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Millennial engagement shapes Augustana

With all that has changed at Augustana over the past 15 years—greater diversity, new buildings and vastly greater use of technology throughout campus—one important change has been largely overlooked. It is the rise of millennials at Augustana. Approximately 35% of our graduates and about 34% of our employees are part of the Millennial Generation (those ages 23 to 38). And millennials hold a special place with me, as almost all of the graduates I’ve handed diplomas to are millennials.

I like what I see in our millennial graduates and their level of engagement with Augustana. As I travel the country on our 36-city tour to promote the $125-million AUGUSTANA NOW campaign (page 28), I’ve been impressed with the large numbers of millennial grads who come to these gatherings and share their stories with me. I believe they stay connected from the day they graduate because Augustana has helped them gain the skills to explore the passions that are so important to this generation.

Millennials are committed to making their communities better; and Augustana has provided them with real-life experience in how to do so through our outreach to the Quad Cities and beyond. If millennials continue honing their skills to improve their communities, then theirs could be the next “greatest generation.” Eighty-five percent of millennials give to causes they’re passionate about, and we are certainly seeing an increase in millennial giving. Our recent A Day of Giving gave proof of this trend, fueled by this generation’s heavy reliance on social media.

Likewise, millennials are known for their ability to collaborate with diverse groups, recognizing that a marketplace of ideas yields the best and most creative results. Ever since the faculty revisions to the general education curriculum were implemented 16 years ago, students have been asked to engage in integrative thinking by applying different ideas from different disciplines to problems. Integrative thinking is the gateway to creativity and effective problem solving.

Augustana is also blessed with an emerging generation of leadership here on campus. The increasing numbers of millennials among my faculty and staff colleagues bring an entrepreneurial spark to develop and improve programs at the college. This generation is marked by curiosity and collaboration, and—to my immense relief—they are more prone to eschew endless committee meetings, preferring to get things done to the benefit of our students.

Even as I write this, however, I am reminded that the students entering Augustana now are no longer millennial, but Generation-Z students. What mark will Gen-Z make on Augustana? I strongly suspect it will be as meaningful and important as that left by their millennial predecessors.

Steven C. Bahls
President of the College
The goal was 1,860 donors in 1,860 minutes for A Day of Giving, in honor of Augustana’s founding in 1860.

Loyal Vikings came through in a big way!

On April 9-10, 2,174+ donors—the most ever on A Day of Giving—supported the college with gifts totaling more than $417,164. Nearly 375 students and 275 faculty/staff, also record-breakers, stepped up to support the college.

“This show of pride will allow us to advance the college and our goals,” said Kent Barnds, executive vice president for external affairs. “To all those who helped make A Day of Giving a success, we thank you.”

The day was not all work and no play.

Prior to and on A Day of Giving, President Steve Bahls and Kai Swanson ’86, special assistant to the president, drove the Augie Thank-you Mobile to the homes, businesses and schools of unsuspecting alumni donors. In the spirit of the Publishers Clearing House at-the-door-surprise, the five alumni were greeted with balloons, a basket of all things Augie, and gratitude for their support. They were Dick ’56 and Lucia Anderson ’58 Moore, John Glimco ’83, Jessica Waytenick ’99 and Darlen Marion-Burton ’15.

“I’m speechless,” joked a beaming Lucia Moore, “and that’s a rare thing for me.”

On campus for A Day of Giving, students organized the Lower Quad Takeover with a petting zoo, live music, food and prizes. The event brought in a record number of student gifts. Staff and faculty competed in the Battle of the Buildings to see which building[s] could garner the highest percentage of donors. Brodahl and Fryxell/Swenson Geosciences tied for first place with the highest employee participation of 100%!

Off campus, Radicle Effect Brewerks in Rock Island and Goose Island in Chicago competed to see which could attract the most donors during the evening. The Quad Cities won this Battle of the Brews!

All of the gifts made on A Day of Giving by alumni, faculty/staff, parents, friends of the college—and even one prospective student—count toward AUGUSTANA NOW, the college’s $125-million campaign.
Campus construction: is it done yet?

The announcement of Augustana’s new Austin E. Knowlton Center for Innovation in Health, Wellness and Human Performance (pages 11-12) made headlines this past winter, but there’s more! Here’s the latest on other significant expansion/renovation projects and beautification initiatives:

- An unforgiving winter delayed the construction of the Ruth and Lefty Anderson Pavilion on the south side of the Brunner Theatre Center, but workers are back on the job. The Anderson Pavilion will provide space for outdoor performances, as well as classes. Ruth Allison ’41 Anderson and Everett “Lefty” Anderson ’39 are Augustana graduates. The pavilion was funded by daughter Darcy Anderson and son-in-law Steven Burke, and son Blake and daughter-in-law Darcy Anderson.
  **Expected completion: Spring 2019**

- To complete the improvements along the Slough, plants native to the area will be planted along the path.
  **Expected completion: Spring 2019**

- The Hanson Hall of Science expansion will add 22,000 square feet of space to the north end of Hanson Hall of Science. The $8.5-million four-floor addition features five large, studio-style, flexible class/lab learning spaces; five interdisciplinary research labs; four faculty offices with adjoining space for discussion and collaboration; plus spectacular views of campus. The Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust provided the lead gift of $2.5 million.
  **Expected completion: August 2019**

- As part of Augustana’s Blue, Gold and Beautiful campaign, the college’s well-known and often dreaded campus stairways continue to be repaved and widened across campus. Stairways to be improved: (1) from Swenson Geosciences to The Gerber Center, (2) Andreen, (3) Founders Hall toward the Olin Center, and (4) Founders Hall to the Brunner Theatre Center (formerly the College Center). Landscaping to help with erosion will be added, along with butterfly waystations.
  **Expected completion: August 2019**

- Groundbreaking for the expansion of the Betsey Brodahl Building, home of Augustana’s communication sciences and disorders program and clinic, was April 27. The $3.75-million expansion will double the size of the building and accommodate Augustana’s new master’s program in speech-language pathology. Plans include the Barbara A. Roseman Center for Speech, Language and Hearing; a family observation room; research labs; faculty and clinical staff offices; and space for a larger clinic and improved classrooms. An anonymous donor provided the lead gift of $500,000.
  **Expected completion: Fall 2020**

- The renovation/expansion of Bergendoff Hall of Fine Arts is a priority project of the college’s $125-million AUGUSTANA NOW campaign. The anticipated total investment is approximately $12 million. Plans include a multimedia music laboratory; music education suite and dedicated classroom; teaching/rehearsal spaces; small recital hall; student and faculty common areas; and more. Funding will come from donors and monies reserved for depreciation. Board of Trustee Julie Hamann ’82 Elliott has made a $1-million matching gift challenge for the renovation and expansion.
  **Expected completion: determined by funding**
Eboo Patel to speak at commencement

Dr. Eboo Patel will deliver the commencement address at Augustana’s 159th Commencement Convocation on Sunday, May 19.

