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Our Mission
Augustana College, rooted in the liberal arts and sciences and a Lutheran expression of the Christian faith, is committed to offering a challenging education that develops qualities of mind, spirit and body necessary for a rewarding life of leadership and service in a diverse and changing world.

COVER: Artist’s rendering of the planned four-floor, 22,000-square-foot addition to the north end of the Hanson Hall of Science.
Courtesy of BLDD Architects
**Just for fun... Augustana trivia**
Name the professor who has taught at Augustana for 50 years—and continues to teach today. Easy, right? Or maybe not. Test your knowledge of the college from the 1860s to today.

**The 40-year Augustana-China connection**
In November 1977, 44 Augustana students and three professors walked from Lo Wu in Hong Kong’s New Territories on the railway bridge over the Shenzhen River into China. Dr. Norm Moline reflects on the college’s history with China in the 40 years since that first visit. Rachel Hendee ’03 describes her personal connection to the country to which she has returned three times since East Asia term in 2001.

**Augustana is ‘More Than I Imagined’**
Every spring, Augustana faculty and coaches nominate seniors for “More Than I Imagined,” an online series featuring students who have taken advantage of the many opportunities at Augustana. Meet six of the nominated 2017 graduates; see more student profiles at www.augustana.edu/imagine.

**Investing in our students’ success**
With a vision supported by the college’s strategic plan, Augustana plans to expand/renovate three academic buildings and add a CSD master’s program and data analytics major/minor to better serve students and faculty. Learn more about the changes ahead.

**Augustana partners with Illinois Audubon Society to preserve outdoor lab**
The college has sold 395 acres of its 410-acre Green Wing Environmental Laboratory near Amboy, Ill., to the Illinois Audubon Society for $2.1 million. Find out why President Steve Bahls and others consider it a “win-win scenario.”

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Helping students find their place in the Augustana story

At the beginning of the 21st century, just 7.5 percent of Augustana’s enrollment was what we would today describe as diverse. Put another way, 12 of every 13 students were white, in a nation that continues to grow dramatically less so.

There are many contexts in which to consider the themes of diversity and inclusion. At Augustana, the most important context is mission. When the college adopted its Authentically Augustana strategic plan in 2005, it accepted a bold challenge: to develop a student body that more closely reflected America’s diversity.

In the years since adopting that goal, Augustana has seen its diversity grow in three ways. Diversity within our enrollment now stands at 23 percent, a threefold increase. International students, with total full-time enrollment now at more than 5 percent, likewise add to the diversity on our campus; and the number of Augustana students gaining firsthand experience of our diverse and changing world continues to increase, as more than half our students now engage in meaningful international learning experiences.

Imagine where Augustana would be in the highly competitive landscape of higher education if we were still where we were 15 years ago. Today we attract students from across the country and around the globe in no small part because they and their families appreciate that the ability to thrive in a diverse world requires meaningful engagement with people, experiences, attitudes and ideas other than their own.

Which leads to the importance of inclusion. To ensure that all of our students gain the maximum possible benefit from a diverse campus, we must think deeply about inclusion at several levels.

First among these is equity. By surveying our students and listening to their experiences, we learned that a significant gap exists between white students and students of color when it comes to persistence and sense of belonging. Students are able to achieve more when they know that they are a part of—not apart from—the campus community. We have worked hard in recent years to help all students find their place in the Augustana story.

As a more vibrant array of people add to that story, tension naturally arises as competing ideas come into close contact with one another. All across the country, colleges and universities are grappling with questions related to political expression, academic freedom and the quest for that necessary amount of common ground needed to live and work together creatively and constructively even as we send forth our assumptions into the marketplace of ideas.

Doing this is not easy, and so another facet of inclusion involves lifting up our community principles as guides to respectful, open discourse and freedom of expression that demand accountability to our own values and responsibility for the well-being of all members of our community.

I’m proud of Augustana for the manner in which we have navigated these sometimes turbulent waters. The ties that bind us are far more substantial than the views that divide us.

I encourage you to visit the web page of the Office of the President via augustana.edu. There you will find both the Statement on Diversity and the Statement on Freedom of Expression. You’ll also find a Diversity Inventory that enumerates the steps we’ve taken to make Augustana a community that is not only more diverse and inclusive, but also strongly positioned for continued success as a 21st-century institution of higher learning. You’ll even find a “suggestion box” where you can add your perspective.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Steven C. Bahls
President

To learn more about diversity and inclusion at Augustana, visit us at www.augustana.edu/about-us/president.
Dr. Gail Summer hired as new provost

Earlier this month, Dr. Gail Summer moved into her Founders Hall office as Augustana’s new provost and dean of the college.

Selected from a deep pool of candidates from across the country, Dr. Summer replaces Dr. Pareena Lawrence, who resigned to become president of Hollins University in Roanoke, Va. Dr. Lawrence came to Augustana in 2011.

“We were very impressed by the pool of candidates,” said Dr. Kathy Jakielski, chair of the provost search committee, chair of Augustana’s faculty council, and a professor of communication sciences and disorders. “I am confident that Dr. Summer will bring a great deal of knowledge and ability to Augustana.”

Dr. Summer was vice president for academic affairs at Ferrum College in Virginia for the past four years. Prior to her time at Ferrum, she served in various capacities at Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, N.C., from professor of education to the dean of academic programs. Augustana and Lenoir-Rhyne are two of the 26 colleges and universities related to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Among the important projects Dr. Summer will take on as provost are the conversion of the college’s academic calendar from trimesters to semesters, and the continued implementation of the college’s strategic plan, Augustana 2020.

“I really am excited to be at Augustana,” said Dr. Summer. “I wanted to be at a place where undergraduate education drove the institution and did so with a liberal-arts foundation still being central. The faculty are doing all the right things on behalf of the students.”

Dr. Summer earned a bachelor’s degree from Indiana University, Bloomington; M.Ed. from University of South Carolina, Columbia; and Ed.D. from University of North Carolina, Greensboro.

Like mother, like daughter

Judith Jordan ’82 of Chicago and her daughter, Victoria Jenkins ’21, were selected as winners in the 2017 Good Fit T-shirt Photo Contest. Incoming first-year students are eligible to win a $1,000 scholarship by entering the contest. For their photos, students must wear an Augustana T-shirt. Contest categories include: People’s Choice, Action Shot, In a Famous Location, At Another College and With An Alum. Jenkins’ photo took first place in the With an Alum category. Visit www.augustana.edu/goodfit to see all the winning entries!

Summer regional theatre debuts

Augustana’s Brunner Theatre Center is the site for three summer-stock presentations by the recently formed Mississippi Bend Players.

Originating in conjunction with last fall’s opening of Augustana’s new theatre center, the Mississippi Bend Players gives both actors and behind-the-scenes talent the opportunity to work together on professional stage productions.

This summer’s shows are Zombie Prom directed by Philip Wm. McKinley ’73, Wait Until Dark directed by Jeff Coussens ’80 and Brighton Beach Memoirs directed by Dr. Corinne Johnson.

“One of my favorite experiences from Augustana was performing with the Pitchfork Players,” McKinley said. “Those summers led to a career that took me all the way to Broadway and to theatres all over the world, and yet I dreamed of coming back to Rock Island.”

McKinley said he’s excited to be working with actors from around the country as well as the Quad-Cities community.

Visit www.augustana.edu/tickets or call 309-794-7306 for show dates and ticket information.
Retired faculty

The campus community gathered in the spring to honor the following faculty members, who retired at the end of the 2016-17 academic year.

**Dr. Dona Dungan**
Mathematics and Computer Science Department Professor
1980-2017

**Dr. William Hammer**
Geology Department Professor and Fritiof Fryxell Chair of Geology
Director of Fryxell Geology Museum
1981-2017

**Virginia Johnson**
Reading/Writing Center Faculty Tutor and Professional Faculty Instructor in Learning Commons
1984-2017

**Dr. Rosita Tendall**
Music Department Assistant Professor
2007-2017

More international students see themselves at Augustana

Augustana is hitting record numbers for enrolling international students, attracting about 850 international applicants—double the number from 2016. The college admitted twice the number of international students and expects to enroll three times as many this year compared to 2016.

“We project between 110-120 international students to register for international orientation in August,” said Liz Nino, Augustana’s director of international recruitment.

To date, the majority of the incoming students are from Vietnam. Other countries with the greatest representation include China, Ethiopia, Morocco, Nepal and Pakistan, all sending five to 10 students.

“We’ve been recruiting in Vietnam for the last four years, and we’ve been able to build a strong name among students, families and counselors in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City,” Nino said.

Recruiting strategies this past year included using social media platforms such as Skype, Viber, WhatsApp and WeChat; developing relationships with U.S. boarding schools, which tend to enroll international students; and partnering with international recruitment agents.
Augustana is transitioning to a semester calendar. In addition to providing more time for in-depth learning opportunities, a semester calendar will allow the college to more easily partner with peer academic institutions—most of which use the semester calendar—on programs and resources.

In this way, Augustana can control costs while expanding opportunities for students. A semester calendar also is more accommodating for students transferring to Augustana, and those who miss time because of illness or other unexpected circumstances.

Expectations are that everything will be in place by the fall of 2019. Members of the Class of 2020 will experience the calendar change during their senior year, and members of the Class of 2021 in their junior year.

To keep current students on track toward earning a bachelor’s degree in four years, the college is offering a **Transition Guarantee**: all students who start between the fall of 2016 and spring of 2019 will complete their Augustana degree within four years.

“For the guarantee to apply, students must continue to make satisfactory progress toward their degree before and after the change to the new calendar, and follow the plan they will create with their advisor,” said Dr. Kristin Douglas, associate dean.

All trimester credits will transition to the semester calendar as equivalent credit. No credits or coursework will be lost.

Augustana will celebrate Homecoming Oktoberfest 2017 on Oct. 13-15, with reunion dinners and picnics, special tours and programs, football, theatre and departmental open houses. Back by popular demand, the Oktoberfest gathering will take place late Saturday afternoon, again in the Founders circle.

All alumni and friends are invited to Homecoming every year. Special events will be held to celebrate the reunion classes.

Past and present members of Gamma Alpha Beta (GAB) fraternity will celebrate their 100th anniversary with a full schedule of activities beginning with a golf outing on Friday morning. That evening, GAB alumni will make a special appearance at SING. Visit [www.augustana.edu/GAB](http://www.augustana.edu/GAB) for more reunion details.

Latinx Unidos (formerly Latinos Unidos) will celebrate 25 years at Augustana during Homecoming. The gathering will showcase the history and evolution of one of the largest student-run clubs on campus. Members past and present are invited to reflect on this important part of their Augustana experience.

Visit [www.augustana.edu/homecoming](http://www.augustana.edu/homecoming) for a complete schedule of events and registration details. Watch for emails as the date approaches.
Seven professors approved for tenure

In honor of their important contributions to student learning and development; research and scholarly engagement; and service to the college, their profession and the broader community, the Augustana Board of Trustees approved promotion and tenure for the following faculty members:

- Dr. Jacob Bancks, music
- Dr. Tierney Brosius, biology
- Dr. Josh Dyer, physics and physics engineering
- Dr. Scott Gehler, biology
- Dr. Ann Perreau, communication sciences and disorders
- Dr. Michael Scarlett, education
- Dr. Jessica Schultz, psychology

Students initiate Dr. Tapis’ Outstanding Educator Award

Dr. Gregory P. Tapis, assistant professor of accounting, won the Outstanding Educator Award from the Illinois CPA Society in the spring.

