

September 12, 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Good afternoon. After a whirlwind opening week, classes are settling into their fall term pace. I'm proud of the nearly 500 AugSem students and student leaders, faculty, and President's Cabinet members who carried out more than 1,500 hours of cleaning, painting, gardening, and more at schools and community organizations last Tuesday.

If you weren't able to join the community for Opening Convocation and Opening Day activities, you can get a flavor for this wonderful day by:

- Reading the address by Day Student Body President Houa Lor '13 on Inside Augsburg at http://inside.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2011/09_05_11/lor_convocation.html.
- Reading the keynote speech by Associate Professor of Sociology Timothy Pippert at http://augnet.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2011/09_05_11/pippert_convocation.html.
- Checking out the College Flickr stream at www.flickr.com/photos/augsburgcollege/sets/72157627618695360/with/6124702111/.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

All Shook Up: The Call to Change – The 2011-12 Vocatio Chapel Series is based on the theme “All Shook Up: The Call to Change.” Speakers throughout the series will explore their unique calls, whether it takes the form of non-traditional work hours and locations; mid-career changes; battles with illnesses; or fostering change in themselves, organizations, and systems. The first Vocatio Chapel speaker is Brian Krohn '08, a Rhodes Scholar. He will speak at 10:20 a.m., September 21, at Hoversten Chapel. Students, faculty, and staff interested in attending a luncheon with Brian Krohn should RSVP to Lonna Field at fieldl@augsburg.edu by September 19.

Convocation Series – Augsburg's 2011-12 Convocation Series, “Many Voices, Bold Visions,” will explore the impact one individual can have in a world of 6.7 billion people. This series is a timely chance to hear from leaders and visionaries working to make the world a better place. The first Convocation Series event is The Bernhard M. Christensen Symposium slated September 26 and 27 featuring Columbia Theological Seminary Professor Emeritus Walter Bruggemann. For more information, including the dates, speakers and topics of all events in the series, visit the College website at www.augsburg.edu/convo.

Road Construction Updates – The impacts of road construction around the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood continue to shift as projects by the City of Minneapolis and the State of Minnesota progress.

During the weekend of September 17-18, campus parking will be impacted. The City of Minneapolis will resurface Butler Place and 9th St S. subject to weather and other factors. This means that access in and out of Augsburg parking lot L may be impacted, and the Butler Place entrance to Interstate 94 westbound will be closed.

- Official city project updates at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cip/riverside/index.asp#TopOfPage>.
- Campus maps and directions are at <http://www.augsburg.edu/about/map.html>.
- Individuals using Metro Transit buses are encouraged to visit that organization's website, at <http://www.metrotransit.org>, for the latest information on bus routes.
- ACTC bus information is at <https://sites.google.com/a/actc-mn.org/actc/bus>.

Faculty and Staff Wellness – Augsburg is committed to fostering an environment of wellness, and offers a number of programs to help faculty and staff get healthy and stay healthy.

One example is the Faculty/Staff Fitness/Wellness Incentive Program that runs from the first day of class through the end of the school year. Staff and faculty get points for physical activity, and can use the points to various prizes, and also get discounts on fitness related equipment on "Augsburg Shopping Weekends." To learn more, visit the College website at www.augsburg.edu/wellness.

To help our community stay healthy, Augsburg also provides annual flu shot clinics. Clinics for faculty, staff, and students are scheduled September 27 and 28. You must register for these clinics through Homeland Health. Details on cost, registering, and more are in A-Mail at <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/#30747>.

A walk-in clinic also will be held October 24, and details are available in the A-Mail story mentioned above.

First Wednesday Gathering addresses fostering a green campus – A range of Augsburg's "Green by 2019" initiatives were discussed as part of the new "Did You Know" format of the First Wednesday Community Lunch last week.

The College's carbon footprint – determined in a 2007 baseline survey – has been offset by about 40 percent through the purchase of wind power from Xcel Energy. The 2007 baseline survey also showed that total College commuting was 15 percent of the total carbon footprint.

This footprint can be reduced another 30 percent through the following initiatives:

- Energy use reductions from the implementation of a new energy management system (15-20 percent).
- Upgrading the Ice Rink facility to a more energy efficient configuration (8 percent).
- Reductions in the College's transportation footprint including faculty, staff, and student commuting (2 percent).

