

MAY 23, 2011

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Spring Social today

The Office of the President and Staff Senate invite staff and faculty to a Spring Social in the Quad today from 3–5 p.m. This event replaces the Staff Senate Summer Picnic in an effort to create an annual end-of-year celebration.

Creating an inclusive campus

Augsburg College's Creating an Inclusive Campus conference was May 9-11, 2011. The 2-1/2 day event included sessions devoted to work in and outside of the classroom, and fostering open dialogue around challenges we face. The two sessions that featured student panelists were highly rated, with participants noting they especially appreciated the interaction. The last day of the conference was devoted to addressing feedback, discussing our current state of the campus, imagining our future state, and identifying strategies to put into place to help ensure the desired future state of a more inclusive campus. The Human Resources department, partnering with other groups across campus, will be scheduling a debriefing meeting and begin our planning for the year as well as next year's conference.

Augsburg and Trinity Lutheran shared ministries

Augsburg College and Trinity Lutheran Church during the past six months have been engaged in rich conversations about how the former St. Martin's Table space (located at the corner of 20th and Riverside) best can be used to further their shared ministries. Several exciting ideas have begun to percolate, and center primarily on programming related to serving youth in our community. Watch for updates in coming. In the near future, look for a sign at 2001 Riverside announcing the Trinity Lutheran Congregation and Augsburg College shared ministry in the Cedar-Riverside community.

Student summer research begins

More than 40 students begin their summer research today with funding from the Undergraduate Research and Graduate Opportunity (URGO), McNair Scholars, and North Star STEM Alliance programs.

URGO research is interdisciplinary, and the 29 URGO students will explore research questions in the sciences, sociology, religion, accounting, theatre, film, economics, etc. Students will spend 200 or 400 hours conducting research with faculty from Augsburg and other institutions. Many will present their findings in May 2012 at Zyzzogeton, Augsburg's year-end festival of academic and artistic achievement.

McNair students spend an average of more than 400 hours exploring their topics, developing a thesis, collecting and reviewing data, and preparing a formal presentation of their findings. Research provides the opportunity to develop a mentoring relationship

by working one-on-one with a faculty member, to gain skills and knowledge in a discipline and exposure to methodological techniques, to gain writing and public speaking practice by submitting papers to professional conferences and journals, and to attain strong letters of recommendation.

Nine North Star STEM Alliance students are carrying out research this summer, some of whom also are McNair Scholars or part of the URGO program.

Auggies qualify for NCAA national tournament in track and field

Three Augsburg student-athletes will compete at the 2011 NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field National Championships this weekend at Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio.

Nick Ward (Senior, Coon Rapids) will compete in the men's 100-meter dash. Preliminaries are at 6:30 p.m., CST, Friday. Finals are at 2 p.m., CST, Sunday.

Matthew Schafer (Sophomore, New Brighton) will compete in the men's 800-meter run. Preliminaries are at 7 p.m., CST, Friday. Finals are 2 p.m., CST, Saturday.

Shanek Telphia (Sophomore, Chicago) will compete in the women's 200-meter dash. Preliminaries are at 7 p.m., CST, Thursday. Finals are at 3:15 p.m., CST, Saturday.

Augsburg hosts summer sports camps

Augsburg will host several sports camps this summer for youngsters to learn the basics of various sports from Auggie coaches and student-athletes. For information, go to www.augsburg.edu/athletics

- Wrestling—Various camps, June 12–23
- Football—Various camps, June 21 and July 25–28
- Volleyball—June 27–July 30
- Men's basketball—July 7–8
- Men's soccer—July 18–20, along with other MIAC schools
- Men's/women's golf—June 26–30

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

Presidential Award for Community Service

Augsburg is one of six higher education institutions in the nation to receive the 2010 Presidential Award for Community Service from the Corporation for National and Community Service. This is the highest award given that recognizes institutions for their commitment to and achievement in community service, and Augsburg is the only Minnesota school to receive this honor. In three previous years, the College has been named to the President's Honor Roll with the additional designation of "With Distinction."

During the 2009-10 school year, Auggies contributed nearly 200,000 hours of community service to programs including course-based service-learning, Campus Kitchen, Bonner Leaders, Urban Scrubs Camp, Community Gardens, GEMS/GISE/STEM summer programs, and much, much more. More than 1,700 students more than 200 faculty and staff participated in academic service-learning last year.

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, May 23

Spring Social, end-of-year celebration for staff and faculty
3 p.m., Quad

Tuesday, May 24

Naturalization Ceremony—City of Minneapolis
11 a.m., Hoversten Chapel

Friday, May 27

Town Hall Meeting—U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, Cedar-Riverside Community
2:30 p.m., Sateren Auditorium
RSVP via e-mail to usamn.crd@usdoj.gov if interested in attending.

Monday, May 30

College closed for observation of Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 31

Summer Session I begins

Tuesday, May 31

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

Friday-Sunday, June 3–5

WEC/Graduate 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.

Saturday, June 4—First Word Gathering

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

Have a great two weeks!