

May 7, 2012

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last week was full of the traditional end-of-the-year festivities, including Late Night Breakfast and the StepUP graduation, Faculty Recognition Luncheon and Board of Regents meeting, Baccalaureate Service and Commencement. The Commencement program was a wonderful wrap-up to a successful academic year for day undergraduate and Physician Assistant students. We were especially blessed to miss the rain and experience fewer construction delays and detours than we asked guests to anticipate! Congratulations to all of our 2012 graduates.

Watching our undergrad day students and PA graduate students cross the stage on Saturday, I was struck by our shared successes. The Class of 2012 represents the work of the College to live our mission to educate students to be informed citizens, thoughtful stewards, critical thinkers, and responsible leaders. Read a roundup of Commencement 2012 on Storify at <http://storify.com/AugsburgCollege/augsburg-college-2012-commencement>.

Thank you to all those who helped to make Commencement a great success – especially our Facilities and Grounds crews, Events and Conferences staff, Public Safety, A'viands, and the countless volunteers who helped welcome and shepherd our guests!

I look forward to celebrating again on July 1, when we will continue our focus on global peace with our Commencement exercises for Weekend and Rochester undergraduates and the remainder of our graduate students.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Spring Board of Regents Meeting. On Friday, the Augsburg Board of Regents met for their spring meetings. Key actions from the meeting included:

- Beginning July 1, Augsburg College welcomes as new officers the following Regents: Chair Jodi Harpstead, Vice Chair Paul Mueller, Secretary David Tiede, and Treasurer Dan Anderson, who continues his post. Thank you to Chair Mike Good and Secretary Paul Mueller, both who will resume normal Regent activities going forward.
- Approval of the 2012-13 College budget.
- Approving seven tenured and retiring faculty members as faculty emeriti.
- Affirming strong results in fundraising for the Center for Science, Business and Religion, and approving a plan that aims at beginning a first stage of construction by mid-2014.

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 at www.augsburg.edu. 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. Official detour routes are at <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/www/groups/public/@publicworks/documents/images/wcms1p-091802.pdf>.

Reminder: Additional traffic delays officially start today, May 7, when the Minnesota Department of Transportation begins projects on I-94 that will result in ramp closures near campus. The ramp from 25th Ave./Riverside Ave. to westbound I-94 will close for concrete rehabilitation work through at least May 14. Detours and more information are on MnDOT's website at <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i94resurfacing/phase2.html>.

Creating an Inclusive Campus Conference. Faculty, staff, and students are invited to take part in the annual Creating an Inclusive Campus Conference **May 22-24**. The conference, which continues the College's commitment to intentional diversity, will explore what it means to be committed to intentional diversity, how students are prepared for a life of collaboration in a diverse, global environment, and how the College can live out its mission. Topics that will be addressed include how to build authentic connections with others, the needs of adult learners around intercultural competence, and fighting poverty at Augsburg. More on Inside Augsburg at <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/#34399>.

Augsburg Weekly schedule. This is the last weekly publication of Augsburg. Through spring trimester and July commencement, Augsburg Weekly will be published every two weeks—**May 22, June 4, and June 18**. In addition, Augsburg Weekly will be published once during mid-July and mid-August.

EVENTS

May 6-16: Augsburg College Choir on tour in North Dakota, Montana, Washington, South Dakota.

May 22-24: Creating an Inclusive Campus Conference. <https://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/#34399>

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:

- Commencement 2012 was last Saturday. See a roundup from the day on Storify at <http://storify.com/AugsburgCollege/augsburg-college-2012-commencement>.
- **Auggie students met last week with Sen. Amy Klobuchar** to talk about Facebook and privacy rights, **and also with Rep. Keith Ellison** to talk about student loans and the loan potential for loan interest rates to increase this summer. See a story about the Klobuchar event at <http://www.myfoxtwincities.com/story/18106313/klobuchar>. See the College Facebook page for images and information about the meeting with Ellison at <http://on.fb.me/JlkzJR>.
- **Auggie students earn range of honors.** The past two weeks have been successful for a range of Auggies who secured prestigious scholarships and internships. Some of the accomplishments are highlighted below.
 - Ibrahim Al-Hajiby was selected for the Kemper Scholars Program. Students in the program are presented opportunities throughout much of their college career to integrate career exploration with academic scholarship, and receive stipends for two summer internships. More in A-Mail at <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120427#34316>.
 - Three Auggies will work as Travelers EDGE interns - Simon Tekle, Ger Lao, and Dustina Granlund. This Travelers program works to boost the numbers of underrepresented students at college, and builds awareness of careers in the insurance and financial sectors. More information is in Inside Augsburg at http://augnet.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2012/04_30_12/travelers_interns.html.
 - Augsburg, a top producer of Fulbright Scholars, is pleased to have Rose Sybrant serving as a Fulbright Scholar this fall in Venezuela. <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120504#34383> In addition, Adam Spanier was named a Fulbright in the Czech Republic. <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/#34404>
 - Auggies Halimo Adbulkarim and Alex Wolfe earned Gilman International Scholarships for study abroad in Jordan and India, respectively. <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/#34402>
 - A range of Auggies will conduct summer research and study at institutions throughout the nation. <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120427#34304>