

September 10, 2012

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

State of the College meeting September 17. Faculty and staff are invited to the first annual State of the College meeting at **10 a.m., September 17, in Hoversten Chapel**. The meeting is an opportunity to hear about the College's key strategies and operations for the year, including cost structure, and recruitment and retention. The State of the College meeting replaces the All Hands meeting historically held in October.

Opening week of classes a whirlwind of activity. If you weren't able to join the community for Opening Convocation and other opening activities, get a flavor for the week by viewing the Flickr photo sets for:

- City Service Day <http://www.flickr.com/photos/augsburgcollege/sets/72157631436996108/>
- Move-In Day <http://www.flickr.com/photos/augsburgcollege/sets/72157631425030846/>
- Neighborhood Challenge <http://www.flickr.com/photos/augsburgcollege/sets/72157631424843384/>

Convocation Series. Augsburg's 2012-13 Convocation Series "Many Voices, Bold Visions" gets underway at **11 a.m., September 18, in Hoversten Chapel**, when Eboo Patel, founder of Interfaith Youth Core, presents on the "Holiness of Common Ground."

The convocation series of speakers explores the impact that an individual can have in a global population of 6.7 billion people. The series of speakers cuts across the arts, humanities, and sciences, and each session offers an opportunity to hear from leaders in their areas of expertise.

For more on the series—including dates, speakers, and topics—see <http://www.augsburg.edu/registrar/convocations.html>. See A-mail for details on Patel's and related presentations.
<http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120907#35062>.

Convocation Hashtag

The hashtags for the convocation with Eboo Patel (@EbooPatel) of Interfaith Youth Core (@IFYC) is #ChristensenSymp. Other hashtags include #Interfaith and #CommonGround.

Road Construction Updates. The two-year road construction project on Riverside Avenue is nearing completion. The final phase of construction, however, holds significant safety and traffic impacts for campus. Please download <http://web.augsburg.edu/dps/constructionstage3.pdf> for details on changes, including information on two-way traffic near Murphy Square and on Butler Place.

Vocatio Chapel. The Vocatio Chapel Series, focused on "Faith and the Imagination: The Call to the Arts," kicks off at **10:20 a.m., September 12**. Speakers in the series will talk about what the arts mean to them and how the arts have shaped their personal faith journeys. The first speaker will be Katie Lindenfelser '02, who will speak about her work in music therapy. Details are in A-mail at <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120907#35063>.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Faculty and staff wellness. Augsburg College 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 of this 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 members earn points for physical activity. They can use points to earn various prizes and get discounts on fitness-related equipment on "Augsburg Shopping Weekends." To learn more, visit the Moodle site at <http://moodle.augsburg.edu/moodlecommunity/course/view.php?id=521>.

Augsburg also offers community flu and other shot clinics for faculty members, staff, and students. These are scheduled for **September 25** and **September 27**. You must register for these clinics through Homeland Health. See A-mail for cost and registration, and information about a walk-in clinic, at <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120907#35076>.

Smoking only in designated areas. Augsburg College has 10 areas designated for smoking. Smoking is not permitted anywhere other than these locations. See the list of smoking areas in A-mail at <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120907#35070>.

EVENTS

September 14

- Oren Gateway Center Block Party, 8 p.m.
<http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120906#35045>

September 17

- State of the College, 10 a.m., Hoversten Chapel.
- Tilling Common Ground: Interfaith Work at Augsburg, 4-6 p.m., Hoversten Chapel.
<http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120906#35043>
- Creating Common Ground: The Arts as a Bridge for Interfaith/Intercultural Work, 7:30-9 p.m., Marshall Room, Christensen Center.
<http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120906#35043>

September 18: Christensen Symposium, Eboo Patel, director of Interfaith Youth Core, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Hoversten Chapel. <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120906#35043>

September 20

- Minnesota Secretary of State Mark Richie, history, rights and responsibilities of voters, 1:30-3 p.m., Sateren Auditorium.
<http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120905#35011>
- Muslims in Western Societies: Perceptions and Realities, John Bowen, co-sponsored by Augsburg and the Minnesota International Center, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Hoversten Chapel. RSVP required. <http://www.micglobe.org/calendar/index.php>

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:

- Tuesday: Favorite Song Day
- Wednesday
 - 10:20 a.m. – Vocatio Chapel with Katie Linderfelser '02, Music Therapy
 - 7 to 9 p.m. - Campus Ministry Block Party
 - 9:09 p.m. – Songs and Communion
- Thursday: Mark Cotton, Administrative Accounting, Gospel Musician
- Friday: Mary Lowe, Associate Professor of Religion
- Monday: State of the College Meeting

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:

- **Education Week Blog.** The work of Harry Boyte, director of the Center for Democracy and Citizenship and coordinator of the American Commonwealth Project, is discussed in a blog entry for Education Week. The story talks about a series of upcoming public forums that will explore the public good of higher education.
http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/college_bound/2012/09/forums_to_discuss_role_of_higher_ed_in_society_begin.html
- **Star Tribune**
 - Auggie students Jazmine Darden and Adrienne Young talk with Star Tribune freelance writer Kevyn Burger about balancing the need to stay in communication with parents while remaining focused on college.
<http://www.startribune.com/lifestyle/168164316.html?refer=y>
 - The story of Auggie alum Larry Hoff '66 was shared in the **Star Tribune**. Hoff and a friend biked from California to Osseo for their 50-year high school reunion.
<http://www.startribune.com/local/north/168232486.html?refer=y>
- **Minnesota Public Radio.** The StepUP program, profiled last week by the station, also made the MPR News Photos of the Week roundup. See the StepUP photo at <http://minnesota.publicradio.org/display/web/2012/09/07/news/mpr-photos-of-the-week/>.
 - **Pioneer Press.** A news brief about StepUP also ran in the Pioneer Press.
http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_21493232/at-augsburg-sober-college-experience

- **Minneapolis Area Synod of the ELCA website.** Information about the Bernhard M. Christensen Symposium is in the most recent edition of the Synod's **InterActs** publication, in the "Happenings" section. <http://www.mpls-synod.org/files/news/sep12.pdf>