“There are many outstanding educators in the state, and I was honored just to be nominated,” Dr. Tapis said. “Our department chair [Dr. John Delaney] is also a recipient of this award in a prior year, so I was happy to know I am contributing to the department’s high standards of teaching.”

The award recognizes one or more educators at a community college, college or university who have made significant contributions to accounting education in Illinois through their leadership, teaching excellence and active involvement in the accounting profession.

“What also makes this award so special is one must be nominated by current students,” Dr. Tapis said. “The fact students took time out of their busy schedules to nominate me and write supporting letters is very special.”

One of the students, Korina Freidag ’18 wrote, “The enthusiasm he brings to every class is just one of the many reasons that students love taking his course.... The amount of time he gives to his students is truly amazing and inspiring. He has taught me that when you take the initiative to challenge yourself, that is when you can realize your true potential.”

Augustana receives funds for research

A consortium of schools in the Midwest, including Augustana, is once again the benefactor of a grant from the National Science Foundation. Collectively, the amount awarded is $5 million, which will be distributed among the schools.

Augustana will receive $144,000 over the next five years to support research by underrepresented minority students in the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields.

The Iowa-Illinois-Nebraska LSAMP (IINSPIRE-LSAMP) alliance was formed in 2011 to broaden the participation of underrepresented minorities in STEM education in the Midwest.

For Augustana, the IINSPIRE-LSAMP consortium grant will award $28,000 per year to support eligible students’ research-related activities during the next five years.

Grants such as this, and the opportunities that arise from them, support the goals stated in the strategic plan to strengthen diversity, inclusion and equity across campus at all levels and intentionally design programs that advance our goals.

“The LSAMP grant gives us one more resource for supporting students’ abilities to get hands-on experience in research and other original, creative scholarship,” said Dr. Jeffrey Ratliff-Crain, associate dean of curriculum and enrichment. “This grant and the IINSPIRE consortium open doors for students who have been underrepresented in the STEM fields and, accordingly, expands opportunities for all Augustana students.”
Generous donors push past goal

For A Day of Giving on April 19, nearly 1,200 alumni, parents, students and friends of the college gave $290,952, passing the day’s goal of $250,000, to support the mission of the college.

A Day of Giving began with a campus gathering at the Brew where faculty and staff shared why they support Augustana. Gift challenges and gatherings across the country throughout the day brought alumni together to celebrate their Augustana experiences and support the experiences of current and future students.

“It was a complete Augustana community effort on campus and beyond,” said Cameron Hall, director of annual giving. “Our theme of ‘Give. Gather. Share Your Pride.’ truly defines what transpired in those 24 hours. We’re grateful for everyone’s generosity.”

Plans for an even bigger spring day of giving in 2018 already are underway.

Endowment funds $14,000 business plan competition

The Department of Business Administration held its inaugural Rogers Business Plan Competition with prizes totaling $14,000 this spring.

All students were eligible to submit written business plans, and five teams with the best plans were invited to compete. Each team had 10 minutes to present its business idea to a panel of business professionals, followed by a 10-minute question-and-answer session.

The Howard and Helen Rogers Entrepreneurial Endowment provided the funds for prizes of $7,000, $4,500 and $2,500 for the first-, second- and third-place teams, respectively. Those taking home the prizes were:

First place – Connor Woolf ’17 and Janice Wu ’18 for JobPlug, a new type of job-hunting website that simplifies the process

Second place – Dana Goggin ’17, Katie Le ’18 and Trisha Piekarczyk ’17 for PEAK, a smartphone app to help roommates split bills, buy household supplies and divide chores

Third place – Camilo Duarte ’17 for 2Improv, an improv comedy club

Senior Toast celebrates four years!

Seniors traditionally vote for the professors they wish to hear speak at the college’s annual Last Lecture and Senior Toast. The Class of 2017 chose Dr. Scott Gehler, biology; Dr. Jessica Schultz, psychology; and Dr. Bob Tallitsch, biology. President Steve Bahls led the seniors in a champagne toast to conclude the evening.
2016-17 Academic All-Americans

Carter Amundsen ’18
The leading hitter on the Vikings team that finished the year 30-14 overall, Carter Amundsen is majoring in accounting and business administration-finance with a GPA of 3.97. He is the first baseball player to win Academic All-American honors since Ben Heaton ’13 in 2013.

Michael Daniels ’17
A linebacker for three years before moving to defensive end his senior year, Michael Daniels majored in accounting and business administration-finance. He now works for the Deloitte accounting firm in St. Louis. Daniels is the first football player to be named an Academic All-American since Thomas Enke ’15 in 2014.

Lauren Goggin ’17
The women’s tennis player with the most combined wins, Lauren Goggin majored in accounting and business administration-management. She now works at Plante Moran in cybersecurity consulting, and is studying for the CPA exam. Goggin is the first women’s tennis player to earn Academic All-America honors since Brigette Morrow ’94 in 1994.

Mitchell Johnson ’18
Mitchell Johnson, an applied mathematics and business administration-finance major with a 4.0 GPA, finished 10th at the CCIW cross country championships last fall and anchored the indoor CCIW champion distance medley relay.

Hannah Lohmeier ’17
For the second straight year, soccer standout Hannah Lohmeier earned Academic All-America honors. She also won an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship. Having graduated with a degree in biochemistry, Lohmeier will attend the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee this fall.

Tanner Osing ’18
A public health major with a 3.46 GPA, Tanner Osing finished third in the nation in the indoor 3000. He broke school records, including the 5000-meter outdoor record held by Ambo Bati ’98. Osing won 5000- and 1500-meter titles at the CCIW outdoor track meet, helping the Vikings claim their second straight team championship.

Isaac Smith ’17
Isaac Smith has earned Academic All-America honors twice. He leaves Augustana as a 10-time All-American and with a national championship as a member of the 2015 indoor relay 4 x 400 team. With a degree in chemistry, Smith is pursuing a career in analytical or industrial chemistry in the Quad-Cities area.

Augustana ranks 7th in the nation, regardless of division; 3rd in NCAA Division III; and 1st in the CCIW and state of Illinois for its number of Academic All-Americans.

Tee it up rain, sleet or snow

Augustana golfers now can take their game inside. Two racquetball courts at the Carver Center’s west end have been converted to a putting and chipping room and a driving room.

The new Augustana Indoor Golf Center features a 30 x 20-foot undulating putting green with seven hole locations and two built-in chipping mats along with a portable chipping pad. The second room houses three 9 x 6-foot hitting bays. The bays feature TrueStrike mats, which offer a realistic feel of hitting off fairways.

Planned future additions to the center include three launch monitors with ball flight and stat display, a K-Vest to measure players’ swings and a Science and Motion [SAM] Putt Lab.

In winning the Highland Classic last season, Coach Tom Lawrence’s women’s golf team broke a 13-year-old school record with a collective two-round total of 660. Melanie Loeffler ’20 led the way, winning the event with a score of 147. Loeffler’s 70 on the first day—in just her second collegiate round—beat the school record for best round set by Rachel Gahn ’09 by four strokes.

The men’s golf team’s top performance last season was a tie for second place at the 32-team Midwest Region Classic.

Those interested in supporting the Augustana Indoor Golf Center may contact Kyle Ekberg ’09, athletics gift officer, at 309-794-7244 or 800-798-8100 x7244.
Longtime football coach leaves legacy

Don Davis ’61 died May 20, 2017, at the age of 82. Davis was an Augustana football coach for 22 years, retiring in 2002. He was the offensive line coach when the Vikings captured four consecutive NCAA D-III football championships (1983-1986).

“Augustana football in the 1980s and into the ’90s was all about running the ball and moving people off the line of scrimmage,” Dave Wrath ’80 told The Dispatch and Rock Island Argus. “Nobody did it better than those guys under Donnie.”

Davis helped coach 14 NCAA D-III All-American performers and 11 Academic All-Americans. Three times his linemen were awarded NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships, and two earned National Football Foundation Scholarships.

“I’ll always remember him standing on that five-man sled and having those linemen pushing him all over Ericson Field,” former Vikings Coach Tom Schmulbach added. “I picture Ben-Hur when I see Don on that sled.”

After graduating from Augustana in 1961, Davis received his master’s from the University of Iowa. He coached high school football until he came to Augustana but continued to teach high school history until 1991. Although Davis retired from Augie football 15 years ago, he was still attending games and cheering on the Vikings last fall.

In the news

Kyle Ekberg ’09, a three-time NCAA D-III All-American in track & field, is leaving a head coaching position at Rockford University to become Augustana’s athletics gift officer, a new position in the Office of Advancement. Ekberg earned a master’s in sports administration from Valparaiso University in 2012 and an MBA from Rockford University in 2015. “I could not be more excited about coming home to Augie,” Ekberg said. “My time as an Augustana student athlete is something I am extremely proud of, so the opportunity to work to engage those who share a similar connection to this school is a dream come true.”

Tony Willaert, head wrestling coach at Saint John’s University, will succeed Eric Juergens as Augustana’s Terry & Sandy Shockley Endowed Wrestling Coach. “We were fortunate to have a strong applicant pool for the position,” said Director of Athletics Mike Zapolski, “and Tony has the vision and work ethic to continue the positive momentum established by Eric Juergens.” Juergens resigned earlier this year to spend more time with his family after a successful 10-year run, including a 17th-place finish at the 2017 NCAA D-III Wrestling Championships. Two All-Americans, 184-pounder Christos Giatras ’18 and 285-pounder Adarios Jones ’19, are expected to return for Willaert’s first season.

Mark your calendars for the seventh annual Augustana Tribe of Vikings Golf Outing on Sept. 23 at TPC Deere Run in Silvis, Ill., home of the PGA Tour’s John Deere Classic. The Tribe of Vikings Golf Outing [more info at https://tribeofvikings.eventbrite.com] will serve as the opening event of a special Augustana Athletics Alumni Day on campus. Contact Dave Wrath ’80 at davewrath@augustana.edu for more details.

2016-17 HIGHLIGHTS

Marckus Simmons ’17 posted the top four marks in the hammer throw, including a heave of 202’ 1” that earned him the NCAA D-III title. Simmons also helped the men’s track & field team capture its second CCIW title in two years, as well as 10th place at the NCAA D-III Championships. Simmons’ national championship is the first for a Viking individual in track & field since Ted McMillan [high jump] and Meghan Voiland [pole vault], both in 2007.

In what had been described as a rebuilding year, Coach Grey Giovanine’s men’s basketball team came up one point shy of a NCAA D-III title. Augustana finished the year 24-9 overall and 11-5 in the CCIW, claiming a share of its eighth CCIW championship in the last 15 seasons and competing in the national championship game two of the last three years. Guard Chrishawn Orange ’19 (pictured) was an All-America selection by D3hoops.com, and Giovanine was named national co-Coach of the Year.

The women’s tennis team won its second straight CCIW championship, made its second NCAA Tournament appearance in the last three years, and set a school record for dual-meet wins. Lauren Goggin ’17 set a school record for total victories; Dana Goggin ’17 broke the school’s career mark for doubles wins; and Coach Jon Miedema became the program’s coach with the most victories.

