

September 3, 2012

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings. Welcome back as we begin the fall term of Augsburg's 144th academic year.

During the weekend, we welcomed the Class of 2016 day undergraduate students and families to campus for move in. Many returning students already are settled in, and came back earlier in August. Thank you to staff of residence life, and others, for making the complete move-in process smooth and successful.

As first year day undergraduates get their bearings, Augsburg for Adults and Auggies at Rochester are gearing up for a return to the classroom, too.

We renew our commitment to Augsburg's mission and values as a college of the church in the city, and to our academic tradition of fostering and modeling civil dialogue and civic engagement, during the opening convocation from **10:30 to 11:30 a.m., tomorrow, in Hoversten Chapel**. I'm looking forward to addressing the community, and to listening to Mary Lowe, recipient of the Center for Teaching and Learning's 2012 Distinguished Contributions Award for Excellence in Teaching, who will present "The Voice is a Wild Thing." After convocation and lunch, students will flood into the neighborhood to carry out City Service Day projects. I'm looking forward to joining students at the Augsburg Community Garden.

It has been a great summer. We welcomed countless groups to campus for summer activities and camps, including many young people who brought great energy and enthusiasm to the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood. I'm thankful for the work of faculty who this summer worked with undergraduates on a range of research projects. Our work to develop skills of problem solving, critical and humble inquiry, and hands-on education are evident in the outcomes of our students.

We also have seen great movement to align our campus space with our 20-year master plan, designed to enhance the student experience.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

Welcome new faculty and staff. Classes begin **September 5**, and a number of new full-time faculty will join the community, including:

- Kathy Accurso, Department of Education
- Adriane Brown, Women's Studies Program and Director of Women's Resource Center
- George Dierberger, Department of Business Administration, MBA
- Ericka Kimball, Department of Social Work
- Bibiana Koh, Department of Social Work
- Kris Stellan, Department of Nursing

- Ismael Talke, Department of Mathematics

Campus space updates. Roughly 20 percent of the community has moved offices as part of the College's ongoing work to implement the Campus Space and Master Plan established in 2010. For a list of offices and departments that have relocated, see Inside Augsburg.

http://augnet.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2012/09_03_12/campus_moves.html

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Campus Community Building – Augsburg provides a number of ways to build, and to honor the mission of the College. These include:

- **Daily Chapel Time.** Daily chapel services Monday through Friday are an opportunity 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. A chapel schedule is included in the “Daily Chapel” area of Augsburg Weekly, below.
- **First Wednesday Gathering** – These faculty and staff gatherings are a chance on the first Wednesday of each month to share a meal and to better get to know one another. As with Community Time, these gatherings are debuting a new format this fall. Speakers occasionally will share information about important College projects. In addition, fliers will be placed on each table that highlights interesting Augsburg projects and efforts. Human Resources is hosting these lunches, and welcomes input and ideas from the community. Be sure to invite your colleagues and join the community for the First Wednesday Gathering from **11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., September 5**, in the East Commons, Christensen Center.
- **State of the College** – Beginning this year, the College will have an annual State of the College meeting for all faculty and staff. The meeting will be an opportunity to share key strategies and operations for the year. The State of the College meeting, an in-depth and one-hour presentation, is at **10 a.m., September 17**, in Hoversten Chapel. The State of the College will replace the All Hands meeting historically held during October.

EVENTS

September 3-8: Auggie Days, a required on-campus orientation for first-year resident students, started on September 1. <http://www.augsburg.edu/cao/auggiedays.html>

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- Undergraduate Day Students
 - Opening Convocation, The Voice is a Wild Thing, Mary Lowe, associate professor of religion, 10:30 a.m., Hoversten Chapel.
 - City Service Day Lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Quad.

- City Service Day Projects, 12:30 to 5 p.m., various locations throughout Minneapolis and St. Paul.
- First day of classes for Augsburg for Adults/Rochester Program. An academic calendar is available from the Registrar in PDF form at <http://www.augsburg.edu/registrar/documents/calendars/roch2012.pdf>.

September 7: First day of classes for Augsburg for Adults Weekend/Evening Undergraduate and graduate programs. An academic calendar is available in PDF from the Registrar at <http://www.augsburg.edu/registrar/documents/calendars/wec2012.pdf>.

September 18: Christensen Symposium, Eboo Patel and the InterFaith Youth Core, 11 a.m., Hoversten Chapel.

For a listing of Augsburg athletic events, visit the Athletic Department calendar at <http://athletics.augsburg.edu/>

DAILY CHAPEL

The community gathers from 10:20 to 10:40 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Chapel is from 11:20 to 11:40 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

On Saturdays of Augsburg for Adult classes, chapel is from 7:30 to 7:50 a.m.

The schedule for the first week of Chapel is:

- Wednesday
 - 10:20 a.m. - Opening Chapel Celebration
 - 7 to 9 p.m. - Campus Ministry Block Party
 - 9:09 p.m. - Communion
- Thursday: Pastor Sonja Hagander
- Friday: Pastor Dave Wold
- Monday: Mark Tranvik, Religion Department

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:

- **Storify.** The College on August 22 officially announced support of the Vote No campaign by Minnesota United for All Families. See a Storify of the talk generated by the announcement at <http://storify.com/AugsburgCollege/augsburg-college-proud-to-support-vote-no>.
- **Inside Higher Ed.** An article about the College's support of the Vote No campaign was written by reporter Libby Nelson. Read it at: <http://www.insidehighered.com/quicktakes/2012/08/23/augsburg-capella-oppose-proposed-gay-marriage-ban>
- **Augsburg Now.** The Summer 2012 edition of Augsburg Now magazine, available online, includes a range of stories that explore student achievement and success, the economics

of education, and stories about donors to our community. Check out the stories, and consider sharing one via social media with your friends, family, and followers.

- Notes from President Pribbenow
http://www.augsburg.edu/now/2011_2012/summer/presidentnotes.html
- The Economics of Education
http://www.augsburg.edu/now/2011_2012/summer/economics.html
- Speaking of Money
http://www.augsburg.edu/now/2011_2012/summer/money.html
- Commencement 2012
http://www.augsburg.edu/now/2011_2012/summer/commencement_2012.html
- Gage Center for Student Success
http://www.augsburg.edu/now/2011_2012/summer/gage.html
- Auggies go Abroad
http://www.augsburg.edu/now/2011_2012/summer/auggie-experience.html
- Erika Hammerschmidt '04 shares her Auggie experience
http://www.augsburg.edu/now/2011_2012/summer/auggie-voices.html
- Schott family celebrates memory of son through Auggie scholarship
http://www.augsburg.edu/now/2011_2012/summer/takesanauggie.html
- Auggie Brandon Bukowski is a success on the ice, in the classroom
http://www.augsburg.edu/now/2011_2012/summer/auggies-ontheice.html