



# President's WEEKLY UPDATE

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**Good morning.** I'm just back from Moscow, where Professor Magda Paleczny-Zapp, head of our business administration program, and I spent the last week strengthening our relationship with the Sinerghia Institute for Finance, our partner in offering the Augsburg MBA in Moscow. In addition to our meetings at Sinerghia, we also met with representatives of Russian companies, soliciting their assistance, both in recruiting students and in ensuring that our proposed program meets the needs for Russian business leaders. We likely will enroll a group of Russian students in a pilot MBA certificate program sometime next spring. Our trip reminds me of how relevant Augsburg's commitments to academic rigor, experiential education, and global citizenship are for responding to the needs for education around the world.

My congratulations to Augsburg's **Campus Kitchen program, which received the 2009 Outstanding Youth Award** from the Minnesota Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, presented Friday at Philanthropy Day.

Campus Kitchen is a highly successful program at Augsburg that embodies the College's vocational call to serve our neighbor and is now part of our Sabo Center for Citizenship and Learning. I also want to thank Augsburg alumna Beth Florence, who spoke on behalf of Campus Kitchen at the Philanthropy Day award presentation.

## **CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES**

### **A Turkeypalooza bonanza**

Many thanks to everyone who donated to this year's Turkeypalooza, providing all the food for a full Thanksgiving meal—turkey, stuffing, green bean casserole, potatoes and gravy, and pumpkin pie—for everyone in Campus Kitchen's regular meal program. Here is what was gathered as of Friday: 278 cans of green beans, 14 cans of cream of mushroom soup, 2 cans of French onions, 2 cans of gravy, 752 servings of stuffing, 767 servings of potatoes plus 100 lb. of raw potatoes, 6 cans of pumpkin filling, and 24 turkeys.

Last Thursday, Campus Kitchen also prepared, served, and enjoyed a multicultural dinner at the Brian Coyle Community Center.

### **Fall sports wrap up/winter sports begin**

Fall sports finished up their schedules this weekend. Congratulations to senior Brent Haglund, who competed for the second time in the NCAA Division III cross-country national championship and finished in 68th place this year. Earlier, the cross-country team finished in seventh place at the NCAA Regional at Grinnell College, a best-ever finish at that competition.

For the second straight season, men's soccer defender Alex Hildebrandt was named to the *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America team in men's soccer, this year as a second-team selection.

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In volleyball, for the first time since 1991 when the MIAC established the current conference format, the team advanced to the postseason playoffs and finished one of its most successful seasons, ending at 17-14.

The winter sports teams—men's and women's hockey, men's and women's basketball, wrestling, and swimming and diving—are already underway. I hope to see you at some of the games and matches as we cheer on our student-athletes. For complete information and schedules, including information about live video and live audio broadcasts, go to <http://athletics.augsburg.edu>.

## KUDOS

Congratulations to Campus Kitchen coordinator **Brian Noy**; Bonner student interns **Erika Coe**, **Filsan Hirsi**, and **Jackie Turi**; and the **student leadership team** for their work and leadership in Augsburg's Campus Kitchen, which was honored at Philanthropy Day.

Kudos to **Garry Hesser**, Sabo Professor of Citizenship and Learning, who conducted a workshop, "Community-Based Research: Civic Engagement Writ Large," and two NSEE sessions, "Ask the Expert Resource Corner," at the annual conference of the National Society for Experiential Education [NSEE] in Dallas last month.

Kudos to **Tamo Radouani**, who was a finalist in persuasive speaking at the Twin Cities Forensic League speech tournament held last week at Normandale Community College. Overall she placed second of 16 speakers in the preliminary competition.

Kudos to **David Murr**, Physics Department, who spoke on Minnesota Public Radio Friday morning about an NSF grant Augsburg received with federal stimulus funds to study electrical currents in the upper atmosphere.

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

### Tuesday, Nov. 24

**Community Time**, faculty, staff, and students gather in conversation around common work

3:45 p.m., East Commons

### Nov. 26–27

**The College is closed.** Happy Thanksgiving!

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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, Nov. 24**—Barb Gaiser, President's Office

**Wednesday, Nov. 25**—Thanksgiving Day communion

**Wednesday eve., 9:09 p.m.**—No evening communion; Thanksgiving break

**Thursday, Nov. 26**—No chapel; Thanksgiving break

**Friday, Nov. 27**—No chapel; Thanksgiving break

**Monday, Nov. 30**—President Paul Pribbenow

**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!