The women’s basketball team powered its way to its most successful season in 24 years. Coach Mark Beinborn led his squad to a 17-9 overall record and a CCIW mark of 10-6, which was good for fourth place. The Vikings qualified for the CCIW Tournament for the first time since 2003 and the second time in school history.

C.J. Durham, in her first year leading women’s lacrosse at Augustana, was named CCIW Coach of the Year. Durham had six players named to the all-conference team, including Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year, Anne Hopkins ’17 and Olivia Mayer ’17. The Vikings won their third straight CCIW regular season title with a 6-0 performance and boast a 36-0 record in conference play in the last six years.

In her third season as coach of the women’s volleyball program, Kelly Bethke guided the Vikings to a 25-8 record, posting the second-most victories in school history. The 2001 squad under Coach Liesl Kolp ’90 Fowler battled to a 29-5 record.

Visit athletics.augustana.edu for complete schedules and stats of Augustana’s varsity sports teams.
1. In what year did the Augustana Band enlist—as a unit—in the U.S. Army?
   - 1917
   - 1939
   - 1941

2. Which 1987 graduate started every football game during his four years on the team and never lost?
   - Brad Price
   - Troy Westerman
   - Lynn Thomsen

3. Augie Acres welcomed thousands of this insect in 2015.
   - Green lacewing
   - Carniolan bee
   - Ladybug

4. Who was the first Augustana graduate to serve as president of the college?
   - Rev. Dr. Conrad Bergendoff
   - Dr. Olof Olsson
   - Dr. Gustav Andreen

5. Why does the Swenson Hall of Geosciences have the names of four theologians carved across its front?
   - To celebrate four of the college’s founding fathers
   - The building was formerly the Augustana Seminary library
   - The building is connected to Founders and Ascension Chapel

6. In 1996, the Olin Foundation awarded Augustana a $7.5 million grant recognizing its leadership among American colleges of the liberal arts and sciences. The announcement came during a royal visit. Who was it?
   - King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden
   - Charles, Prince of Wales
   - Princess Astrid of Belgium

7. What is the name of the Viking mascot introduced in 2012?
   - Victory (Vic)
   - Thor
   - Gustav [Gus] Mauler

The school’s first president, the Rev. Lars Paul Esbjörn, opens the Augustana Seminary in a small frame building in Chicago.

The first woman faculty member, Anna Westman, Class of 1892, begins teaching the fall after she earns her degree.

President Conrad Bergendoff, Class of 1915, secures an Augustana chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.
1. In 1917 the students enlisted as the Regimental Band of the Sixth Illinois Infantry.

2. Lynn Thomsen

3. Carniolan bees

4. Dr. Gustav Andreen, Class of 1881

5. Originally, it was the Library of the Augustana Seminary.

6. King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden

7. Gustav Mauler (a.k.a. Gus) — the name is a play on the name of the famous composer Gustav Mahler.

8. Lincoln Park

9. Dr. Dorothy Parkander ’46, professor emerita of English

10. Old Main and House on the Hill

11. None! Augustana has won 175 CCIW titles since the conference began in 1946, more than any other CCIW school.

12. English professor Dr. Paul Olsen

13. Which two Vikings won a total of 12 individual D-III national titles in track and cross country in the 1990s?
   - Sandu Rebenciuc
   - Dave Terronez
   - Ambo Bati

14. Where was Augustana located before moving to Rock Island?
   - Pekin, Ill.
   - Peoria, Ill.
   - Paxton, Ill.

15. Name two campus buildings that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
   - Old Main and Seminary Hall
   - Old Main and House on the Hill
   - Old Main and Denkmann Memorial Building

Betsey Brodahl, Class of 1944, resigns after 40 years first as dean of women, and then dean of students.

1998

Daniel C. Tsui, Class of 1961, receives the Nobel Prize in physics.

2003

Steven C. Bahls is installed as the college’s eighth president.

2015

Augustana’s Isaac Smith, David Devore, Keith Cline and David Voland are NCAA D-III national champions in the indoor 4 x 400 relay.
The 40-year Augustana-China connection

By Dr. Norm Moline ’64, professor emeritus of geography

Editor’s note: Dr. Moline directed/co-directed 29 programs in East Asia during his tenure. While this essay focuses on China, the experiences in Japan and Taiwan on the East Asia fall terms and other programs, and the contributions of the faculty members teaching in those places, are equally significant in the history of the Asian studies program.

In November 1977, 44 Augustana students and three professors walked from Lo Wu in Hong Kong’s New Territories on the railway bridge over the Shenzhen River into China. We passed two large signs: Long Live the People’s Republic of China and Long Live the Great Unity of the People of the World. After being checked in by an army official, we took the train to Guangzhou, the major city in southern China, for our four-day visit. We were the first large group from an American university/college to be admitted after China started to “open,” and we were treated as special guests. Significantly, that visit was 14 months before the United States officially recognized the People’s Republic of China (Jan. 1, 1979). As we toured, we felt like we were in a different world. Returning to Hong Kong, we were excited that we had seen China, even though it was a very small area of a country as big as the United States. That visit began for Augustana an important 40-year history of educational programs and connections in China.

Augustana’s first East Asia term was in 1974 with stops in Japan, Taiwan and Hong Kong. China was still closed to Americans, but that trip set the context for our 1977 visit. Including 1977, there have been 15 triennial fall programs, including one last year directed by Dr. Marsha Smith, professor of sociology and anthropology. Each program involved six professors and 70-80 students from across the liberal arts spectrum, for a total of more than 1,100 students through the years. Professors from nine disciplines have taught in the China portion of our fall terms, and of those, Jen-Mei Ma, Ben Nefzger, Marsha Smith, Van Symons, Bob Tallitsch and Peter Xiao deserve special recognition.

After our short visits to Guangzhou in 1977 and 1980, the China component of our program soon expanded to a month as more areas of China were opened to visitors. The itineraries always included Beijing, Guilin, Wuhan and Xi’an, and then other cities depending on the professors’ courses. Our goal in visiting different places and a variety of sites at those places—historic sites, neighborhoods, markets, factories, hospitals, scenic areas, agricultural villages, etc.—was to convey that there are “many Chinas.” We wanted students to know that key regional and intra-city differences exist, just as they do in the United States.

At the time of our first visits, China was vastly different from the United States. It was substantially behind in economic development, transportation, housing, environmental quality and use of technology. The basic goal was for our students to become familiar with the world’s most populated country, a place unknown to most Americans because of its political isolation. We wanted them to learn about its 4,000-year history and its natural and cultural geographic patterns. We also focused on contemporary conditions and issues and on topics related to the professors’ fields.

In a broader sense, we wanted our students to increase their confidence, curiosity and inspiration for more informed travel on their own.

In the late 1990s, the Freeman Foundation viewed our East Asia program as a model for overseas study and asked us to help other colleges develop similar programs, which we did in four “College in Asia” institutes in China. (continued on page 14)
A place I consider home

Rachel Hendee ’03 came to Augustana because of its study abroad term in East Asia. Since graduating, she has lived and taught in China, and then returned twice, once to do fieldwork and once to simply visit. What is it about China that keeps bringing her back?

By Rachel Hendee

Choosing a college is one of the biggest decisions high school students make. For me, Augustana’s East Asia program was the key factor. It gives students the opportunity to spend 11 weeks in different Asian countries with Augustana professors, experiencing every day the subjects about which they were lecturing.

This unique program was not an option at the other schools I visited.

These opportunities were possible due to the long-term relationships Augustana has developed in China during the last 40 years. For example, during my 2001 trip, we had a behind-the-scenes tour of the massive Wuhan Iron and Steel factory and visited with students at Central China Normal University (CCNU) in Wuhan to see how their college experiences were different and similar to our own student life at Augie.

That East Asia term was only the beginning. At the time, I had no idea the profound impact it would have on me. Back on campus, I chose classes to complete an Asian studies minor. This included continuing Chinese language study, which would prove beneficial in my future endeavors, enabling me to form my own strong relationships in China and leading to a deeper understanding of Chinese culture.

After graduation, I deferred starting graduate school to participate in the teacher exchange program between Augustana and CCNU. In late summer of 2003, I packed my bags and, along with five other new Augie grads, moved to Wuhan. In the year that followed, I adapted to living in a foreign country—not as a tourist but as an adopted citizen of my new city. I worked my first real full-time job, overcame language barriers, met new friends and had crazy adventures all over China and Southeast Asia. I fell in love with China: its history, landscapes and, most importantly, its people. It always will be a place I consider home.

When people ask me about China, I often say you either love it or hate it. It can be loud, crowded, confusing and fast-paced. But not everywhere. The countryside has amazing vistas, open spaces of lush rolling hills, vast cultivated farmland, snow-capped mountains, clear lakes and some of the longest rivers in the world. And you don’t necessarily have to get out of the city to explore these beautiful places. Even in Beijing, with its 20 million inhabitants, you can find serene temples, courtyards, parks and lovely green spaces, but sometimes it takes a little extra effort to find them.

China is also a country of cultural contradictions and surprises. How can it have Communist party governance but a people with as strong a capitalistic spirit as one can find anywhere? How can you be in Shanghai with some of the world’s tallest buildings, excellent subways and expressways, and the most modern technology, only to drive a few hours to visit a small village with unpaved roads and traditional housing? Why do thousands of Chinese citizens visit Chairman Mao Zedong’s memorial on Tiananmen Square every day, in light of the known atrocities perpetrated by him during the cultural revolution (a harried time of political violence in the late 1960s and early 1970s when as many as two million Chinese are thought to have been killed)? These contradictions continue to intrigue me.

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As the years passed, China experienced rapid economic growth and modernization to become the second largest economy in the world and an increasingly important power in world affairs. We continued to focus on its long history and cultural differences, but some of our learning goals changed. Each successive group of students had different encounters with China because of the changes. Today we are studying a country that has many economic and cultural connections to the United States—some cooperative, some competitive. America became China’s top trading partner in the 1990s, and China became our top trading partner in 2015.

Many aspects of American popular culture have crept into Chinese culture. Conversely, some developments and projects in China are exemplary for the United States. We study similarities in urban landscapes, societal issues and personal desires. We have learned that Chinese citizens, like Americans, place high priority on good jobs, good incomes, families, good health, good housing, better education, cars, leisure time, travel opportunities, and hopes that their lives and the lives of the next generation will improve. This approach with attention to both individuals and the "big picture" helps combat Americans’ misunderstandings of China and the Chinese people’s misunderstandings of the United States.

Expanding from our student programs, the college organized summer alumni trips, from the first in 1982 to the seventh last year. That 1982 trip included our first visit to Beijing and Wuhan, which opened the door for special connections noted below. We also had short summer travel programs for the Augustana Choir in 2005 and two men’s basketball teams in 2007 and 2010. The 2007 trip was featured in a 2008 Coaching Management article on what NCAA D-III schools could do for an international experience for athletes.

Building on these programs, Augustana signed an exchange agreement with Central China (Huazhong) Normal University (CCNU) in Wuhan in 1988. Augustana seniors initially and then recent graduates taught as “foreign experts” in CCNU’s English programs. More than 80 graduates have had this experience, including Rachel Hendee ’03, who shares her reflections in the accompanying essay.