Dr. Patel grew up in Glen Ellyn, Ill., and attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He received a doctorate in sociology of religion from Oxford University, where he studied on a Rhodes Scholarship.

As the founder and president of Interfaith Youth Core, a Chicago-based organization with a mission to build the global interfaith movement, Dr. Patel believes religion is a bridge of cooperation rather than a barrier or division. He is the author of Acts of Faith, Sacred Ground, Interfaith Leadership: A Primer and Out of Many Faiths: Religious Diversity and the American Promise.

Dr. Patel visited Augustana in 2011. He discussed how communities of faith learn to work with people from different religious and philosophical backgrounds to serve the common good.

Semester calendar begins this fall

Beginning with the 2019-20 academic year, Augustana is switching from trimesters (three terms of 10 weeks) to semesters (two terms of 14 weeks).

In April, students began registering for fall classes under the semester system, including the new January Term or “J-term.” After summer break, students will return to class a couple weeks later than usual, starting September 3.

What to know about the move to semesters:

• **More time to grow** The move from 10-week trimesters to 14-week semesters provides students with more time for each subject. It can be devoted to greater reflection, more writing and special projects.

• **Transition guarantee** No credits or coursework will be lost. All academic credits earned in the trimester system will be retained in the semester system.

• **J-term** A semester calendar brings new opportunities for short, in-depth study during 3.5 weeks in January between the fall and spring semesters. J-term also creates options for travel to domestic or international destinations. As of mid-April, 1,124 rising sophomores, juniors and seniors had registered for J-term classes.

• **Historic re-assessment** Augustana leveraged the transition as a historic opportunity. Faculty members participated to re-evaluate, refocus and redesign the curriculum; every course was sharpened to prepare students to succeed in a rapidly changing world.

• **Broad alignment** Switching to semesters allows Augustana to share resources and expand partnerships with the growing majority of institutions that use the semester calendar. Changing to semesters also makes it easier for students to transfer to Augustana.

Dress for success for less

It was a first, but it won’t be the last! Augustana’s career and professional development office partnered with J.C. Penney for a Suit-Up event. Nearly 250 students and 25 faculty/staff took advantage of free transportation and a 40% discount on all career dress apparel and shoes. More than half of the students used a $50 voucher toward their purchase. “We simply want to make career apparel accessible and affordable to all,” said Laura Kestner-Ricketts, executive director of career and professional development. “We’re so pleased with how many students took advantage of this.”
Professor named top scientist of the year

Dr. Nathan Frank has been teaching physics at Augustana since 2009. His efforts to help students reach beyond the classroom led to his recognition as the 2019 Senior Scientist of the Year, an award presented by the Quad City Engineering & Science Council (QCESC).

"His actions to give undergraduate and minority students the opportunity to perform cutting-edge research and to present and publish their research findings were key reasons for Nathan being recognized," said Dan D’Alessandro, QCESC president.

Matthew Tuttle-Timm ’17 credits Dr. Frank with mentorship that took him to Michigan State University to help set up an experiment at the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory and to the Division of Nuclear Physics Conference in Santa Fe, N.M., to present his research.

Tuttle-Timm says Dr. Frank gave him an "awesome physics background."

Dr. Frank also impressed the QCESC Awards Selection Committee with his numerous scientific papers, and his role as a past leader of the Modular Neutron Array (MoNA) Collaboration.

MoNA is a high-efficiency neutron detector housed at the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory on the campus of Michigan State University, where Dr. Frank worked on his doctorate. He still conducts research there, and often involves his students in projects ranging from the assembly and testing of new devices, to the building of a charged particle detector telescope, to the simulation of experiments and data analysis.

"It’s great to be recognized by the QCESC," said Dr. Frank, noting that his research, papers and mentorship represent a large investment of time.

The QCESC’s mission is to promote and support engineers and other science professionals in the area, and also encourage and support students interested in STEM-related fields.

Other Augustana recipients of the Senior Scientist of the Year award include Dr. Dave Renneke (physics) and Dr. Pam Trotter (chemistry).

SAVING BUCKS ON BOOKS

As a result of faculty using non-copyright materials in their classes, Augustana students saved approximately $100,000 in textbook costs in 2018-19, according to Connie Ghinazzi, Augustana research librarian and a member of the state task force for Open Educational Resources (OER).

OER are textbooks and supplemental materials published with a Creative Commons license instead of copyright, which allows them to be shared free of charge or at a significantly reduced cost.

At least 45 Augustana faculty members teaching 60 classes report they are integrating low- or no-cost textbooks and alternatives into their classes now, or intend to with the start of the academic year this fall.

"We are committed to providing greater access to academic texts because it aligns with our mission to be affordable, support student success and retention, and grant better access to our most at-risk students," said Dr. Sharon Varallo, director of Augustana’s Center for Faculty Enrichment.
Summit celebrates all shades of beauty

Organizers were anticipating 150 women would register for Augustana’s inaugural Shades of Beauty Summit. Instead, more than 200 women from Augustana, four nearby colleges and the community came to campus for an afternoon of speakers, workshops and inspiration.

“I wanted to start a summit like this because I know what it is to be a woman of color, and being challenged by the things I see in social media,” said Ashley Allen, assistant director, Office of Student Inclusion and Diversity at Augustana. “Here we’re able to come together as women of different backgrounds to be educated, to be empowered and also to celebrate one another regardless of what we all look like.”

Miss Iowa 2018 Mikhayla Hughes-Shaw was the keynote speaker. The event was sponsored by the Augustana offices of Student Inclusion and Diversity as well as Student Life and Leadership.

“Particularly at this time, women of all shapes, sizes and shades need to understand that they have a place not only in the world but at Augustana, a place that they choose to be,” said Dr. Monica M. Smith, Augustana’s vice president for diversity, equity and inclusion.

Allen said organizers received such a positive response from participants that a second Shades of Beauty Summit already has been scheduled for April 25, 2020, at Augustana.

