

MEDIA ADVISORY
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King, Queen of Norway hosted Oct. 16 by Augsburg College

MINNEAPOLIS – Augsburg College will host King Harald V and Queen Sonja of Norway on October 16 when Their Majesties attend a student worship service, peace pole dedication, and reception with Norwegian students from Augsburg and throughout the region.

“We are honored to have Their Majesties visit Augsburg College, given our Norwegian heritage and our deep commitment to peacemaking and global citizenship,” said College President Paul C. Pribbenow.

Nearly 300 Norwegian students from Augsburg, sister colleges and state universities will attend the invitation-only student worship service with Their Majesties at 11 a.m. in Hoversten Chapel. Rev. Anne Loyning of Norwegian Seamen’s Church will preside.

Immediately following the worship service, at 12 p.m., President Pribbenow will dedicate a newly installed peace pole to Their Majesties as a gift. The pole, which is an international symbol of peace on earth and includes messages of peace in 11 languages representing those of the communities in Augsburg’s Cedar-Riverside and international locations.

“The peace pole was commissioned in recognition of Augsburg’s work with the Norwegian Nobel Institute to support peacemaking through the annual Nobel Peace Prize Forum, the College’s Norwegian heritage, and its deep relationship with the country and people of Norway,” Pribbenow said. “The peace pole will become a gathering site for regular ceremonies of peace each academic year.”

After presentation of the peace pole, Their Majesties and students will gather for an invitation-only reception.

Prior to visiting Augsburg, Their Majesties will visit Luther College, St. Olaf College, and the Mayo Clinic. After visiting Augsburg, Their Majesties will meet with Governor Mark Dayton and guests for dinner. Their Majesties also will visit Duluth before departing Minnesota to visit New York for several days.

Their Majesties will visit Augsburg as part of their visit to the United States today through Oct. 22. This is the first visit by Their Majesties to Minnesota since 1991.

Augsburg College provides 50 undergraduate majors and seven graduate degrees to more than 4,000 students of diverse backgrounds. During 2010, the College earned from President Barack Obama the [President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll](#). Augsburg is the first Minnesota school - and one of only six in the nation from a field of more than 850 applicants - to earn the award.

Augsburg College educates students to be informed citizens, thoughtful stewards, critical thinkers, and responsible leaders. The Augsburg experience is supported by an engaged community that is committed to intentional diversity in its life and work. An Augsburg education is defined by excellence in the liberal arts and professional studies, guided by the faith and values of the Lutheran Church, and shaped by its urban and global settings.

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Additional Schedule Details

Photo Opportunities/Notes

- **10:30 a.m.** – Media must be set up in Hoversten Chapel in designated location.
- **10:58 a.m.** – **PHOTO OPP:** Their Majesties arrive at Augsburg College, and are greeted by Augsburg College President Paul Pribbenow and Mrs. Abigail Pribbenow outside the Chapel entrance. *Press in front and to the left of chapel.*
- **11 a.m.** – **PHOTO OPP:** Their Majesties enter Hoversten Chapel for worship service. Rev. Anne Loyning of Norwegian Seamen’s Church presides. Service follows the liturgy of the Norwegian church. Augsburg Student Choir sings with Norwegian student soloist. Service will be streaming to screens in overflow auditorium on campus.
 - *Press will be in front, at left, at arrival of Their Majesties. Press then moves to dedicated placement on riser in back right of chapel. Press needs to quietly move outside during one of the last songs during the service in order to be able to be present for the photo-op that follows immediately after the service.*
- **12:02 p.m.** – **PHOTO OPP:** Media escorted from Chapel to outside Hoversten Chapel for dedication of peace pole. Second photo-op of Their Majesties arriving at private reception.
- **12:07 p.m.** – Their Majesties attend private reception with students, guests at worship service.

Guests

- Nearly 300 Norwegian college students are among the guests. Students in attendance represent Augsburg College, Augustana, Concordia College-St. Paul, Concordia College-Moorhead, Hamline, Luther College, Luther Seminary, Macalester College, St. Olaf College, St. Thomas University, University of Minnesota, and University of North Dakota.

RSVP Deadline, Parking and Credentials

- Space in Hoversten Chapel and parking on campus are limited. *Please RSVP by noon, Friday, Oct. 14, your attendance at the event by sending an email to Stephanie Weiss, Augsburg College director of news and media services. Please also indicate whether you need a parking permit (weiss@augsb.org). Media with a parking permit will be able to park in Augsburg lots A or L. ([Campus Map](#)) Please note that Riverside Ave. is under construction. Media should plan extra time to get to/from campus. On street parking also may be available, but is governed by City of Minneapolis parking rules and regulations.*
- Media are asked, for security purposes, to wear their official media credential badges. In addition, media will be provided event badges upon arrival, and are asked to wear credentials at all times.

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