



President's WEEKLY UPDATE

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Good morning. Following the festivities of Homecoming, Abigail and I have now made our way to another Augsburg, in Germany. We are in Augsburg this morning (October 5) for a visit with the mayor and the welcomed opportunity to discuss potential partnerships with our namesake city and birthplace of the Lutheran Church. Later this week, we will be in Leipzig, Germany, with a group of Minneapolis-based Lutheran leaders (including the heads of Fairview Hospital, Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota, and Ebenezer Homes, along with ELCA-Minneapolis Synod bishop Craig Johnson) to visit with leaders of our sister institutions in Leipzig and to help celebrate the 20th anniversary of the “Peaceful Revolution” that reunited Germany. It is a great privilege to be a part of this delegation and I look forward to reporting on our visit when I return next week.

On Friday, the second lecture in our 2009-10 Convocation Series takes place as part of the 2009 Dietrich Bonhoeffer Lectures in Public Ethics. The annual Bonhoeffer Lectures are sponsored by the International Bonhoeffer Society, and this is the first time they’ll take place in the Twin Cities, primarily hosted by Augsburg. This year’s topic is “Genocide: Past and Present.” Professor Lori Brandt Hale, Religion Department, is active in the International Bonhoeffer Society–English Language Section and has worked with the planning committee to bring this important event to Augsburg.

At Friday’s lecture, we will hear from Mark Hanis, the founder and executive director of the Genocide Intervention Network, who will present “Truth-telling and Advocacy Regarding Genocide (Darfur)” at 10 a.m. in Hoversten Chapel. I hope you are able to attend. For information on the Bonhoeffer Lecture Series, go to www.genocidelectures.org.

Also on Friday, in Christensen Center, Augsburg will host Camp Darfur, an interactive education event that raises awareness and teaches about the ongoing genocide in Darfur, Sudan. For information, go to www.stopgenocidenow.org/campdarfur.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Music therapy celebrates 35 years

Families and friends are invited to celebrate the 35th anniversary of Augsburg’s Music Therapy program at a luncheon and presentation on Sunday, from noon to 3 p.m., in the East Commons. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Timothy Culbert, medical director, Children’s Hospitals and Clinics, who will discuss “Exploration of Integrative Health Care Using Music.” The honorary guest will be Dr. Clive Robbins, the father of music therapy. The program will include activities for children to explore musical instruments. The cost is \$10–20; RSVP at www.augsburg.edu/mt.

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Crop Hunger Walk again at Augsburg

The annual Crop Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday beginning at 1:30 p.m. at Oren Gateway Center. Of the money raised, 25% will go to the Brian Coyle Community Center; Youth Farm and Market Project; Minnesota Council of Churches, Refugee Services; and the Groveland Food Shelf. The Crop Walk is a project of Church World Service, which helps to provide food for children and families worldwide. To sign up, go to www.cropwalkonline.org.

Seasonal flu shots

As you are well aware, there is a heightened sense of urgency with the H1N1 flu outbreaks, and everyone in the campus community is strongly encouraged to get the seasonal flu vaccine. Augsburg College is providing clinics for all faculty, staff, and students to receive the flu shots:

Seasonal flu shots for students:

Wednesday, Oct. 7 11 a.m.–4 p.m., Riverside Room, Christensen Center

Sponsored by the Center for Counseling and Health Promotion, through the Minnesota Visiting Nurses Association, the clinic will take place during the annual health fair for students. The cost is \$24.99, which may be submitted through insurance.

Seasonal flu shots for faculty and staff:

Tuesday, Oct. 13 8 a.m.–noon, Century Room, Christensen Center

Friday, Oct. 23 12:30–4 p.m., Minneapolis Room, Christensen Center

Thursday, Oct. 29 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m., Minneapolis Room, Christensen Center

Wednesday, Nov. 4 8 a.m.–noon, Minneapolis Room, Christensen Center

These clinics are sponsored by Human Resources and Homeland Health Specialists. Call Human Resources at x1058 to make an appointment. Bring your health insurance card for payment coverage; if you do not have health insurance, the cost will be covered by Augsburg College. NOTE: If you cannot attend at these times, you may attend the October 7 clinic for students; in that case, contact the Center for Counseling and Health Promotion at x1707 for an appointment.

Disability Employment Awareness Month

October is designated by Congress as National Disability Employment Awareness Month aimed at educating the American public about issues related to disability and employment. As you know, Augsburg has long been a leader and deeply committed to providing access and support to persons with disabilities. Watch A-mail this month for notes from CLASS (Center for Learning and Adaptive Student Services) about how we as a community can learn about and be supportive to our students and others with disabilities.

