

June 4, 2012

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer Commencement is around the corner, and is an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of our graduate students and undergraduates in Weekend College, United/Unity/Mercy/ Hospitals, and Rochester Program. We are honored to have David Mathews, president and chief executive officer of the Charles F. Kettering Foundation, serve as speaker. Mathews and Bishop Martin Henker, superintendent for the Evangelical Lutheran Church District of Leipzig, Germany, will receive honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees at the **July 1** commencement. More on Commencement is on the web at <http://www.augsburg.edu/commencement/july.html>.

It's not every day a college adds a sport to its varsity roster. Augsburg, however, is doing just that with the addition of women's collegiate lacrosse. The College is the first in Minnesota and the MIAC Division to add the sport. A coach will be hired this month, and the first official varsity season will be spring 2014. By offering women's lacrosse, Augsburg will be able to expand the number of student-athletes who consider Augsburg for their post-secondary education and increase the total number of female student-athletes at the College. Read more, and watch a video, on the Athletics' website at <http://athletics.augsburg.edu/news/2012/6/4/wlax060412.aspx>.

The search for a Vice President of Institutional Advancement will be conducted by Keystone Search. A position profile will be posted on the Augsburg Human Resources web page, and notification will be sent by A-Mail when the post is live. Any nominations or applications should be made to Keystone Search, which will be linked to the position description.

As you may know, I will be taking the first part of my sabbatical during July. I'm looking forward to working at the ELCA Churchwide offices on a project I designed to explore with Bishop Mark Hanson and his colleagues the nature of Lutheran higher education in the 21st century. One of the key areas of study will be looking our abiding theological and social relevance, as well as appropriate ways in which the 26 ELCA colleges and universities are linked organizationally to the various expressions of the church (churchwide, synod and congregation). I hope to sketch out a "network" organizational model for the ELCA colleges and universities that will help ensure their continuing interconnectedness as Lutheran institutions. I'll be back mid-August for the start of our next academic year.

## CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

**McNair summer researchers identify projects.** McNair Scholars this summer will spend an average of 400 hours exploring research topics, developing their theses, collecting and reviewing data, and preparing a formal presentation of their studies. The summer program provides students the chance to develop a range of skills, including graduate school readiness. Learn more about the summer research of the 13 Auggie McNair Scholars on Inside Augsburg at [http://augnet.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2012/05\\_21\\_12/mcnair\\_summer.html](http://augnet.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2012/05_21_12/mcnair_summer.html).

**Master of Arts in Leadership Colloquium.** Students in the Master of Arts in Leadership program will present the findings of their research from 5:30 to 8 p.m., **June 6**, in Oren Gateway rooms 100, 112, and 113. Each student will present for 20 minutes. Attendees can attend one presentation for each time slot, and can move to different rooms between presentations. Research topics addressed include the impact of strengths-based leadership on employee motivation and performance; trends in employee engagement; teaching entrepreneurs. A full list of presentation topics is at [http://web.augsburg.edu/~parkp/MAL\\_Colloquium\\_presenters\\_2012.pdf](http://web.augsburg.edu/~parkp/MAL_Colloquium_presenters_2012.pdf).

**Celebration of Philanthropy.** The second annual Celebration of Philanthropy will be **June 7**, and is an opportunity to thank generous benefactors of the College. Attendees will be current annual donors who have made gifts of \$1,000 or more from June 2011 to May 2012, Sven Oftedal Society members, donors who have made cumulative gifts of \$25,000 or more, donors who have given to the College for 15 or more consecutive years, and our volunteers to Augsburg. Learn more about the event on the College website at <http://www.augsburg.edu/giving/events.html>.

**International Social Work Conference.** The Social Work Department is hosting the first international conference **June 14-15** in Minneapolis. The program, which will be held on campus, offers seven programming tracks, including social work profession, curriculum development, community development, clinical practice, research, and more. Program details are at <http://www.augsburg.edu/socialwork/conference.html>.

**Social media directory.** MarComm staff is compiling a directory of all the official social media sites operated by Augsburg faculty and staff. To learn more about information sought, and how to participate, please see A-Mail at <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill?issuedate=20120530#34504>.

**Augsburg Weekly summer schedule.** Through July commencement, Augsburg Weekly will be published every two weeks, on **June 18 and July 2**. Following that, Augsburg Weekly will be published once during mid-July and mid-August.

## EVENTS

**June 6:** Master of Arts in Leadership Colloquium, 5:30 to 8 p.m., Oren Gateway Center, multiple rooms.

**June 7:** Celebration of Philanthropy, 6 to 8 p.m., Christensen Center. RSVP required. <http://www.augsburg.edu/giving/events.html>

**June 23-24:** Augsburg staffs a table at the Twin Cities Pride Fest.

**June 27:** In the City – Turning Beer Into Food: A Story of a Social Entrepreneur. More at <http://www.augsburg.edu/inthecity/index.html>.

**July 1:** Commencement for undergraduates in Weekend College, Rochester Program, and graduate students. <http://www.augsburg.edu/commencement/>

**July 9-13:** Urban Scrubs Camp, throughout campus. [http://inside.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2012/05\\_21\\_12/urbanscrubs.html](http://inside.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2012/05_21_12/urbanscrubs.html)

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:

- **Public Achievement.** The work of Fridley Middle School students using the Public Achievement model from Augsburg's Center for Democracy and Citizenship was the focus of a May 31 news story on Minnesota Public Radio. Read and listen to the story here: <http://minnesota.publicradio.org/display/web/2012/05/31/fridley-middle-schoolers-take-on-districts-bullying-policy/> To learn about the Auggies involved in the story, please see A-Mail at <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/#34511>.
- **AugSTEM grant from National Science Foundation:** Upper-division students studying science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) can apply for new academic merit scholarships beginning in Fall 2012 thanks to a nearly \$600,000 grant from the National Science Foundation. More on Inside Augsburg at [http://augnet.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2012/06\\_01\\_12/stem.html](http://augnet.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2012/06_01_12/stem.html).
- **Auggie spotlight.** Taylor Foster '12, a sociology and criminal justice alumnus, was profiled in Lavender Magazine for his work to promote safety and inclusivity on campus. Read his story on page 37 at <http://epagepub.com/publication/?i=113546>.
- **Partnership in Slovenia leads to travel seminar.** Two Auggie faculty members traveled to Slovenia to explore the potential to create a travel seminar with Augsburg's international partners at the University of Ljubljana. Read more on Inside Augsburg at [http://augnet.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2012/05\\_21\\_12/slovenia.html](http://augnet.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2012/05_21_12/slovenia.html).
- **Auggies in Egypt.** A group of Auggies studying in Egypt for three weeks with Joe Underhill, associate professor of political science, and Mohamed Sallam, director of Pan-Afrikan Student Services, will be blogging about their experiences. Follow the group online at <http://augsburgegypttrip2012.blogspot.com/>.
- **Urban Scrubs Camp earns accolades.** The Minnesota Hospital Association named the Urban Scrubs Camp a winner of its annual Health Care Career Promotion Award.

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Learn about Augsburg's connection to the program as an anchor institution in Inside Augsburg at [http://augnet.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2012/05\\_21\\_12/urbanscrubs.html](http://augnet.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2012/05_21_12/urbanscrubs.html).

- **Augsburg College on Facebook.** Please follow Augsburg College on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/augsburgcollege> and join the nearly 4,075 people who “like” the College. Last year at this time, the College had fewer than 3,000 fans. Thanks to all who have joined, and who have helped spread the word.