

**MAY 2, 2011**

## **PRESIDENT'S VIEWS**

This is a busy week on campus as our spring semester comes to a close and we hold Commencement ceremonies for our traditional undergraduates and those graduate programs on the semester calendar. Though we have not as yet experienced much spring-like weather, our good grounds and events crews are working tirelessly to prepare campus for a grand celebration. Congratulations to all of our spring 2011 graduates. Our commencement ceremonies this spring are organized around the theme of **responsible leadership**, and as is evident from the commencement speaker and honorary degree recipients (details below), we will be graced with the presence of outstanding global leaders to challenge and encourage our graduates as they commence their lives beyond Augsburg!

The Augsburg Board of Regents will gather for its spring meeting on Friday of this week. The board's primary agenda items include approval of the 2011–12 college budget and the acceptance of the long-term Campus Space and Master Plan, which has been developed this year as one of our college-wide commissions. It is always good to have the regents on campus and we look forward to their participation in the weekend's Baccalaureate and Commencement ceremonies.

## **CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES**

### **Final exams this week**

Final exams begin today, with students being treated to a Late Night Breakfast from 10–11:30 tonight. Exams continue through Thursday, May 5.

### **Commencement 2011 is here**

For Commencement on Saturday, 431 day students and 29 physician assistant master's degree students are eligible to graduate. Along with the graduating students marching in the procession, flags representing the countries of our international students will be carried.

The Commencement speaker on Saturday will be Kjell Magne Bondevik, former prime minister of Norway and founder and president of the Oslo Center for Peace and Human Rights. He will receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree, along with The Reverend Ishmael Noko, a theologian from Zimbabwe and former secretary general of the Lutheran World Federation.

The Commencement on Sunday, June 26, will graduate students in Weekend College and Rochester; the partner hospitals programs; master's programs of education, leadership, nursing, business administration, and social work; and the first graduating

class of doctoral students in the Doctor of Nursing Practice program. The speaker will be Krista Tippet, host of American Public Radio's show, *Being*. An honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree will be conferred upon Dr. Kwok Siu Tong, former executive vice president of United International College, Augsburg's partner college in China.

### **Visit the Faculty Showcase on Thursday**

The Scholarship and Teaching Showcase prior to the Faculty Recognition Luncheon on Thursday will feature faculty books, articles, art, and performances from the past year. This year materials for teaching have been added, including Moodle sites, syllabi, and other effective teaching materials.

Visit the Showcase between 11:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in the East Commons. The luncheon, by invitation only, begins at 12:30.

### **Congratulations to new day student government leaders**

The Day Student Government election results for 2011–12 are:

Day Student Body President—Houa Lor

Day Student Body Vice-President—Alom Martinez

Senior President—Erik Grindal

Senior Senators—Kathy DeKrey, vacancy #1, vacancy #2

Junior President—Billy Mzenga

Junior Senators—Hien Nguyen, Ryan Bachman, vacancy

Sophomore President—Aklilu Dimore

Sophomore Senators—Imani Kabetha, Davin Johnson, vacancy

### **New MAL and MBA graduate programs**

This fall, both the MAL (Master of Arts in Leadership) and MBA programs will offer new programs that feature depth of learning experiences combined with more flexibility in schedule that Augsburg has offered previously.

The MAL Integrated Studies program combines two five-day, intensive face-to-face sessions with online coursework in a two-year hybrid program. For more information, go to <http://www.augsburg.edu/admissions/mal/academics/integrated.html>.

The MBA certificate program in social entrepreneurship is designed for students who aspire at some point in their lives to be social entrepreneurs, executives in social-purpose organizations, philanthropists, board members, or leading volunteers in their communities and the social sector. It provides frameworks and tools to understand and create social change. For more information, go to

<http://www.augsburg.edu/admissions/mba/academics/socialentrepreneur.html>.

### **Welcome to the new women's basketball coach**

Bill McKee, who has most recently served as the head coach of the girls' basketball program at Mounds View High School, has been named head coach of Augsburg's women's basketball team. In addition to also coaching at Anoka-Ramsey Community College, Blaine High School, and Cretin-Durham Hall, he served as an assistant coach for 10 seasons at the University of St. Thomas, his alma mater.

### **Weekly Update schedule after Commencement**

Next Monday's Update will be the last weekly update for this academic year. Through spring trimester and our June Commencement, there will be Updates every two weeks—on May 9, May 23, June 6, and June 20—and on June 27. Over the summer, an Update will come out in mid-July and one in mid-August.

## **MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS**

### **Claire Bergren named a Newman Civic Fellow**

Junior Claire Bergren, a Sabo Scholar and Bonner Leader, is one of 135 students from 30 states named by Campus Compact as Newman Civic Fellows. The award recognizes students who seek to better understand the "root causes of social issues and effective mechanisms for creating lasting change." Through her work as a Bonner Leader with a community organization in North Minneapolis, Claire is described as having "deeply engaged in work around racial justice and social issues linked to poverty."

**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>.

### **Monday–Thursday, May 2–5**

Final exams for spring semester

### **Monday, May 2**

10 p.m., Late Night Breakfast

### **Wednesday, May 4**

First Wednesday Gathering

11 a.m.–1:30 p.m., East Commons, lunch for faculty and staff

8 p.m., Augsburg Room, Christensen Center, supper for evening custodial crew

### **Thursday, May 5**

Faculty Recognition Luncheon

12:15 p.m., Commons

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**Thursday, May 5**

Commencement Rehearsal  
4:30 p.m., Si Melby Hall

**Thursday, May 5**

Hearty Eucharist, dinner and Holy Communion, finals week blessing  
5 p.m., Augsburg Room, Christensen Center

**Thursday, May 5**

Senior Class Gathering  
5:30 p.m., Christensen Center

**Friday, May 6**

Augsburg Board of Regents and committee meetings  
8:30 a.m.–5:15 p.m.

**Friday, May 6**

CLASS Graduate Reception  
10:30 a.m., Marshall Room, Christensen Center

**Friday, May 6**

StepUP program graduation celebration  
1 p.m., Sateren Auditorium, Music Hall

**Friday, May 6**

Native American Graduate Honoring Ceremony  
4 p.m., Sateren Auditorium, Music Hall

**Saturday, May 7**

Commencement—Day students and PA program  
9 a.m., Baccalaureate  
11 a.m., Commencement Ceremony  
12:30 p.m., Receptions for graduates and families

**Tuesday, May 10**

Eye-Opener Breakfast, Clayton McNeff '91, chief science officer and chief financial officer of Ever Cat Fuels  
7:30 a.m., Town and Country Club, 300 North Mississippi River Blvd., St. Paul, MN

**Tuesday, May 10**

AISA Ceremony and Feast  
4:30 p.m., Murphy Square

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## **Friday–Sunday, May 13–15**

WEC and some grad classes meet

### **CHAPEL SCHEDULE**

Daily chapel services Monday through Friday will resume in September; WEC First Word Community Gathering, Saturday morning when classes meet, 7:30–7:50 a.m.

Sports results and schedule—[www.augsburg.edu/athletics](http://www.augsburg.edu/athletics)

Have a great week!