Planetarium ready for the next generation

Hundreds of thousands of schoolchildren, families and college students have experienced a show at Augustana’s John Deere Planetarium since it opened in 1969, but an extensive renovation has created an immersive—and more comfortable—theatre experience.

“Unlike our old, optical-mechanical projector that displays a static starfield, the new Digitarium Lambda projector displays a digital image over the entire 30-foot dome,” said Dr. Lee Carkner, professor of physics and astronomy and director of the planetarium.

“This allows us to run new full-dome planetarium shows, which combine a simulation of the night sky with images, computer animation and surround sound integrated together to produce an astronomical spectacle.”

John Deere awarded Augustana a grant of $16,500 to fund the purchase of full-dome shows for the planetarium. In addition to the new projector, the planetarium upgrade includes a new ceiling, new whiteboards, new cove lights (the lights that start and end shows) and new seats, fully upholstered and reclinable.

Augustana is one of only a few small liberal arts colleges that has a planetarium, Dr. Carkner said.

The late Dr. Harry E. Nelson, professor of mathematics and astronomy from 1946-1988, was an integral part of establishing a planetarium and observatory, and was the facility’s director when it was dedicated.
Art professor Megan Quinn and baseball catcher Ryan Grannemann ’19 have known each other through two art classes and two independent studies in ceramics. He’s even joined her for art show openings in downtown Rock Island.

Quinn calls Grannemann ambitious. When he took his first class with her, he was the first student to arrive at the Friday “help hours,” every time.

“He’s a potter,” she stated, meaning he is more than a student of ceramics. “He’s interested in challenging it and taking each detail to the next level. He’s just really observant; and his work shows that he is paying attention to understanding formal elements of design in his piece.”

Grannemann is a math teaching major graduating this spring, with two teaching/coaching job offers in suburban Chicago, so far.

While his mom and sister both are “art-inclined,” he said he had never been serious about art before Augustana.

“Now it’s not serious in the way that you’d think—like getting a job or anything like that—but I take it seriously in that I want to get better with it, and create things that are cool.”

He thought he’d try ceramics after a teammate recommended the class. “Yeah, it was kind of dumb luck, and then I ended up getting addicted, so you trapped me,” he laughed with Quinn.

For Grannemann, making art is more than creating new pieces. It’s also a way to unwind.

“I had a weird transition where baseball used to be really therapeutic for me, and I used to go and hit for hours. But once I got to college, it turned into a little bit more of a job, and art filled that void of being a therapeutic way to just relax,” he said.

“I could come in here for three hours, and I wouldn’t realize how much time had passed. It’s a way to get your mind off of all the crazy stuff that’s going on outside of the pottery building.”
and the mentor (x3)

Dr. Michael Zemek teaches conducting and music education at Augustana, and directs the Jenny Lind vocal ensemble, a selective women’s choir. He also is “NOT a very athletic person.” But he does know that, for his students who are varsity athletes, “it takes dedication and commitment to making schedules work, and communication with coaches and directors. So they have to really want to do it.”

Professors and coaches make it a priority to help out. Currently Zemek has four athletes in the Jenny Lind choir. One is alto Courtney Veitch ’21, goalkeeper for Vikings women’s lacrosse.

“She is a really good singer,” said Dr. Zemek. “She had a major solo in collaboration with our opera program, and I have a picture in my mind of her standing all alone on the Brunner stage with the spotlight on her, and then all of us coming in around her…. It was really dramatic.”

An Asian studies and international business major, Veitch was recruited for lacrosse at Augustana, but she also wanted to continue singing. She did so with the help of a music scholarship, which Augustana awards to qualified musicians even if they aren’t music majors.

Veitch has been singing in a choir and playing lacrosse since fourth grade. She said being a member of a choir is similar to being a teammate. “Definitely you form a bond… You have to trust what other members are doing, so that together you can do your best.”

She says communication is what’s most important, in the choir and on the field.

“We have to communicate during a song, because it produces a different sound when we do. And communicating on the field is really important, to see how a play is formed. My entire job is to communicate to the defense about what is going on,” she said.

These are in addition to the communication skills all students learn through their Augustana education. Students who broaden their experience to include athletic and artistic outlets can truly appreciate an education for the whole person.

As a choir director, Dr. Zemek sees it happening. “And that’s something we do really well at a liberal arts college like Augustana. We offer all these opportunities and celebrate that, and make it available to all of them as best we can.”

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At the NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships in March, Adarios Jones ’20 took second in the nation in the 285-pound category. Last year, he took third. This top-tier athlete has taken on many kinds of challenges in the past two decades, including a battle with cancer. Wrestling with words is one challenge he embraces.

Jones is a spoken word poet, relying on strong rhythms and a strong personality. Spoken word is performed to an audience. It’s emotional, musical, meant to stir things up.

“The most exciting thing I find about spoken word poetry is that, similar to wrestling, it’s just YOU,” Jones said. “I step on the stage and it’s just me, nobody else. In that moment I get the chance to share my feeling and my words with the audience—and that is the most electrifying feeling, next to wrestling.”

Jones took his first poetry class with English professor Rebecca Wee in 2016. From the start, poetry became an outlet for a healthier life.

Professor Wee calls him “a sucker for love poems.” But it’s not that simple.

“His poetry is laced with sorrow and questions, just as it is passionate, determined and hopeful,” she said. “He’s a champion wrestler and a huge-hearted poet...and once he takes the stage, everyone feels the quality and intensity of his experiences, heart and talent.”

In her decades of teaching creative writing at Augustana, she’s taught plenty of athletes. For some reason, baseball players and cross-country runners are more commonly drawn to poetry. She thinks perhaps Dr. Paul Olsen, Augustana’s former coach and professor emeritus of English, has sent his runners to her classes.

“But I haven’t had a runner-poet with as much poetry-power as Adarios,” she noted, “so clearly athletes of all kinds are as likely to be poets, and to care about poetry, as anyone else on the planet.”

For Jones and spoken word, caring about poetry means caring about the person.

“I pour my heart and soul into my words so that people leave with something, they leave with a little bit of who I am,” he said, adding, “hopefully helping them or impacting them in a positive way.”

— By Beth Roberts
Exciting additions are coming to Augustana that will change the landscape of the campus. Adding to the college’s rigorous programs in the sciences, public health and pre-health fields, Augustana is introducing a program in kinesiology along with a comprehensive approach to academic health and wellness programs that will benefit future students as well as the Quad-Cities community.

