

February 20, 2012

PRESIDENT'S VIEW

The **Nobel Peace Prize Forum** is just around the corner from March 1-3, and it provides rich opportunities to **learn, mingle, and network with international, national, and local leaders** on issues related to peace and peacemaking. Auggies are blessed with many opportunities to enrich their individual learning through the high-quality programming that is being delivered at the Nobel Peace Prize Forum. There are multiple speakers and topics that will help all Auggies become better informed citizens, including issues related to the Arab Spring, social movements, education, business, arts, and music. I encourage all Auggies to take time to explore the content of the Forum and to register to attend. Learn more in the story below in the "Major Achievements and Happenings" section.

Last weekend, Augsburg hosted Scholarship Weekend and the StepUP Gala. A well-deserved "thank you" to the faculty and staff involved in each of these important events. Nearly 200 potential Auggies visited campus to interview and audition for scholarships. That's the largest group of scholarship competitors in our history. Be sure to look for the A-Mail post this week with all the details.

"Believe15" (celebrating 15 years of StepUP) was the theme for the StepUP Gala held last Saturday at the Hyatt Regency in Minneapolis. Approximately 450 people attended the event, which was emceed by award-winning journalist Don Shelby. The silent and live auctions raised more than \$70,000 for the program. Thank you to the Auggies who made this event possible and to those who attended in support of our students.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

Alternative funding for K-12 focus of Sabo Symposium debate.

The Sabo Symposium debate on **February 22** will model constructive debate on the topic of alternative funding for K-12 education. Different perspectives on the topic will be presented in a debate form, followed by a moderated discussion. More details are at <http://www.augsburg.edu/sabo/events.html>. The Sabo Center is accepting applications for scholarships for 2012-13. More in A-Mail at <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120203#32908>.

HASHTAG

The Twitter hashtag for the Sabo Symposium is **#SaboSymp**.

Register today to attend Nobel Peace Prize Forum. Faculty and staff are asked to encourage students to participate in the Nobel Peace Prize Forum (NPPF) that runs from **March 1 to 3**. Get a flavor of the event, and previews of speakers, by viewing a Storify piece at <http://storify.com/AugsburgCollege/nobel-peace-prize-forum>.

The Augsburg Community – students, faculty, and staff – can attend for half price (**\$10 for students, \$20 for faculty and staff**) by registering using their Augsburg e-mail addresses. The three-day program includes a range of local, national, and international leaders, including:

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- **Nobel Peace Prize Laureate F.W. de Klerk**, former president of South Africa. (9:15-10:15 a.m., March 3)
- **Alf Bjorseth**, chairman of SCATEC AS, will address the role of sustainable energy technologies to renew peace and foster stability. (9:30-10:30 a.m., March 1)
- **Adam Hochschild**, journalist, teacher, and author, will speak about moral issues of World War I and those who tried to prevent the carnage that occurred. (1-2:10 p.m., March 1)
- **Saki Macozoma**, business leader, former member of South Africa's parliament, and a prisoner on Robben Island during apartheid, will talk about business and the price of peace in post-apartheid South Africa. (4-5 p.m., March 1)
- **Benjamin Britten's *War Requiem***, Ted Mann Concert Hall, University of Minnesota. (7:30-10 p.m., March 1)
- **Joe Cavanaugh**, Youth Frontiers founder, talks of building respectful school communities. (1:45-2:45 p.m., March 2)
- **Andrew Slack**, founder of the Harry Potter Alliance, will address how to use the morals and lessons of Harry Potter to fight the dark arts in the real world. (4:30-5:30 p.m., March 2)
- **Dessa**, nationally known hip-hop artist, will talk about ethics, hip-hop, and present a mini-set. (8-10:30 p.m., March 2)
- **Auggie and Nobel Laureate Peter Agre**, 2003 Nobel Prize in Chemistry and Augsburg College alumnus, will address the role of science in behind-the-scenes efforts to foster humanitarian objectives that are not possible for politicians and government leaders. (12:30-1:45 p.m., March 3)
- **Geir Lundestad**, Norwegian Nobel Institute, will talk about controversial Nobel Peace Prizes, and whether awards were successes or failures. (12:30-1:45 p.m., March 3)
- **Abdul Aziz Said**, American University, will discuss the value on peace of ecological balance, dignity, political pluralism, and cultural diversity. (12:30-1:45 p.m., March 3)
- **"Reunion: 10 Years After the War,"** special showing of this Amanda Award-winning documentary that shows the meeting between Albanian and Serb students 10 years after the bombings of Kosovo. (Multiple showings March 3)
- **Jonathan Mann**, CNN international correspondent, will discuss the character and qualities of Laureates, a perspective gathered during 16 years of interviewing Laureates as they received their awards in Oslo. Mann also will moderate question and answer sessions following keynote presentations. (Speaks 4-4:30 p.m., March 3)
- **Naomi Tutu**, international human rights advocate and daughter of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, will present a closing call to action. (4:30-5 p.m., March 3)

Register at http://nppftickets.universitytickets.com/user_pages/event_listings.asp. A full program, with session descriptions, is at <http://nobelpeaceprizeforum.org/2012-program/>. Session room locations will be available soon.

The NPPF offers students, staff, and faculty many opportunities to hear from international, national, and state leaders on topics related to peace and peacemaking. 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 the support of our sister Norwegian Lutheran colleges, and our community partners.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Private College Job and Internship Fair, February 22. Students have the chance to connect with potential employers for interviews, jobs, and internships at the Minnesota Private College Council job and internship fair. About 1,800 students from MPCC schools participate, and 70 Auggies currently are signed up to attend. The fair is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Auggie faculty and staff are asked to help encourage students to participate in this important event. Details on the career fair are here - http://www.mnpcfair.org/students/student_information.aspx, and Auggies also can touch base with the Strommen Career and Internship Center (extension 1148) <http://cswl.pbworks.com/w/page/6687514/FrontPage>.

Scholars at the Capitol, February 22. Two Auggies will participate in the annual MPCC Scholars at the Capitol event to spotlight undergraduate research. Students will present posters on their research, which ranges from musicology to mathematics, Hispanic studies to health sciences. Learn more at <http://www.mnprivatecolleges.org/events-news/upcoming-events/scholars-capitol-0>.

EVENTS

February 21

- Mardi Gras Madrigals, 6:30 p.m., Hoversten Chapel
- Drag Show, 7 to 10 p.m., East Commons, Christensen Center

February 22

- Minnesota Private College Council Scholars at the Capitol, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Minnesota State Capitol Rotunda
- Minnesota Private College Council Career and Internship Fair, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Minneapolis Convention Center
- Money Week: Money Matters Student Panel, 6 p.m., Christensen Center

February 23 – Money Week: Kara McGuire, former Star Tribune columnist and financial advocate, 6 p.m., Christensen Center

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, February 21: Catie Mapa, Senior Speaker

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- Wednesday, February 22: Ash Wednesday, Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion, President Paul Pribbenow
- Thursday, February 23: Nate Althoff, Senior Speaker
- Friday, February 24: Pan-Afrikan Student Union Black History Celebration
- Monday, February 27: Tsehai Wodajo, Beauty/Solidarity, Enrichment of African Lives

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 story of college – 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 neat Auggie stories:

- Nobel Peace Prize Forum in Storify - <http://storify.com/AugsburgCollege/nobel-peace-prize-forum>
- Visit by Olympian Billy Mills featured in The Circle, and in Storify - <http://storify.com/AugsburgCollege/olympian-billy-mills-shares-message-with-native-am>