lives of the poor through education and basic rights. He will speak about his vocational journey on Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Century Room.

The Commencement on Sunday, June 27, will graduate students in Weekend College, Rochester, the partner hospitals programs, and the five master's programs of education, leadership, nursing, business administration, and social work. The scheduled speaker is Senator Amy Klobuchar; Peter Heegard will receive an honorary degree. He is a distinguished business and civic leader who founded and directs Urban Adventures, a community organization that educates young leaders in business about the issues and challenges of building healthy communities.

**Next Monday's Update will be the last weekly update for this academic year.**

Through spring trimester and our June Commencement, we'll issue Updates every two weeks—on May 3, May 17, June 1 (Tuesday), June 14, and June 28. Over the summer, Updates will come out in mid-July and in mid-August.

## CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

### Board of Regents meeting on Friday

Augsburg's Board of Regents holds its spring meeting on Friday. Their deliberations will include a review of proposed changes to the Faculty Handbook regarding promotion and tenure, approval of the proposed operating budget for 2010-11, a report on the work of the Commission on Strategic Alliances and Partnerships, and discussion and action on the proposed new college mission statement.

### American Indian Honoring Ceremony

American Indian Student Services invites everyone to attend the celebration of their 2009-10 graduates at the Honoring Ceremony on Friday afternoon, 4:30 p.m., in Sateren Auditorium. Dinner for invited guests will follow in Christensen Center, East Commons. For information, contact Jennifer Simon, [simonj@augsborg.edu](mailto:simonj@augsborg.edu) or 612-330-1144.

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## Dump 'n' Run collection continues

The Department of Residence Life and MPIRG are co-sponsoring the second annual Dump 'n' Run through 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.

## KUDOS

For Augsburg's fifth annual Zyzzogeton celebration of research and creative activity, many thanks to **Dixie Shafer**, Undergraduate Research and Graduate Opportunity (URGO), and **Caryn Quist**, also in URGO, who worked to organize the activities; and to **Tina Tavera**, McNair program, who co-sponsored the poster session. Kudos to **Josh Davis**, whose suit of armor created for his senior project was featured on WCCO-TV and in the *Star Tribune*.

Congratulations to **student-athletes who were winners at the Auggie Awards** celebration last week:

Male Senior Honor Athlete—**Alex Hildebrandt**, soccer

Female Senior Honor Athlete—**Whitney Holman**, soccer/track and field

Male Outstanding Athlete of the Year—**Jon Cassens**, basketball

Female Outstanding Athlete of the Year—**Shanna Reed**, volleyball

Male Rookie of the Year—**Josh Roberts**, wrestling

Female Rookie of the Year—**Shanek Telphia**, track and field

Male Outstanding Team of the Year—**Wrestling**

Female Outstanding Team of the Year—**Volleyball**

Male Most Improved Team of the Year—**Cross Country**

Female Most Improved Team of the Year—**Golf**

Academic Team of the Year—**Men's Hockey** (3.50 cumulative team GPA)

Female Student-Athlete with Highest GPA—**Caitlin Batzlaff**, volleyball, 4.0 GPA

Male Student-Athletes with Highest GPA—**Evan Decker**, football, 4.0 GPA; and

**Brandon Bukowski**, hockey, 4.0 GPA

Kudos to the chemistry **Team Ramrod**—**Andrew Nguyen** and **Adam Horkey**—who won the grand prize at the Agre Challenge. They built a bridge across a three-foot span that would hold a 135-lb. person without creaking! The creative prize was awarded to **Team Lemur** from Physics, comprised of **Kim Carlson**, **Dat Nguyen**, **Rimi Bhowmik**, and **Roque Lester**.

Kudos to **Patrice Salmeri**, StepUP program, who spoke on "Residential Collegiate Recovery Housing," at the Recovery and Relapse Prevention: Best Practices for Combating Addiction and Supporting Recovery on College Campuses Conference held at Texas Tech University on April 16.

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Kudos to **Carol Enke**, Health, Physical Education, and Health Fitness, and to the team of **121 Augsburg faculty and staff** whose exercise and fitness activities led them to victory over more than 100 faculty and staff at the University of St. Thomas. For eight weeks, team members tracked their activities—which varied widely, from walking, running, and skiing, to yoga. Points were accumulated by team and averaged to give each team a weekly score. Augsburg won five of the eight weeks and scored a cumulative average 10.07 over the Tommies' 9.61. Father Dease is expected to present a “trophy” to President Pribbenow.

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

**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

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**Monday, April 26**

**Late Night Breakfast**

10 p.m., East Commons, Christensen Center

**Tuesday, April 27**

**Community Time, presentation about the Sabo Center for Citizenship and Learning**

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.

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**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

**May 3–13**  
**Augsburg Choir tour to China**

## **DAILY CHAPEL SPEAKERS**

Daily chapel services Monday through Friday will resume in September; WEC First Word Community Gathering, Saturday morning when classes meet, 7:30–7:50 a.m.

**Tuesday evening, April 27, 9:09 p.m.**—Songs and Communion

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

Have a great week!