To support the new kinesiology program and related fields, Augustana will build the Austin E. Knowlton Center for Innovation in Health, Wellness and Human Performance, scheduled to open in the spring of 2021. The Knowlton Center will feature classrooms, faculty offices, a joint resource area, exercise laboratories, meditation area, team spaces and an aquatic center.

“The new programming as well as the new center support a grand vision for our students and ultimately our graduates to make a difference in the world,” said Kent Barnds, executive vice president. “This vision is supported by generosity.”

Kinesiology as an academic discipline is concerned with the study of physical activity and human movement, and its impact on health, society and quality of life.

A challenge grant of $8 million from the Austin E. Knowlton Foundation will partially fund the academic programming and capital investment for the $16-million building. The grant requires college leaders to raise additional funds from other donors, foundations and government agencies.

“It’s great that in an environment in which many colleges are in retreat that Augustana is playing offense and constantly seeking new initiatives to better serve future generations of students, the Augustana community and the Quad-Cities community,” said Eric Lindberg, trustee of the Knowlton Foundation. “This project is, in our opinion, going to be truly transformative for Augustana as an institution.”

Knowlton Foundation trustees believe the investment will:

• enhance and expand current opportunities to prepare Augustana students for high-paying careers in the growing health care field
• enable the college to form partnerships to better serve the physical and mental health and wellness needs of not only Augustana, but the broader community
• strengthen the financial and operational future of Augustana and ensure its continued success in the decades ahead.

“We were thrilled to hear about Augustana’s investment in this program,” said Jordan Voigt ’09, president of Genesis Medical Center in Davenport, Iowa. “The issues and needs around health care continue to grow more and more, here in the community and nationally, as well. The value of having Augustana graduates who are well-rounded critical thinkers is an asset not only here at Genesis, but in the community as well.”

Kinesiology: a fast-growing field
Kinesiology as an academic discipline is concerned with the study of physical activity and human movement, and its impact on health, society and quality of life, according to Dr. Kimberly Murphy, program co-coordinator and associate professor of biology. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that...
students with a kinesiology background could fill jobs in five of the 20 fastest-growing occupations.

“This program listens to the needs and wants of our current students, as well as prospective students,” Dr. Murphy added.

Augustana’s record of success in preparing students to be physicians and other health professionals stands for itself:

- Medical school acceptance rate of Augustana graduates is 50 percent above the national average.
- Public health graduate acceptance rate is 100 percent.
- Augustana students complete an average of 150 health care-related internships or job shadows each year.

“We look at Augustana and our strong background in the health sciences. It just makes sense to bring all of those pieces together, add a kinesiology program and think about the synergies that exist,” said Augustana Provost Dr. Wendy Hilton-Morrow ’94.

“We know that this is a field that needs students to come out prepared to deal with these problems in sophisticated ways, and that’s what we know the center will allow us to do.”

**Aquatic center: one of CCIW’s best**

Since 1971 all Vikings swimming and diving programs have used the pool in the Carver P.E. Center. The new aquatic center inside the Knowlton Center will include a 25-yard competition pool and a therapeutic pool, and more.

“We are currently working with the architects and pool consultants on the design, but we know it will be one of the top swimming facilities in the CCIW,” said Dan Lloyd, head coach of the Vikings men’s and women’s swimming and diving teams.

“It’s going to give our swimming and diving program a new home for the next 50 years that will pay tribute to the history of our program while laying a foundation for the future.”

The new 25-yard competition pool will include an additional lane that will allow for an expanded roster of swimmers; state-of-the-art starting blocks, lane lines, scoreboard and other equipment; and three diving boards and new training equipment.

“The new aquatic center will allow us to add women’s water polo as a varsity sport and expand our varsity swimming and diving teams and men’s club water polo,” Lloyd said. “This will continue to boost our enrollment with quality student-athletes who are interested in performing at the highest level both in the classroom and the pool.”

The 2018-19 men’s and women’s swimming and diving teams won the Scholar All-America award last fall from the College Swimming & Diving Coaches Association for academic performance.

“This building represents a unique integration of academics and athletics, while at the same time focusing on the overall health of all our students here at Augustana,” Lloyd said.
Augustana’s Texas Medical Center Summer Research Internship Program (TMCSRIP) has made a name for itself for offering life-defining experiences for Augustana students.

“I would not be where I am today if it wasn’t for that internship opportunity,” said Katie Voigt-Flores ’11, physician assistant in hematology/oncology at Northwestern Medicine, Chicago.

Philosophy professor Dr. Heidi Storl is the founder and director of the highly competitive summer internship program. For the past 13 years, selected Augustana juniors have worked alongside top physicians and researchers in the 50 institutions of the Texas Medical Center, most notably the MD Anderson Cancer Center and Baylor College of Medicine.

Through the years Augustana has been well represented by the interns and those graduates who return to Houston. “Thank you for sending so many Augustana College students to Baylor College of Medicine!” posted Dr. Christine Beeton, Baylor College of Medicine, Department of Virology and Microbiology.

“Their undergraduate training is topnotch, and they have done and are doing excellent work as summer interns, graduate students, postdocs and faculty.”

Dr. Storl notes that 65% of TMCSRIP interns have co-published their research in highly regarded medical journals, and all interns receive letters of recommendation from their mentors. These letters have helped interns gain acceptance to top-ranked medical and professional schools around the country, including Mayo, Yale, University of Chicago and Washington University.

While the majority of interns are science majors, all Augustana students may apply. Other interns have worked in human resources, health care economics, medical illustration, pastoral care, finance and law since the program began.

The Texas Medical Center Summer Research Internship Program, which recently was renamed SRIP@TMC, has advanced Augustana’s national reputation as a strong undergraduate experience in the sciences.

