



President's WEEKLY UPDATE

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Good morning. We begin our **2010 Homecoming Week** with hope that the beautiful fall weather we've been enjoying will carry through the week. It's a joy to welcome our alumni and friends back to campus during the week, and I hope you'll greet them and help them explore and re-connect with the campus. Take a moment to ask them about their memorable Auggie experiences.

Our students have also planned a great lineup of events for the week that engage them with alumni—get the full Homecoming schedule at www.augsburg.edu/homecoming. Tonight's pep rally in Si Melby Hall kicks off the festivities at 7:30 p.m., followed by fireworks at 8:15 in Murphy Square. I look forward to seeing you during the week!

Highlights of Homecoming Week include:

- **Wednesday**—Augsburg Associates Fall Luncheon—Marty Stortz will share her experiences in her new role on campus as the Christensen Professor of Religion and Vocation.
- **Thursday**—Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet
- **Friday**—Homecoming Convocation and Luncheon—Augsburg will honor the following alumni:
 - Morgan Davidsen '00 (First Decade Award)
 - Nicolas Thomley '06 MBA (First Decade Award)
 - Stephen "Gabe" Gabrielsen '63 (Spirit of Augsburg Award)
 - Jack Osberg '62 (Spirit of Augsburg Award)
 - Richard Spratt '74 (Spirit of Augsburg Award)
 - Robert Hanson '68 (Distinguished Alumnus Award)
 - Don '53 and Beverly '55 Oren (Distinguished Alumni Award)
 - Jean Taylor '85 (Distinguished Alumna Award)
- **Friday evening**—Welcome Back Banquet
- **Saturday**
 - Taste of Augsburg
 - Murphy Square Partnership celebration
 - Football game vs. Concordia College-Moorhead
 - Auggie Block Party and Concert
 - "Gabe" Gabrielsen Celebration Concert
 - Dedication of Ed Saugestad Ice Rink

As we enjoy Saturday morning's activities in Murphy Square, **we'll also take time to celebrate a new partnership with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board** in which Augsburg College will assume responsibility for the maintenance of the park. Murphy Square is the oldest park in the City of Minneapolis and is the first land that was purchased by the city for park purposes. Throughout Augsburg's history, Murphy Square has been an important part of campus life, the site of a number of our important events and traditions. This partnership will serve as the foundation for further cooperative efforts and engagement with the park board as we move forward with our campus master planning. Our agreement provides for continued use of the park for our traditional activities, and any requests for events to be held in the park continue to be made through our Event and Conference Planning Office.

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On Saturday morning at 11:30 a.m., we'll celebrate this new partnership at a short ceremony in Murphy Square with representatives from the City of Minneapolis. I hope you'll take time from the festivities of the Taste of Augsburg to join us.

I'll need to leave Homecoming early on Saturday to embark on my first trip to Namibia, traveling with Orv Gingerich, assistant vice president for international programs, to visit our study center there. Last year Augsburg celebrated a milestone as we purchased the property in Windhoek that the College has been using, and I'm anxious to meet our staff there and become acquainted with the center. In next week's Update, I'll outline some of the activities Orv and I will be engaged in while we're there.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Focused Conversations

Once again, a series of Focused Conversations will provide opportunities for faculty and staff to engage in discussions about specific topics of interest to the Augsburg community. These conversations are open to all members of the community.

The first Focused Conversation, "Health Care and All Other Benefits Pre-Open Enrollment," takes place tomorrow, Tuesday, as Human Resources staff will provide updates on the status of ongoing negotiations with various benefits providers relative to cost and coverage. This will take place from noon to 1 p.m. in East Commons.

Other Focused Conversations and commission updates for the fall semester, which will be posted online and on the Inside Augsburg calendar, are:

- "Campus and Master Planning Updates," Oct. 28, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Oct. 29, 1:30 to 3 p.m. (Campus and Space Master Plan Commission)
- "Great Colleges Survey Follow-Up," Oct. 29, noon to 1 p.m.
- "Enrollment Management Primer," Nov. 17, noon to 1 p.m.
- "Financial Futures Commission Follow-Up," Nov. 23, noon to 1 pm.

