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## MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

**Call to action - commitment to civic engagement college-wide effort:** Last week, the Augsburg Weekly included information about the launch of the American Commonwealth Project, a national grassroots effort to reclaim the civic mission of education. This project is relevant to the College community as a whole, not the least because Augsburg is coordinating the effort. Encouraging students to participate in civic life is an important part of the College mission, which calls upon each of us to “educate students to be informed citizens, thoughtful stewards, critical thinkers, and responsible leaders.” Faculty and staff are urged to help students see the relevance of this project to their Auggie experience and to nurture interest by students who might choose to participate.

One of the hallmarks of being an Auggie is being engaged in the community. This engagement is a key factor that led to Augsburg being one of only six awardees of the 2010 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

The ACP is another opportunity for the College to actively live its mission to develop informed citizens through civic engagement. The College is in the early stages of developing what this project means in practical terms – identifying initiatives and projects that will build civic identity, foster co-creation of learning, develop student leaders, promote the framework for the college to serve as an anchor institution, and create a campus culture closely in tune with the current landscape to ensure that what we do every day creates and supports civic engagement.

In the meantime, there are a number of ways to get involved:

- Learn about the vision and mission of the ACP project through its DemocracyU blog at <http://democracyu.wordpress.com/2012/01/10/white-house-launch-of-american-commonwealth-partnership-streamed-live-on-january-10th-we-invite-those-who-are-not-participating-in-person-to-join-online-and-convene-a-local-debate-on-the-importance-o/>
- “Like” DemocracyU on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/DemocracyU>.
- Sign up for DemocracyU email alerts at <http://www.civicyouth.org/democracyu/>.

**Plan now to register for Nobel Peace Prize Forum:** Students, staff, and faculty have the opportunity to hear from international, national, and state leaders on topics related to peace and peacemaking from March 1 to 3 at the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Nobel Peace Prize Forum. This is the first year the Forum will be held in its new Twin Cities-based format. Augsburg is hosting the Forum in conjunction with the Humphrey School of Public Affairs and with the support of our sister Norwegian Lutheran colleges and our community partners.

The program offers tracks related to business, arts and music, education, and global studies. Last week’s Augsburg Weekly included information about some of the key speakers. This

week, we highlight some of the programming for Arts and Music Day.

(<http://nobelpeaceprizeforum.org/arts-music-day-march-1/>).

- The opening keynote address by **Adam Hochschild, journalist and teacher**, explores World War I and who tried to prevent the carnage. He also will host a workshop on using writing as a tool for peace and justice.
- **Libby Larsen, one of America's most performed living composers** and founder of the American Composer's Forum, will host a workshop that explores the role of Laureates, loved ones, composers, and conductors in promoting peace throughout the world.
- **Martin Klammer and South African musicians** will explore growing up in the apartheid era in South Africa and how their music expressed social struggle. The group of three musicians also will talk about whether their music had any impact on dismantling apartheid.
- The day will conclude with a special performance of **Benjamin Britten's War Requiem** (separate ticket required) for the Britten Peace Project, which will commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the premiere of this requiem. The performance will explore the prospect of peace in the midst of conflict, and carries a timeless message meant to inspire peacemaking.

Augsburg faculty and staff are asked to encourage students to participate in the NPPF and will be able to attend at a discounted rate of 50 percent off the full price.

In the coming days, the community will get an electronic "coupon" code to enter at the time of registration. All individuals can register for one or all tracks. A separate ticket is needed for each track.

A full program with session descriptions is at <http://nobelpeaceprizeforum.org/2012-program/>.

## CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

**Campus Community Building** – Augsburg seeks to build community in a range of manners, to share what is happening on campus and to honor the mission of the College. These include:

- **Daily Chapel Time** – Daily chapel is a time for the Augsburg community – Sabbath time – to step away from normal duties to worship or reflect in a different manner. As a reminder to faculty and staff, all offices are to remain closed during chapel time as a sign of our common purpose.

The community gathers from 10:20 to 10:40 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; from 11:20 to 11:40 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday; and at 7:30 a.m. on Saturdays of weekend classes for First Word Gathering. Informal communion is held at 9:09 p.m., Wednesday. A list of upcoming Chapel speakers is listed later in Augsburg Weekly.

