



# President's WEEKLY UPDATE

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**Good morning.** I'm traveling this week to Berea College, in Berea, Kentucky, for the **20th-anniversary celebration of the Bonner Leaders Program.** Berea was the first campus with a Bonner program, which has now grown to more than 50 across the country. We are in our third year with the Bonner Leaders program, which selects 15-18 students each year to receive work-study scholarships to develop ongoing service and leadership opportunities in the community.

Bonner Program director Kristin Farrell, Bonner students Lexie Stadstad and Tara Sampson, and Sabo professor Garry Hesser and I will be at the celebration, at which time Garry will be honored for his continuing support of the Bonner program and service-learning, as will organizational partners Campus Kitchen and Kaleidoscope Place at Lutheran Social Services.

We received word last week that Senator Amy Klobuchar would be unable to speak at our June 27 Commencement, but I was delighted to announce that **Congressman Keith Ellison accepted our invitation to join us and speak to our theme of civic engagement.** I'll have more about Commencement in the next Update on June 14, but also want to mention that a Rochester Baccalaureate service for students there will take place on Thursday, June 17, at Bethel Lutheran Church, 7 p.m.

This year **Staff Senate has expanded the Campus Beautification event to Community Service Days,** to allow more people to give service to organizations in the community. On June 14-16, Augsburg community members are signed up to work at Feed My Starving Children, the community gardens, Project Linus, and Books for Africa. The summer picnic will be on Wednesday, June 16, at noon in Murphy Square. The Augsburg community is welcome.

I am sad to report the death of Distinguished Alumna Ruth A. Schmidt '52, who died last Monday, May 24, in Atlanta, Ga. She spent her entire life in academia and for 12 years served as the first female president of Agnes Scott College. She was passionate about international education and development, women's rights and initiatives, and peace advocacy. In 2000, Ruth's generous gift named the Anne Pederson Women's Resource Center, in memory of her former teacher.

## CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

**Lori Peterson is new dean of graduate and professional studies**

I am pleased to announce that effective on June 1, Lori Peterson will become assistant vice president of academic affairs and dean of graduate and professional studies. She has served as director of Augsburg for Adults and as a faculty member in the Business Administration Department. In addition to her teaching and leadership at Augsburg, Lori brings significant expertise and professional experience in organizational development to this position.

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## **President's Holiday on Friday, July 2**

Just a reminder that Friday, July 2, will be a President's Holiday, allowing for a four-day weekend, with the official July 4 holiday falling on Monday, July 5.

## **Auggies compete in NCAA track and field national championships**

Congratulations to the men's and women's track and field athletes who competed at the Division III NCAA National Championships at Baldwin Wallace College last week. Sophomore Rick Wolke capped a tremendous year by qualifying in two events—the 200- and 400-meter races—but was not able to advance to the finals in either one.

The women's 4x100 relay team finished fourth in their heat at the national championships, but also failed to move on to the final. It was the first time Augsburg has ever sent a 4x100 women's relay team to the national championship.

## **Summer maintenance/repair projects**

The following projects will be carried out during the summer, coordinated with the normal flow of general facilities day-to-day maintenance operational issues.

- Roof on Foss Center
- Exterior work on Mortensen Hall
- Renovation of lower level restrooms in Christensen Center
- Campus carpeting
- Campus flat concrete work
- Melby Hall, north ceiling
- Demolition of house on west side of campus
- Campus painting
- Renovation of Ice Rink B

## **Summer events on campus**

Many meetings, workshops, camps, seminars, and other events will take place on campus during the next three months. A sampling of them includes:

- **Augsburg Advantage at St. Kate's Summer Transition program**—a five-week program for eight students who have been studying in a skills program at St. Kate's. They are taking a Summer Session I course on campus and will continue at Augsburg in the fall semester. June 1–June 30.
- **Youth Summer Theology Institute**—In its seventh year, the institute brings high school students to campus with the purpose of expanding their theological imagination and to teach the students how to infuse theology into everyday life. June 13–18.
- **Minnesota Private College Week**—prospective high school students and their parents visit Augsburg during the week for tours and information. June 21–25.

