

April 23, 2012

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Campus will be hopping as our spring semester comes to a close this week, and we hold Commencement **May 5** for our traditional undergraduates and those graduates on the semester calendar. Commencement this year is focused on the theme of "global peace," and builds off of some of the good work from our Nobel Peace Prize Forum held during March. We are honored to welcome back to campus Naomi Tutu, the NPPF closing keynote speaker who is a human rights activist and the daughter of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, as our Commencement speaker. Tutu and Bishop Zephania Kameeta, Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Republic of Namibia, will receive honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees at Saturday's ceremony. We will celebrate Commencement July 1 for Weekend College, Rochester, and graduate students in six programs. You can read more on Commencement in Inside Augsburg at http://augnet.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2012/04_16_12/may_commencement.html.

Final exams are this week, and Late Night Breakfast is **April 30**. In accordance with tradition, the 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.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

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.

Distinguished faculty contributions to be celebrated May 3. Last week, the College acknowledged outstanding work of full-time faculty by naming the recipients of the 2012 Distinguished Teaching and Learning Awards. Recipients of the awards are Mary Lowe, associate professor of religion, and James Vela-McConnell, professor of sociology. The accomplishments of the two will be celebrated **May 3** at the Faculty Luncheon. Read more on Inside Augsburg at http://augnet.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2012/04_16_12/ctl_awards.html.

Honors Convocation celebrated academic achievement. The annual Honors Convocation was April 13 and celebrated the academic excellence achieved by students. Latin and departmental honors were conferred. See photos on Flickr at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/augsburgcollege/sets/72157629859642559/with/6950086334/>.

EVENTS

April 26: "In the City" admissions event for weekend/evening and graduate programs, Minneapolis Institute of Arts, 5 to 8:30 p.m., Christensen Center. <http://www.augsburg.edu/inthecity/>

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.

This is the last week of daily Chapel, and Chapel will resume in September when classes begin.

- Tuesday, April 24: Musical ensemble with student musicians
- Wednesday, April 25: President Paul C. Pribbenow
- Thursday, April 26: Pastor Dave Wold
- Friday, April 27: Last Day Extravaganza

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:

- Auggie alumnae Noya Woodrich is the first Native American to lead the Minneapolis Greater Council of Churches <http://www.startribune.com/lifestyle/147682335.html>
- Augsburg alum Dave Stevens, a congenital amputee, profiled in Florida Sun Sentinel about his career, life, and accomplishments. <http://sunsent.nl/HXuyZn>
- Augsburg's StepUP program is the model being used to launch a recovery program at St. Cloud State University. http://www.sctimes.com/article/20120419/NEWS01/304190017/SCSU-OKs-Recovery-Community?gcheck=1&nclink_check=1
- The Sverdrup Convocation featured Auggie Brian J. Anderson, MESSENGER deputy project scientist. See photos on Flickr at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/augsburgcollege/sets/72157629497466642/>.
- The annual Zyzzogeton Poster Session held April 12 celebrates outcomes of student research and creativity. See photos in Flickr at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/augsburgcollege/sets/72157629495557070/>.