On the next two pages, meet six former interns who understand the value of their TMCSRIP experience and continue to use what they learned in their careers today.
BRIGIT E. RAY, M.D.
Class of 2007
Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Family Medicine, Family Physician
University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics
After Augustana... earned an M.D. from University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine; completed residency training at the UI Hospitals and Clinics in the Department of Family Medicine; earned master’s in medical education from the UI Carver College of Medicine; currently an assistant professor in the UI Department of Family Medicine and a family physician.
Internship impact: “I was part of the inaugural class of TMCSRIP, and this was such a meaningful and transformative experience personally and professionally. I worked closely with Dr. Carmen Escalante in ambulatory care within the division of internal medicine. Looking back, I think this was my first stepping stone to becoming an academic clinician. I learned the importance of working within a multidisciplinary/interdisciplinary team and the importance of patient-provider communication in the provision of care instructions, particularly with the prescribing of medications. I also learned the importance of medication reconciliation to prevent medication prescribing errors and how to effectively communicate with an outpatient pharmacy to ensure patients were taking their medications appropriately. I applied critical thinking skills cultivated through my education at Augustana to define and solve clinical research questions as well as learned how to start critically appraising the primary literature. Through the integration of the TMCSRIP with Augustana, I got to further learn about and explore the field of health care ethics with Dr. Storl—principles I practice every day as a physician.”

M. ZAK RAJPUT, M.D.
Class of 2009
Emergency Imaging Fellow
Department of Radiology
Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston
After Augustana... earned an M.D. from Loyola Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago and completed his radiology residency at Washington University; after completing a one-year fellowship in emergency imaging at Massachusetts General Hospital in August, he will take a position at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis in the abdominal imaging division of the radiology department.
Internship impact: “The Texas Medical program was a wonderful experience for me and introduced me to many aspects of clinical research that have shaped my career in medicine. After my TMCSRIP summer in undergrad, I returned to MD Anderson through its summer program for medical students after my first year of medical school and completed a research project in the department of urologic oncology, earning my first first-author publication. I will always be thankful to Augustana and Dr. Heidi Storl for providing me these opportunities, especially in the context of a vocation-driven career (Bob Haak and the Center for Vocational Reflection was integrated into our program).”

MARK TANNER, Ph.D.
Class of 2012
Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Department of Molecular Physiology and Biophysics
Baylor College of Medicine, Houston
After Augustana... earned his Ph.D. in translational biology and molecular medicine from Baylor College of Medicine; co-authored 15 peer-reviewed publications; selected as the student commencement speaker for his graduation ceremony at Baylor College of Medicine; currently researching the development of novel therapeutics for the treatment of autoimmune diseases.
Internship impact: “As a TMCSRIP intern, I worked in a research lab at Baylor College of Medicine, under the mentorship of another Augie alum. Due in part to the positive experience I had as an intern, I ended up going back to Houston for graduate school, earning my Ph.D. from Baylor, and I’m now working there as a research scientist. Without participating in TMCSRIP, my career trajectory likely would have been significantly different.”
MAX PETERSEN, M.D., Ph.D.
Class of 2010
Resident in Medicine
Department of Internal Medicine
Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston

After Augustana... completed the M.D.-Ph.D. program at Yale University; won the M.D.-Ph.D. Thesis Prize at Yale for outstanding thesis; selected for the 2018 Medical Student Achievement Award by the Endocrine Society, the leading professional society for endocrinologists; currently completing his medical residency in a physician-scientist track that supports early-career physician-scientists by allotting more time for research; ultimately plans to work as an endocrinologist and scientist focused on metabolism, obesity and diabetes.

Internship impact: “I could go on and on about all that the TMC program did for me, but maybe I’ll just focus on a couple things. For one, it was my first exposure to the sort of high-powered lab environment of a big research university, to a lab with the usual structure of a principal investigator, postdoctoral fellows, graduate students, staff scientists and technicians. Having some comfort with that system allowed me to seamlessly enter such a lab as a graduate student. Paired with the unique, close mentorship of Augustana research experiences, where I was working side-by-side with the professor in their lab, I feel like I got the best of both worlds in my undergraduate research time. Another benefit was the huge boost the internship gave to my medical school applications. Especially as an applicant to M.D.-Ph.D. programs, where a demonstrated commitment to biomedical research is critical, having a letter of recommendation and a research project from the world-renowned MD Anderson Cancer Center was a big plus.”

KATIE VOIGT-FLORES
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Physician Assistant, Hematology/Oncology
Northwestern Medicine, Chicago

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CHRISTOPHER CARTER
Class of 2013
System Manager of Research Administration, Ethics Services, Medical Staff Offices and Pain/Geriatric Clinics
Clinical Ethicist
Mercyhealth in Janesville, Wis., and Rockford, Ill.

After Augustana... earned a master’s in philosophy/bioethics from Indiana University and a master’s in health administration from the University of Iowa (ranked eighth nationally); completed an administrative fellowship at Mercyhealth.

Internship impact: “Whether it is providing ethics consultations to patients or creating and executing system strategic initiatives, I am incorporating my clinical ethics experiences from the Texas Medical Center Internship into my career. The vast majority of my internship was clinically focused, meaning I was in hospitals rounding the inpatient units, attending ethics consultations or participating in the ethics committee meetings. This provided a greater appreciation for the complexities in delivering high quality care, both from an ethics and administrative perspective. As a result, post-internship I was able to successfully combine my passion for clinical ethics with health care administration. To this day, the work I did at Texas informs my clinical and administrative decisions.”
Faculty Favorites

Looking for a good book? Augustana faculty recommend:

**At Day’s Close: Night in Times Past**
by A. Roger Ekirch

In a world awash in “light pollution” and 24/7 stimulation, it’s hard to imagine a world in which life was virtually suspended for eight or 10 or 12 hours every day. Night was given over to beasts, brigands and fatal perils; we use “benighted” to mean “ignorant fools,” which reflects an old view of those outdoors in night. For most of human history, the descent of night defined a daily prison sentence: you got behind the sturdiest wall you could find and didn’t dare go out, except as part of a large, armed party, until the dawn. And forget that whole “life by romantic candlelight” thing; candles were rare and expensive, which meant most families had nothing more than brief, small and uncertain light in their homes. Fascinating.

Dr. David Snowball | Chair of Communication Studies, Stuart Lee and Virginia Talbott Harbour Chair

**Gilead and The Givenness of Things**
by Marilynne Robinson

Marilynne Robinson is a national treasure residing in Iowa City whose works of fiction and nonfiction should be considered essential reading. Start with the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel Gilead and the essay collection The Givenness of Things.

Dr. Peter Kivisto | Professor of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Welfare, Richard A. Swanson Chair of Social Thought

**All the King’s Men**
by Robert Penn Warren

Robert Penn Warren’s *All the King’s Men* is over 70 years old now but as fresh and beautiful as ever. Ostensibly about a populist politician, Willie Stark, who bears some resemblance to Louisiana governor Huey Long (who would make “every man a king” and who took an assassin’s bullet for his pains), it’s really about one of Stark’s men, the narrator, Jack Burden, who is slow to learn what we all must: to bear responsibly the weight of history. It’s a grand lyrical meditation on time, memory, love, betrayal, human nature and redemption. It’s also a great story.

