



# President's WEEKLY UPDATE

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**Good morning.** It was quite a week and weekend as we welcomed alumni, families, and friends of Augsburg to campus for our Homecoming celebration. What a beautiful day in the park for us to enjoy the Taste of Augsburg and to mark the new partnership Augsburg shares with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board that gives us responsibility for the maintenance of Murphy Square.

It was a joy to see so many alumni back on campus for Friday's convocation, luncheon, and afternoon events. Congratulations to the alumni award recipients and the inductees into the Athletic Hall of Fame—they are listed below in Kudos. On Saturday evening, many alumni and friends joined in honoring two of Augsburg's legends. Former organ students and music faculty offered reminiscences and musical tributes to Stephen "Gabe" Gabrielsen '63, who retires after a career of 47 years teaching music and serving as the College organist. And, the athletic community honored Ed Saugestad '59 for his longtime teaching and coaching career and dedicated the Ed Saugestad Ice Rink. This was the first opportunity to see the new murals featuring Ed and his hockey legacy that were created by staff photographer Stephen Geffre and the Marketing and Communication team.

As you read this I will be in Windhoek, Namibia, visiting our Center for Global Education site there. I look forward to being at the center, getting to know the center staff, learning about the city, and visiting several of the sites where our students have internships. During the week, Orv Gingerich and I will be meeting with a number of government and education officials, including:

- U.S. Embassy chargé d'affaires
- Liberation struggle activist and retired political science professor Mburumba Kerina
- Rector of the Polytechnic of Namibia, Dr. Tjama Tjivikua
- Namibia's prime minister, the Honourable Nahas Angula
- Vice chancellor of the University of Namibia, Professor Lazarus Hangula, and the vice chancellor of academic affairs and research, Professor Osmund Mwandemele

As mentioned in the All-Hands meeting earlier this month, one of this year's commissions is Campus and Space Master Planning, chaired by Tammy McGee, vice president of finance and administration. For the past two months, the CSMP steering committee, which includes student, regent, faculty, and staff representatives, has been working with outside consultants to gather data and document the current use of space on campus. The group now is transitioning to focus on gathering input through conversations with the campus community.

Next week, there will be an opportunity for all community members to get an update on the work that has been completed to date and the opportunities for continued participation in the process. There will be two sessions hosted by Tammy McGee: the first session will be Thursday, Oct. 28, from 11:30 to 1 p.m., in East Commons, and the second will be on Friday, Oct. 29, from 1:30 to 3 p.m., in Kennedy 303. The goal of these initial sessions is to provide context for the ongoing work of the commission. If you are interested in this

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topic, you are encouraged to attend one of these sessions. The committee also plans to provide additional updates on the progress of the commission's work throughout the year.

## **CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES**

### **VocalEssence sings at convocation on Tuesday**

On Tuesday, VocalEssence, one of the premier choral ensembles in Minnesota, will perform at the annual Fine Arts Convocation, 11 a.m., in Hoversten Chapel. The ensemble is directed by Philip Brunelle.

### **Senator Klobuchar hosts panel discussion at Augsburg**

On Thursday at 10 a.m. in Sateren Auditorium, Senator Amy Klobuchar will host a panel discussion concerning online aggression, including bullying, stalking, harassment, and predatory behavior. She hopes to gather information from panel members who may include law enforcement, Augsburg faculty and/or staff, IT experts, and possibly family members of victims in order to consider possible legislation. The discussion is open to the public; students are encouraged to attend.

### **Flu Shot Clinics for faculty and staff**

The Human Resources Department is sponsoring two flu shot clinics through Homeland Health Services for faculty, staff, students, and family members age 3 and older. This year, the flu shots also contain the H1N1 vaccination. You must sign up in advance at Homeland Health's website to receive a flu shot:

<http://www.homelandhealthspecialists.net/site/default.aspx?Account=AugsburgCollege>

You must bring your insurance card from one of the following plans to receive the shot at no cost. If you are not covered by any of these plans, you may pay a \$25 fee by cash or check. Homeland Health is an in-network provider for Blue Cross Blue Shield, Medica Choice, HealthPartners, Preferred One, UCare, America's TPA, PrimeWest, and Medicare.

The flu shot clinics are scheduled for:

Friday, Nov. 5, from 8 a.m. to noon, Lindell Library 202

Tuesday, Nov. 9, from noon to 2:30 p.m., Lindell Library 202.

### **"Augsburg Gives" kicks off on Oct. 26**

At Community Time next week, on Tuesday, Oct. 26, at 3:45 p.m., we'll kick off our annual campaign to support United Way and Community Shares of Minnesota. This year, gifts can be made online to either or both organizations, making it easier to select where the gift will go. One-time gifts and payroll deduction are still possible. Representatives from each organization will join Augsburg's coordinator, Sally Daniels, at Community Time to answer questions and explain the new e-giving system. The campaign will run from October 26 through November 9.

