



President's WEEKLY UPDATE

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Good morning. As you read this, I am in Moscow, where Professor Magda Paleczny-Zapp and I begin meetings to plan for our new graduate certificate program and opportunities for our MBA program.

About the same time I left campus, **a group of alumni and staff returned from two weeks in Italy**, where they traveled with art professor Kristin Anderson studying the history, culture, and art of that region. This is one example of the wonderful alumni travel opportunities for continued learning with our faculty, who enjoy sharing their expertise and passions. I look forward to hearing about the Italy trip.

I am very pleased to announce that **The Higher Learning Commission has approved Augsburg College to offer its first doctoral degree, Doctor of Nursing Practice**, which was approved by our Board of Regents last January. This approval culminates a great deal of work by the Department of Nursing over the past two years. Congratulations to all involved.

This professional practice doctorate will build on the strengths of our Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and the Master of Arts in Nursing (MAN) programs. It provides a venue for the development of nursing students prepared to enter generalist and advanced transcultural nursing practice in the 21st century.

Wednesday evening is the first of this year's screenings of films in the Native American Film Series. The film, *Mato Paha: Rally to Protect Bear Butte*, documents the clashes between cultures over the use of land held sacred by Native peoples. The screening is at 7 p.m., in Sateren Auditorium, followed by questions and discussion. Our film series, now in its sixth year, has provided venues and opportunities for Native filmmakers to present their work and open discussion of Native cultural values and contemporary issues of social justice.

I'd like to remind you that **this is the last week to make contributions to the 2009 fall giving campaigns for United Way and Community Shares.** This is another example of how Augsburg gives back to the community, supporting organizations that provide critical assistance to those most vulnerable and in need. I urge faculty and staff who are able to make contributions to join me in supporting these community efforts. For giving forms or to ask questions, contact Sally Daniels at daniels@augsborg.edu. The deadline to return the forms to Sally at CB 142 is this Friday, Nov. 20.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

International Education Week

This week, November 16-20, marks International Education Week, celebrating international exchange, including both the opportunities for Americans to study abroad as well as for international students to study in the U.S.

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The following activities are scheduled:

Monday–Thursday in Christensen Center

- Study abroad information
- “The Environmental Art of Anne Giangiulio,” mini-exhibit and posters

Tuesday, Nov. 17

International Programs Photo Contest Reception, 4–5:30 p.m., Old Main, Second Floor

- Winners announced at 4:30 p.m.
- Vote for the People’s Choice Award—today is the last day—go to www.augsburg.edu/augsburgabroad

Thursday, Nov. 19

Variety show, sharing culture through music and dance—7 p.m., Student Lounge, Christensen Center

The dome is back

You’ve probably noticed that the air structure is up again over the Edor Nelson Field, but you may not realize how busy the field is from November until spring. It’s used every day of the week, from morning to evening, both by Augsburg groups and sports teams, as well as many neighborhood and school groups.

During daytime hours, classes meet and athletic teams practice in the dome. After 7 p.m., it’s filled with community sports leagues, sports camps, events, and rentals that bring the community to campus. This provides an important revenue stream for the College as well as visibility in the community. The dome is also available to the entire campus community during specified hours for exercise and intramural sports.

It’s Turkeypalooza time again

Once again, Augsburg’s Campus Kitchen has collected food donations to make special Thanksgiving meals. This week, on Thursday, the Augsburg community is invited to the Brian Coyle Center for a multicultural dinner from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

In addition, Campus Kitchen will provide special Thanksgiving meals next week for their regular meal sites. If you are interested in attending or assisting with the multicultural dinner or preparing meals for next week, contact Brian Noy at noy@augsborg.edu.

Sports Extravaganza is back

On Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Health, Physical Education, and Health Fitness Department hosts the Sports Extravaganza, which brings 200 school kids with disabilities in grades 3–6 to campus. Augsburg physical education and health fitness majors, plus students from North Hennepin Community College, work with the kids as they rotate among nine different sports activities.

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Celebrating Ed Saugestad

Augsburg will honor former coach and instructor Ed Saugestad '59 on Saturday with a special celebration at Jeroy Carlson A-Club Suite in Kennedy Center at 6 p.m. This will follow the men's hockey game against Concordia-Wisconsin at 2 p.m. and the men's hockey alumni celebration at 4:30 p.m.

Ed coached the Augsburg men's hockey team from 1958 to 1996, winning six straight MIAC titles and three NAIA national championships. In addition, he served on the Augsburg football coaching staff, including two years (1970-71) as head coach. He taught in the Health and Physical Education Department throughout his career, and served as Augsburg's men's athletic director from 1981-87. For more information, contact the Athletic Department at 612-330-1249.