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- **Minnesota Debate and Advocacy Workshop**—Some of the best coaches and teachers in the state provide a camp experience in debate for youth, ages 13–18. June 27–July 13.
- **GEMS/GISE program** (Girls in Engineering, Mathematics, and Science and GISE Guys in Science and Engineering)—Middle- and high-school girls and boys from Minneapolis Public Schools are engaged in classes and activities on campus, with Augsburg student mentors working with them, July 6–29.
- **Visit of students from United International College in China**—Thirteen students and their group leader from UIC in Zhuhai, China—Augsburg's partner college—will be on campus during Summer Session II to take a course of their choice, plus a Minnesota Culture and History course. They will have a weekend home stay and travel to Duluth and the North Shore. July 9–Aug. 13.
- **Summer Film Camp** (ages 16–18)—Participants work with 16mm film as well as video and learn techniques for scripting, directing, and editing. July 11–17 and 18–24.
- **Summer Bridge**—a five-week residential program for admitted first-year Augsburg students who are TRiO/SSS eligible. Students take two courses, attend academic support seminars, workshops, and enjoy other social and cultural activities. July 12–Aug. 12.
- **SOAR I, II, and III**—First-year students and their parents spend two days on campus for orientation to the College and to campus life. July 23–24, 26–27, and 28–29.
- **The Vocation of the Lutheran College (ELCA)**—16th annual conference, "A Calling to Embrace the Neighbor: Lutheran Higher Education in the Midst of Religious Diversity," July 29–31.
- **Scrubs Camp**—A five-day experience on campus for students in grades 9–12 who are interested in exploring health careers. Presented by HealthForce Minnesota, Augsburg College, Cedar Riverside Partnership, Fairview Health Systems, and the University of Minnesota. August 1–5
- **Augsburg Wrestling Sports Camps**—
  - June 13–17, Technique Camp
  - June 18–20, Father-Son Camp
  - June 20–24, Team Camp
- **Athletics Fundraising Golf Tournaments**—for details and contacts for these tournaments, go to <http://athletics.augsburg.edu/news/2010/4/27/gen042710.aspx>
  - June 11, 13th Annual Ed Saugestad Men's Hockey Alumni Golf Tournament at Oak Glen Golf Course, Stillwater, Minn.

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- June 28, 47th Annual Clair Strommen A-Club Golf Tournament at Gopher Hills Golf Course, Cannon Falls, Minn.
  - July 9, 16th Annual Jeff Swenson and John Grygelko Wrestling Golf Classic at Gopher Hills Golf Course, Cannon Falls, Minn.
  - July 16, Edor Nelson Football Alumni Golf Classic at Manitou Ridge Golf Course, White Bear Lake, Minn.
  - August 2, Augsburg Men's Basketball Golf Outing at Gopher Hills Golf Course, Cannon Falls, Minn.
  - Sept. 12, Augsburg Baseball Golf Outing at Emerald Greens Golf Course in Hastings, Minn.
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- **Medieval Minnesota Summer Camp** (ages 14–17)—A unique summer learning experience that re-imagines life in the Middle Ages. Students learn medieval history, medieval character development, costume building, and performance techniques. July 18–31
  - **Advanced Placement Institutes**—Middle- and high-school teachers attend workshops to learn how to prepare students for AP courses or how to teach them. June 15–18, June 28–July 1.

## KUDOS

Kudos to **Bev Stratton** and **Lori Brandt Hale**, both in the Religion Dept., for their work in organizing the Diversity and Global Learning Workshop last week.

Congratulations to **Jesus Juarez-Reyes**, who has received a Phoebe Herman Scholarship for 2010-11 from the ELCA Office of Vocation and Education. These awards are given each year to support qualified, full-time students at ELCA colleges who are ineligible for regular financial aid and/or have difficulty financing their education.

Congratulations to **Amanda Erdman**, director of residence life, who was recently elected president-elect for the Minnesota College Personnel Association (MCPA) and will serve a three-year term as president-elect, president, and past president.

Kudos to **Sheila Fox Wassink**, CLASS, who is the president of MN-AHEAD (Minnesota Association on Higher Education and Disability) and helped organize and offer the May 21 workshop. Others on the committee included **Barbara Harvey** and **Anne Lynch**, both from the CLASS program.

Many thanks to those who served on this year's WEC Student Body Senate—**Michelle Cerame** as president; **Chris Buerman** as vice-president; **Jim Malzahn** as treasurer, and senators **Tom Gouras**, **Melissa Becker**, **Michele Roulet**, and **Aeillyne Ybura**.

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Congratulations to chemistry major **Randy Krug**, whose URGO summer research poster, "A Novel Method for Stimulating Growth in Algal Systems," won second place from around the nation at the Beta Beta Beta National Biological Honor Society national conference in Durango, Colo. He worked with Professor Arlin Gyberg in the Chemistry Department.

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

## **Wednesday, June 2**

### **First Wednesday Gathering**

11 a.m.–1 p.m., East Commons, Christensen Center

### **First Wednesday Supper**

8 p.m., Augsburg Room, Christensen Center

## **Friday–Sunday, June 4–6**

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

## **Monday–Wednesday, June 14–16**

**Community Service Days, sponsored by Staff Senate**

## **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.

**Saturday, June 5**—First Word Gathering, Tom Berkas, "The Lilies of the Field"

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

The next Update will come out on June 14. Have a great two weeks!