Sabo Public Policy Symposium—2010 Healthcare Reform

On Friday, at 4:15 p.m., during Homecoming Weekend, the Sabo Center and several Augsburg departments and programs host a symposium on the impact of the new 2010 healthcare legislation. Panelists are Donna Zimmerman, HealthPartners; Dr. Sanne Magnan, Minnesota health commissioner; and Dr. Bruce Amundson, an Augsburg graduate and physician working in rural health care. For information, go to www.augsburg.edu/sabo.

Speaking of Scholarship

The Speaking of Scholarship series features the scholarship of Augsburg faculty, staff, and students and seeks to increase awareness of scholarship on campus, learning from each other's experiences. Twenty- to thirty-minute presentations are followed by informal conversations about the issues raised in the work. The series meets on some Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. and is hosted by Jessica Nathanson, Women's Resource Center, and Ben Stottrup, Physics. Check the Inside Augsburg calendar for the dates, times, and presenters.

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The first presentation is on Wednesday, Oct. 13, in the Marshall Room. Carol Forbes, Academic Affairs, will speak on "Scholarship and Grant Proposals."

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.

Walk-in flu shot clinic for students and others—Monday, Oct. 18—11 a.m.–4 p.m., Century Room, Christensen Center. Faculty and staff are also welcome. You must present an insurance card to receive the flu shot at no cost. Without an insurance card, the cost is \$26.

Flu shot clinics for faculty/staff—you will need to register online with Homeland Health 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 present 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

Patrice Salmeri and StepUP in national conversations on recovery

Patrice Salmeri, StepUP director; Scott Washburn, chemical dependency counselor; and Anne Thompson, Augsburg alumna and former StepUP student, have been invited to participate in a Higher Education Recovery Summit meeting next week in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the Department of Education and the Higher Education Center for Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Violence Prevention. This follows the two-day National Meeting on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention, at which Salmeri has been asked to present a forum.

These meetings signal the first time the federal government is recognizing collegiate recovery programs as essential on college campuses and highlights the leadership of StepUP in the national conversation.

National Disability Employment Awareness Month

During October each year, National Disability Employment Awareness Month seeks to educate the American public about the employment needs and contributions of the approximately 54 million Americans who live with disabilities of some kind. Congress first drew attention to these issues in 1945, focusing on physical disabilities, and in 1988 widened the focus to disabilities of all kinds and expanded the timeframe to a month. For more information, go to http://spot.pcc.edu/~rjacobs/career/facts_about_disability.htm.

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KUDOS

Many thanks to the **Christensen Symposium planning committee** and the many others who assisted with arrangements for the lecture last week by Gracia Grindal '65, about Bernhard Christensen's legacy at Augsburg. Planning committee members included **Lori Peterson, Tom Morgan, Leslie Larson, Diane Glorvigen, Mark Chamberlain, Ally Streed, Lonna Field, and Kevin Healy.**

Many thanks also to **everyone who contributed to the festivities and success of the inauguration of Marty Stortz** as the new Christensen Professor of Religion and Vocation. Thanks to **Lori Peterson**, who served as chair of the inauguration planning team; to **Judi Green** for planning the inauguration; and to **Bob Stacke, Gabe Gabrielsen, and Peter Hendrickson** for planning the music for the events.

Kudos to the **QSU student leaders** for organizing the events of last week's Coming Out Week. Special kudos to **Taylor Foster** for her continuing leadership last week in organizing "Stand Up against Hate" and the campus "March for Love."

Kudos to the **Accounting Department** staff **Tom Haglund, Matt Ksepka, Richelle Amundson, Carole Kampf, and Amy Daugherty**, for their successful, unqualified financial audit for the last fiscal year.

