



President's WEEKLY UPDATE

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Good morning. Yesterday and today, we've celebrated the legacy of Bernhard Christensen, one of Augsburg's giants who served as the College's sixth president from 1938 to 1962. We've remembered the significant impact he made in shaping Augsburg's mission to educate students at the intersections of faith, learning, and service. And as we inaugurated Marty Stortz as the second Christensen Professor of Religion and Vocation, we reaffirm the importance that Bernhard Christensen's life and work continue to make in our College life and community.

Over the weekend as we hosted our Board of Regents at their fall meeting, we engaged in conversations around our mission, vision, and vocation. Among the highlights of the Board's deliberations were:

- An opportunity to learn about the Commission on Campus Master and Space Planning, a year-long exploration of how we imagine our campus facilities and landscape evolving over the next 20 years to best serve our academic mission. The regents participated in a charrette, a design exercise, with architect Tom Oslund, which allowed them to talk about and depict how our commitment to Augsburg's "urban place" might take shape in plans for buildings, campus landscape, and the use of space in the future.
- A celebration of retiring regent Jackie Cherryhomes' 12 years of service as a board member. Jackie was especially honored for her unwavering commitment to diversity and for her strong example of public service in her career.
- The approval of the College's annual financial audit, which showed strong results, including an increase of more than \$2.7 million in net assets during the 2009-10 fiscal year.
- Exciting news about College enrollments for fall 2010—Augsburg has 4,086 students enrolled in its various programs this fall, the largest number of students in the College's history.
- An update on Commission Augsburg, a year-long initiative that seeks to involve the entire Augsburg community in conversations about the College's strategic priorities. Grounded in Augsburg's new mission statement, Commission Augsburg names strategic pathways and markers that offer a map for Augsburg's future.
- An inspiring session on the Campaign for the Center for Science, Business, and Religion (CSBR), during which campaign co-chairs Jodi Harpstead and Clayton McNeff launched a renewed focus on raising funds to ensure that the CSBR becomes a reality. The board enthusiastically committed to its leadership role in the campaign, pledging 100% participation in support of the campaign by December 31, 2010.

I offer my deep thanks to the Augsburg Board of Regents for its abiding support and wise counsel.

This past week has been especially difficult for our campus community because of the hateful and hurtful acts of some individuals. These actions were contrary to everything we value in honoring one another, as clearly stated in our mission. I'm very proud of our students who took the leadership in standing up for and demonstrating their support for the values we share as a community.

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CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Homecoming Week, Oct. 10-16

Homecoming is just around the corner, with the week's activities beginning on Sunday with the alumni baseball game at noon in Parade Stadium. For the full schedule, go to www.augsburg.edu/homecoming.

All-Hands Meeting on Thursday

I want to remind you about the All-Hands Meeting for the Augsburg community on Thursday, from 11:15 to 11:45 in Hoversten Chapel. I look forward to sharing with you information about our strategic initiatives and financial progress in the first part of this fiscal year. If you have particular questions that you would like me to address at this gathering, please forward them to Barb Gaiser, gaiser@augsborg.edu, or Chris Szaj, szaj@augsborg.edu, before Thursday.

Flu Shot Clinics on campus

Clinics are scheduled for faculty, staff, and students for vaccinations combining protection against both the seasonal flu and H1N1 viruses.

Flu shot clinic for students—Monday, Oct. 18—11 a.m.–3 p.m., Century Room, Christensen Center. You do not need to sign up ahead of time—walk-ins are welcome. You must bring your insurance card to receive the flu shot at no cost. Without an insurance card, the cost is \$25.

Flu shot clinics for faculty/staff—you will need to register online with Homeland Health beforehand to receive a scheduled time. Info will be e-mailed from Human Resources with the registration link when it is available. This year, the College will not cover the cost of flu shots. You must bring your insurance card to receive the flu shot at no cost. Without an insurance card, the cost is \$25.

Friday, Nov. 5—8 a.m.–noon, Lindell Library 202

Tuesday, Nov. 9—Noon–2:30 p.m., Lindell Library 202

KUDOS

Kudos to wonderful **student leadership** for Stand up against Hate last week. Also, kudos to the Residence Life staff, especially **Will O'Berry** and **Joshua Peaslee**, who had key leadership roles in Rally4Respect.

Kudos to students elected to **Augsburg Day Student Government** for 2010–11:

- First-year: President—**Luis Hernandez**; Senators—**Margo Enszt**, **Mathia Colwell**, and **Jakkee Phillips**
- Sophomore: Senator—**Erik Grindal**
- Junior: Senator—**Fia Goldfine**
- Senior: Senator—no candidate for election

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Kudos to the **men's soccer team** that earned national ranking last week with a No. 23 spot in NCAA Division III.

Kudos to poet **Cary Waterman**, English Department, who will participate in a reading to celebrate the publication of the *2011 St. Paul Almanac*, on Tuesday, Oct. 12, at Groundswell Coffee House in St. Paul, at 6:30 p.m. Her work also appears in the current issue of *Turtle Quarterly*.

Kudos to physics student **Carl Kahlstorf**, who won first prize in the undergraduate section for his poster, "Satellite Observations of Band-Limited Pc 1 Waves Associated with Streaming H⁺ and O⁺ ions in Earth's High-Latitude Magnetosphere," at the Midwestern Regional Space Grant Consortium at the University of Minnesota. As a prizewinner, he also presented his research to the entire meeting. Two other physics students, Andrew Witte and Chris Woehrle, also participated in the meeting.

Kudos to **Tony Bibus**, Social Work, for the publication of the book he co-authored, *Regulating Social Work: A Primer on Licensing Practice* (Lyceum Books). The book will guide students in understanding the role of regulation in social work practice and help them prepare for a meaningful vocation as professional social workers.

NOTABLE EVENTS for the week—for a complete listing of Augsburg events, go to the Calendar on Inside Augsburg at <http://inside.augsburg.edu>

October 4–8

Second Annual Coming Out Week

Wednesday, Oct. 6

"Hidden Voices: The Lives of LGBT Muslims," Faisal Alam, speaker

For list of events, see Inside Augsburg calendar

Wednesday, Oct. 6–Thursday, Oct. 7

National College Fair

Minneapolis Convention Center

Wednesday, Oct. 6

Annual fall blood drive

10 a.m.–4 p.m., East Commons

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Wednesday, Oct. 6

First Wednesday Gathering, lunch for faculty and staff

11 a.m.–1:30 p.m., East Commons

Evening Gathering for evening custodial crew

8 p.m., Augsburg Room, Christensen Center

Thursday, Oct. 7

All-Hands Meeting for the Augsburg community

11:15 a.m., Hoversten Chapel

Friday–Sunday, Oct. 8–10

WEC, graduate program classes

October 10–16

Homecoming 2010—Experience It!

www.augsburg.edu/homecoming

DAILY CHAPEL

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, 7:30–7:50 a.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 5—Pastor Kelly Chatman, Redeemer Lutheran Church

Wednesday, Oct. 6—“AGAPE,” David Sherer

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

Thursday, Oct. 7—11:15 a.m., All-Hands meeting

Friday, Oct 8—“Mr. Augsburg,” Jeroy Carlson '48, with Riverside Singers

Saturday, Oct. 9—First Word Gathering

Monday, Oct. 11—Brad Holt '63, Religion Dept.

Sports results and schedule—<http://athletics.augsburg.edu>

Have a great week!