Dr. Jason Peters | Professor of English, Dorothy J. Parkander Chair in Literature

**The History of Love**
by Nicole Krauss

Two lives, separated by 60 years and half a continent, intertwine in a beautiful and unexpected way. A young girl searching for her namesake and an old man longing for his son have separate and different lives. But a series of stories and events bring them together in ways that make you laugh and cry. The moment you finish the book, you will want to read it again. Heartbreaking and hilarious, you will fall in love with young Alma and old Leo, and keep turning the pages until all the pieces fall into their final places.

Dawn Farmer | Assistant Professor of Music
**The Brothers K**  
by David James Duncan

David James Duncan’s brilliant novel *The Brothers K* has to be one of America’s best-ever novels! Critics call it “uproariously funny,” “deeply moving,” “beautifully written.” I have included this novel in class and recommended it to many others, and every single person has rated it 10-out-of-10. Readers meet and love the Chance family as they struggle with life’s “messiness.” Life is serious stuff with war and death and religion, but this family uses humor, love and courageous honesty to rise above destructive secrets, fanatic religion and a senseless war.

Dr. Paul Olsen | Professor Emeritus of English

**Cloud Atlas**  
by David Mitchell

The best work by one of the best novelists working, *Cloud Atlas* is actually six novellas cut in half and nested within one another, then subtly connected across time and space. Each section is written in a different genre—from Melvillian travelogue to modernist epistolary, ’70s detective novel to dystopian oral history. Even more surprising than that creative structure, though, is the fact that it works beautifully. David Mitchell writes to-die-for sentences, but he also knows how to write a slow-burning page-turner with loads of emotional resonance. *Cloud Atlas* is like no other book I’ve read.

Lucas Street | Instructor of First-Year Inquiry and English, Reading/Writing Center Director

**Ravel**  
by Jean Echenoz (translated by Linda Coverdale)

A slim work of historical fiction (at 117 pages, you can read it in a single sitting), *Ravel* portrays the last 10 years in the life of composer Maurice Ravel, beginning with a journey across the Atlantic for a tour of the United States and ending with his reluctance to yield to his own decline. Jean Echenoz has the unusual ability to make the most ordinary events seem somehow profound, and this has never been more clearly on display than in his treatment of Ravel, whose precise manner of dress and curmudgeonly wit were legendary. You will wish it were longer.

Dr. Rob Elfline | Associate Professor of Music

**Because sometimes it’s too difficult to choose just one...**

**Dr. Tatiana’s Sex Advice to All Creation: The Definitive Guide to the Evolutionary Biology of Sex**  
by Olivia Judson

Non-fiction but written as an advice column to animals that want input on how to woo a mate or avoid the difficulties in competing for a mate. Hysterical!

**Endless Forms Most Beautiful**  
by Sean B. Carroll

A non-fiction about Evo-Devo [evolutionary developmental biology]—how genetic similarities among organisms are evidence for the processes of evolution.

**A Short History of a Small Place**  
by T.R. Pearson

An old favorite novel—you’ll meet some of the most strange and vivid characters who will stay with you forever. Neely, N.C., is a curious little town where everyone will feel sort of like they belong.

Dr. Dara Wegman-Geedey | Professor of Biology
In the spring of 1964, Mark Harrington was a senior looking forward to graduation and taking a break from academics. Members of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee—a key civil rights organization of the 1960s—came to Augustana to recruit students to help register voters in Mississippi that summer.

Growing up in Ferguson, Mo., Harrington says he was not acquainted with black people and as a result, did not understand their experiences or racism. “It was a part of American life about which I was totally naive,” he explained.

The recruiters got Harrington’s attention. He wanted to join them to work on voter registration, but he would have to pay for his own meals, transportation and other expenses.
Stephanie Allewalt ’04 Hacker: designing solutions with the future in mind

“I have the chance to revitalize, not demolish; sustainably change, not waste.”

Stephanie Allewalt ’04 Hacker never forgets the impact she can have as an urban planner. Something as simple as a street is an opportunity for meaningful change. “We can offer better crosswalks, and bus stops, that drastically change the travel time for people who take the bus and their safety when crossing the street,” she said. “Anything we change can have a profound impact on someone’s daily life.”

And when that impact is drawn on a bigger canvas, she sees urban planning as environmental stewardship, writ large. “I think I have Augie to thank for that passion,” she said.

Initially, Hacker thought physics and working for NASA was her goal. At Augustana, it all changed. She discovered she wanted more from the social sciences, which turned out to be geography. And the seminal moment of her vocational reflection at Augustana was choosing the environment-themed sequence that was woven into all her core courses her first year. She remembers reading the environmental essayist Wendell Berry and faculty mentors like Dr. Norm Moline, professor emeritus of geography, who introduced her to urban planning, a specialized area of geography, and showed her how big it could be.

—By Juliane Fricke
It represents “the ultimate profession,” she said, having a scope so broad, “we actually work everywhere, setting goals, developing strategies, envisioning the past, present and future.” Environmental stewardship was already part of that conversation, and for Hacker, it’s now integral to every project.

“The whole notion is that, to be sustainable, the environmental part of sustainability is paramount,” she said. “I have the chance, alongside others, to make our paradise. I can build consensus around a vision of what we need and want, and then ‘work the plan’ to make it happen. I have the chance to revitalize, not demolish; sustainably change, not waste.”

While earning her bachelor’s in geography at Augustana, Hacker interned with Rock Island’s planning department for more than a year, flourishing in the world of neighborhood redevelopment, historic preservation and downtown revitalization. After graduating, she worked on community development with AmeriCorps in Baltimore, Md., before returning to the Midwest to collect a master’s in urban planning from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She later taught as an adjunct professor at UW-Milwaukee’s School of Architecture and Urban Planning.

Today, she works in the national headquarters of GRAEF, a full-service engineering, planning and design firm. As one of GRAEF’s senior planners, Hacker leads the firm’s Planning + Urban Design Group, and much of her work is spent under contract as the economic development director for the City of South Milwaukee.

In all her endeavors, the idea of urban planning and environmental stewardship is closely connected to a sense of community. In any place, she says, the people who occupy that place can determine its rise or fall. She recalls a recent project that was deeply rewarding in how it affected the people involved.