Seventeen educators from CCNU have taught for a year on our campus, and seven Augustana professors have taught at CCNU. Augustana awarded an honorary degree in 1992 to CCNU’s president and distinguished historian, Zhang Kaiyuan. In 2014 I was privileged to give lectures in the CCNU’s urban planning graduate program. Similar to other Augustana professors, I experienced the gracious hospitality, friendship and learning curiosity of our hosts. This CCNU connection has been an effective way for graduates and professors to become immersed in Chinese culture and build friendship bridges. For example, Dr. Jon Hurty, Augustana’s director of choral activities, and CCNU’s Tian Xiao Bau and his Tian Kong Choir have developed a close relationship. Through the influence of Professor Tian, the Augustana Chamber Singers were invited to sing at the Shanghai International Choral Festival this past May. We are glad that this exchange with CCNU began when Chinese and American universities were starting cooperative relationships, and that it has been sustained for 29 years.

During the years from that first walk into China in 1977 to the present, Augustana students and professors have learned much about China and its people, its growth as a world power and its many connections with the United States. Many of our alumni have used that knowledge in their personal lives and careers in the United States and internationally. For example, Sarah Bexell ’91 has served 18 years as director of conservation education at the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding.

We are proud to celebrate this 40th anniversary of Augustana’s programs in China. In their own way year after year, our programs have given new meaning to that sign on the bridge over the Shenzhen River: Long Live the Great Unity of the People of the World. We trust that continued international programs at Augustana and at other colleges and universities can increase appreciation of our global common humanity.
While visiting both crowded urban areas and small villages on my first two trips, I became particularly interested in public health and the implications of China’s 1.3 billion population. After returning from teaching in China, I studied for my master’s in public health and epidemiology at the University of Illinois at Chicago. During that time, I returned to China in 2006 to do fieldwork on a large biomedical research project in Anhui province. It was my initial encounter with China at Augie and subsequent study of the language that led me to this amazing opportunity. My Chinese language skills were strengthened because relatively few involved in the research project spoke English, and I did not encounter another foreigner during those six weeks!

Fast forward 10 years when I heard about the 2016 alumni trip from Norm Moline...my entire Chinese experience appeared to come full circle. To have another opportunity to return to China, a place I once called home, with the Augie professor who had such a big influence on why I fell in love with the country in the first place was simply one I could not pass up.

So, what is it about China that keeps drawing me back when the country might seem inaccessible to some and intimidating to others? China today is not the same as when I first visited; the country has been revitalized. It is more open, less dirty, more modern, with fewer restrictions, more conveniences and easier travel for both locals and visitors. But key main cultural traits still exist. The people, their hearts and the core essence of the country are exactly as I remember them on my first visit 16 years ago. For this I am grateful. At the same time, while I believe the modernization and improvements are valuable and necessary for the country and its citizens, selfishly I am sad about the rapidity of the changes because perhaps some of China’s true grit and local character are slowly being washed away.

Every opportunity that I have had to travel to China at different stages of my life has been unique—getting my feet wet on the foreign term and then later, diving into the deep end to experience the culture in more depth. But one thing seems to be reinforced every time I visit. While it is easy to recognize the many differences between our two cultures, the more time you spend in China and with its people, the more you realize at the core we human beings are quite similar and can learn much from each other.

As James Madison said, “An acquaintance with foreign countries never fails to weaken local prejudices and enlarge the sphere of benevolent feelings.” I urge anyone who has been contemplating a trip to China to go soon, because with a nation changing this rapidly, who knows what may be lost in the years ahead. But, whenever you visit, I am confident that this vibrant and dynamic country will amaze, frustrate, captivate, educate and surprise you.

Rachel Hendee lives in Chicago and works as a physician assistant in surgery at Rush University Medical Center.
Augustana is ‘More Than I Imagined’

“Every professor personally inspired me to learn and do more than I thought I was capable of. The friends that I made through ensembles and clubs have also become lifelong attachments that have shaped who I am today. In such a supportive and tightly knit community, it’s hard to feel alone at Augie.”

Steven Mondloch ’17
Major: Classics
Minor: Music

“I never imagined that I was going to double major and visit three countries—Spain, Portugal and Morocco. There are a lot of wonderful people at Augustana who want to help you with your goals.”

Karina Huerta ’17
Majors: Sociology (Social Welfare), Spanish
Minor: Latin American Studies

“The faculty in the psychology department pushed me to be the best I could be. They provided such incredible insight into the field, as well as support in whatever I wanted to do. I am happy to say that my professors have grown to be some of my dearest friends.”

Emily Grooms ’17
Majors: Psychology, Art
“When I first came to campus, I was a shy pre-med student hoping to go to med school one day. Augustana helped me gain the confidence and intellectual growth to make a career choice that would highlight my skills and abilities. Looking back, I wouldn’t change anything about my college experience here!”

Chelsea Mentado ’17  
Major: Graphic Design  
Minor: Spanish

“Studying at Augustana has expanded my view of the world. I also feel more empowered to be an activist while using design as a platform to make calls to action and promote change.”

Camilo Duarte ’17  
Majors: International Business, Business Administration  
Minor: Mandarin Chinese

“I was originally contacted by the track & field team for the sprints, but it was not until I came to visit that I truly understood what Augustana was about. What attracted me the most was the kind and close community on campus, and I really felt wanted here.”

Lauren Johnson ’17  
Major: Engineering Physics  
Minors: Mathematics, Computer Science

Every spring, Augustana faculty and coaches nominate seniors for “More Than I Imagined,” an online series highlighting students who have taken advantage of the many opportunities at Augustana. These seniors are invited to reflect on what made their Augustana experience so unimaginable. Here are six of the nominated 2017 graduates...read more profiles at www.augustana.edu/imagine.
Investing in our students’ success

Despite fewer high school graduates, uncertainty regarding Illinois state funding for lower-income students, and misconceptions about the liberal arts, Augustana enrolled its largest first-year class in a decade. More than 750 students will be coming to campus in the fall as members of the Class of 2021, plus 55 transfer students.

To keep the momentum going, Augustana is committed to ensuring its facilities match the quality of its academic programs, and the growth of these programs. Supported by the college’s strategic plan and dependent on fundraising, Augustana plans to expand or renovate three academic buildings to better serve students and faculty, and add a CSD master’s program and data analytics major/minor.

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The labs and classrooms also will accommodate changing pedagogical styles, learning styles and the demands of employers who expect high levels of proficiency, problem-solving skills and collaborative leadership in today’s college graduates.

“Building and lab/classroom designs need to keep up with changes in teaching and learning, and the Hanson expansion does exactly that,” said Dr. Jeffrey Ratliff-Crain, associate dean of curriculum and enrichment. “Not only does the expansion give a home for our rapidly growing interdisciplinary sciences, notably neuroscience and environmental studies, but does so in a way that promotes even greater collaboration and active learning for students in the physical and natural sciences. This will keep Augustana students on top.”

Hanson Hall of Science Expansion

Gifts to help build 22,000-square-foot addition to the science building

Augustana has received a $2.5 million gift from the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust and a $1 million gift from 1960 graduates Paul and Pat Guehler toward the expansion of the college’s science building, the Robert A. and Patricia K. Hanson Hall of Science.

The $8.5 million expansion will be designed to seamlessly connect to the existing building, which was completed in 1998 with the help of a $5.45 million gift from the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust. Construction is likely to begin in 2018.

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The expansion of Hanson Hall will support the college’s tradition of success in the sciences—fields that have broadened since the building opened in 1998:

• Augustana students’ acceptance rates into graduate science programs are excellent. Medical school placement rates are 62 percent compared with 38 percent nationwide in 2015. In the last three years, 74 percent of Augustana students were accepted into dental school while the most recent national average (2013) stands at 47 percent. In 2017, 100 percent of Augustana pre-dental students and 100 percent of pre-veterinary medicine students were accepted to veterinary medicine and dental schools.

• The five-year placement rate for Augustana students in physical therapy graduate programs is 90 percent; into optometry schools 92 percent; and into pharmacy schools 95 percent. For the record, the largest cohort of pre-optometry students in school history was accepted to professional schools in 2017.

• In the last 25 years, more than 65 percent of chemistry majors have chosen to continue studies at major universities. Their graduate school placement is virtually 100 percent.

“We at Augustana could not be more grateful to our donors for their continued support of the college,” Bahls said. “These latest gifts will allow us to build on our outstanding science programs and prepare future Augustana students for meaningful careers in the sciences that will benefit society.”

Bergendoff Hall of Fine Arts Reinvention/Expansion

Anticipated $12-$15 million investment to better prepare students for professional success

Augustana continues to move forward in establishing a “corner for the arts” near Seventh Avenue and 38th Street. With the successful renovation of the College Center into the state-of-the-art Brunner Theatre Center, plans now are being made for the reinvention/expansion of the Bergendoff Hall of Fine Arts. The building has served generations of Augustana students since it opened in 1955.

“What we are most looking forward to with the renovations is a building that meets the needs of the 21st-century department of music,” said Dr. James Lambrecht, director of bands and co-chair of the music department. “When Bergendoff was built, the department was much smaller, there was little to no technology in use, and students were preparing for far different careers in music. Today, the landscape has changed, and music education, music performance, composition and other fields of interest must bend to the demands of the modern world.”

Transforming Bergendoff involves several individual projects, including the creation of enhanced rehearsal spaces, a multimedia laboratory with the latest technology, a music education suite, small performance space, student and faculty common areas, a more welcoming front entrance with a student gathering area, and more. This reinvention of Bergendoff aligns with the college’s strategic initiative of facilitating transformative learning though integrated experiences.

“The Bergendoff renovation will benefit students in a number of ways,” said Dr. Jon Hurty, Henry Veld Professor in Music and director of choral activities. About one-fourth of all Augustana students are involved in bands, choirs, orchestras, music lessons and classes each week.

“The renovation includes enhanced rehearsal spaces for the ensembles so that our students will have access to the latest rehearsal acoustic rehearsal technologies,” Dr. Hurty said. “We are planning to implement high-tech acoustic environments that allow students to experience various acoustical spaces within one rehearsal room. This is new technology that is based on digital sound processing within the rehearsal space.”

The new multimedia laboratory will include the latest music computer software and hardware and allow students to compose music, practice the keyboard—an essential tool for all young musicians, make recordings
Betsey Brodahl Building Renovation/Expansion

$1.5 million investment will expand the building and launch master’s program in communication sciences and disorders in the fall of 2019

In recent years, more students have shown interest in Augustana’s communication sciences and disorders (CSD) program, partially in response to a national shortage of speech-language pathologists and audiologists.

CSD faculty also noticed another trend: our graduates are competing with each other for a limited number of openings in the nation’s top graduate programs. Their research shows a strong need for more CSD graduate programs to meet the growing student interest and the nationwide demand for speech-language pathologists and audiologists.

“Because of the aging population, advances in healthcare and other factors, we predict that the demand for speech-language pathologists and audiologists will remain consistently high for the foreseeable future,” said Dr. Allison Haskill, professor of communication sciences and disorders.

With the combined strength of the college’s undergraduate students and CSD program and faculty, it became clear that Augustana would be an ideal place to create a top-notch, accelerated 15-month CSD master’s program. In the spring of 2016, Augustana faculty approved adding a CSD master’s program, and the accreditation process began. The graduate program is slated to launch in 2019, with master’s-level coursework offered to the first cohort of 20 graduate students that fall.

