



President's WEEKLY UPDATE

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Good morning. Congratulations on surviving the biggest snowstorm in a generation! Our deep thanks to everyone in the Augsburg community who worked hard to keep us safe and warm these past couple of days, especially our grounds and maintenance crews.

I am just back from Oslo, Norway, where I attended the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize ceremonies, where Chinese poet and activist Liu Xiaobo was awarded the Peace Prize. While in Oslo, I also spent time with key Norwegian educational, political, and cultural leaders discussing our plans for the newly-designed Nobel Peace Prize Forum, to be held each year in the Twin Cities beginning in spring 2012. I am pleased to say that there is a great deal of enthusiasm in Norway for our new vision for the forum and for the opportunities it offers for even deeper engagement between the United States and Norway. For more about the Peace Prize, please see my blog post at www.augsburg.edu/president.

Abigail and I hope that faculty and staff will join us on Thursday at the annual holiday party. The gathering will be from 3 to 5 p.m. in Christensen Center Coffee Shop and Student Art Gallery. We look forward to this social hour as a time to express our appreciation for all that you do to make Augsburg College the remarkable place it is. Please join us to celebrate holiday cheer together in anticipation of this festive, joyous season.

This is the final President's Weekly Update for 2010. The Update will resume on Monday, Jan. 10. The College is officially closed on December 23, 24, and 31, and many offices will have reduced staff or be closed during the week after Christmas.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Late Night Breakfast tonight

Students... don't forget the Late Night Pancake Breakfast tonight from 10–11:30 p.m., in the Commons.

Changes to the President's Weekly Update

As part of our ongoing efforts to provide effective and timely communication, we will be introducing changes to the President's Weekly Update, starting with the next issue, which will be January 10. The primary change is that the weekly notice will become an "Augsburg Weekly Update," with a monthly (rather than weekly) President's overview of high-level activities of the College. This change is timely, as we are increasingly making use of social media—blog postings and Twitter updates—to provide regular and real-time updates from the President's Office.

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The new Augsburg Weekly Update will continue to be published on Mondays and distributed via e-mail with a link to the online posting. The sections it will include are:

- **(Monthly) President's views/info**—first Monday of each month
- **Campus projects and initiatives**—similar to current section
- **Major events and honors**—celebrating the events, accomplishments, and honors of the College
- **Events of Note reminders**—overview of campuswide events listed for the week on the Inside Augsburg web calendar
- **Chapel speakers**

Going forward, if you have information for inclusion or questions about the Update, please contact Betsey Norgard at norgard@augsborg.edu.

Update on timeline for energy management system installation

The installation of the energy management system across campus is slated to be completed by June 1. Seventeen buildings will receive installations, each taking about a week to 10 days, beginning today with Christensen Center. All preliminary work and pre-programming have been done.

Pedal power for watching TV

A group of students—Angela Bonfiglio, Alexander Ebert, Emily Nichols, Edmond Smith, and Tsering Dechen—in last spring's Environmental Connections class received a \$500 grant from the Nash Foundation to convert bicycles to use pedal power to produce energy for the Student Lounge TV. The class focused on energy and wrote grant proposals for campus-greening projects as a final project.

With the grant, the Auggie Pedal Power Program will purchase two energy bicycle converters and power packs to retrofit donated bicycles from a local bike shop. Read more at http://augnet.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2010/12_06_10/pedal_power.html.

KUDOS

Kudos to the students who have completed the nine-week Emerging Leaders Program: **Kiran Anderson, Natalya Brown, Casey Collins, Christa Danko, Ellese Ford, Dustie Granlund, Siwiya Hassan, Abi Hill, Tayis Lawson, Meredith Neville, Jakkee Phillips, Matthew Schirber, Jamie White, Nou Xiong.**

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Kudos to **Garry Hesser**, Sabo Center, who has been invited to serve on the American Sociological Association's six-member Committee on Awards through 2013.

Kudos to **StepUP students Rosie Benser, Stephen Bona, Fia Goldfine, and James Mahowald** who were invited by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the National Council on Patient Information and Education (NCPIE) to participate in the Young People's Networking Dialogue on Recovery in Baltimore this week. Following that, Rosie and James will join **Scott Washburn**, StepUP, who will present at the Joint Meeting on Adolescent Treatment Effectiveness (JMATE) Conference on "Building Motivation for Quitting Tobacco Use among Collegiate Communities."

Kudos to **Ana Vergara, Miriam Medina and Magaly Ortiz** who donated blankets for children at Waite House.

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

Monday-Thursday, Dec. 13-16
Final exams for day semester students

Monday, Dec. 13
Late Night Breakfast
10 p.m., Christensen Center Commons

Tuesday, Dec. 14
Campus Ministry Hearty Eucharist
6:30-8:30 p.m., Augsburg Room

Thursday, Dec. 16
Holiday Party for faculty and staff
3-5 p.m., Cooper's and Student Art Gallery, Christensen Center

Friday, Dec. 17
Urness Hall closes for winter break
Noon

Thursday-Friday, Dec. 23-24
College closed for Christmas break

Friday, Dec. 31
College closed for New Year Day

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Wednesday, Jan. 5

First Wednesday Gathering, Lunch for staff and faculty

11 a.m. –1:30 p.m., East Commons, Christensen Center

First Wednesday Gathering, Supper for evening custodial crew

8 p.m., Augsburg Room, Christensen Center

Friday–Sunday, Jan. 7–9

Winter trimester begins on Mpls. campus—WEC and some graduate classes meet

Monday, Jan. 10

Rochester classes begin

Tuesday, Jan. 18

Spring semester day classes begin

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, 7:30-7:55 a.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 14—6:30–8:30 p.m., The Meal/Hearty Eucharist, Augsburg Room

First Word Gathering will resume on **Saturday, January 8**. Daily chapel services will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 18, with Opening Celebration.

Sports results and schedule— www.augsburg.edu/athletics

The next Weekly Update will be on January 10, 2011. Have a joyous and peaceful holiday!