

April 16, 2012

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

Congratulations and thanks to Auggies! At this time of year, students, faculty, and staff in the Augsburg community are recognized for their achievements and/or service. Thanks to all for their service to the community, and congratulations to those who were or will be recognized in the coming days at the following events:

- **13th Annual Augsburg Leadership Awards.** On **April 12**, the campus celebrated recipients of the Campus Activities and Orientation Office 2011-12 Augsburg Leadership of the Year Awards. The full list of winners is in A-Mail at <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/#34130>.
- **Kudos to retiring faculty.** The contributions of faculty were celebrated **April 12** when the Augsburg community gave its thanks to 10 retiring faculty, and heard some of their stories during the reception. The faculty also will be honored during the Faculty Recognition Luncheon on May 3. Pictures from the April 12 reception are on Flickr at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/augsburgcollege/sets/72157629444127456/>.
- **Honors Convocation celebrated student academic success.** The Augsburg community on **April 13** celebrated the academic achievement of students at the Honors Convocation. Students graduating with Latin and departmental honors were recognized. Also honored were the 2012 recipients of the Distinguished Contributions to Teaching and Learning awards:
 - Excellence in Teaching: Mary Lowe, associate professor of religion
 - Excellence in Mentoring and Scholarship: James Vela-McConnell, professor of sociology

The distinguished contributions of these faculty members will also be celebrated at the May 3 Faculty Recognition Luncheon. Look for photos from Honors Convocation in next Monday's Augsburg Weekly.

- **Auggie Awards.** The fifth annual Auggie Athletic Awards "maroon carpet" ceremony will take place **April 23** and honor achievements of student athletes. More about the gala at <http://athletics.augsburg.edu/news/2012/4/3/gen042312.aspx?path=general>.

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Science convocation explores NASA MESSENGER mission. The Sverdrup Visiting Scientist Lecture on **today and tomorrow** is a chance to learn about NASA's Mercury Surface Space Environment Geochemistry and Ranging (MESSENGER) mission. Brian J. Anderson '82, deputy project scientist with the mission and is a physicist with the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, will talk about the Mercury mission and whether there is a moral imperative for space exploration. Anderson will speak at **7:30 p.m., today, and 11 a.m., April 17**. The Twitter hashtag is #AuggieNASA.

http://inside.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2012/04_09_12/sverdrup_lecture.html

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CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Zyzzogeton presentations showcase student research. The annual Zyzzogeton Poster Session held last week, sponsored by the McNair, URGO and LSAMP programs, celebrates the outcomes of student research and creativity. The URGO office is expanding to offer even more opportunities to more undergraduates. To learn about the expansion, read the Inside Augsburg story from January at http://augnet.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2012/01_23_12/irvine_urgor.html.

Chamber Music Recital and High Tea. On April 25, the Augsburg Department of Music will host a chamber music recital and high tea to recognize the recipients and donors of awards and scholarships in music. The student performance begins at 4 p.m.

Final exams and Late-Night Breakfast. Final exam week for day undergrad students begins April 30. In accordance with tradition, a late-night breakfast will be served by faculty and staff in the Commons from 10 to 11:30 p.m. Augsburg College thanks A'viands for their support of this finals week event.

EVENTS

April 16-17: Sverdrup Visiting Scientist Lecture, Brian J. Anderson '82, 7:30 p.m., April 16, and 11 a.m., April 17. <http://www.augsburg.edu/convo/>

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

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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, April 17: Sverdrup Convocation: Exploration as a moral imperative, Brian J. Anderson '82, 11 a.m.
- Wednesday, April 18: Vocatio Chapel, Jacki Brickman
- Thursday, April 19: TBD
- Friday, April 20: Athletic recognition, Janet Karvonen-Montgomery
- Monday, April 23: Pastor Sonja Hagander

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:

- After reading the latest edition of Augsburg Now, alum write about Thunder the Mannequin. http://inside.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2012/04_09_12/mannequin_now.html
- Prof. Joseph Erickson spoke with Amanda Anderson of KFAI during late March on the topic of K-12 teacher seniority. Listen to the story in the KFAI archives at <http://www.kfai.org/node/42863>.
- Nobel Peace Prize Forum gets another nod in MinnPost.com in connection with upcoming Dessa concert. <http://www.minnpost.com/artscape/2012/04/minnesotas-museum-mania>
- Sabo Center Breakfast photos - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/augsburgcollege/sets/72157629808360167/>