Since 2007, the Betsey Brodahl Building has been the hub of CSD academic and clinical activity, with classrooms, faculty and clinician offices, student clinical workspaces, and the Center for Speech, Language, and Hearing. But as it stands today, the Brodahl Building cannot accommodate an accelerated master’s program for 20 students, in addition to the 120-student undergraduate program.

The graduate program will involve new faculty, clinicians, academic courses and student/client clinical interactions—which in turn will require offices, classrooms, labs, therapy rooms, conference spaces and observation rooms.

“Currently, if students or clients’ family members wish to observe sessions, they must stand outside rooms and view intervention sessions from a small window in the doors,” Dr. Haskill said. “This results in congestion in our hallways and can be distracting to both our clients and their student clinicians.”

The addition will more than double the size of the Brodahl Building. It will provide spaces and equipment required to continue the rigorous undergraduate program; accommodate graduate student work in the classroom, clinic and research labs; add to the number of student clinic hours; and attract and retain additional outstanding faculty and clinicians.

The Center for Speech, Language, and Hearing inside Brodahl is the clinic and training site where faculty, students, and licensed and certified clinicians provide assessment and intervention services to community residents with a variety of communication disorders. The Center is a key component of both the undergraduate and planned graduate programs. The Brodahl addition will provide the Center and students, staff, faculty and clients the technology, equipment and room to use the most effective therapies and continue best practices in patient/client care and student learning.

Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring/summer of 2018.
Data Analytics Endowed Chair and New Major/Minor

John Deere Foundation awards grant for endowed chair in data analytics

Augustana has received a $1.5 million grant from the John Deere Foundation to establish the Robert A. Hanson Endowed Chair in Data Analytics.

This endowed chair is a critical step in the creation of a data analytics academic program at Augustana. Hiring an established professor in this field will help the college engineer a program that builds on its strengths, remains true to its liberal arts and sciences tradition and mission, capitalizes on its location and existing partnerships, and prepares Augustana students to solve the complex challenges faced by 21st-century employers.

“The growing importance of data analytics in making business decisions is becoming more widely recognized, and the John Deere Foundation is delighted to partner with Augustana on this exciting initiative,” said Mara Sovey Downing, president of the John Deere Foundation. “We believe this could be a game changer for the Quad-Cities community in providing skilled talent to fill this growing STEM-related need.”

The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts employment in data analytics will grow by 30 percent by 2024. The demand for managers and analysts who can understand and make decisions using “big data” is estimated to reach 1.5 million by 2018.

Augustana will be part of a small group of liberal arts colleges offering an undergraduate degree in data analytics.

“We looked at the program at Denison University before generating our proposal,” said Dr. John Delaney, professor and chair of the accounting department. “One of the advantages we see for Augustana students is that we’ll draw from many disciplines on campus for students and introduce topics that may or may not be included at other institutions, such as the ethical uses of data analysis, critical analysis of data for decision-making purposes, and effective communication of the analysis.”

Dr. Delaney and Dr. Jon Clauss have been and will continue to be instrumental in building the college’s data analytics program, with plans to introduce a minor and major in 2018 and 2020, respectively. The minor will be a natural supplemental course of study for business and all its concentrations (management, marketing, finance, international business and management information systems), as well as economics, biology and public health.

The preliminary design of Augustana’s proposed program will have five components: prerequisite courses in statistics, spreadsheets and databases; courses in computer science; three specific data analytics courses; electives in the student’s chosen field; and an internship or major project within a student’s field that incorporates data analytics.

This will be the first program at Augustana to invite industry participation from development to implementation, including welcoming data analytics experts from area businesses to share their expertise in the classroom. In addition, Augustana’s location in the Quad Cities provides many opportunities for internships and community outreach.

The data analytics major and minor will be open to any student on campus, regardless of major area of interest. Any department whose majors need to analyze large volumes of data will be good candidates to participate in the program. This would include accounting, business administration, biology, computer science, geography, mathematics and psychology, among others.

Students interested in supporting any of these projects may contact Kent Barnds, executive vice president for external relations, at 309-794-7662, 800-798-8100 x7662 or wkentbarnds@augustana.edu.
Augustana has sold 395 acres of its 410-acre Green Wing Environmental Laboratory near Amboy, Ill., to the Illinois Audubon Society for $2.1 million.

Green Wing Lab will remain as a 15-acre site, including several buildings, which Augustana students and faculty will continue to use for research, teaching and outreach activities in the newly named Gremel Wildlife Sanctuary. The new name commemorates longtime society member Russell Gremel, whose financial contributions, along with those from an Illinois Clean Energy Foundation land acquisition grant, made the purchase possible.

Proceeds from the sale of the property will fund ongoing operations of Augustana’s three environmental field stations, as well as establish the Dr. Bohdan Dziadyk Endowed Chair in Environmental Science and Conservation. In addition, proceeds from the sale will contribute to the pending addition to the Hanson Hall of Science on campus.

The endowed chair will honor Dr. Dziadyk, who taught hundreds of students at Green Wing Lab during his 25-year directorship of the field stations, and who carefully stewarded the sale of the property.

Recently retired after a 36-year teaching career in the biology department, Dr. Dziadyk also co-directed the college’s environmental studies program.

“Augustana will be able to utilize the property as we always have, without the increasing management obligations,” he said. He sees Illinois Audubon Society as the ideal steward of the land and is pleased with plans to protect and restore representative examples of intact native ecosystems and unique natural features that persist today.

The property consists of a complex of shallow ponds, extensive upland forests, remnant savanna, wet meadow

Augustana partners with Illinois Audubon Society to preserve outdoor lab

“... ensure that the acreage is maintained and preserved well into the future.”

Dr. Steve Hager, interim director of Augustana’s field stations

communities and a tall grass prairie restoration. Numerous invasive species will be the target of focused eradication efforts that may take a decade or more to bring under control. The estimated cost to restore the wetlands and bring woody weeds under relative control for the near term is $300,000.

“The sale of Green Wing to the Illinois Audubon Society will ensure that the acreage is maintained and preserved well into the future,” said Dr. Steve Hager, professor of biology and interim director of field stations.

“... a win-win scenario for Augustana and the Illinois Audubon Society,” said President Steve Bahls. “We look forward to an ongoing partnership that will allow Augustana students to continue research and learning in natural settings.”

Augustana owns two additional environmental field stations in the Quad-Cities area. The Collinson Ecological Preserve is a 75-acre site with upland forest including the Josua Lindahl Hill Prairies Nature Preserve in Milan, Ill., located eight miles south of the college. The Beling Ecological Preserve is a 98-acre wetland station located on the Rock River at the border of the cities of Moline and Rock Island.
CLASS NOTES
(notices received as of May 1, 2017)

1952
Stanley Helwig received the David Nyvall Medallion for Distinguished Service to North Park University, where he served on the Board of Trustees for 29 years, including 10 years as chairperson. He was named emeritus trustee of the university.

1958
Patricia Schad Leege is principal organist for Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in Green Valley, Ariz.

1960
Norman Pastorek was invited to give the Joseph Lecture on Sept. 30, 2016, highlighting his developments and innovations. He was presented with the Joseph Medal, the European Academy's highest award, for lifetime achievement and contributions to the field of facial plastic surgery. He is a clinical professor, facial plastic surgery, at New York Presbyterian Hospital-Cornell Medical Center; clinical professor at New York University, School of Medicine; and past resident of the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

1965
Diane Kachevas Moses is president of the Musicians Club of Women, the oldest music club in the United States. She also is chair of the Music Committee at the 19th Century Club in Oak Park, Ill., and vice president in charge of programs for the Flossmoor Chapter of the Lyric Opera of Chicago.

1968
Gale Miller retired from the Colorado Court of Appeals in January 2016.

1969
Gary Erickson serves as chairperson for Outreach for Hope of the Greater Milwaukee Synod.


Greg Petty taught a course about the history, social influence and statistics of baseball to older adults in the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) adult education program at the University of Denver.

1970
Donald Isaacson was named one of Arizona’s Top 100 Lawyers by Arizona Business Magazine.

Michael Pairn sold his company, Swift Global, Inc., and has retired.

1972
Debra Grudzinski Beyerlein retired as an instructor for Elizabethtown Community and Technical College and as a part-time instructor with the military program and math tutor on the Ft. Knox Military Base Campus.

Steve Keuer is president of CHRISTUS Trinity Clinic and chief medical officer of CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances Health System.


Cheryl Haug Zapf retired from Destinations Unlimited in August 2016, after 29 years of service.

1974
Rachel Bergeson is president of the New York College Health Association.

Chris Anderson Petty walked the Camino Francés de Santiago from southern France to Santiago de Compostela (Spain), the legendary burial site of the apostle St. James. This 500-mile route of the Way of St. James has been traveled for more than 1,000 years.

1976
Gary Renn is an adjunct instructor at Elgin Community College and a member of the adjunct staff at National Louis University in Chicago.

Following the footsteps of Martin Luther
President Steve Bahls and Jane Easter Bahls joined alumni on a trip to Germany earlier this summer. Dr. David Ellis, professor of history, and Kai Swanson ’86 helped lead the tour, which followed the life of Martin Luther (1483-1546), and traced the origins of the Protestant Reformation in this, the 500th year since Luther published the 95 Theses that sparked the movement. Here, the group is on the town square in Eisleben, next to the church where Luther preached his last sermon.
’06 grad helping solve the problem of wind energy and bats

Students hear a lot about the value of learning to solve problems and conduct research. Here’s a grad who does just that every day.

Amber Andress ’06 Schorg is working on this: (1) Iowa and Illinois are second and fifth in the nation for installed wind energy capacity. (2) Wind turbines in both states are killing large numbers of bats; some are threatened or endangered.

Wind is a non-polluting renewable resource. Bats are a vital part of the ecosystem. Schorg, a biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in its Illinois/Iowa Field Office, is helping to figure out how we can have both.

This means finding ways to reduce bat fatalities around existing wind turbines and putting new turbines where bats don’t live in significant numbers.

In the Midwest, nine species of bats are affected, including federally protected northern long-eared bats and Indiana bats. Bats are killed primarily during the migration from their summer to winter homes.

“The mission of the Fish and Wildlife Service is to conserve wildlife and the ecosystems they need,” Schorg said. “We get that done by being practical and forming partnerships in the wind energy industry.”

First hurdle in reducing wind-bat fatalities: a lack of data.

“Until recently, we didn’t know very much about how bats interacted with turbines in our two states,” Schorg said. “Because bats can be killed in large numbers, we needed to figure out where, when, and why.”

With the number of wind projects in the Midwest, those are landscape-sized questions.

To solve the puzzle for federally protected species, Schorg needs three pieces of information: where they live in the summer, where they go in the winter, and how they get back and forth. That’s where the partnerships come in.

In Iowa, Schorg works simultaneously with MidAmerican Energy Company, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Iowa State University, IA/MN Conservation Corps, and several consulting firms to map out how bats operate in Iowa.

These partners helped gather data last summer about bat numbers and locations, using acoustic detectors and radiotagging, then tracking bats. Last fall, researchers captured and tagged bats around “maternity areas” to learn when they left their roosts and in what direction they went. To find out where bats spend the winter in Iowa, they collected acoustic data around promising rock faces and using dogs trained to sniff out bats.

When the projects come together, Schorg hopes wind energy companies will use all this data to put their turbines where the bats aren’t. This already is starting to happen, she said. Companies are contacting the Fish and Wildlife Service early in their projects for site information.

