

October 17, 2011

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

Homecoming Week – Campus is going to be jumping this week as alumni, families, and friends return to celebrate the life of the College. A range of events is planned for the week, including class reunion breakfasts, Taste of Augsburg, and special luncheons. Other events lift up the education excellence of the College, including the Auggie Author Reading, Alumni Juried Art Show, a sample of the Called to Lead series, and the Hognander Music Scholars Reunion Concert. Other events provide a chance to say “thanks” and to recognize the many Auggies who support the College, including the Student and Alumni Networking Reception, the Young Alumni Event, the Augsburg Associates Luncheon, and the Homecoming Convocation and Alumni Awards.

Many events also are on tap to build community among students, such as the student pep rally, homecoming coronation, fireworks and concert. And then, there are sports! It's not just the Homecoming football game against St. Olaf that happens next week. There are many chances to support students, including by attending a swim meet, or one of a number of soccer and volleyball games.

For more on dates, times and locations of the many wonderful events taking place in our community, visit <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20111012#31429>.

Peace pole dedicated to Their Majesties of Norway – Augsburg commissioned and dedicated a peace pole to King Harald V and Queen Sonja of Norway as part of their Oct. 16 visit to the College. The peace pole, an international symbol of peace and hope, is located in the lawn near Hoversten Chapel. The installation recognizes Augsburg's work with the Norwegian Nobel Institute to support peacemaking through the annual Nobel Peace Prize Forum, the College's Norwegian heritage, and its deep relationship with the country and people of Norway. The peace pole includes messages of peace in 11 languages representing those of the communities in Augsburg's Cedar-Riverside and international locations. It will become a gathering site for regular ceremonies of peace each year. The visit with representatives of Norway concludes tomorrow when a group of Auggies will have breakfast with Norway's Ambassador Wegger Christian Strommen.

See Flickr photos of the visit by Their Majesties at: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/augsburgcollege/>
More about the peace pole at <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20111013#31464>

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Focused Conversation October 20 on Employee Handbook – Reviewing the work and status of employee handbook is the focus of a conversation from noon to 1 p.m., October 20, in the Riverside Room. A second conversation is being scheduled for October 26. A-Mail story at <http://inside.augsburg.edu/amaill/#31522>.

Auggie blood drive tops goal – Augsburg students, staff and faculty contributed more than 45 pints of blood to save 151 lives during last week's fall blood drive. That means Auggies achieved 127 percent of the goal for the drive. More in A-Mail at <http://inside.augsburg.edu/amaill/#31516>.

EVENTS OF NOTE

October 16-22 – Homecoming Alumni and Family Week includes many free and special events for Auggies. Check out the listings at <http://www.augsburg.edu/homecoming/> and <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20111012#31429>.

October 19 – Vocatio Chapel, 10:20 a.m., Hoversten Chapel. Shelby Andress '56, researcher and community change agent. Learn more, including how to register for a special lunch with Andress: <http://web.augsburg.edu/~field/OctVocatio2011.pdf>.

October 24 – Bridging the Religious-Secular Divide, 7-8:30 p.m., OGC 100. Chris Stedman, Augsburg alum, will talk about fostering positive and productive dialogue between faith communities and the nonreligious. Stedman earned a bachelor's degree in religion from Augsburg, and is the interfaith and community service fellow for the Humanist Chaplaincy at Harvard University. <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20111012#31449>

October 26 – “Dan Rice: The Most Famous Man You’ve Never Heard Of,” Humanities and Fine Arts Convocation, 10 a.m., Hoversten Chapel. <http://web.augsburg.edu/~field/OctVocatio2011.pdf>

For a full listing of Augsburg events, go to the Inside Augsburg Calendar at <http://bit.ly/6U9Ueb>.

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

DAILY CHAPEL SPEAKERS

The community gathers from 10:20 to 10:40 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; 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:

- October 18 – Gracia Grindal '65, Luther Seminary, Poet and Hymnwriter
- October 19
 - Shelby Andress '56, Search Institute Adjunct Senior Consultant and Facilitator
 - 9:09 p.m. Songs & 9:30pm Communion with Jeannette Clark
- October 20 – Jeroy Carlson '48, Mr. Augsburg
- October 21 – Homecoming Convocation

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- October 24 – Phil Adamo, “Is the Reformation Still Relevant,” Religion Department Reformation Series

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.