

April 30, 2012

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Finals for day students kick off on Monday, and part of the Augsburg experience includes the Late Night Breakfast. Faculty and staff will come together to serve students late this evening. It's always a fun event and a way to cheer on our day students in their last week of classes. I look forward to seeing a number of you in the serving line tonight. Then, on **May 5**, we celebrate the graduation of 465 day students and 27 physician assistants. We also welcome back Naomi Tutu as commencement speaker on the topic of global peace. Read more on Inside Augsburg at http://augnet.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2012/04_16_12/may_commencement.html. Pre-Commencement events include the **May 4** Baccalaureate Service and annual Bon Voyage concert by the Augsburg Choir.

A number of Auggies last week learned that they earned outstanding appointments for off-campus research this summer. Auggie scientists will fan out across the nation to research at institutions including Johns Hopkins University, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Rochester Institute of Technology, Mayo Clinic, and many more. These opportunities are examples of how Augsburg's commitment to undergraduate research can have a meaningful impact on students' lives. See where Auggies will study in an Inside Augsburg story at http://augnet.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2012/04_23_12/summerresearch.html.

This week, Augsburg welcomes the Travelers EDGE program to campus to film on **May 2 and 3**. Travelers EDGE, a partnership between Travelers and 10 higher education institutions and college-readiness programs, exists to remove barriers for students to attend college. The program is in its fifth year, and Travelers will celebrate its program by creating a short film that highlights accomplishments of students. An Auggie will be interviewed for the film. Learn more about Travelers EDGE from a 2011 Inside Augsburg story at http://augnet.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2011/04_04_11/travelers.html.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Riverside Ave. construction project. The City of Minneapolis construction project for Riverside Ave. is in full swing and will impact travel to and from campus through November. Visitors, faculty, staff, and students should expect traffic delays due to the construction. Information – including maps, directions, and links to the City of Minneapolis project website – can be accessed from the homepage of the College website and can be found at <http://www.augsburg.edu/about/map.html>. Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to follow the project on the City of Minneapolis website at http://www.minneapolismn.gov/cip/all/cip_riverside_index.

Additional traffic delays officially will start no later than May 7 when the Minnesota Department of Transportation begins projects on I-94 that will result in ramp closures near campus. The ramp from from Riverside Ave. to westbound I-94 will be closed for at least seven days, and later in the month the ramp from westbound I-94 to Cedar Ave. will be closed for at least four days. Detours are to be determined. Travelers to and from campus are encouraged to follow the projects on MnDOT's website at <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i94resurfacing/phase2.html>.

Virtual Career Fair for students, alumni on May 2-3: Augsburg is participating in the Minnesota Private College Career Consortium's virtual career fair on **May 2 and 3**, an event for students and alumni to meet and connect with potential employers through online chat rooms. This is an important opportunity for students to take advantage of and can help them transition from college to work. Please encourage students and student workers to participate. Details and online registration are at <http://www.minnesota.careereco.net/>. More on the fair is in A-Mail at <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120420#34214>.

Faculty Recognition Luncheon is May 3. The College will celebrate work of faculty on May 3 during the Faculty Recognition Luncheon. The event includes an 11:45 a.m. Scholarship Display followed by a luncheon program beginning at 12:30 p.m. During mid-April, the College celebrated the outstanding contributions of full-time faculty by naming the recipients of the 2012 Distinguished Teaching and Learning Awards. More on the awards can be found on Inside Augsburg at http://augnet.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2012/04_16_12/ctl_awards.html.

Commencement focus on May 5 is global peace. Commencement is **May 5** for traditional undergraduates and those graduates on the semester calendar. Commencement this year is focused on the theme of "global peace" and will feature Naomi Tutu, a human rights activist and the daughter of Archbishop Desmond Tutu. 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. Pre-Commencement events include the **May 4** Baccalaureate Service and annual Bon Voyage concert by the Augsburg Choir.

Commencement for Weekend College, Rochester, and graduate students in six programs is **July 1**. You can read more on Commencement in Inside Augsburg at http://augnet.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2012/04_16_12/may_commencement.html.

Augsburg Weekly schedule. The last weekly publication of Augsburg Weekly is Monday, May 7. Through spring trimester and July commencement, Augsburg Weekly will be published every two weeks. In addition, Augsburg Weekly will be published once during mid-July and mid-August.

EVENTS

April 30: Late Night Breakfast, 10 to 11:30 p.m., Commons, Christensen Center.

May 2-3: Virtual Career Fair, Minnesota Private College Career Consortium, <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120420#34214>. Visit the online fair at: <http://www.minnesota.careereco.net/>.

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

DAILY CHAPEL

Daily chapel services Monday through Friday will resume during September. WEC Eat, Greet and Bless will continue to meet from 7:30 to 7:50 a.m. on days when Saturday classes occur, and will continue through the end of Spring Semester.

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:

- Student athletes were honored at the Auggie Awards the week of April 16. See who was recognized and see video. All links available through A-Mail at <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120424#34258>. Photos are on Flickr at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/augsburgcollege/sets/72157629540529272/>.
- More than 35 Auggie MBA students studied last week in Germany. See some of what they learned from the Tumblr site the students created at <http://mba12ger.tumblr.com/>.
- The Chamber Music Recital and High Tea was April 25. See photos on Flickr at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/augsburgcollege/sets/72157629542858804/>.