As an undergraduate, Schorg didn’t foresee becoming an expert on bats and wind energy. “I was more of a plant person,” she laughed. At Augustana, she majored in biology and minored in geology and environmental studies, later earning a master’s in biology from Western Illinois University.

Schorg encourages students to be multi-disciplinary through internships and experiences, and then apply what they learn.

“Be able to dissect a problem, get information about its parts, and put that information back together in the form of a logical solution,” she said. “If not enough information exists, don’t be afraid to be creative and go get it yourself!”
1977
Gregory Day has taught music and directed choirs for 33 years. In 2012, he was appointed artistic director of the Lincoln-Way Area Chorale, based in the southwest suburbs of Chicago. The chorale was chosen from a nationwide search to sing Handel’s Messiah at Carnegie Hall in November 2016. Over the past four years, the chorale has earned three national endorsements and was invited to sing in Barcelona, Spain.

Nancy Steuben Hawfield retired from her private speech pathology practice.

Doug Hultquist, president and CEO of QCR Holdings, Inc. and a director of Quad City Bank & Trust, was named Rock Island Citizen of the Year (Professional Category) in 2016. He has held leadership posts with the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce and the John Deere Classic, and has been involved with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program for five years. He served 15 years on the Augustana Board of Trustees, and has returned to the board.

1978
Doreen Sterba DeZur graduated from McCormick Theological Seminary in 2014. She was ordained as a Teaching Elder (Minister of Word and Sacrament) in the Presbyterian Church, USA, in November 2015. She is a hospital chaplain and church choir director.

Margie Smith retired in April 2016 after 30 years of service as an attorney in the federal government, where she held positions in the following departments: labor, justice and veterans affairs.

1981
Carolyn Webber works in human resources-payroll at the DuPage Regional Office of Education.

1984
Laura Nelson published a non-fiction book about the pirates of the Whydah Galley titled The Whydah Pirates Speak.

1985
David Miller is an art teacher at V.I.T. High School in Table Grove, Ill. He recently published a feature story in Reptiles magazine, and he has signed a book deal with a publisher for three of his original plays. He has written and produced several plays.

1986
David J. Livingston was appointed the 10th president of Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill.

Barbara Wuchte is senior manager, customer support with Carbon Black, Inc., in Waltham, Mass.

1987
Stephen Hinkle is a full professor of humanities at Morrisville State College/SUNY Morrisville and the director of theatre and music as well. He was elected president of the Morrisville UUP (United University Professions) Chapter in June 2015.

Michael Morkin, a lawyer with Baker & McKenzie in Chicago, serves on the Executive Committee of World Business Chicago and is chair of its Legal Advisory Board. He also has been teaching at the University of Chicago Law School. He was named Chicago Lawyer of the Year in International Arbitration by Best Lawyers in 2013 and 2016.

1988
John DeCero started California Republic Bank in 2007, which was purchased by Mechanics Bank in 2016. He now is the CEO of the combined entity.

Mark Meersman is CEO of Indian Health Service Hospital and Service Unit in Pine Ridge, S.D., which serves the Oglala Lakota Sioux population of the Pine Ridge Reservation. He previously served as chief of the Health Benefits Branch in the Air Force Surgeon General’s Office, and retired as a lieutenant colonel after 23 years of service.

Susi Ross married Kendall Miller on Oct. 8, 2016.

Lisa Williams received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from Lewis University in 2016. She is a registered nurse at UnityPoint Health-Beoria.

1989
Natalie Adolphi is an associate professor of biochemistry and molecular biology at the University of New Mexico, and she was named research director of the Center for Forensic Imaging.

1990
Arthur Bergren serves as the lead pastor of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church and School in Waverly, Iowa.

Laurel Fauthaber Grogger is now the special education department chair at Maine South High School in Park Ridge, Ill.

1991
Matthew Brooke has been named city administrator in Clinton, Iowa.

1992
Kerilyn Wolkowicz Johnson was promoted to vice president, general counsel and secretary of Ace Hardware.

1993
Eric Appelgren earned an MBA from the University of Colorado in 2016.

1994
Nick Bennyhoff is lead cataloger for the St. Charles City-County Library District.

1995
Erik Doughty is a full-time chaplain at Southview Acres Health Care Center in West St. Paul, Minn.

1996
Matt Glendon is the director, utility vehicles and new business development, for Mahindra North America.

1997
Lauren Webb-Elbaz works for the Manhattan Beach Unified School District. She had a son, Micah Aaron Elbaz, on March 28, 2016 (David; Mason, 4).

1998
William Pokorny was named equity partner at Franczek Radelet. He is also co-author of the firm’s Wage & Hour Insights blog.
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Dennis Rufolo was selected to attend the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.

1999

Mark Anderson received the Brooks Inspiring Coaches Award, one of two presented nationwide.

Brian Gosnell received his MBA from North Park University in 2016.

2000

Zubair Ansari is regional director of Patient Financial Services for the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and was chosen to be part of the National Revenue Cycle Improvement Task Force.

Danielle Stolarick Belmonte had a daughter, Violet Patricia Belmonte, on July 3, 2016 (Dan).

Alison Zelms is the deputy city manager of Mankato, Ariz.

2001

Elizabeth Burke Boskovich received the CFRE (Certified Fundraising Executive) designation in November 2016.

Eric Gjerde graduated with a doctorate in educational leadership and policy studies from the University of Northern Iowa in May 2016. He is a teacher and coach in the Cedar Rapids School District.

Nellie Berger Miller earned her MBA from Rockford University in 2016.

2002

Sara Cowger Alesandrini had a daughter, Alexandra Gailene Alesandrini (Chris).

Todd Baldwin is pursuing an MBA from the University of Iowa.

2003

Melissa Clark is a speech language pathologist in the Urbana School District. She had her fourth child on June 25, 2016.

Eric Fistler was installed as pastor of First Congregational Church in Crystal Lake, Ill.

Lucas Goucher and Brandon Harris opened the Lodi Tap House in Maple Park, Ill., serving Illinois-only craft beers, wines, craft cocktails and food.

Stayton Justus had a daughter, Louise Catherine Justus, on Oct. 29, 2016 (Carly; Chandler, 3).

Erin Anderson Mau had a daughter, Anna Christine, on June 30, 2016 (Rob).

Lisa Sell Stroud had a daughter, Charlotte Joelle, on Sept. 16, 2016 (Nick; Wyatt, 2).

Janna Peterson Werner received a master’s in education from Nova Southeastern University in 2015.

2004

Andrew Boster had a son, Carter Telleen Boster, on May 28, 2015.

Lauren Farley married John Regner on March 26, 2016. They welcomed a daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth Regner, on Dec. 27, 2016.

2005

Luke Lawson is the guidance counselor at Hamilton Junior/Senior High School in Hamilton, Ill. He received a master’s in counseling from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville in May 2016.

Joe Murphy had a daughter, Sophie Anne, on Sept. 2, 2015 (Anna).

Kristi Vana received a master’s in clinical and mental health counseling from Denver Seminary in 2016.

Jake ’06 and Maura Milas Vroman had a son, James, on Sept. 26, 2016 (Noah, 4).

2006

Elizabeth Gach and Eric Schultz were married on Nov. 5, 2016.

Haley Wirth Hawkins teaches high school math in Erie, Ill.

Kara Schilling Hetzel had a son, Maddox Louis, in December 2016 (Scott; Ryder).

Andrew Houghton married Kathrin Lukowicz ’08 in 2015. That same year he was nominated for Kane County (Ill.) Officer of the Year.

Beth Biercz Howard had a daughter, Lucy Josephine, on Aug. 13, 2016 (Keith; Samuel, 4).

Colleen Jaycox is the Erasmus+ coordinator in the Global Opportunities Office, Queen Mary University of London.

Andrew and Natalie Blunier ’07 Setter had a daughter, Ella Blu, on Dec. 2, 2016 (Ty, 3).

Melissa Bukowski Stucky had a daughter, Margaret Lucille, on Sept. 10, 2016 (Matl).

2007


Dan Pearson, a pulmonary and critical care medicine physician, was promoted to major in the U.S. Air Force.

Abby Razer received a Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University Carbondale in 2016.

Andrew ’06 and Natalie Blunier Setter had a daughter, Ella Blu, on Dec. 2, 2016 (Ty, 3).

2008

Kristin Sentman Bendert had a son, Liam Clay Bendert, on Oct. 7, 2016 (James).

Kathrin Lukowicz married Andrew Houghton ’06 in 2015. She is a speech language pathologist at Park East School in Round Lake, Ill.
Ashley Stange received her master’s in special education from Northeastern Illinois University in 2016.

2009

Jackie Fox married Kyle Klausner in May 2016.

Julie Gass received a Ph.D. in clinical psychology in 2016 from the University at Buffalo (State University of New York). She begins a post-doctoral fellowship in August at the Center for Integrated Healthcare at the Buffalo VA. It is a duel research and clinical fellowship.

Emily Hetznner married Joe Martisius on Oct. 9, 2016.

Stephanie Hortsman received the 2017 Bob Haisman Teacher of the Year Award from the Faculty Association of District 205, Thornridge High School, in recognition of her outstanding advocacy and contribution to the teaching profession, public education and the Illinois Education Association-NEA.

Christine Louderman married Scott Young in 2014. They had a daughter, Emma, in 2015.

Allison Melville married Philip Blomeke on Nov. 12, 2016. She is a music teacher at Saint Mary School in Buffalo Grove, Ill.


Alyssa Nikides Papuga completed her residency in family medicine in July 2016 and is now a physician with Edward Medical Group in Naperville, Ill.

Joey Papuga is a chiropractor with Illinois Spinal and Sport Rehabilitation in Naperville, Ill.

Melissa Flowers Pepper is director of marketing and client relations at Lane & Waterman LLP in Davenport, Iowa. She founded Lead(H)er, a nonprofit organization that creates mentor relationships for young professional women.

Dan Pepper received his master’s in music education from the University of Northern Iowa in December 2016.


Mike Pettis had a daughter, Elle Marie, on May 18, 2016 (Molly; Mae, 4).

Liz Hesse and Kevin Schuetz were married in July 2014. They are the owners of Koda Cross-Fit Norman in Norman, Okla.

Jessica Shepard graduated from Harrington College of Design with a BFA in interior design, with specializations in hospitality and sustainability. She currently works at Curioso Design.

Josh Youngs is the conductor of The River City Municipal Band, Clinton’s summer volunteer band. He has been the band director for the Morrison School District for two years.

2010


Ashley Booth married Perry Mercuri on Sept. 5, 2016.

Jeffrey Chin co-founded a board game company, Road to Infamy Games, and has released two games.

Marie Dienhart received her master’s in government from Regent University Robertson School of Government and her JD from Regent University School of Law in 2016. She is an attorney advisor with the United States Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review.

Olivia Hugh Melton opened her own business, Olivia Melton, CPA, in Geneseo, Ill. She also teaches accounting courses at Western Illinois and St. Ambrose universities in the Quad Cities. She earned the Master of Accountancy from Western Illinois University.

Valerie Richmond earned her MBA-corporate finance from the University of Iowa in 2014.

2011


Megan Cook married Aaron Shoppa on Sept. 24, 2016. She received a Doctor of Physical Therapy from Washington University in St. Louis in 2014, and is a physical therapist with Advocate Children’s Hospital in Oak Lawn, Ill.

