



President's WEEKLY UPDATE

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Good morning. Already we move into the second half of fall semester, as we return from the short mid-term break in the day program.

Tomorrow I host our fall All-Hands Meeting, 11:15–11:45 a.m., in Hoversten Chapel. I want to share with you an overview on key strategic issues for the College—including financial planning and the fundraising campaign. We will begin promptly at 11:15 a.m. and meet during the normal chapel time. There will be time for questions and comments as well. Please join us for this important community gathering.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Voting on Tuesday

Students and staff who live on campus may vote in local Minneapolis elections at the precinct for Augsburg in the Seward Square Apartments, 2121 9th Street South. Residence hall lists were provided to the Office of Elections and Voter Registration; you will need your Augsburg photo ID to vote. You can register to vote and vote on the same day. For more information, go to the Minnesota Secretary of State web page, www.sos.state.mn.us.

Visiting writer-in-residence

The 2009 ACTC writer-in-residence is poet Heid E. Erdrich, winner of the 2009 Minnesota Book Award in poetry, who will read from her books on Thursday, Nov. 5, at 7:30 p.m., in Augsburg's Barnes & Noble Bookstore. In addition to her reading and craft talk, she will visit literature and writing classes and meet individually with creative writing students to review their work. The ACTC visiting writer program is more than 20 years old and provides a great opportunity for students.

Non-Traditional Student Week

Augsburg joins other schools around the country this week in celebrating Non-Traditional Student Week, Nov. 2 to 8. Augsburg was recently recognized by the Association of Non-Traditional Students in Higher Education for its superior dedicated service and support of non-traditional students. Augsburg is one of the few schools that has a student government for its non-traditional students as well as a first-year program to help remove barriers to success.

Each day this week programs scheduled for faculty, staff, and students address needs and issues or provide information concerning Weekend College and graduate students.

Highlights of Non-traditional Student Week are:

- Tuesday, Nov. 3—staff presentation sharing experiences from an adult student recruitment and retention conference. Noon in the Augsburg Room.
- Thursday, Nov. 5—discussion with several non-traditional students about balancing multiple roles and priorities in their lives, on the “Student and...” panel. 5:30–7 p.m., in the Riverside Room.

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- Friday, Nov. 6 and Saturday, Nov. 7—Receptions for undergrad and graduate students. Fri., 5–6 p.m. and Sat., 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., both in the Minneapolis Room, Christensen Center.

KUDOS

Kudos to **Mike Grewe**, assistant director of campus activities and orientation, and the LGBTQIA coordinator, who has been asked to serve on the planning board for next year's Creating Change Conference.

Kudos to **Joanne Reeck**, director of campus activities and orientation, who will co-facilitate a discussion, "Body Image and Its Cultural Intersection," at North Hennepin Community College.

Kudos to **Lynne Lorenzen**, Religion Dept., and **Nate Hallanger**, special assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, for their presentations at the recent conference, "God Working through Evolution: 150 Years after Darwin's Origin." The conference was sponsored by the ELCA Alliance for Faith, Science, and Technology.

Kudos to the **men's cross country team**, which posted a fourth-place finish at the MIAC Championships on Saturday at the Como Park Golf Course—its highest-ever team finish. All-conference honors were earned by **Brent Haglund**, 9th-place finish; **Ben Rodriguez**, 11th-place finish; and **Shane Wyborny**, 17th-place finish.

Kudos to **Nancy Steblay**, Psychology Dept., who spoke at a conference for Ramsey County law officials that focused on adoption of blind sequential lineup procedures, which reduce the incidence of false eyewitness identification.

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

Tuesday, Nov. 3

All-Hands Meeting for the Augsburg community

11:15–11:45 a.m., Hoversten Chapel

Wednesday, Nov. 4

First Wednesday Gathering Lunch and Supper

11 a.m.–1:30 p.m., lunch for staff and faculty, East Commons, Christensen Center

8 p.m., supper for evening custodial crew, East Commons

Nov. 6–8

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

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Nov. 6, 7, 8 and 12, 13, 14, 15

Fall theatre production, *The Three Sisters*, by Anton Chekov; directed by Martha Johnson,

Nov. 6-7 at 7 p.m.; Nov. 8 at 3 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 7

First Year @Augsburg—Discovering your path: Vocation and your education workshop for WEC students

Noon–1 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, Nov. 3—11:15 a.m., All-Hands Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 4—Pastor Kelly Chatman, Redeemer Center for Life/Augsburg College

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

Thursday, Nov. 5—Alissa Nollan, senior speaker

Friday, Nov. 6—Lloyd Garrelts (to be confirmed)

Saturday, Nov. 7—First Word Gathering, President Paul Pribbenow, “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy”

Monday, Nov. 9—Deb Hutterer, Faith in the City

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

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

Have a great week!