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Congratulations, senators!

Congratulations to the newly-elected members of Weekend College Student Senate:

Senator: Jennifer Wolfe

Senator-at-large: Michele Roulet

Congratulations to the newly-elected members of Day Student Senate:

First-year senators: Elan Dillner, Arrienne Genis, Alom Martinez Aleman, Ivory Phung

Senior senators: Ryan Gilmartin, Jonathan Chrastek

National College Fair

On Wednesday and Thursday our admissions staff was busy at the Minnesota National College Fair at the Convention Center. This is one of the largest college fairs and annually attracts representatives from over 350 colleges and universities and more than 25,000 students and parents. Ten people from Augsburg—including Julie Edstrom and admissions staff; Bob Stacke, Music Department; Eric Addington, Financial Aid; and Rebecca Lund, CLASS—collected nearly 600 names and addresses of future Auggies and talked with hundreds more.

KUDOS

Many congratulations and thanks **to everyone who helped make our 2009 Homecoming—Auggie Adventure** so successful, especially the **Alumni and Constituent Relations staff; Event and Conference Planning; A'viands; Marketing and Communication; the Copy Center, Public Safety, the Grounds Crew, student organizations, and the many volunteers who helped throughout.** Thanks also to **the musicians** whose performances enriched the events all week. About 600 alumni from seven decades, along with friends of the College and parents of current students, were on campus during the weekend.

Thanks to **Congressman Martin Sabo '59** and **Garry Hesser**, Sabo Center for Citizenship and Learning, for planning and hosting Friday's panel discussion on education.

Congratulations to Homecoming 2009 King **Kevin Khottavongsa** and Queen **Jamie Krumenauer**.

Congratulations also to the 2009 Talent Show winners:

Avery Winters, first place

Becky Shaheen, second place

Jon Peterson, third place

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Kudos to the four Orientation Leaders who planned and hosted the 2009 OL SOARing Nightlife event on September 25: **Becky Reimann, Amanda Schwartz, Amelia Rethwisch, and Alex Reyes Hernandez.** Especially successful were the Auggie Pool Tournament and Auggie Table Tennis Tournament, with 35-40 participants and fans filling the Student Lounge.

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

October 6–8

National Coming Out Week

Tuesday, Oct. 6

- Noon, Century Room—Soup, Gender, and Sexuality: Queerness and Spirituality
- 7 p.m., Minneapolis Room—Being an LGBTQIA Ally

Wednesday, Oct. 7

- 10 a.m., Quad (CC)—Coming Out Door
- 8 p.m., Sateren Auditorium—Performance by D'Lo, political theatre artist/writer

Thursday, Oct. 8

- 7 p.m., Minneapolis Room—Coming Out: A Panel of Student Stories

Wednesday, Oct. 7

First Wednesday Gathering—building community, practicing common work

11 a.m.–1:30 p.m.—Lunch for faculty and staff, East Commons

8 p.m.—Evening meal for security and custodial night shift staff, Minneapolis Room

Wednesday, Oct. 7

Seasonal flu shot clinic for students

11 a.m.–4 p.m., Riverside Room, Christensen Center

October 9–11

WEC, MAE, MAL, MAN, and MSW classes meet

October 9–11

Ethnic/international student leadership retreat

Wilder Forest, St. Croix, Minn.

Friday, Oct. 9

2009-10 Convocation Series

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10 a.m., Hoversten Chapel

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Sunday, Oct. 11

Music Therapy 35th-Anniversary Celebration, with speaker Dr. Timothy Culbert, "Exploration of Integrative Health Care Using Music"

Noon, East Commons, Christensen Center

\$10–20; RSVP at www.augsburg.edu/mt

Sunday, Oct. 11

Crop Walk—sign up at www.cropwalkonline.org

1:30 p.m., Oren Gateway Center

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, Oct. 6—Leadership team

Wednesday, Oct. 7—Pastor Sonja Hagander

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

Thursday, Oct. 8—Mini-convo with Steve Thompson

Friday, Oct. 9—10 a.m., Bonhoeffer Lecture, Mark Hanis, "Truth-telling and Advocacy Regarding Genocide"

Saturday, Oct. 10, First Word Community Gathering, Michele Roulet, Campus Ministry Associate, "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth"

Monday, Oct. 12—Matt Maruggi, Religion Dept.

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

Just a reminder about Augsburg's planning for an H1N1 flu outbreak ... go to www.augsburg.edu/h1n1 for information, updates, monitoring, and communications during the flu season.

Have a great week!