

**DECEMBER 17, 2012**

## **CAMPUS EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS**

**Final examinations begin and Augsburg hosts Late Night Breakfast.** Final exams for Day students began today and run through **Thursday, December 20**. Find the Augsburg College Academic Calendar and the final examination schedule on the Registrar's Office website, <http://www.augsburg.edu/registrar/calendars/>.

Day students with an Augsburg ID can take a break from their studies at Late Night Breakfast from **10 to 11:30 p.m. tonight**. Students are invited to enjoy a meal in the Commons prepared by A'viands and served by faculty and staff. <http://inside.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20121214#36388>

**Coffee and donuts offered at piggy bank round-up.** Join the Augsburg Stewards in Christensen Center from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., **Wednesday, December 19**, at the piggy bank round-up, where students donate to a class jar the spare change they have collected in their banks. The class that makes the largest donation will win a class party. All proceeds go to student scholarships. <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20121214#36382>

**Holiday party for faculty and staff members is Thursday.** The annual holiday celebration for faculty and staff is from 3 to 5 p.m., **Thursday, December 20**, in the coffee shop and student art gallery area in Christensen Center. Party attendees are invited to support the Augsburg nursing program's connection to the Central Health Commons by donating new socks for the health center to distribute to those in need. Faculty and staff who donate socks will receive a piece of art created by Assistant Professor Christopher Houlberg's graphic design students. <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20121214#36380>

**Augsburg Weekly distribution on hiatus until January 7.** Publication of Augsburg Weekly will be suspended during the Winter Break. Publication will resume on Monday, January 7.

**Holiday hours and closing.** The College will observe the Christmas and New Year holidays on three dates—Monday, December 24; Tuesday, December 25; and Tuesday, January 1. Many campus offices and building will be closed.

Some offices and departments will observe President's Holidays from December 26 through December 31. Departments including Academic Affairs, Admissions, Institutional Advancement, Student Affairs, and Student Financial Services, however, will be open December 26 through December 28.

Consult *Inside Augsburg* for more information on holiday hours and campus safety information from the Department of Public Safety: [https://augnet.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2012/12\\_17\\_12/holiday\\_facilities.html](https://augnet.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2012/12_17_12/holiday_facilities.html)

## EVENTS

**December 17** — Late Night Breakfast, **10 to 11:30 p.m.**, Commons, Christensen Center.

**December 18** — Eucharist dinner, Communion, and Finals Week blessing, **5 to 6 p.m.**, Augsburg Room, Christensen Center

**December 19** — Google Apps discussion with the IT Advisory Group for faculty, staff and students, **12 to 1 p.m.**, East Commons, <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20121205#36273>

**December 20** — Holiday party for faculty and staff, **3 to 5 p.m.**, Christensen Center.

**Concerts and recitals:** Student concerts and recitals occur throughout the year. A full listing of dates, times, locations is at <http://www.augsburg.edu/music/musiccalendar/>

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.

The final Chapel before Winter Break was held Friday, December 14. **Chapel will resume on Monday, January 14** with a celebration of music and prayers that marks the beginning of the new semester.

## 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:

- **Annette Gerten and Melissa Hensley present research.** Annette Gerten, associate professor of social work, and Melissa Hensley, assistant professor of social work, presented their research project “Hearing the Voices of Mothers of Young Adults with Mental Illness” in early December to the Mental Health 2020 Early Onset Work Group at the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

Hensley also recently spoke at the grand opening of Regions Hospital’s new mental health building. She serves on a leadership team that advised Regions Hospital on its new “Circle of Support” model for treating patients experiencing mental illness. Learn more in A-mail. <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20121210#36318>

- **Steve Abenth is fifth Auggie teacher to receive Milken Educator Award.** During November, Augsburg alumnus Steve Abenth ’04 became the newest recipient of the Milken Educator Award for the state of Minnesota. The award recognizes excellence in early- to mid-career educators.

Abenth was commended for creating an active 21st-century learning environment for his fourth graders at Highland Park Elementary in St. Paul where he has taught since completing his bachelor's degree in elementary education through Augsburg's Weekend and Evening program. Learn more about Abenth's story on Inside Augsburg [http://inside.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2012/12\\_10\\_12/abenth\\_milken.html](http://inside.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2012/12_10_12/abenth_milken.html)

- **Lute Olson wins Naismith award.** Robert "Lute" Olson '56 was named the winner of the 2012 Naismith Outstanding Contributor to Men's College Basketball Award. Olson is one of 26 NCAA head coaches to win 700 or more games. He was inducted into the Auggie Hall of Fame during 1977 for contributions to the College's baseball, football, and basketball teams. <http://bit.ly/Z6bfJv>
- **Augsburg alumna Kristina Anderson makes Minnesota prep sports history.** Kristina (Lurken) Anderson '08 was the first girls' basketball head coach to make a home coaching debut in a game where her husband coached the opposing team. Read the story <http://saukherald.com/main.asp?SectionID=8&SubSectionID=402&ArticleID=14701>
- **Auggie Sam Little Cloud featured in *Pioneer Press*.** Augsburg social work student Sam Little Cloud was featured in a recent article that described his drive to overcome challenges from his youth and his dream of serving other Native young people by opening a community shelter. The story also detailed his career aspirations and his successful pursuit of an undergraduate degree at the College. Read the story [http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci\\_22195741/holiday-wishes-man-overcame-homelessness-pursue-college-degree](http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_22195741/holiday-wishes-man-overcame-homelessness-pursue-college-degree)
- **Augsburg celebrated Las Posadas last Friday.** At the final Chapel before the Winter Break, the community celebrated the tradition of Las Posadas, the reenactment of the journey to Bethlehem by Mary and Joseph. The story is a reminder of the opportunities we have to extend hospitality to our neighbors. See photos from the day on Flickr at <http://flic.kr/s/aHsjDcE3hJ>.
- **Augsburg College Week in Review: December 11-17.** Check out comments and posts to social media about the College on *Storify* at [sfy.co/bC81](http://sfy.co/bC81).