

JUNE 6, 2011

## CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

### **Presidential Award for Community Service presented to Augsburg College**

This week, the Corporation for National & Community Service will present Augsburg College with the Presidential Award for Community Service at its National Conference on Volunteering and Service in New Orleans. Accepting the award on behalf of the College are Barbara Farley, vice president of academic affairs and dean of the College; Garry Hesser, professor of sociology and Sabo Chair for Citizenship and Learning; and Mary Laurel True, Sabo Center director of service-learning and community engagement. Augsburg is one of only six higher education institutions in the nation to receive the Presidential Award, which is given in recognition of the College's commitment to and achievement in community service. Augsburg also is the only Minnesota school ever to receive this honor. (Read the May 13 *Inside Augsburg* story for [more information about the award](#).)

### **Recognizing challenges, celebrating citizenship with our neighbors**

Augsburg College had the honor during the week of May 23 to host events for our neighbors. First, on May 24, the college opened Hoversten Chapel for a U.S. Naturalization Ceremony at which more than 240 people became citizens. [Check out the FlickrR photos from this event](#). Then, on May 27, the College was host to a private town hall discussion between members of the Somali community and U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder. The meeting provided insight into some of the challenges faced by our Somali neighbors, particularly with respect to Islamaphobia, and was part of the efforts of the U.S. Department of Justice to build relationships with the Somali community.

### **Summer staff development series**

The Center for Teaching and Learning continues its staff development series with three monthly summer sessions focused on creating a culture of innovation and excellence. The summer program follows up on topics introduced in the seven spring semester sessions and offers an opportunity to put the information and learning into practice. Check out the [full summer schedule](#) on A-Mail.

### **Weekend College elections**

The Augsburg Weekend College Senate held its annual elections May 20-28. In an effort to expand the representation for all WEC students, elections were held for divisional senators for fine arts and humanities, professional studies, and natural and social sciences, in addition to the executive board positions of president, vice president, treasurer, and communication coordinator. Thank you to outgoing officers, including President Thomas Gouras, Vice President Jennifer Weber, Treasurer Aeillyne Yburan, Senator Christopher King, and Senator John Boyd. Results of the 2011-12 election will be confirmed soon, so check A-Mail or Facebook for the new WEC Senate roster. You

can also "like" WEC Senate on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/weccsenate> to keep up-to-date on all WEC Senate news.

## MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

### **Campus Kitchen coordinates tornado relief opportunities**

Thank you to Campus Kitchen for coordinating hands-on volunteer opportunities for the Augsburg community to serve our North Minneapolis neighbors affected by the May 22 tornado. You can read more about the how Augsburg volunteers helped support our neighborhood on the Campus Kitchen on Facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/augsburgcampuskitchen>.

### **Thrivent sponsors Eye-Opener Breakfast Series**

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be the lead corporate sponsor of the Augsburg College 2011-12 Eye-Opener Breakfast Series. The series, which is managed by Augsburg's Corporate and Foundation Relations and Alumni and Constituent Relations, provides networking and professional development opportunities for Augsburg alumni. The 2011-12 series resumes on October 18 with featured speaker Brad Hewitt, president and CEO of Thrivent Financial, as the series-opening speaker. (To read about the [most recent Eye-Opener Breakfast](#), see the May 9 *Inside Augsburg* story featuring Clayton McNeff '91, chief science officer and chief financial officer for Ever Cat Fuels.)

### **Metropolitan Regional Arts Council awards \$10,000 to photography program**

Augsburg College has received a \$10,000 Arts Learning grant for the second year from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council for a summer photography workshop for Latino and Chicano students. The program is led by Assistant Professor of Art Susan Boecher who, along with five Augsburg photography students, will work with 10 students from the Latino and Chicano communities in developing technical and artistic photography skills. The program partners with Centro, a social service nonprofit that serves Metropolitan Latino and Chicano communities, which will host a public exhibit of the students' work in August. (Learn about the project at [OverExposure.org](http://OverExposure.org).)

### **Auggies in the NCAA track and field championships**

Augsburg College was represented by a number of athletes at the NCAA Division III National Championships held the week of May 23 in Ohio. Sprinter Shanek Telpia earned a fifth-place finish in the finals of the 200-meter dash and claimed Augsburg's 31st women's track and field All-American honor. Nick Ward competed in the 100-meter dash and Matthew Schafer competed in the 800-meter run, but neither man advanced to the finals. Ward, the top sprinter in the College's history, ended his Augsburg career with seven MIAC titles, 12 All-MIAC honors, eight All-MIAC honorable-mention honors, and eight school records. Schafer just missed a personal-best time in the Division III 800-

meter race. Thus far, his Augsburg career includes two All-MIAC and four All-MIAC honorable-mention honors. Read more at [athletics.augsburg.edu](http://athletics.augsburg.edu).

### **Summer camps on tap**

Augsburg College is hosting a range of camps this summer. In the May 23 Weekly Update, we listed the sports camps scheduled this summer. Below, we feature some of the other programs happening this summer:

- Youth Theology Institute – June 26-July 1. [Learn more.](#)
- Minnesota Urban Debate League – June 26-July 16. [Learn more.](#)
- Medieval Minnesota: Summer Camp at Augsburg College – July 10-16. [Learn more.](#)
- Urban Scrubs – August 1-5. [Learn more.](#)

**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>.

### **June 6-8**

Representatives from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be on campus for a Thrivent Financial training event.

### **June 8-12**

International Symposium in Music and Medicine; Regent Dr. Ruth Johnson will deliver opening keynote address. See the [2011 International Symposium for Music and Medicine web site for event details](#).

### **June 9-22**

Info sessions are slated on a wide range of graduate programs. Dates are posted in the Public Events list on [www.augsburg.edu](http://www.augsburg.edu).

### **June 12-17**

Mini-MBA Conference for Lutheran pastors, in partnership with Luther Seminary. Learn more about the program at the [Luther Seminary web site](#).

### **June 15**

Rochester Baccalaureate Service. Details are on the [June commencement web page](#).

### **June 20-24**

MPCC College Week. Learn more on the [Minnesota Private College Council web site](#)

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## **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 17**—First Word Gathering

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

Have a great two weeks!