It concerned a part of inner-city Milwaukee that was withering from neglect. Most of the remaining residents were elderly, with little hope to rejuvenate the neighborhood they had called home for most of their lives. With the City of Milwaukee as a sponsor, Hacker arrived with GRAEF to help them develop a strategic plan. “It was achievable,” she said, “and they felt like they owned the world because they could take it on. They could protect the neighborhood that they loved so much, that contained their entire life experience. You can work hard for yourself, but you can only be successful if you’re working hard for others, too. What I find in urban planning is an opportunity to participate in a world of people who care very deeply about what kind of world we’re leaving for the next generation. That’s what’s driving us.”

Hacker also wants to help ensure Augustana is there for the next generation to experience what she did, and discover the same kind of passion she found.

“I have listened to former students and alums, and the majority say that Augustana provided them with a home in the time they needed it the most, in order to figure out what they were going to do with their lives,” she said. “Augustana does that in a very critical way. I want to do everything I can to support that, to see Augustana not only maintain this critical role, but to see a forecast for its growth.”

—By Jeff Moore
Nelly Cheboi ’16 has always dreamed of helping the people from her home country of Kenya. That’s why she has spearheaded a project to ship laptops there to promote education in technological literacy.

After graduating from Augustana with degrees in applied mathematics and computer science, Cheboi decided her best weapon to fight poverty in Kenya was with technology. “We have kids like me in Kenya who have never seen a laptop or computer or used one,” Cheboi said. The easiest, best way to a better job and a better life, she believes, is through computers.

But this technology isn’t available for most Kenyans, which is why Cheboi is focusing on teaching computer literacy skills. “I want to give [Kenyans] something that will make them self sufficient...if you give them a skill, then they can help themselves.”

Rather than waiting for somebody to help, Cheboi decided to blaze the trail herself. By her junior year at Augustana, she was able to raise enough money through her own work and donations to begin construction on an all-ages school in Kenya—Zawadi Preparatory—and hasn’t looked back since. “I kept raising money and added electricity to [the school], and ever since then, I’ve been collecting laptop donations.”

Cheboi’s request for laptops was heard by Shawn Beattie ’94, education technology manager working in ITS at Augustana, where Cheboi had worked as a student. ITS combed through its stock of rental laptops and selected a group that were out of warranty to be donated.

In her free time from her engineering job at ShipBob, Inc., Cheboi made the necessary repairs to the computers, then installed three terabytes of information from Wikipedia on each laptop because there would be no access to the internet in Kenya. Then, last July, she flew to Kenya and delivered the computers to the students herself. Her sister teaches at the school.

“Nelly is very driven and doesn’t give up,” Beattie said. “We saw that when she worked here in ITS, and she has continued down that track as an alumna.”

Inspired as a child to be a pilot by watching planes cruise in the sky over her home, Cheboi was taken with the idea of “flying out of poverty” and into a better life for her and her family. This dream, however, faded when Cheboi experienced her first flight from Kenya to the United States to attend Augustana and abruptly realized that flying was not for her.

The problem, Cheboi explained, is that Kenyans just don’t have enough access to the world to begin developing their dreams. Had she met a pilot or learned about the job, it would have changed her path sooner. Instead, “I was just chasing the wrong dream.” Her hope? To expose Kenyans to the rest of the world and give them the tools they need to better themselves.

“I grew up in poverty,” Cheboi explained. “When I was 9, I would try to go and find food, scavenge—we lived right next to a hospital—so I would go to the trash cans and collect enough oil to fry one vegetable.” She feels that shouldn’t have to be somebody’s childhood, and has since devoted her energy toward ensuring others can grow up more comfortably than she did.

Beattie wasn’t wrong about Cheboi’s drive. Since donating the first lot of laptops, she has purchased more land on which she plans to build an expansion to her school—the design of which will be based on Augustana’s Olin Center. She continues to collect laptops and plans to ship more to Kenya soon.

Editor’s update: Since this article was written, Cheboi and Tyler Cinnamon have incorporated a nonprofit called TechLit Africa (https://techlitafrica.org). Their mission is to foster a more technologically literate Africa. Augustana First Lady Jane Bahls is a member of TechLit Africa’s board. Cheboi and Cinnamon have collected 300 computers, some from Augustana and others from companies in Chicago. Their goal for this year is to build 10 computer labs in Kenya. Cheboi will be moving to Kenya later this spring to launch the 10 labs as a full-time endeavor.

—By Jack Harris ’20/Writers Bureau
**CLASS NOTES**  
*(received as of March 1, 2019)*

**1952**  

**1956**  
Carol Rausch Albright and her husband, John Albright, edited a book, *Interactive World, Interactive God,* which examines parallel changes across the sciences, and their interaction with developments in theology. It was recently the subject of an all-day conference of the American Theological Society-Midwest, and currently is featured in The Clergy Letter Project, an online publication.

**1957**  
Don Sundquist received the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star from His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the Japan-U.S. friendship in Tennessee. During his two terms as governor, Tennessee attracted 38 new investments and 280 expansions by Japanese companies, totaling more than $4.6 billion in investment.

Budd G. Webb wrote a book, *Dreams, Wishes, and Fantasies of Common Folk.*

**1961**  
Stephen Benson retired from Morningstar Properties after 35 years.

**1965**  
Richard Edwards retired as chancellor of Rutgers University, New Brunswick, after five years. Prior to that, he served as executive vice president for academic affairs and as a dean. He continues to teach at Rutgers as a University Distinguished Professor. He lives in New York City.

Mark Younggren was designated a Realtor Emeritus by the Capital Area Board of Realtors for more than 30 years of service.

**1966**  
Judith Salmon Kaur received the Distinguished Alumni Award for “exceptional contributions in the field of medicine, including medical practice, research, education and administration,” by the Mayo Clinic Alumni Association, on Oct. 8, 2018.

Marcia Anderson Wetzel was elected to a second term as president of the American Scandinavian Association at Augustana, which is celebrating its 85th anniversary.

**1969**  
Jill Dragoo Ames served 21 years on the Coal City Public Library District Board of Trustees. Her granddaughter, Katelyn, will graduate from Augustana in May 2019, exactly 50 years after her own graduation.

Tom Johnson was named chair of the Centerstone Illinois Board of Directors. Centerstone is a national leader in behavioral health care.