Cheryl Volpe Frawley earned a reading specialist certification from Olivet Nazarene University in 2016. She is a kindergarten teacher in the Forest Park, Ill., School District.

Jeremy Hoffman earned his Ph.D. from Oregon State University in August 2016. He is the climate and earth science specialist at the Science Museum of Virginia in Richmond.

Kristin Klouda married Justin Smith ’13 on June 20, 2015. She attends nursing school in Ohio.

Amy Knapp is an associate attorney at Ogletree Deakins in Portland, Ore.


Danielle Soerens married Brad Dorner in 2014. She graduated with a doctorate in May 2015 and is a vestibular audiologist with Associated Audiologists Inc., in Olathe, Kan.
Helen Magers and Scott Wood were married on Nov. 12, 2016. She is an occupational therapist at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. Scott is a veterinarian completing a specialty internship in Internal Medicine at Hope Advanced Veterinary Center in Vienna, Va.

2012

Lindsey Horberg Brill received the specialist in school psychology degree from Illinois State University in 2016.

Courtney Brown received a Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy in 2016. She is a pharmacist with UnityPoint-Trinity in Moline, Ill.

Danae deVries graduated from Purdue College of Veterinary Medicine in May 2016. She is a missionary to the Purdue campus with Chi Alpha Campus Ministry.

Morgan Gale is a senior accountant with Allsteel, Inc., in Muscatine, Iowa.

Keith Harris is an airfield operations officer with the U.S. Air Force, currently deployed to Turkey in support of Operation Inherent Resolve and counter-ISIS efforts.

Hillary Freymiller Herman earned her M.D. from Southern Illinois University in 2016. She is a pediatric resident at the University of Iowa Children’s Hospital.

Laurel Householter married Tyler Boyer on Sept. 24, 2016. She is a financial card operations specialist with State Farm.


Madelaine Mann received her M.Ed. (master of education) in December 2014 and an Ed.S. (education specialist degree) in school psychology in May 2016. She is the school psychologist with Surry County Schools in North Carolina.

Sara Hewitt Pulito received her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from ATSU-KCOM in 2016. She is an ob/gyn resident at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital in Clinton, Mich.

2013

Maggie Barnes married Cameron Blegen on June 25, 2016. Lydia Boyle received a master’s in occupational therapy from Concordia University Wisconsin in 2017.

Angela Conte married Alex Zuro in August 2016. She earned a Master of Science from Illinois State University in 2015. She is a research analyst with ECRA Group, Inc.

Cody Heche completed his second year in the Peace Corps and will serve one more year in The Gambia working with youth development, teaching English, and teaching agroforestry and agricultural extension techniques in his village.

Sallie Hohenboken married Tyler Konrardy on Oct. 22, 2016. She is a TRIO academic counselor at Black Hawk College.


Brooke Schmidt is a graduate assistant, pursuing a master’s in human development counseling at the University of Illinois at Springfield.

Justin Smith married Kristin Klouda ’11 on June 20, 2015.

Julia Westblade earned a master’s in library and information science and the certificate of archival administration from Wayne State University, Detroit, Mich., in the summer of 2016.

2014

Paige Buchanan is an options counselor with Aging Resources of Central Iowa.

Austin Grutze is a graphic design specialist with The CE Shop, a leading online education provider for real estate agents, in Greenwood Village, Colo.

Matt Herrmann is a data specialist team leader for Farmers Business Network in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Kelsey Moon earned a master’s of medical science in physician assistant studies from Midwestern University in 2016. She is a physician assistant with Centegra Physician Care McHenry County Orthopedics.

Colleen O’Leary earned a master’s of science in communication from Illinois State University in 2016.

2015

Mallory Brainerd earned a degree in nursing from Trinity College of Nursing in August 2016.

Elise Davis earned a master’s of public health in 2017 from Texas A&M University, where she is a graduate assistant researcher.

Theodore Hedrick works in alumni relations and development at Northwestern University–Pritzker School of Law.

Karen Juco will begin the Doctor of Pharmacy program at Rosalind-Franklin University in the fall of 2017.

Mary Kiolbasa earned a master’s in occupational therapy in December 2016.

Caitlin Loney is a website support specialist for Transamerica in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Gary Miller, a writer, actor and comedian in Chicago, was featured in a commercial for Hewlett-Packard.

Astin Moravek is a nanny/homeschool teacher in Tacoma, Wash.

Grant Murphy is in his second year at Valparaiso Law School. He is the president of the Christian Legal Society. He became engaged to Maria Puetz in December 2016.

Laura Polizzi is a third-grade teacher at Hamilton Elementary in Moline, Ill.

Hannah Sundwall is the coordinator of media services with the Chicago White Sox.

Christie Wiersema began working in August 2016 as a probation officer in the adult unit of the Whiteside County Court Services.

Alicia Win is the community outreach manager for the Eastern Region of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois Council.

2016

Rachel Akmakjian is a diamond consultant at Sather’s Leading Jewelry in Fort Collins, Colo.

Long Nguyen is a teaching assistant at Miami University, Ohio.

Kailey Vitale is a graduate research assistant, pursuing her master’s in speech-language pathology at the University of Kansas.
Deaths  
(notices received as of May 1, 2017)

Reynold Holmen ’36 on Feb. 7, 2017. Survivors include daughter, Karen Holmen ’71, and son, Robert Holmen ’82.


George Haase ’44 on Nov. 18, 2016.


Florence Gust ’45 Koontz on Aug. 13, 2016. Survivors include her sister, Beverly Gustus ’52.


Charles Pierce ’46 on Sept. 17, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Margarette Bishop ’46 Pierce.

Betty Johnson ’47 Levine on Sept. 20, 2016. Survivors include her daughter, Elisabeth Levine ’76 Ogan.

Lois Bergren ’47 Lindgren on April 18, 2017.


James Arndt ’48 on Aug. 29, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Jean Dunbar ’48 Arndt.

Sylvia Erickson ’48 Collinson on Sept. 24, 2016. Survivors include her grandson, Matthew Collinson-Paut ’09.

Edith Peterson ’48 Daniels on Dec. 12, 2016.

P.T. Calvin Johnson ’48 on Aug. 15, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Audrey Johnson.


Lawrence Boeck ’49 on May 27, 2015.

Marilyn Charles ’49 Karlstrom on Nov. 23, 2016. She is survived by her husband, Ernest Karlstrom ’49.

Beverly Champoux ’49 Parish on Sept. 18, 2015.

June Een ’49 Peterson on Oct. 9, 2015. She is survived by her husband, Norman Peterson ’44.

Charles Kurtz ’50 on April 2, 2017. He is survived by his wife, Meredith Eipper ’51 Kurtz.


Rutcherd Johnson ’50 on Aug. 11, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Johnson, and brother, Milton Johnson ’50.

Robert Carlson ’51 on Oct. 23, 2016. Survivors include his brother, Donald Carlson ’53.

Carol Coin ’51 Chickris on Jan. 15, 2017.


Forrest Frazier ’51 on Dec. 16, 2016. Survivors include his brother, Donald Frazier ’52.

Donald Johnson ’51 on Feb. 18, 2017. Among survivors are his wife, Ann Marie Stoneberg ’53 Johnson, and sister, Linda Reiselt ’64.

William Olson ’51 on May 5, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Carol Johnson ’55 Olson.


Raymond Peterson ’51 on Jan. 11, 2014. Survivors include his wife, Mary Iversen ’54 Peterson, and daughter, Martha Peterson ’79 Eggemeyer.


Gustaf Anderson ’52 on Oct. 31, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Bood ’52 Anderson.

Robert Boling ’52 on Nov. 17, 2016. Among survivors are his wife, Jean Siefken ’55 Boling, and son, Andrew J. Boling ’80.

John Kidder ’52 on Sept. 14, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Renetta Kidder.

William Larsen ’52 on Nov. 24, 2014. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Westervelt ’51 Larsen.


John Reinertsen ’52 on April 2, 2017.

Dorothy Risley ’52 Stivers on Nov. 11, 2016. Survivors include her husband, Lloyd Stivers, and daughter, Laura Stivers ’78.

Wendel Swanson ’52 on March 23, 2016. Survivors include his wife, Irene Swanson, and brother, Armer Swanson ’55.


Jerome Johnson ’53 on Dec. 4, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Verna Johnson.


John Schweger ’54 on Oct. 1, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Schweger.

Barbara Griffiths ’54 Wright on Aug. 15, 2016. Survivors include her husband, Frank Wright ’53; brother, Robert Griffiths ’65; and sister, Carol Griffiths ’57 Horstmann.

Arnold Erickson ’55 on Nov. 26, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Corrine Nerhus ’47 Erickson.

Loreta Woodruff ’55 Patterson on July 30, 2014.


John Carlson ’56 on Sept. 29, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Marsha Carlson.

Richard Collins ’56 on Aug. 31, 2016.


Robert Ericson ’56 on Aug. 6, 2016.

Alan Swanson ’56 on July 24, 2016.

Beverly Carpenter ’57 on Aug. 29, 2016.

Richard Carpenter ’57 on April 4, 2017.

Margaret Almlof ’57 Mattson on June 21, 2016. She is survived by her husband, Karl Mattson ’55.

Mary Coolidge ’57 Nelson on April 3, 2017. Among survivors is her son, Mark Nordstrom ’81.


LaRae Reader ’58 Gantt on Aug. 2, 2016.
Richard Hurst ’58 on Feb. 4, 2017. He is survived by his wife, Sue Hurst.

Earle Powis ’58 on April 27, 2016. Survivors include his wife, Carol Sandburg ’59 Powis, and sister, Naomi Powis ’51 Miller.

Katharine Hill ’58 Sellers on March 18, 2017.

Claud Smith ’58 on Dec. 8, 2016.

Donald Youngberg ’58 on March 30, 2017. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Youngberg.

Martin Katz ’59 on Nov. 4, 2016.

Marilyn Youngman ’60 Johnson on Feb. 18, 2017. Survivors include her husband, Bernard Johnson ’60; daughter, Janel Johnson ’86; and son, Peter Johnson ’89.

Richard Askeland ’61 on Sept. 5, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Phoebe Swope-Askeland.

James Gilson ’61 on March 27, 2017.

Peter Lindberg ’61 on Sept. 13, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lindberg.

Mary Nyman ’61 Lofquist on July 28, 2016. She is survived by her husband, Gerald Lofquist.

Roger Nyberg ’61 on Dec. 4, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Judith Olander ’63 Nyberg.

Joanne Swenson ’61 Pearson on Sept. 4, 2016. Survivors include her husband, Donald Pearson ’61; brother, Leslie Swenson ’68; and sister-in-law, Elizabeth Benson ’68 Swenson.

Kenneth Ahlstrand ’62 on April 29, 2017. Survivors include his wife, Marjorie Thedens ’62 Ahlstrand; and daughters, Michelle Ahlstrand ’90 Reaban, Karin Ahlstrand-Neil ’93 and Rebecca Ahlstrand ’98.

Charles Lindholm ’62 on April 12, 2017. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Lee ’64 Lindholm.

F. Jack Nelson ’62 on March 17, 2017. He is survived by his wife, Roberta Sundling ’63 Nelson.

Emily Diehl ’62 Schlenker on Aug. 11, 2016.

William Davis ’63 on July 27, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Victoria Burch ’67 Davis.