Kudos to Professor **Nancy Steblay**, Psychology, who has published seven research articles on eyewitness memory and lineup procedures within the past year, two of which are co-authored by **five student researchers**. Two additional articles are currently under review. This past weekend, she spoke to the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers about eyewitness identification evidence.

Kudos to the **physician assistant students** who raised \$200 for Augsburg's Campus Kitchen at an ice cream fundraiser last week during National Physician Assistant Week.

Kudos to **Emiliano Chagil**, Hispanic/Latino Student Services, and **Jorge Mondragon**, president of the Allied Latinas/os, Augsburg College (ALAS), for hosting the reception for the Minnesota Latinos in Higher Education in Hoversten Chapel on Friday evening.

Kudos to the newly-selected 2011 **Student Orientation Coordinators, Laura Steines and Patrick DuSchane**, who will work with Campus Activities and Orientation.

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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 10–16

Homecoming 2010—Experience It!

www.augsburg.edu/homecoming

Monday, Oct. 11—Homecoming 2010

Pep Rally, Coronation, Fireworks

7:30–8:15 p.m., Si Melby Hall Gym and Murphy Square

Tuesday, Oct. 12

Counseling and Health Promotion Fair

11:30 a.m.–2 p.m., Quad

Tuesday, Oct. 12

Focused Conversation, “Health Care and All Other Benefits Pre-Open Enrollment”

Noon, East Commons, Christensen Center

Tuesday, Oct. 12—Homecoming 2010

ASAC Variety Show

6:30–9 p.m., East Commons, Christensen Center

Wednesday, Oct. 13

Augsburg Associates Luncheon

10:30 a.m.–2 p.m., Town and Country Club

Martha Stortz, Christensen Professor, speaker

Wednesday, Oct. 13

Speaking of Scholarship

Carol Forbes, Academic Affairs, “Scholarship and Grant Proposals”

12:15–1:15 p.m., Marshall Room, Christensen Center

Thursday, Oct. 14

Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet

5:30 p.m., The Commons, Christensen Center

Friday, Oct. 15—Homecoming 2010

Homecoming Convocation and Luncheon

10 a.m., Convocation, Hoversten Chapel

12:30 p.m., Luncheon, The Commons, Christensen Center

Friday, Oct. 15—Homecoming 2010

Auggie Author Book Signing and Reading

4:30–6:30 p.m., Student Art Gallery

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Friday, Oct. 15

Sabo Center Public Policy Symposium—2010 Healthcare Reform: What Will It Mean for You (and the Nation)?

4:30–6:15 p.m., Hoversten Chapel, Foss Center

Saturday, Oct. 16—Homecoming 2010

- **Taste of Augsburg**
10 a.m.–1 p.m., Murphy Square
- **Murphy Square park partnership celebration**
11:30 a.m., Murphy Square
- **Homecoming football game vs. Concordia-Moorhead**
1 p.m., Edor Nelson Field
- **Auggie Block Party**
3:30 p.m., Parking Lot K (next to Si Melby Hall)
- **“Gabe Gabrielsen ’63 Celebration concert**
6 p.m., Hoversten Chapel
- **Ed Saugestad ’59 Hockey Rink Dedication**
6 p.m., Ice Arena

Monday, Oct. 18

Walk-in flu shot clinic for students and others

11 a.m.–4 p.m., Century Room, Christensen Center

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. 12—Jack Osberg ’62, Spirit of Augsburg award winner

Wednesday, Oct. 13—Deb Hutterer ’99, Faith in the City

Wednesday evening, 9:09 p.m.—Songs and communion, with Pastor Sonja Hagander

Thursday, Oct. 14—Morgan Davidsen ’00, First Decade award winner

Friday, Oct. 15—10 a.m., Homecoming Convocation

Monday, Oct. 18—St. Luke’s Day celebration, Campus Ministry

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

Have a great week!