

December 12, 2011

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I just returned from Oslo, Norway, where I attended the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize ceremonies with Maureen Reed, the director of the Nobel Peace Prize Forum. The Peace Prize was awarded jointly to Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Leymah Gbowee, and Tawakkol Karman. The three women are being recognized "for their non-violent struggle for the safety of women and for women's rights to full participation in peace-building work."

During our visit to Oslo, we also met with Norwegian educational, political, and cultural leaders to talk about the 2012 Nobel Peace Prize Forum, scheduled at Augsburg and the University of Minnesota from March 1-3, 2012. The Forum (<http://nobelpeaceprizeforum.org/the-event/>) will focus on the price of peace in our world and is an opportunity for our community to hear from international leaders working on issues related to peace.

This year's keynote speaker is F.W. de Klerk, the former president of South Africa. Another featured speaker is Andrew Slack, founder of the Harry Potter Alliance. This innovative organization uses the parallels from the Harry Potter stories to fight the Dark Arts in the real world and to work for human rights, equality, and a better world. You can learn more about the Alliance at <http://thehpalliance.org/>.

I hope that you will take some time to learn about these three women who bring so much justice and light into places in our world that are strife-ridden. Their work is inspirational, and it was an honor to watch them receive their awards. More information about the women is at [http://www.nobelprize.org/nobel\\_prizes/peace/laureates/2011/](http://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/peace/laureates/2011/).

## **CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES**

**Time out for stress relief helps Auggies achieve.** Finals week can be a stressful time for students. Please remind students that there are a number of resources available to help them relieve and manage stress, which can help improve academic performance. First, the Paws for Learning dogs will be in the Foss Atrium from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday. The Center for Counseling and Health Promotion coordinates the visits, and dogs were on campus last week. See pictures of Charlie and other helper hounds on Flickr at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/augsburgcollege/sets/72157628323416339/>.

Students also can take a break from studies at Late Night Breakfast tonight from 10 to 11:30 p.m. Students with or without a meal plan are invited to share in the feast. Learn more in A-Mail at <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/#32330>.

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**Augsburg celebrated Las Posadas last Friday.** At the last Chapel before the Christmas break, the community celebrated the tradition of Las Posadas, the re-enactment of the journey to Bethlehem by Mary and Joseph. The story is a wonderful reminder of all the opportunities we have to extend hospitality to our neighbors, to those in need, and to one another. Learn more about Las Posadas on Inside Augsburg at [http://inside.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2011/11\\_28\\_11/lasposadas.html](http://inside.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2011/11_28_11/lasposadas.html).

**Holiday party for staff/faculty is December 15.** A party for faculty and staff is from 3-5 p.m., Thursday, December 15, in the coffee shop and student art gallery at Christensen Center. Please stop by to share in the holiday cheer and to socialize with friends and colleagues.

**Augsburg Weekly on hiatus until January 9.** Publication of Augsburg Weekly will be suspended during the holiday break. Publication will resume on Monday, January 9.

**Campus safety information during break.** Please be mindful of the following information from the Department of Public Safety:

- Buildings will be closed on holidays and weekends, including December 23, 24, 25, 26 and January 1-2. Buildings only will be open for scheduled activities.
- Whenever possible, don't work alone in any buildings. Ideally, there should be two or more people in an area. If staff or faculty has no alternative but to work alone, please call x1717 to check in. Public Safety officers will patrol your work area more frequently.
- Remember: Always immediately report suspicious situations to x 1717.
- Read the full story in A-Mail: <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/#32332>.

## EVENTS OF NOTE

### December 12

- Paws for Learning, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., today and Tuesday.
- Admissions center open house from 1-3 p.m., today.
- Late Night Breakfast, 10 to 11:30 p.m., Christensen Center.  
<http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/#32330>.

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>.

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## DAILY CHAPEL

The community gathers from 10:20 to 10:40 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; and from 11:20 to 11:40 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Informal communion is held at 9:09 p.m., Wednesday.

Last Friday was the last Chapel before the Christmas break.

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 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.

- Meet Auggies involved in the Interfaith Scholar project in this video filmed and produced by students and posted on the College's YouTube station. <http://youtu.be/SwQM2TqDQoI>
- *U.S. News & World Report* last week featured a story about resources international students should know about. Reporter Katy Hopkins spoke with Auggie Masha Shatonova. Augsburg is the only private college in the story, which you can read at <http://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/articles/2011/12/08/8-campus-resources-for-international-students>.
- Hospitality is Not Enough, a presentation by President Paul Pribbenow to the Augsburg College Corporation, is available at <http://youtu.be/rIU9EzPDrYY>.
- Meet Auggie Rick Gueltzow, a 47-year-old pursuing triple majors after 20 years at the St. Paul Ford Plan. <http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2011/12/09/132648/closure-of-storied-ford-plant.html>