

APRIL 4, 2011

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Awards for Distinguished Teaching and Learning

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2011 Distinguished Teaching and Learning Awards. These awards recognize individuals who have made exemplary contributions to creating an engaging academic learning environment through teaching, scholarship, and mentoring and advising.

For Excellence in Teaching—Timothy Pippert, Associate Professor of Sociology (who will deliver the address at Opening Convocation in September)

For Excellence in Mentoring and Advising—Cass Dalglish, Professor of English, and **Cheryl Leuning**, Professor of Nursing

For Excellence in Scholarship—Nancy Steblay, Professor of Psychology

Accreditation visits to Augsburg

Several departments and programs completed accreditation site visits during February and March, requiring a great deal of advance work and preparation to make the visits successful:

- Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)—Nursing Department, Doctor of Nursing Practice
- National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), Board of Teaching—Education Department, Undergraduate and MAE
- Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA)—Physician Assistant Studies
- Higher Learning Commission—St. Stephen site confirmation—MBA, MAL, Augsburg for Adults

Foodless Food Drive—ends Friday

This week is the last week to help the Brian Coyle Center fill its foodshelves—Friday is the last day to make a donation toward the goal. Contributions can be sent to the Sabo Center at CB 108 or to CB 1790.

Strommen Executive Leader Speaker Series

Douglas Baker, chairman, president, and CEO of Ecolab, Inc., will present “On a Mission to Create a Cleaner, Safer, Healthier World,” in the Strommen Executive Leader Speaker Series on Thursday. RSVP to 612-330-1720.

Ecolab has grown from the 1920s into a Fortune 500 global leader providing products and service for cleaning and sanitation, food safety, and infection prevention. Baker has been with the company for more than 20 years and has served as CEO since 2004.

Sverdrup Visiting Scientist Lecture

Barbara A. Baird, the Horace White Professor and Chair of Chemistry and Chemical Biology at Cornell University, is the 2011 Sverdrup Visiting Scientist. She will lecture Monday evening, April 11, on “How Cells Sense and Respond to Their Environment—Zooming In to Understand and Intervene.”

On Tuesday, Baird will present the Student Sverdrup Convocation, “Making a Contribution in a Complicated World—Individual Passion and Collaborative Power.”

The General Leif J. Sverdrup Visiting Scientist Program was established in 1990 by Johan Sverdrup to honor his father, Major General Leif J. Sverdrup. General Sverdrup was a 1918 Augsburg graduate who founded an international architectural and engineering firm. The lecture series provides an opportunity for Augsburg students and faculty to interact with nationally-recognized scientists and a forum for scientific topics to be presented in the wider community.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

Augsburg receives second grant for Travelers EDGE

Augsburg, one of only 10 colleges and college-readiness programs from across the nation selected as a partner, received a second gift from Travelers Insurance for their Travelers EDGE program. This program focuses on college recruitment and retention of low-income and first-generation students; in Minnesota, the focus is specifically on students graduating from the St. Paul Public School district.

This second grant in the amount of \$100,000 will be used for Augsburg’s Travelers Pathways program during the 2011–12 school year for financial literacy training and a career exploration course on the financial services and insurance industry, open to all students. In addition, current Augsburg juniors and seniors who graduated from a St. Paul public high school may be eligible to apply for a \$5,000 annual scholarship, which brings with it opportunities for job shadowing, internships, and mentoring.

Scholarship Brunch

About 250 students, donors, faculty, and staff gathered yesterday and heard personal remarks from student Dan Brandt ’11 and donor Allan Nelson, and listened to music from Kou Lee ’11 and Laura Schmidt ’11. Students enjoy the opportunity to meet the alumni and friends who have helped make their Augsburg education possible. This year, eight new scholarships were created.

Grant from Mathematical Association of America

Augsburg benefits from a grant of \$6,000 that will develop mathematical enrichment programs for students in Minnesota middle and high schools, through the Minnesota State High School Mathematics League. Tracy Bibelnicks, Mathematics Department and

director of the league, is the principal investigator for the program that will provide opportunities for students across the state to work with college and high school faculty in face-to-face meetings, as well as via an online high school mathematics circle.

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

Wednesday, April 6

First Wednesday Gathering, lunch for faculty and staff

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First Wednesday Supper for evening custodial crew

Thursday, April 7

Strommen Executive Leader Speaker Series, Douglas Baker, chairman and CEO, Ecolab, Inc.

Friday–Sunday, April 8–10

Spring trimester begins; WEC and some graduate classes meet

Friday–Sunday, April 8–17

Anything Goes, directed by Randy Winkler; music direction, Sonja Thompson
Thursday–Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m., Tjornhom-Nelson Theater

Sunday, April 10

Riverside and Cedar Singers spring concert

Monday–Tuesday, April 11–12

2011 Sverdrup Visiting Scientist Lecture, Barbara Baird, Cornell University

Monday, April 11, “How Cells Sense and Respond to Their Environment—Zooming In to Understand and Intervene,” Sverdrup Visiting Scientist Lecture

Tuesday, April 12, “Making a Contribution in a Complicated World—Individual Passion and Collaborative Power,” Student Sverdrup Visiting Scientist Convocation,

Wednesday–Thursday, April 13–14

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Friday, April 15

Honors Convocation

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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, April 5—Larry Crockett, Computer Science Dept.

Wednesday, April 6—Phil Quanbeck II, Religion Dept.

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

Thursday, April 7—Caitlin Schmidt, senior speaker

Friday, April 8—Marty Stortz, Christensen Professor of Religion and Vocation

Saturday, April 9—First Word Gathering

Monday, April 11—Mark Tranvik, Religion Dept.

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

Have a great week!