



President's WEEKLY UPDATE

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Good morning. On Friday, the Augsburg Corporation Governing Board met on campus for their annual meeting, bringing together representatives from Augsburg's four synods—Minneapolis, Saint Paul, Southeastern Minnesota, and the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin. These yearly gatherings of representatives from our sponsoring ELCA synods are great opportunities for us to talk together about how the vocation of Augsburg as a college of the church intersects with the needs and aspirations of our congregational partners. As always, it was a rich conversation and we are grateful for the abiding support of our ELCA colleagues.

The Governing Board elected two new members to the Augsburg Board of Regents for four-year terms:

- Ann B. Ashton-Piper, senior IT consultant, former manager for Plato Learning, and active community volunteer
- Lisa Novotny '80, vice president of human resources, General Mills

Elected to a second, six-year term was:

- Dan Anderson '65, chairman, Swenson Anderson Financial Group

Elected to second, four-year terms were:

- Norman Hagfors, founder and president (retired), Norsen, Inc.
- Jodi Harpstead, chief operating officer, Lutheran Social Services
- Dean Kennedy '75, president, TFI Securities
- Marie McNeff, academic dean (retired) and professor emerita of education, Augsburg College
- Paul Mueller '84, physician and chair of internal medicine, Mayo Clinic

Next week, Sept. 28–Oct. 4, is Homecoming Week, and the week's events include many opportunities for students, faculty and staff, and alumni to connect with each other as well as to catch up on many changes on campus and learn about important initiatives of the College.

Homecoming kicks off on Monday evening with a fireworks display at 8:15 p.m. in Murphy Square. In addition to activities during the week, I hope you'll participate in the full day of activities on Saturday, including the Picnic in the Park, football game against Hamline University, block party along 7th St., and an outdoor concert with music for everyone. For the complete list of events and schedule, go to <http://www.augsburg.edu/homecoming>.

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CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

2009 Christensen Symposium

The 2009–10 Convocation Series begins today with the Bernhard M. Christensen Symposium. David Tiede, Augsburg's Christensen Professor of Religion and Vocation, spoke in Chapel this morning, accompanied by special music and celebration of the Community Garden. During the day, as part of Sustainability Awareness Month, students organized a series of teach-in events around Augsburg's commitment to issues of sustainability.

Tonight's Christensen Symposium lecture, at 7:30 p.m. in Hoversten Chapel, presents environmentalist and author Bill McKibben, who will speak on "The Most Important Number on Earth: Climate Change and Moral Challenge."

Tomorrow the Christensen Symposium events conclude with a chapel talk by Mary Lowe, Religion Department, at 11:20 a.m.

Hispanic Heritage Month begins

During Hispanic Heritage Month, which began last Tuesday and continues through October 15, Augsburg's Hispanic/Latino Student Services program is celebrating its 15th anniversary. From 13 students originally, the program has grown to 127 students this fall, including day, weekend, and graduate students.

Tomorrow from noon to 1 p.m., Zorongo Flamenco will perform in Christensen Center Lobby. Watch for other events on campus during the month.

KUDOS

Congratulations to the **new Scholastic Connections scholars** in 2009-10 who were introduced at the gala and dinner on Friday evening:

- **Bryan Anderson** '11 (mentor, Don Flower '95)
- **Kovan Baldwin** '11 (mentor, Michael Morris '96)
- **Jessica Fajardo** '12 (mentor Juliana Martinez '02)
- **Hapistinna "Graci" Horne** '11 (mentor Beverly Bushyhead '98)
- **Ka Youa Vang** '12 (mentor, Maiying Thao '00)

Kudos to 2009 graduate **Kayla Skarbakka**, whose poem "Mary in Blue" was selected to appear as the September 8 poem of the week in the What Light series at MNartists.org, at <http://www.mnartists.org/article.do?rid=243202#>

Kudos also to alumna **Phebe Hanson** and English professor **Cary Waterman**, who are reading "Poetry about Iceland and Lake Superior" on October 24, 7–9 p.m., at the Bohlander Art Gallery in Minneapolis.

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

Monday, Sept. 21

Bernhard M. Christensen Symposium

“The Most Important Number on Earth: Climate Change and Moral Challenge,”

Bill McKibben, environmentalist and author

7:30 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

Tuesday, Sept. 22

Bernhard M. Christensen Symposium

Chapel talk, Mary Lowe, Religion Dept.

11:20–11:40 a.m., Hoversten Chapel

Wednesday, Sept. 23

Vocatio Chapel Series, presenting speakers from a variety of professions who share perspectives about vocation and their calling

Nancy Maeker, A Minnesota Without Poverty

10:20–10:40 a.m., Hoversten Chapel

Wednesday, Sept. 23

Community Partnership Fair

10 a.m.–1 p.m., Christensen Center

Wednesday, Sept. 23

Fall 2009 Student Involvement Fair

3–7:30 p.m., Christensen Center

Thursday, Sept. 24

Seminary and Divinity School Day

9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

Sept. 25–27

Weekend College, MAE, MAL, MAN, MSW classes meet

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Homecoming 2009

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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, Sept. 22—Christensen Symposium Chapel, Mary Lowe, Religion Dept.

Wednesday, Sept. 23—Vocatio Chapel, Nancy Maeker, A Minnesota Without Poverty

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

Thursday, Sept. 24—Seminary Day, David Tiede, Christensen Professor of Religion and Vocation

Friday, Sept. 25—Thelma Buckner and family, gospel music

Saturday, Sept. 26—First Word Gathering, “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted,” Lori Peterson, director, Augsburg for Adults

Monday, Sept. 28—Brad Holt, Religion Dept.

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

Just a reminder about Augsburg's planning for an H1N1 flu outbreak. For information follow the link on Inside Augsburg or go to <http://www.augsburg.edu/h1n1> for updates, monitoring, and communications during the flu season.

Have a great week!

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