WCCO Radio series includes StepUP students

Beginning today, three StepUP students are part of a five-part series on WCCO Radio, "Prescription for Addiction," which is broadcast at 7:35 a.m., noon, and 6:30 p.m. this week. The students are featured in the first three segments, and StepUP is mentioned in today's segment. Go to <http://www.830wcco.com/2009/11/16/TopNews/The-New-Drug-of-Choice--Prescription-Medicine/5685137> to learn more and to listen.

KUDOS

Kudos and congratulations to **Cheryl Leuning** and the **faculty and staff of the Department of Nursing** for their diligent work on the proposal that led to the approval of the Doctorate of Nursing Practice program. Many thanks for their dedication to the practice of nursing as Augsburg prepares the next generation of leaders in the nursing profession.

Kudos to **Jeanine Gregoire** and the **Convocation Series planning committee**, and to **Jessica Nathanson** and the **Women's Resource Center** for arranging and organizing the visit of Alicia Cabezudo last week for the 2009 Anne Pederson Women's Resource Center's Koryne Horbal Lecture. Also, kudos to **Elizabeth Hanson** and **Arianna Genis** for their introductions to the lecture.

Kudos to **Greg Holker, the coaches, and everyone who helped put up the air structure** last weekend—a record 3 hours and 40 minutes earlier than last year. Special thanks to the following students for their leadership: **Alex Glasenapp** (baseball and football), **Lexi Thompson** (women's basketball), **Josh Corrigan** (football), **Andy Witzel** (football and wrestling), **Andrew Bergeson** (football), and **Forrest Loyd** (football).

Kudos to **Carrie Carroll**, assistant vice president for admissions, who facilitated a workshop, "Intercultural Development Inventory," for the ELCA Student Affairs Officers' Conference last week in Chicago.

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Kudos to the **AASA officers** who attended the Midwest Asian American Student Union (MAASU) fall leadership retreat in White Water, Wis., last weekend, which hosts student leaders from 22 Midwest colleges and universities. Augsburg students who attended were **Mai Yer Vang** (president), **MaiChoua Thao** (vice president), **Dani Tanaka** (treasurer), **Nou Yang** (secretary), **Ka Vang** (Twin Cities Asian Student Association representative and MAASU representative), **Chue Lee** (historian), and **Chee Yang** (public relations).

Kudos to **Amanda Erdman**, Residence Life director, who coordinated the host site responsibilities for the Minnesota College Personnel Association (MCPA) "Careers in Student Affairs" conference held at Augsburg last Saturday. The event was designed for undergraduate students who are considering the student affairs profession and want to learn about various career and graduate school options.

Congratulations to MSW student **Hector Matascastillo**, who was named one of "25 on the Rise," by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to Latina/o leaders under 40 years of age in Minnesota. He was nominated for this award by Juve Meza Rodriguez.

Kudos to the **students who designed and planned the mural** that has been approved by the Department of Residence Life and will beautify the red lobby wall in Mortensen Hall.

Kudos to Auggies who were in the media last week:

- Soccer team members **Whitney Holman**, **Kristi Castelic**, and **Becky Solheim**, and psychology professor **Lisa Jack**, who responded to the Good Question on WCCO-TV concerning rough play in women's sports.

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

Wednesday, Nov. 18

Sports Extravaganza, sponsored by the Health, Physical Education, and Health Fitness Department for children with disabilities
10 a.m.–1 p.m., Air Structure

Wednesday, Nov. 18

Vocatio Chapel, Rev. Jenny Mason, Plymouth Church Neighborhood Foundation
10:20 a.m., Hoversten Chapel

Wednesday, Nov. 18

Native American Film Series, *Mato Paha: Rally to Protect Bear Butte*, hosted by Mitchell Zephier Sr., Mark St. Pierre, and Tilda Long Soldier
7 p.m., Sateren Auditorium

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Saturday, Nov. 21

Augsburg Concert Band concert

4 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

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Celebration honoring Ed Saugestad '59

6 p.m., Kennedy Center, Third floor

Sunday, Nov. 22

Augsburg Jazz Band concert

7 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

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. 17—Joe Lindell, Development Office

Wednesday, Nov. 18—Vocatio Chapel, Rev. Jenny Mason, Plymouth Church Neighborhood Foundation, speaking on her call to work toward overcoming disparities related to housing

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

Thursday, Nov. 19—Richmond Appleton, senior speaker

Friday, Nov. 20—Frankie Shackelford, Languages and Cross-Cultural Studies Dept.

Saturday, Nov. 21—First Word Community Gathering, Carol Seilhymer, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God"

Monday, Nov. 23—Larry Crockett, Computer Science Dept.

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!