- **Community Time** – These faculty and staff gatherings are held in the late afternoon of the last Tuesday of the month in support of the College's commitment to building community and practicing common work. This year, Community Time will debut a new format. The intent is to provide more regular and consistent updates about important projects and work happening on campus. Community Time also is a chance to meet new people, share ideas, and seek new collaborative opportunities. The first Community Time for the spring semester will be 3:45 p.m., January 31, in the East Commons, Christensen Center.
- **First Wednesday Gathering** – These faculty and staff gatherings are a chance on the first Wednesday of each month to share a meal and to better get to know one another. As with Community Time, these gatherings are debuting a new format this fall. Speakers occasionally will share information about important College projects. In addition, fliers will be placed on each table that highlights interesting Augsburg projects and efforts. Human Resources is hosting these lunches and welcomes input and ideas from the community. Be sure to invite your colleagues and join the community for the First Wednesday Gathering from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., February 1, in the East Commons, Christensen Center.
- **Focused Conversations** – Throughout the year, the College will hold Focused Conversations on a variety of important topics. These meetings are open to the entire campus community, and announced in A-Mail.
- **All-Hands Meeting** – Scheduled once a semester, this meeting is an opportunity to hear an overview of various initiatives and projects, and to ask questions of President Paul Pribbenow and Cabinet members. The fall All-Hands Meeting is at 11:15 a.m., March 27, in Hoversten Chapel. These meetings are open to the campus community.

**250 youth participate in Native American Youth Day.** More than 250 youth from eight metro-area schools participated last week in Augsburg's Native American Youth Day. The students from grades 6 to 12 learned how college can be part of their futures and had the chance to hear Olympic gold medalist Billy Mills speak about living a drug- and alcohol-free life. Visitors also heard from current Native American students about what college is like. Pictures are on Flickr at: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/augsburgcollege/sets/72157628856230909/>.

## EVENTS OF NOTE

**January 17** – Multiply Your Mind by Giving it Away: An Entrepreneurial Approach to College Leadership, 8 to 9:30 a.m., OGC 100. President Paul Pribbenow will speak as part of the Staff Development Series. Full schedule of series in A-Mail at <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120112#32538>.

**January 18** – Differentiate Yourself, 3:40 to 4:40 p.m., OGC 113. Mathematics alumna Chandra Erdman '02 talks about being the first African American to obtain a PhD in statistics from Yale University, and the importance of differentiating yourself. <http://inside.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120113#32546>

For a full listing of Augsburg events, go to the Inside Augsburg calendar at <http://bit.ly/6U9Ueb>.

For a listing of Augsburg athletic events, visit the Athletic Department calendar at <http://bit.ly/mUsyCB>.

## DAILY CHAPEL

The community gathers from 10:20 to 10:40 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; and from 11:20 to 11:40 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Informal communion is held at 9:09 p.m., Wednesday.

- Tuesday, January 17: Opening Chapel Celebration
- Wednesday, January 18: President Paul Pribbenow
- Thursday, January 19: Mark Tranvik, Professor and Chair of Religion Department
- Friday, January 20: Thelma Buckner and Family, Gospel and Praise Musicians
- Monday, January 23: Martha Stortz, Bernhard M. Christensen Professor of Religion and Vocation

Augsburg for Adults and members of Campus Ministry gather from 7:30 to 7:50 a.m. on days of Saturday class for Eat, Greet & Bless: WEC/Grad Gathering (formerly known as First Word Gathering). These meetings are a chance for people of all faiths and backgrounds to meet for an informal worship and to enjoy breakfast together.

## OTHER INFORMATION

**Auggies tell the story** – Members of the Augsburg community can help tell the story of the College in many ways, every day. Be sure to submit your events, news, and kudos to A-Mail, and consider sharing the Augsburg story by posting to your personal Facebook page some of the news from our community. Take a moment to check out some of these notable stories from the past week:

- Auggie Susan Allen '92, a partner at Fredericks, Peebles & Morgan, LLP, last week became the first Native American elected to the state legislature. Read about her accomplishment in this article from the Huffington Post.  
[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/01/11/susan-allen-minneapolis-democrat-native-american-lesbian\\_n\\_1199647.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/01/11/susan-allen-minneapolis-democrat-native-american-lesbian_n_1199647.html)
- Ibrahim Al-Hajiby, an Auggie from Yemen, is featured in a short movie made by College staff and posted on the Augsburg YouTube channel. Watch it at: <http://youtu.be/VsXou4vaCus>.
- Four Auggie track & field alumni made a documentary about the 2012 U.S. Olympic marathon trials held last Saturday. The film, "Marathon Road," features Augsburg head coach Dennis Barker. Read more in the Athletics website.  
<http://athletics.augsburg.edu/news/2012/1/12/gen011212.aspx?path=mcross>
- Auggie Jamie Kauffman '10, appears in a PBS NewsHour broadcast about controlling wheat rust in crops in Kenya. She currently is a researcher at the University of Minnesota in the wheat rust lab. She is shown working at the 3-minute mark in the film.  
[http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/globalhealth/july-dec11/wheat\\_12-28.html](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/globalhealth/july-dec11/wheat_12-28.html)