

July 2, 2012

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was hot for this weekend's commencement ceremony, but that didn't diminish the excitement and pride for the accomplishments of more than 460 Auggie grads – undergraduates in the Rochester and Weekend College programs, and graduate students in education, leadership, business, nursing and social work. Among the highlights was the graduation of our first cohort of students who earned a combined Master of Social Work/Master of Business Administration, and the presentation of the Richard J. Thoni Award to Abdi Mohamed, a nursing student who has contributed to our community in many ways. Congratulations to all of our 2012 Auggie grads!

The weekend's festivities were a meaningful send-off as I now head to Chicago for a six-week sabbatical. While there, I will explore the relevance and sustainability of Lutheran higher education in the 21st century. I will be in residence at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) headquarters and look forward to the opportunity to work with Bishop Mark Hanson '68 and his colleagues there to pursue the theological and practical themes of our commitment to higher education in the Lutheran church.

May you have a blessed and safe extended July 4 holiday. I look forward to returning to campus during mid-August for the start of our next academic year.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

President extends July 4 holiday for remainder of week: Many Augsburg College offices and departments will not be open to the public and students from **July 4-6** in observance of Independence Day. President Paul C. Pribbenow declared July 5-6 as additional paid holidays this year for all non-union benefits-eligible staff, both exempt and non-exempt. Presidential holidays are determined by the President's Office each year and are not necessarily consistent from one year to the next. Some offices, departments, and facilities have posted to A-Mail information about their hours of operation.

TRiO/SSS Summer Bridge: Now in its 11th year, the TRiO/Student Support Services Summer Bridge program will welcome 17 new Auggies to campus for a five-week program that gives students a head start on their Augsburg education and increases opportunities for success at the College. This year, the students participating in the residential program will take religion and communication studies courses from **July 8-August 9**. Read about this year's program: <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amail/#34644>

Vocation of a Lutheran College: The annual Vocation of a Lutheran College conference is slated for **July 30-August 1** and will explore the theme, A Calling to Embrace Creation: Lutheran Higher Education, Sustainability, and Stewardship. Registration is open to Augsburg staff and faculty and includes meals. For a full agenda and to register, see A-mail at: <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amail/?issuedate=20120628#34626>

Augsburg at The Great Minnesota Get-Together: Share your Augsburg savvy at the Minnesota State Fair by volunteering at the College's information booth. The fair runs **August 23-September 3**, and volunteers are needed for the 5-9 p.m. shift. Sign up and get your own Auggie polo: <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120628#34629>

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Summer camps a reflection of role as anchor institution: Each summer, Augsburg is host to a range of summer camp programs. Some of the programs are connected to the College curriculum. Many camps, however, are a reflection of the College's role as and commitment to serving as an anchor institution – an organization closely tied to place, with strong interest in improving the health and vitality of the community in which it is located. The work also is tied to the College's role as a Lutheran organization with a calling to serve its neighbors. This summer, Augsburg is fulfilling this role by hosting camps for local youth.

- **Award-winning camp teaches neighborhood youths about healthcare careers:** Inner-city youths in grades 9-12 who attend Urban Scrubs Camp from **July 9-13** will learn about the diversity of healthcare careers. The program is a partnership between Augsburg, HealthForce Minnesota, Cedar-Riverside Partnership, Fairview Health Systems, and the University of Minnesota. More is in Inside Augsburg at: http://augnet.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2012/05_21_12/urbanscrubs.html
- **Science camps ignite curiosity of youths:** Minneapolis youths grades 4-8 will be on campus for the Girls in Engineering, Math and Science (GEMS) and Guys in Science and Engineering (GISE) camps **July 9-30**. The goals of the programs are to help youths develop a greater curiosity, enthusiasm, and understanding of complex problem solving while learning and using technology, science, and mathematics. In the past, students in the program have gone on to present findings from their studies at the Science Museum of Minnesota, Minnesota State Fair, and other events.

Augsburg recently hosted the:

- **Summer Mathematics Institute** is designed to ignite the curiosity of youths in grades 8-10. Campers last week learned about Discrete Math, a topic not taught in school. The one-week residential program focused on mathematical reasoning, conjecture, and provided campers a chance to compete in a mini-math meet. More information is at http://mnmathleague.org/?page_id=444.
- **Youth Theology Institute** hosted 23 high school students from the region to explore lives of interfaith action. Learn more in A-mail at <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120619#34567>.

Augsburg Weekly summer schedule. The next Augsburg Weekly will be published in mid-August. The regular weekly schedule resumes in September.

EVENTS

Beginning July 3: Augsburg will host a farmers market starting Tuesday at which Hmong and Somali neighbor farmers sell organically grown vegetables. Learn more about the farmers market and Augsburg's Free Meals for Youth at:

<http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120626#34610>.

July 15-21: Medieval Minnesota will welcome youths ages 14-17 who will be on campus to learn about life during the Middle Ages. More on the Medieval Minnesota website at:

http://web.augsburg.edu/~adamo/medieval/medieval_minnesota2.html

July 17: Staff Development Series – Getting Involved in Campus Work, 8-9:30 a.m., OGC 114. RSVP information in A-mail: <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120625#34596>

July 20-26: First-Year Student Summer Orientation (SOAR) – Three sessions of summer orientation will be held for first-year students. A schedule and details are at:

<http://www.augsburg.edu/cao/soar.html>.

July 30-August 1: Vocation of a Lutheran College Conference, A Calling to Embrace Creation: Lutheran Higher Education, Sustainability, and Stewardship. RSVP and other details in A-mail at: <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120628#34626>

August 3: Auggie Night at the Races, 5-7 p.m., Canterbury Park.

<http://smaug.augsburg.edu/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=411>

For a listing of Augsburg athletic events, visit the Athletic Department calendar at

<http://athletics.augsburg.edu/>

DAILY CHAPEL

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

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:

- **Rodenborg and Knochel appointed to national council.** Two members of the social work faculty were appointed to councils of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) effective July 1. Associate professor and department chair Nancy Rodenborg was appointed to the CSWE Council on External Relations, and assistant professor K. Abel Knochel was appointed to the CSWE Council on Sexual Orientation and Gender Expression. Find out more in these A-mail stories:

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<http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120619#34568> and
<http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120621#34586>

- **Auggie in *Pioneer Press*.** MSW alumna Heidi Kammer '00 was featured in the newspaper's "Mover" category for her appointment as Director of Recovery Resource Center. To read the article: <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120629#34633>
- **Cifuentes presents at International Conference.** Assistant professor of social work Mauricio Cifuentes presented findings from his research on work with Latino immigrants at the Annual International Symposium of the Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups. Learn more on A-mail: <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120627#34615>
- **Public Achievement.** On June 18, the Minnesota Sun Focus newspaper reported on the work of Fridley Middle School students using the Public Achievement model from Augsburg's Center for Democracy and Citizenship. Read the story: <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120625#34598>