

Education Department Newsletter

News and information for Augsburg College Education Department faculty, staff, and students

■ **Important Notice: Elementary and Special Education Students:** If you plan to take EED 325K-6 Literacy Methods and 326: Structured Field Experience this year, these joint courses are **ONLY** offered this winter WEC. They will not be offered again in spring WEC.

■ **eFolio Workshop:** An eFolio workshop has been scheduled for Dec. 8 from 6-8:00 P.M. in the Sverdrup 201 Computer Lab. Nathan Lind, our fabulous technology liaison, will facilitate this workshop. He will work with participants on constructing the eFolio, and we will also talk about style and content. Please RSVP to Dee Cole Vodicka <vodicka@augsborg.edu> if you intend to come to this workshop.

■ **Invite Your Friends to a Special Augsburg Graduate Program Information Session:** Referrals are one of the most important ways new students find out about the graduate programs at Augsburg including information sessions on Augsburg's graduate programs (MBA, MAL, MAE, MAN/DNP). A bistro box dinner and Mill City Museum tour are included. If you know of a friend or co-worker who is considering a teaching license or master's degree, please let them know about this "In the City" admissions event from 5:30-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 9th, 2012 at the Mill City Museum, 704 South 2nd St., Minneapolis.

Current students are welcome to accompany a prospective student for a complimentary evening of fun! Please R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, February 1st to <gradinfo@augsborg.edu> or 612-330-1101. This event is for adults only.

■ **Minneapolis Edison HS Seeks Volunteers:** Minneapolis Edison seeks volunteers to assist with: one-on-one tutoring, planning projects and events, creating graphic design or technology materials and resources, providing language support for families and students who speak languages other than English, and supporting after-school enrichment programs. For more information, please contact Tom Parks, Volunteer Coordinator/Community Liaison, Edison High School, phone: 612.290.8095.

■ **Breakthrough Saint Paul:** Breakthrough Saint Paul is looking for a diverse group of talented undergraduate and high school students (juniors/seniors) to teach and lead at an innovative academic summer program for highly motivated, under-resourced middle school students in Saint Paul. Breakthrough provides paid summer teaching internships, complete with training and classroom teaching experience. Open to all majors! Application Deadline: February 27th, 2012 (Interviews granted on a rolling basis).

The Princeton Review ranked this internship as one of the top ten summer internships for college students. For more details, go to:

General information, administrative forms, and other helpful resources pertaining to the Augsburg College teacher licensure programs are available at:

<<http://www.augsburg.edu/home/education/>>.

Send your edited newsletter announcements via email to:

<erickson@augsborg.edu>.



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MTLE Help Online:

Need help passing the MTLE test? MTLE and other testing information is available online. Go to:

<http://www.augsburg.edu/education/admission/>.

Assignment Pick Up:

Please pick up your assignments from all your courses. At the completion of the next term all assignments from the previous terms left in the Education offices are be thrown away. If you cannot find your work in the office, contact the instructor of your course to find out where the materials are located.

http://www.breakthroughsaintpaul.org/teachers_become.html.

■ **Minnesota Reading Corps :** Minnesota Reading Corps (a division of AmeriCorps) is a state-wide initiative to help every Minnesota child become a successful reader. They are seeking volunteers to participate in their literacy-related activities supporting Pre-K through 3rd grade students. Go to <http://www.MinnesotaReadingCorps.org> and click on "Volunteer." For more information, please contact Aliza Gevirtz, the Volunteer Coord. at 651-744-6227 or AGevirtz@MinnesotaReadingCorps.org.

■ **Prairie Seeds Academy:** Prairie Seeds Academy in Brooklyn Park is seeking Augsburg education department student volunteers. Many different learning opportunities are available with a very diverse student population. For more information, contact Sarah Prentice at 612-308-0760, or sarah.prentice@psak12.org.

■ **MTLE Teacher Licensure Exam Preparation Materials:** MTLE Expanded Guides, available for Basic Skills, Pedagogy, Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Communication Arts/Literature, and Social Studies, are aligned to MTLE test content, featuring sample questions with correct response rationales, annotated test

frameworks, a score report interpretation guide, and other helpful study tools. NES Prep, a series of online-based study guides for 12 test fields, may be a helpful additional resource for MTLE candidates. Students begin with a diagnostic test to determine areas of strength and where more study may be needed. Instructional content, divided into chapters by topic, includes multimedia elements such as videos, and offers abundant exercises to review key concepts.

There are also 41 full-length, online-based practice tests available for MTLE candidates. Students can take the test in real time or pause and return after additional study and review during their 30-day access period. To view a sample test, visit <http://www.starttest.com/>.

MTLE Expanded Guides, NES Prep guides, and online practice tests may be useful in the classroom as tools to support the curriculum or to review student progress. Access codes are available for full-length product reviews, and classroom or institutional orders may qualify for additional discounts.

To learn more about our study tools for MTLE teacher licensure candidates, visit <http://www.mtle.nesinc.com>.