

MARCH 21, 2011

Welcome back to students, faculty, and staff who were gone during the spring semester midterm break.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Important decisions about State Grants

Two important financial aid programs for Augsburg students —the Minnesota State Grant and the national Pell Grant programs—are facing decisions about continued funding. Last year, nearly 900 Augsburg undergraduates received Minnesota State Grants, which averaged \$3,800 per student. Watch a video that captures student voices on the impact of reduced grants <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yN1joAgb9vA>, and learn how you can take action by going to <http://bit.ly/e4mBfl>.

Staff appreciation recognition and awards

Congratulations to the six staff members who were recognized at the Staff Appreciation event on March 10 with Outstanding Staff awards—**Lori York**, Office of the Registrar; **Paul Terrio**, Student Financial Services; **Nathan Lind**, Information Technology; **Dulce Oliva Monterrubio**, Office of International Programs; **Amanda Storm**, Alumni and Constituent Relations; and **Michael Grewe**, LGBTQIA Student Services. For more information and photo, go to http://inside.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2011/03_07_11/staffrecognition.html.

Foodless Food Drive during March

As part of Minnesota Food Share's March campaign each year, Augsburg holds a "foodless food drive" to fill the food shelf at the Brian Coyle Community Center. This year's goal is to raise \$3,000, which represents the amount needed to distribute food for one month to Cedar-Riverside residents.

Collecting money rather than food allows for the advantages in bulk buying, as well as for targeting the exact foods the community needs—each \$10 donation translates to \$40 of food for the shelf. This year's foodless food drive is organized by a Project Management class as a service-learning project with assistance from the Sabo Center for Citizenship and Learning.

The students will table in Christensen Center tomorrow, Tuesday, from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. where contributions may be made. All cash and checks (made out to Brian Coyle Foodshelf) can also be sent to the Sabo Center, CB 108.

Jay and Rose Phillips Scholarship

The Jay and Rose Phillips Scholarship from the Minnesota Private College Fund recognizes and rewards Minnesota private college students who strive to make life better for those with unmet needs. Scholars are challenged to think creatively and are encouraged to become community-service leaders. Scholars create, develop, and implement a community service project that addresses a particular need in a community. This year, Augsburg sophomore **Jazmine Darden** has been selected as one of six recipients. She will work with students in third- through eighth-grades to introduce them to structural engineering through building a bridge, and she will work with the GISE/GEMS program to implement her project during the summer of 2012.

Islam Awareness Week

Today begins Islam Awareness Week on campus. Each day in Christensen Center, various aspects of Islam and Muslim culture will be featured—asking questions about Islam, wearing the *hijab*, vocation in Islam, Jummah prayers, and the life of Muhammed. On Thursday evening, the Muslim Students Association is sponsoring a visit (with free transportation and food) to a nearby mosque. For the full schedule, go to <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaail/#29041>.

Augsburg hosts Metro Senior History Day

On Thursday, 300 high school students from area schools will display their exhibits and showcase their performances and documentaries for the annual regional History Day competition. This year's History Day theme is "Debate and Diplomacy in History: Successes, Failures, Consequences." The awards ceremony at 9 p.m. will honor the projects that will advance to the next level of competition, which ends in the national competition in June near Washington, D.C.

Students from Augsburg's History Club will be among the judges and volunteers during the event, which begins about 5 p.m. in Si Melby Gym and other locations on campus. Augsburg alumna Ali Kappes '07, who is on staff at the Minnesota Historical Society, is coordinator of the event, and student Jill Hengstler is currently an intern with the program.

Focused Conversations on space and master planning

Tammy McGee, vice president of finance and administration and CFO, will host two focused conversations to present the revised Campus Master plan. This revised plan to be discussed has incorporated data collected from the focus groups held in the fall and spring, input from the CSMP Commission members, and input from the Board of Regents.

Your feedback is needed as the Campus Master Plan is moved forward and finalized. You are invited to either or both of the following focused conversations:

Tuesday, March 22, 3:10–4:10 p.m., Oren Gateway Center 100

Wednesday, March 23, 3:40–4:40 p.m., Oren Gateway Center 100

Get Ready Initiative conversations on the CSBR

The next CSBR: Get Ready Initiative conversations will be held on Thursday and Friday and will focus on general campaign strategy, the specific case for the CSBR, and a discussion about our progress on the campaign.

Please join these conversations—if you have questions, contact Amy Gort, gort@augsborg.edu.

Thursday, March 24, 10-11 a.m., Marshall Room, Christensen Center

Friday, March 25, 3:40-4:40 p.m., Century Room, Christensen Center

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

Congratulations to Auggies at nationals!

Congratulations to **the Auggie wrestlers** and head coach Mark Matzek for their runner-up finish in the NCAA Division III national championship—the 23rd straight year the team has finished in the top four. Senior **Zach Molitor** finished his collegiate career with a national championship at 174 lbs. The team also claims the fifth-highest GPA in the nation.

Senior **Nick Ward** was the only MIAC sprinter who competed in the men's 55-meter dash at the NCAA Division III national track and field meet at Capital University. While he ran the ninth-fastest time, it was .001 second short of qualifying for the final field.

Michael Lansing receives Newberry Library fellowship

Michael Lansing, History Department, has been awarded the Lloyd Lewis Fellowship in American History for 2011–12. The fellowship will support the ongoing work of his book-length research project on the Nonpartisan League.

StepUP® in *USA Today*

The **StepUP program** was featured in *USA Today* last Tuesday. The story featured collegiate programs around the country and included a photo slide show at Augsburg. Social media was quick to pick up the story, with many Auggies, parents, and StepUP supporters forwarding the article.

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

Monday, March 21

Spring semester classes resume

March 21–25

Islam Awareness week

For full schedule, go to <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/#29041>

Wednesday, March 23

Vocatio Chapel, Rev. Dan Carlson, police chaplain, Public Safety Ministries, Inc.
10:20 a.m., Hoversten Chapel

Thursday, March 24

Metro Senior History Day
4 p.m., Si Melby Gym

Thursday, March 24

Augsburg Symphony Orchestra home concert
7 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

March 25-26

WEC, some grad classes meet—final exams

Saturday, March 26

Spaghetti dinner and silent auction—Benefit for family of Jake and Josh Corrigan
5:30 p.m., East Commons, Christensen Center

Sunday, March 27

Augsburg Jazz Ensemble spring performance
5 p.m., Calhoun BBQ & Blues Club, 3001 Hennepin Ave., Mpls.

Tuesday, March 29

All-Hands meeting
11:15 a.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.

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

Thursday, March 24—Bev Stratton, Religion Dept

Friday, March 25—Cheryl Chatman, Executive Vice President and Dean of Diversity, Concordia University, plus music from Riverside Singers

Saturday, March 26—First Word Gathering

Monday, March 28—Karl Jacobson, Religion Dept.

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

Have a great week!