

June 20, 2011

## **PRESIDENT'S VIEWS**

I was privileged to travel to Oslo, Norway, last week to share news of Augsburg College and our new vision for the Nobel Peace Prize Forum (NPPF). It was a productive trip as Dr. Maureen Reed, executive director of the NPPF and I met with Norwegian government, higher education and business leaders. Among the highlights of our time in Oslo were meetings with Geir Lundestad, head of the Norwegian Nobel Institute, about plans for the 2012 NPPF program; Barry White, the United States ambassador to Norway, to discuss educational ties between the countries; the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Foreign Affairs staff about the NPPF as a portal to the “new Norway;” social entrepreneur Alf Bjorseth, a scientist working on renewable energy; and several higher education leaders, including Curt Rice, pro-rector of the University of Tromso and an Augsburg College grad. Read more about the trip on the website and blog of the Nobel Peace Prize Forum (<http://www.peaceprizeforum.org/>).

## **CAMPUS PROECTS AND INITIATIVES**

**Presidential Award for Community Service** – Augsburg College representatives accepted the Presidential Award for Community Service during the week of June 8. The award – given to only six institutions in the United States – recognizes the College’s commitment to and achievement in community service. Augsburg College is the first college in Minnesota to earn this award. See more about the award on the Augsburg College website homepage (<http://www.augsburg.edu>). See photos from the National Conference on Volunteering and Service. (<http://bit.ly/iPxDTR>) (Augsburg College staff shown in photos 15 and 16 include Mary Laurel True, director of service learning and community engagement, and Barbara Farley, dean and vice president of academic affairs. Garry Hesser, professor of sociology, also attended the event on behalf of the college.)

**College recognized for outstanding international programming** – Augsburg College’s Center for Global Education earned recognition for innovation in study abroad programming from the Diversity Network. The college was one of only three higher education institutions recognized for increasing access to programming for underrepresented students. The nomination focused on CGE-Mexico’s commitment to supporting a broad spectrum of students, particularly those who identify as LGBTQIA and those who are in recovery. Read about the award (<http://www.digitaljournal.com/pr/341465>).

**Commencement to celebrate first class of DNP graduates** – Students in Weekend College; the Rochester program; the MBA; Masters in Social Work; and Masters of Arts in Education, Leadership, and Nursing graduate programs celebrate commencement June 26. This service also honors our first graduates of the Doctor of Nursing Practice program. An honorary degree will be presented to Professor Kwok Siu Tong of United

International College of China, with which Augsburg College has an agreement for student exchange. The commencement speaker is NPR's Krista Tippett, writer and host of Being (<http://being.publicradio.org/>). Read more about commencement (<http://www.augsburg.edu/commencement/june.html>).

**Weekend College elections** - The Augsburg Weekend College Senate elections were held May 20-28. The Senate adopted a new structure to provide students with expanded representation. In the new structure, students are represented by an executive board including the president, vice president, treasurer and communication coordinator, as well as four professional studies senators, one natural and social sciences senator, one fine arts and humanities senator and one at-large senator. Welcome to incoming officers, including: President Christine Smith, Vice President Robert DeLoach, Treasurer Boe Barlage, Communication Coordinator Jessica Jacob; Professional Studies Senators La Shawn Hankton, Kelsey Holberg, Greg Jacob, and Deanne Nelson; Natural and Social Sciences Senator Brianna Diaz; Fine Arts and Humanities Senator Kim Simmonds; At-Large Senator Jennifer Weber.

**Minnesota Private College Week** – Minnesota's private colleges host campus visits June 20-24 for potential students. Read what this week means to Augsburg College in a Star Tribune piece (<http://www.startribune.com/local/123411358.html>). See a video from one student about what private college week meant to him (<http://bit.ly/IOYMXE>).

## MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

### EVENTS OF NOTE

#### June 15

Baccalaureate Service  
9 a.m., Bethel Lutheran Church Chapel, Rochester

#### June 22

Graduate Discovery Evening ([http://www.augsburg.edu/grad\\_discovery/](http://www.augsburg.edu/grad_discovery/))

#### June 24

Commencement Rehearsal  
6 p.m., Si Melby Hall

#### June 26

Commencement – DNP, MAE, MAL, MAN, MBA, MSW, Rochester, WEC  
9 a.m., Baccalaureate Service, Hoversten Chapel, Foss Center  
11 a.m., Commencement Ceremony, Si Melby Hall

# AUGSBURG WEEKLY

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## **June 26-July 1**

Youth Theology Institute (<http://www.augsburg.edu/acyti/2011.html>)

## **June 26-July 16**

Urban Debate League Camp. (<http://www.facebook.com/MNUDL>)

## **July 11-Aug. 19**

Summer Session II starts July 11 (<http://www.augsburg.edu/summer>)

## **OTHER NEWS**

**Summer Weekly Update Schedule** – The Weekly Update will be published June 27, and then once in mid-July and in mid-August.

**Augsburg College on Facebook** – Please consider following Augsburg College on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/augsburgcollege>), where you can connect with nearly 3,000 people who “like” the College. If you see a story on Facebook that makes you proud to be an Auggie, be sure to click the “share” link on that story and post it to your network. It’s another way you can help tell the story of Augsburg College.