The College community can foster continued success in meeting the Green by 2019 goal by turning off unnecessary lights and electronic devices; reducing water and paper usage; recycling; and walking, biking, car pooling, or taking public transit to campus.

Augsburg's environmental sustainability efforts aren't going unnoticed. Last April, the College was recognized as a Green Power Champion. Read the story on Inside Augsburg at http://augnet.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2011/04_18_11/earthday.html.

For more details on the College Climate Action Plan, visit www.augsburg.edu/green.

The next First Wednesday Gathering is October 5.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

Student Fulbright Competition Accepting Applications – The Fulbright U.S. Student Program is accepting applications from students seeking chances to study, conduct research and teach in other countries. About 1,500 grants are awarded each year.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens at the time of application and have a bachelor's degree or the equivalent by the start of the grant. The on-campus application deadline is September 19. For details on applying for a Fulbright, please visit A-Mail at <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20110907#30732>.

The College has had 11 Fulbright Scholars since 2007, and currently has two Fulbrights:

- Jennifer Oliver http://augnet.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2011/05_09_11/oliver_fulbright.html.
- Katie Edelen http://augnet.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2011/05_09_11/edelen.html.

Augsburg named a "Best College" – U.S. News and World Report recently released rankings for best colleges in the nation, and Augsburg made one of the lists. Learn more from A-Mail at <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20110908#30738>.

Welcome to international students – Welcome to the more than 60 international students living and studying this year at Augsburg. To learn more, read Inside Augsburg at http://inside.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2011/09_05_11/international_auggies.html.

EVENTS OF NOTE

September 14

Focused Conversation, Campus Space and Master Plan, 2 to 3 p.m., Marshall Room, Christensen Center (<http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20110902#30659>)

September 16

- Spirituality Breakfast, sponsored by StepUp, 7:30 to 9 a.m., Commons, Christensen Center. (Open, RSVP required to StepUp office.)
- Scholastic Connections Gala and Dinner, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Christensen Center. (By invitation, RSVP required.)

For a full listing of Augsburg events, go to the Inside Augsburg Calendar at <http://augnet.augsburg.edu>.

For a listing of Augsburg athletic events, visit the Athletic Department Calendar at <http://athletics.augsburg.edu/news/2011/7/5/gen070511a.aspx?path=general>.

DAILY CHAPEL SPEAKERS

Daily Chapel Time – Daily chapel is a time for the Augsburg community – Sabbath time – to step away from normal duties to worship or reflect in a different manner. As a reminder to faculty and staff, all offices are to remain closed during chapel time as a sign of our common purpose.

The community gathers in chapel from 10:20 to 10:40 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday followed by community time in the Foss Atrium; and from 11:20 to 11:40 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Informal communion is held at 9:09 p.m., Wednesday.

Chapel speakers for the coming week are:

- September 13 – Favorite Song Day
- September 14 – Phil Quanbeck II, Associate Professor of Religion
- September 15 – Jeanette Clark '07, Seminarian, Recipient of the Marina Christensen Justice Award
- September 16 – Martha Stortz, Bernhard M. Christensen Professor of Religion and Vocation
- September 19 – Mary Lowe, Assistant Professor of Religion

Augsburg for Adults and Members of Campus Ministry gather from 7:30 to 7:50 a.m. on days of Saturday class for Eat, Greet & Bless: WEC/Grad Gathering (formerly known as First Word Gathering). These meetings are a chance for people of all faiths and backgrounds to meet for an informal worship, and to enjoy breakfast together.

OTHER NEWS

Promoting Your Events – Learn simple ways to tell your story to the campus community at <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20110907#30731>, but please be mindful of posting rules <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20110906#30707>.

Campus Community Building – Augsburg seeks to build community in a range of manners, to share what is happening on campus, and to honor the mission of the College. If you missed the overview of these opportunities to get to know the

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community, please take a look at last week's Augsburg Weekly at
<http://www.augsburg.edu/president/updates/2011-12/090511.pdf>.

Augsburg College on Facebook – Please consider following Augsburg College on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/augsburgcollege>), where you can connect with more than 3,000 people who “like” the College. How long until we hit 3,500 followers?