James Letts ’63 on Feb. 10, 2017. He is survived by his partner, Brian Fauth.


Vivian Boyack ’64 on July 24, 2016.

Ronald Hoff ’64 on Oct. 31, 2016.

Marc W. Anderson ’65 on Nov. 24, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Debra Anderson.

Alvina Meyer ’65 Hansen on March 11, 2017. Survivors include her children: sons, Richard Hansen ’71, David Hansen ’75, Dennis Hansen ’77; daughters, Gail Hansen ’73 Gahn and Thea Hansen ’88 Betts. She was the head teacher, and later director of Red Shoes Preschool, the lab school at Augie, for 27 years.

Helen Katzell ’66 on April 7, 2017.

James Landers ’66 on Jan. 27, 2017. He is survived by his wife, Ann Lundquist ’66 Landers.

John Miller ’66 on March 5, 2018.

Linnea Gustafson ’67 Brugman on Sept. 27, 2016.


Ellen Bleyer ’68 Ulrich on Sept. 24, 2016. She is survived by her husband, Dennis Ulrich.

George VanDamme ’68 on April 25, 2017. He is survived by his wife, Deborah Morrison.

James Zethmayr ’68 on April 30, 2017. Survivors include his wife, Mary Lu Gebka.

Michael Imig ’69 on Dec. 22, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Imig.

Dennis Splawski ’70 on Sept. 5, 2016.

Lawrence Stasko ’70 on Oct. 27, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte Erickson ’70 Stasko.


David Palm ’71 on Dec. 2, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Light ’64 Palm.

Richard Stodd ’71 on Sept. 21, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Janet McKelvey ’73 Stodd.

Shari Holmer ’72 Lewis on Nov. 22, 2016. Survivors include her husband, Samuel Lewis; daughter, Rachel Lewis ’09; brother, Mark Holmer ’64; and brother, Paul Holmer ’67.

Debra Betts Bork ’73 on April 27, 2017. She is survived by her husband, William Bork ’72, and son, Aaron Bork ’98.


Gregory Locke ’73 on Oct. 18, 2016.

Bruce Ator ’74 on Feb. 24, 2017.

Ronald Van Natta ’74 on Oct. 23, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Carol Van Natta.

Brenda Czajka ’75 Barnes on Jan. 17, 2017. Among survivors are her sisters, Rhonda Czajka ’79 Thompson, Laurna Czajka ’82 and Trina Czajka ’84 Baker. (See In Memoriam)

Bruce Gengler ’76 on Feb. 19, 2017. He is survived by his wife, Cindy Gengler.

Sandra Sheesley ’75 Kratz on Jan. 16, 2017. She is survived by her husband, Wayne Kratz.

Judith Perry ’77 Garcia on Nov. 5, 2016.

David Evans ’79 on Nov. 16, 2016.

Ellis Kell ’79 on Dec. 16, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Kristi Kell.

Susan Berry ’81 Levey on Dec. 26, 2016. She is survived by her husband, Robert Levey.

Holly Jo Bordner ’81 Michel on Jan. 8, 2017. Survivors include her brother, Gary Bordner ’75.

Jay Johnson ’82 on Oct. 13, 2016. Among survivors are his wife, Margaret Niznik ’82 Johnson; daughter, Krista Johnson ’12; father, Donald Johnson ’51; and mother, Ann Marie Stoneberg ’53 Johnson.

Wayne Slabon ’82 on June 27, 2016.

Karen Wiedenmann ’85 on Sept. 11, 2016.

Susan Gombert ’86 Caldwell on Jan. 27, 2017.


Holly Merritt ’91 on March 6, 2017.

Scott Krennrich ’91 on Nov. 1, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Janelle Juntonen ’91 Krennrich.

Jeffrey Strand ’91 on Nov. 30, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Pamela Renwick ’92 Strand.


Jeffery Palo ’01 on Sept. 28, 2016.

Emma Cox ’16 on Nov. 14, 2016. She is survived by her parents, Gregory and Theresa Cox.
In memoriam

Brenda Czajka ’75 Barnes

Former college trustee Brenda Czajka ’75 Barnes, who became one of the highest-ranking women in corporate America, died Jan. 17, 2017. She was 63.

“Brenda Barnes was a friend, role model and mentor,” said President Steve Bahl’s. “As chair of the Augustana College Board of Trustees, she hired me as president in 2003. She was an inspiration and hero to all of us at Augustana. I will miss her greatly.”

Throughout her life, Barnes generously shared her time, talents and gifts with the college to ensure that Augustana students have the same transforming experience she had. She served 16 years as a college trustee, including five years as the board chair.

“I credit Augie for so much of what I have,” she said in a 2012 interview with Augustana College Magazine. “I give back what I can to a place that gave so much to me.”

In 1997, Barnes made headlines when she resigned as president and CEO of Pepsi-Cola North America to be at home with her young children. The Wall Street Journal broke the news, and the overwhelming media attention shocked Barnes. “I’m the only person who became famous for quitting my job,” she joked during the 2012 interview.

In 2004, Sara Lee offered her the position of chief operating officer. In less than a year, she was promoted to president and CEO of Sara Lee, and then chairman a few months later. She was now in charge of the largest female-run Fortune 500 company.

Barnes was ranked 10th on Fortune’s Most Powerful Women list in 2010 when she suffered a stroke. She resigned from Sara Lee a few weeks later, and began a long recovery with the help of her family and friends. When she was ready, she again returned to campus to advise Augustana students interested in the business world.

“What surprised me the most was how down-to-earth and real Brenda is,” said Courtney Grob ’12, after a mentoring lunch with Barnes. “She is one of the most powerful and respected women in the world, yet when I was with her, she made me feel very comfortable, and I could tell she genuinely cares about the future of Augustana students.”

As former students and colleagues will remember, Huse loved teaching the history of film, fiction writing and modern American literature. He also enjoyed live theatre and had a particular interest in Flannery O’Connor, an American writer.

“Dale’s love of film was infectious and his knowledge enduring,” wrote Joan and Dr. James Winship, professor emeritus of political science, in an online condolence. “He taught us all to complement our love of the storytelling aspect of film with a deeper understanding of the art and technique of film making. We know we are better viewers and better teachers for the lessons Dale taught.”

Dr. M. Jane Borelli, professor emerita of Classics, also wrote at the time of Huse’s death: “I’m remembering Dale now with fondness and gratitude, especially for the way he enriched my Augie life with live authors like Maxine Hong Kingston, Marsha Norman and Kurt Vonnegut.”

Dr. Eddie Mabry

Dr. Eddie Mabry, professor emeritus of religion, died Nov. 15, 2016, at the age of 79.

“Dr. Mabry was influential to me as a young faculty member at Augustana. I don’t know that I ever told him that,” said Dr. Sharon Varallo, professor of communication studies. “I will do my best to follow his model, and I will remember him to students. We were blessed to have him here.”

Mabry was active in church life starting at a young age, serving as a pianist and later, a minister of music. He enrolled at Millikin University in 1965 to earn a bachelor’s in religion. He was accepted into Princeton Theological Seminary on a President’s Grant and graduated with a Master of Divinity. A few years later, after teaching at Millikin, he returned to Princeton to earn his doctorate.

Dr. Mabry was named dean of the Oklahoma School of Religion and also served as the director of religion education for the Baptist State Convention in Tulsa. He left Oklahoma for Illinois and taught religion at Augustana from 1990-2002.

Among Dr. Mabry’s many legacies at Augustana is the Eddy Mabry Diversity Award, which recognizes academic work by dedicated students who have demonstrated a significant commitment to enhancing multicultural awareness at Augustana. Submissions include works that explore issues related to diversity and multiculturalism, such as social class, culture, race/ethnicity, sex/gender, sexuality, disability and religion.

“Eddie Mabry was a courageous, kind and gentle colleague,” said Dr. David Dehnel, professor of political science. “I learned much from his knowledge and even more from his example.”

Dale Huse

Dale Huse, professor emeritus of English, died Nov. 4, 2016, at the age of 85. Survivors include his wife, Dr. Nancy Huse, professor emerita of English. They were married on June 9, 1973, in Augustana’s Ascension Chapel.

Huse grew up on a farm in Minnesota and graduated from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn. He went on to receive his master’s in English language and literature from the University of Chicago. He also completed graduate work at the University of Iowa and served in the U.S. Army. Huse was a member of the Augustana faculty from 1965 to 1994.
“What happened to the Slough? There’s no more water.” That’s what a passerby asked biology’s Dr. Tim Muir as he and his two young sons walked from Hanson Hall of Science toward the Slough early Saturday, June 3. Wondering if it was a joke, the Muir family continued on, only to discover that, unbelievably, the Slough was empty.

“There were my turtle nets, 10 feet high and dry,” Dr. Muir said. “We found one turtle in one of the nets. It was surreal.”

An old city-owned pipe under the Slough had collapsed earlier that morning, emptying the Slough and sending that water into the existing drainage system, flooding some of the lower-campus buildings.

Augustana immediately began working with the city of Rock Island and a restoration company to begin cleanup. Within a week, the damaged pipe was repaired and back-filled with concrete and dirt. Unfortunately, the Carver training room and gymnasium floor had been damaged by water. The extent of the damage is still under review. In addition, a section of the Slough path and the street in front of the Carver Center need to be re-surfaced.

The college initiated a Love the Slough campaign to raise funds to enhance the campus landmark. Alumni, parents, students and friends of the college contributed $10,541 toward the effort. Improvement ideas include dredging the bottom of the Slough, retention improvements, a resurfaced walkway and improved lighting.

According to Dr. Muir, who has collected data on the Slough’s painted turtles for the past seven summers, a swath of 8-inch-deep water remained after the pipe collapsed. He says the water was deep enough to temporarily accommodate the Slough’s turtles and bullfrogs and most of the goldfish before a heavy rainstorm hit Rock Island, and the Slough re-filled with water. The Slough is an urban watershed fed by surface water runoff from surrounding neighborhoods.

Although Dr. Muir will not be able to complete his population monitoring project on painted turtles for this summer because of the pipe collapse, his long-term research on the mechanisms by which hatchling painted turtles survive sub-freezing body temperatures during their first winter of life will not be affected.

Dr. Muir’s sons, Liam, 8, and Jude, 5, are excited to explore their beloved Slough again, as are the many Rock Island residents who routinely walk the Swanie Slough Path in the summer—one of the most beautiful places on campus, any time of year.

Alumni shared their fondness of the Slough, and a few memories, at www.facebook.com/AugustanaCollege.
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From left, Abby Thomson ’17, Dr. Forrest Stonedahl, Timothy Hamby ’17 and Alerik Vi ’17
In February, the Augustana Symphonic Band toured Spain for the first time, presenting five concerts near Barcelona, Madrid and Valencia. Led by Dr. James Lambrecht, director of bands and co-chair of the music department, the band’s tradition of touring across the country and around the world goes back decades. “Touring with the band internationally always is a highlight of the year, not only for the students but also for me as a conductor,” said Dr. Lambrecht. Many students and alumni say their peak Augustana experience was touring with an ensemble. The Augustana Symphonic Band’s first overseas performance was in 1928, when the group toured Norway, Sweden and other northern European countries. At the time, this trip was thought to be one of the greatest adventures ever undertaken by an Augustana student organization. Since that first epic tour, the band has traveled to 37 states and many countries, including Japan, Italy, England and Scotland.