

MARCH 28, 2011

PRESIDENT'S VIEWS

I have just returned from a weekend in Chicago, where my co-teacher, Lars Christiansen (Sociology and Metro-Urban Studies), and I accompanied 16 senior Honors students on an immersion trip as part of our course on The Legacies of Chicago. We had a great time exploring various parts of the city and reflecting on the idea of place. While in Chicago, I also enjoyed time with Augsburg alumni and parents at a Commission Augsburg reception hosted by Mark and Lone Hanson (both Augsburg '68) at their home. A good weekend reminder of the continuum of relationships we enjoy with current students and alumni over the years!

Tuesday of this week, we gather on campus for our semi-annual All-Hands Meeting for faculty and staff. We'll hear updates on several Commission Augsburg initiatives, including new hybrid graduate programs, the plans for the Gage Center for Student Success, and the work of the Commission on Space and Master Planning. We also will learn about the current year finances and progress on budget planning for 2011–12.

We are about to enter the season of celebrations here on campus—the weeks leading up to our May commencement when we honor our students for their many achievements (see the list of events below). I look forward to sharing in those various celebrations as we mark our mission-based commitment to excellence in the liberal arts and professional studies.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Torstenson Lecture on March 31

On Wednesday, the Fifth Annual Torstenson Lecture in Sociology will present Greg Owen, a consulting scientist at Wilder Research, who will speak on "Sociology as Vocation."

The Torstenson Lecture honors Joel S. Torstenson '38, professor emeritus of sociology, who died in 2007. Torstenson founded the Sociology Department in the late 1940s, and his work shaped much of Augsburg's emphasis on experiential education and identity as a college in the city.

Scholarship Brunch

On Sunday, nearly 250 donors, faculty, staff, and student scholarship recipients will gather to celebrate gifts from the Augsburg community that make an Augsburg education possible for so many students. Donors enjoy meeting the students who have received their scholarships, and students enjoy learning about the person or interests that the scholarships honor.

During the past year, 373 scholarships were awarded to students, for a total of more than \$723,000. Eight new scholarships were created in the past year, and a total of nearly \$883,000 from 350 donors was received.

ACTC Math Jeopardy

Professor Katy Micek and Unbounded, Augsburg's Mathematics Club, have initiated a friendly competition among ACTC math students. Students from Macalester and the University of St. Thomas responded to the call and will have teams competing, along with Augsburg, in two rounds of Math Jeopardy on Friday.

Both math trivia and calculations will be included in the questions. All are welcome to attend the first ACTC Math Jeopardy to cheer on the Auggies.

Events through June Commencement

With only six weeks left before the May Commencement, the academic year end is approaching quickly. Following is a list of many end-of-year and other events scheduled through the June Commencement. Check the Inside Augsburg calendar for details as they become available.

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| March 29 | All-Hands Meeting |
| March 29 | Community Time |
| March 31 | Torstenson Lecture—Greg Owen, Wilder Research |
| April 1 | ACTC Math Jeopardy |
| April 2–4 | Day Student Government elections |
| April 3 | Scholarship Brunch |
| April 6 | First Wednesday Gathering |
| April 7 | Strommen Executive Leader Speaker—Don Baker, CEO, Ecolab |
| April 8 | Spring trimester begins |
| April 8 | PASU Fashion Show |
| April 8–17 | Theatre production, <i>Anything Goes</i> |
| April 10 | Riverside and Cedar Singers spring concert |
| April 11 | Auggie Leadership Awards |
| April 11–12 | Sverdrup Visiting Scientist Lectures—Barbara Baird, Cornell University |
| April 13–14 | 2011 Zyzzogeton: Celebrating student research and creative activity |
| April 15 | Honors Convocation |
| April 16 | Ojibwe Quiz Bowl |
| April 17 | Masterworks Chorale spring concert |
| April 18 | 2011 Auggie Athletic Awards |
| April 20 | Lavender Celebration |
| April 22–24 | College closed for Easter break |
| April 26 | Community Time |

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| April 27 | Chamber Music Recital and High Tea |
| April 29 | Last day of classes, spring semester |
| May 4 | First Wednesday Gathering |
| May 4 | Ethnic Student Services Graduation Reception |
| May 5 | Faculty Recognition Luncheon |
| May 5 | Commencement Rehearsal |
| May 6 | StepUP Graduation |
| May 6 | Native Graduate Honoring Ceremony |
| May 6 | Commencement Concert |
| May 7 | Commencement—Day program and PA program |
| May 10 | Eye-Opener Breakfast—Clayton McNeff '91, SarTec Corp. and Ever Cat Fuels |
| May 16 | Summer Online I begins |
| May 31 | Summer Session I begins |
| June 8–12 | International Music Therapy Symposium |
| June 26 | Spring trimester ends |
| June 26 | Commencement—WEC, Rochester, and MAE, MAL, MAN, MBA, MSW, DNP |

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

Islam Awareness Week involved many students

More than 500 students, faculty, and staff participated in the events during last week's Islam Awareness Week. Highlights included more than 100 people who joined together at the Iftar Banquet after fasting for a day; 200 women who received *hijabs* to wear and tried henna; approximately 150 who attended the guest lectures; and many more who wore green and/or white in solidarity with Muslim culture. What a great collaborative effort within the Augsburg community to learn about Islam and celebrate the diversity within our community.

Augsburg welcomed 300 students on History Day

Approximately 300 senior high school students from area schools competed at the regional level at Augsburg last week for a chance to advance to the state and national competitions. Watch for the Inside Augsburg story on the Auggies who were part of History Day.

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

Tuesday, March 29
All-Hands meeting
11:15 a.m., Hoversten Chapel

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Tuesday, March 29

Community time for faculty, staff, and students
3:45 p.m., East Commons, Christensen Center

Friday, April 1

ACTC Math Jeopardy competition
7 p.m., Sateren Auditorium

Sunday, April 3

Scholarship Brunch
12:30 p.m., Commons, Christensen Center

Thursday, April 7

Strommen Executive Leader Speaker—Douglas Baker, chairman and CEO, Ecolab
5 p.m., Sateren Auditorium

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.

Tuesday, March 29—All-Hands Meeting

Wednesday, March 30—Bradley Holt '63, Religion Dept.

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

Thursday, March 31—Noelle McComb, senior speaker

Friday, April 1—Hans Wiersma, Religion Dept.

Monday, April 4—Lori Brandt Hale, Religion Dept.

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

Have a great week!