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## **Vocatio Chapel—Pat Kerrigan, Emergency Food Shelf Network**

Pat Kerrigan, transportation coordinator for the Emergency Food Shelf Network, will speak about vocation and personal faith journey in the Vocatio Chapel on Wednesday, Oct. 20, at 10:20 a.m.

The 2010 Vocatio Chapel series, sponsored by Campus Ministry and the Center for Faith and Learning, focuses on “Healthy Vocations: Mind, Body, and Spirit.” Local leaders in the community—doctors, coaches, advocates, researchers, teachers, and other forms of health-promoters—will share how they promote healthy minds, bodies, and/or spirits and their personal faith journeys.

## **Harry Boyte speaks at Center for Leadership Studies workshop**

On Thursday, Harry Boyte, founder and co-director of Augsburg's Center for Democracy and Citizenship will speak at a workshop, “Citizens at the Center: The Emerging Movement of People's Public Work, in Minnesota and around the World.”

Boyte's work centers on his belief that citizens can be “powerful agents of change and architects of their own lives.” He will give local as well as global examples of a growing movement for bottom-up change, drawn from the theory and practice of public work developed by the CDC.

The workshop is Thursday, Oct. 21, at 5:30 p.m. (social time) and 6:30 p.m. (presentation) in the Century Room, Christensen Center. Contact Patty Park to reserve, at [parkp@augsborg.edu](mailto:parkp@augsborg.edu) or 612-330-1150.

## **KUDOS**

Congratulations to the **alumni award recipients** whom we honored Friday at the Homecoming Convocation:

- 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)

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Also, congratulations to the nine alumni who distinguished themselves as student-athletes and were inducted into the Augsburg Athletic Hall of Fame on Thursday evening:

- John Beatty '91, wrestling
- Reed Boltmann '88, football/baseball
- Jeff Dainty '90, baseball
- Brian DeClercq '81 (posthumously), men's hockey
- Natasha Hamann '99, volleyball/women's golf
- Ann Knutson Brovold '74, gymnastics
- Astrid Larssen '97, women's soccer/women's track and field
- Tom Weidner '84, football
- Don Wichmann '89, wrestling

Many congratulations and thanks to everyone who helped make our 2010 **Homecoming** so successful, especially the **Alumni and Constituent Relations staff; Event and Conference Planning; A'viands; Marketing and Communication; Institutional Advancement; the Copy Center, Public Safety, the Grounds Crew, student organizations,** and the **many volunteers who helped throughout.** Thanks also to **the musicians** whose performances enriched the events all week. Approximately 950 alumni from seven decades, along with friends of the College and parents of current students, were on campus during the weekend.

Kudos to the **Center for Counseling and Health Promotion (CCHP) staff,** especially **Dianne Detloff,** for the Health Fair last Tuesday, which provided good information and opportunity for community organizations and partners to meet students.

Kudos to composer, **Carol Barnett,** Music Department, who received a 2010 award from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (Concert Music Division) The award is based on "the unique prestige value of each writer's catalog of original compositions, as well as recent performances in areas not surveyed by the Society."

Kudos to the **43 wrestlers, coaches, and managers of the Auggie wrestling team,** who, in one hour's time at Feed My Starving Children, worked together to pack 125 boxes of food, each holding 216 meals, for a total of 27,000 meals—enough to feed 74 people for a full year.

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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>

**Tuesday, Oct. 19**

**2010-11 Convocation Series**

**Fine Arts Convocation, VocalEssence**

11 a.m., Hoversten Chapel

**Wednesday, Oct. 20**

**Speaking of Scholarship, John Harkness, English Dept., “Two Messapic Cognates on the Novilara Stele”**

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

**Thursday, Oct. 21**

**Panel discussion on cyber-bullying, hosted by Senator Amy Klobuchar**

10 a.m., Sateren Auditorium, Music Hall

**Thursday, Oct. 21**

**Center for Leadership Studies workshop, “Citizens at the Center: The Emerging Movement of People’s Public Work, in Minnesota and around the World,”** with

Harry Boyte, founder and co-director of the Center for Democracy and Citizenship

5:30 p.m., social time; 6 p.m., presentation; Century Room, Christensen Center

**Friday-Sunday, Oct. 22-24**

**WEC, graduate classes meet**

## **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. 19—11 a.m.,** Fine Arts Convocation, VocalEssence

**Wednesday, Oct. 20—**Vocatio Chapel, Pat Kerrigan, Transportation Coordinator for the Emergency Food Shelf Network

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

**Thursday, Oct. 21—**

**Friday, Oct. 22—**

**Saturday, Oct. 23—**First Word Gathering, Matt Fischer, former Admissions intern, “Faith as Everyday Life,” inspired by Brian McLaren

**Monday, Oct. 25—** Reformation Week series, Mark Tranvik, Religion Dept.

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

Have a great week!