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PRESIDENT'S VIEW

Happy New Year and welcome to this new version of the Weekly Update! Welcome back to all members of the Augsburg community.

I am pleased that we are commencing this new version of the Weekly Update in the new year and look forward to even more timely communications with all of you who read this overview of the many great things happening at Augsburg. Personally it has been a privilege to share my perspectives with you during the past four+ years and I hope you all know that this new version of the Update in no way diminishes my deep interest and pride in all the good that characterizes the Augsburg community. I look forward to continuing to share with all of you my enthusiasm for our work together. Please follow me @paulpribbenow on Twitter and see my blog posts at www.augsburg.edu/president.

This is a busy month. I will travel this week to the NCAA convention in San Antonio for important conversations and planning related to our intercollegiate athletic programs. Next weekend, I will travel with a group of regents and staff to Managua, Nicaragua, to visit our Center for Global Education staff and learn more about their important work in Managua and throughout Central America. At the end of the month, we will host our winter Board of Regents meetings, at which we will celebrate tenure and promotions for our talented faculty, review budget plans for 2011–12, and receive updates on the work of this year's three planning commissions: Commission Augsburg, our strategic planning conversations; the Commission on Campus Space and Master Planning; and the Commission on Aligning Enrollment Strategy and Organizational Culture.

I am very excited to announce that **Augsburg has recently been selected as one of the Kemper Foundation's Scholar Institutions!** Being part of this unique scholarship program will provide outstanding support and experiences for Augsburg students and positions Augsburg among a select group of institutions that best prepare students for organizational leadership. As insurance executive James Scott Kemper remarked when establishing the program, ***"Education is a kind of insurance. It enables the individual to draw on the experiences of the many to live with integrity, dignity, and usefulness."***

Each year, a first-year student will be selected for **this three-year scholarship and paid summer internship program** funded by the Kemper Foundation in Chicago.

A few facts about this prestigious program: it awards a significant scholarship for three years; in addition, Kemper Scholars receive summer internship stipends for two years, including a nonprofit internship in Chicago after the sophomore year and a for-profit internship after junior year, and the opportunity to attend the Kemper Scholars Conference for three years.

The Kemper Foundation chooses unusually mature and open students with broad interests and a record of academic achievement, extracurricular activity, community service, and demonstrated leadership ability. Students must have an interest in exploring careers in organizational leadership and management in business or the nonprofit sector. The foundation believes that undergraduate study of the liberal arts offers the best preparation for life and career; thus the program aims to promote education in the liberal arts while providing opportunities for career exploration, practical experience, and professional growth.

We are extremely grateful for the opportunity to be part of the Kemper Scholars program and we look forward to the way in which the program will have a significant impact on the vocations of Augsburg students. For more information about the program or about the process for applying, contact Lois Olson, executive director of the Strommen Center for Meaningful Work, at olson3@augsborg.edu. I am grateful to Lois and Tom Morgan, executive director of the Center for Faith and Learning, for their fine work in securing Augsburg's participation in the Kemper Scholars program.

Have a great beginning to the new year and academic term. Keep warm and we'll see you on campus.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

MLK Convo celebrates the life of Fannie Lou Hamer

The 23rd annual Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation will feature an original play by theatre professor Sarah Myers. "Five Feet Four Inches Forward" celebrates the life of Fannie Lou Hamer, Mississippi voting rights activist and civil rights leader, and will be presented by the Freedom Fellows of the Sunflower County Freedom Project. At the convocation, the 2011 Spirit of MLK Awards will be presented.

Changes to the President's Weekly Update

Today marks the first issue of the revised Augsburg Weekly Update. This change is timely, as we are increasingly making use of social media—blog postings and Twitter—to provide regular and real-time updates from the President's Office. As he does in this issue, President Pribbenow will continue to write occasionally in the Update.

The Weekly Update continues to be published on Mondays and distributed via e-mail with a link to the online posting. The sections it includes are:

- (Occasionally) PRESIDENT'S VIEW— President Pribbenow's thoughts and perspectives
- CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES—similar to current section
- MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS—celebrating the events, accomplishments, and honors of the College

- **EVENTS OF NOTE REMINDERS**—overview of campuswide events listed for the week on the Inside Augsburg web calendar
- **CHAPEL SCHEDULE AND SPEAKERS**

If you have information for inclusion or questions about the Update, contact Betsey Norgard at norgard@augsborg.edu or 612-330-1181.

Auggies traveling for study and service

Our thoughts are with the students, faculty, and staff traveling during this time:

- El Salvador—Vocation and Christian Faith, led by Bev Stratton, Jan. 6–16
- Nicaragua and Costa Rica—Environmental Politics, Joe Underhill, Dec. 30–Jan. 15
- Mexico—Indigenous Issues, Elise Marubbio, Jan. 5–13
- Cambodia—Global Connections Project service trip, Penh Lo, Dec. 30–Jan. 13

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

Snowy football game is one of SI's top photos of the year

A football action shot by sports photographer Tom Dahlin at the snowy game the Auggies played at Bethel was selected by *Sports Illustrated* as one of its 49 Pictures of the Year—http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/multimedia/photo_gallery/1012/pictures-of-the-year.1/content.44.html. The photo originally appeared in the magazine following the game.

To read more about the photo and Dahlin, who is an Auggie dad, go to <http://athletics.augsburg.edu/news/2010/11/17/fb111710.aspx?path=football>

EVENT REMINDERS for the week—for a listing of Augsburg events, go to the Calendar on Inside Augsburg at <http://inside.augsburg.edu>.

Monday, Jan. 10

Rochester classes, MBA classes, and MA Nursing classes begin

Tuesday, Jan. 11

Doctor of Nursing Practice classes begin

Monday, Jan. 17

Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation—an original play by theatre professor Sarah Myers

1 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

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, 7:30-7:55 a.m.

Daily chapel services will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 18, with the Opening Celebration.

Sports results and schedule— www.augsburg.edu/athletics

Have a great week!