Greg Petty was elected to the Board of Directors of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Society for American Baseball Research. He has taught six courses about the history, social influence and impact of analytics on major league baseball as part of the University of Denver Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

**1972**  
Kurt Anderson retired, after 30 seasons as the men’s head soccer coach at St. Olaf. He started his career at Augustana, recording a 61-38-10 (.606) record with the Vikings.

Bruce Hamming retired from private practice and currently works at James Lovell Federal Health Care Center (a combined VA and Navy hospital) in North Chicago, Ill.

Jean Abrahamsen Kestner received the 2018 Physical Therapist of the Year Award from the Illinois Physical Therapy Association, a chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association. As a member of the IPTA, Jean has served as chapter secretary; delegate to the APTA House of Delegates; district chairperson; state and federal key contact; and other positions.

**1977**  
Rick Kestner, CMAA, retired as athletic director at Pekin Community High School in Pekin, Ill., in June 2018. He was honored by Pekin High School during its final home basketball game.

**1978**  
Nancy Yost Laskaris retired on July 31, 2018, from the Hennepin County Public Defender’s Office in Minneapolis, Minn., where she had been a lawyer for 33 years.

John Misner was elected executive vice president of external affairs at Charlotte SCORE, a national volunteer organization consisting of active, retired or semi-retired business executives and business owners.

Paul Renken is a commentator on mining and mineral markets for the BBC, Sky News and CNBC news. He is also chair of Board of Trustees for St. Anthony’s Lutheran Church, London.

**1979**  
Sheri Russell Conover ran the Chicago Marathon on Oct. 8, 2018. She ran for the purpose of bringing clean water to Africa.

Kimberly Nizolek Eggert was chosen to help decorate the White House for Christmas in 2017.

Julie Markello Nagley retired from Graham Hospital Laboratory after 38 years as a medical technologist.

Lowell Nelson is serving as senior pastor at American Lutheran Church in Sun City, Ariz.

Ron Seib is retired, after serving as the CFO and then COO of KleinBank in Chaska, Minn.

**1980**  
Kathy Patterson received the Mountain View Whisman School District Teacher of the Year award and was honored at a ceremony with 31 other teachers in Santa Clara County at Heritage Theatre in Campbell, Calif.

**1981**  
Erik “Rik” Baier was named the president of St. Peter’s Health Partners Medical Associates PC, in Albany, N.Y.

David Dahl summited Granite Peak in Montana; he has now been to the highest point in each of the lower 48 states.

**1982**  
Julie Hamann married Ken Elliott on Dec. 1, 2018, in Omaha, Neb.

**1984**  
David Nord is the city administrator in Lake Geneva, Wis.

Donald W. Pearson was named executive vice president and chief financial officer of InnerWorkings, Inc., which is headquartered in Chicago.
The Augustana experience on display at the Art Institute

Instead of only telling prospective art history students about the Augustana experience, Dr. Margaret Morse wanted to show them. With special guests Emily Vokt ’98 Ziemba, Stephanie Loria ’11 and Emily Cox ’11, Dr. Morse hosted an admissions lunch and tour at the Art Institute of Chicago in March.

Ziemba, director of curatorial administration for prints and drawings at the Art Institute, and Loria, senior administrator at Sotheby’s in Chicago, shared their Augustana stories and success in the art world. Cox, with a degree in art history and education from Augustana, earned a master’s in art history and visual culture in London and a master’s in secondary education. She now teaches in Ann Arbor, Mich.

“Having our alumni at the Art Institute truly made the event a success,” said Dr. Morse, associate professor of art history. “Their stories allowed prospective students to envision what could be possible for them at Augustana, but most importantly, beyond those four years.”

1985
Tom Tallman’s orchestrations of music were performed by James Reese Europe and Reginald Robinson on Nov. 2, 2018, as part of the 25th anniversary of Chicago’s Symphony Center Presents Jazz series. Tallman plans to retire in June 2019 after 29 years as professor of music at College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, Ill.

1986
John Buric, in addition to practicing law and serving as a Superior Court Judge Pro Tem in Phoenix, Ariz., was elected as the executive director of the Thrivent Financial Member Network Board of Directors for the southwest region of the United States.
Kenneth Harris was re-elected to the Will County Board on Nov. 6, 2018.

1987
Darrin Good will become the 17th president of Nebraska Wesleyan University in July 2019. He currently is the vice president of academic affairs at Whittier College, a four-year private liberal arts college in California.
Mike Morkin was named Baker McKenzie’s Global Chair, International Arbitration Practice Group. He was elected secretary of the Board of Directors of World Business Chicago, and also serves on WBC’s Executive Committee and chairs its Legal Advisory Board.
Marty Olsen received the St. Borbala Outstanding Miner award from the Hungarian oil and gas minister, for his success in oil exploration. [Olsen notes that this award rarely is given to non-Hungarians.]

1988
Annie Oswald Leyden is ABF North America finance manager with ACH Food Companies. She is responsible for treasury and insurance functions between U.S. companies and their parent company in London.
Angie Hoppes Normoyle was elected to the Rock Island County Board in November 2018.

1992
Gautam Bhatia is running for the School Board of Indian Prairie School District 204, serving Naperville, Aurora, Bolingbrook and Plainfield, Ill.
Siobhan Malany, along with colleagues, successfully launched lab-on-a-chip (LOC) payload to contain human muscle cells to the International Space Station on a Northrop Grumman NG-10 rocket to study effects of microgravity on muscle biology. She is an associate professor in the College of Pharmacy at the University of Florida.

1993
Angela Birdsall Murray is the clinical director at Therapy Center of Acadiana, LLC, in Scott, La. She married Tom Murray on Nov. 24, 2018.
Erin Drankwalter Wyatt received the Association of Illinois School Library Educators School Librarian of the Year Award for 2018. She is the director of the Learning Center, Highland Middle School, Libertyville, Ill.

1994
Eric Schmitz is an academic advisor in the College of Fine Arts at the University of Utah.
Kajsa Voss married Mark Han on June 23, 2017.
Where are they now?

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They lived together in Seminary Hall nearly 35 years ago. Their post-Augie paths led them to successful careers—medicine, sales, business, education, finance—in cities from California to Connecticut.

1. Steve Bensen, Ph.D. ’84
   Director of Primary Care–Mental Health Integration,
   VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System
   U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
   Centennial, Colo.

2. Erik Swanson ’86
   Business Transformation–Customer Facing Manager, 3M
   Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.

3. Eric Kapustka, M.D. ’87
   Anesthesiologist
   Park Ridge, Ill.

4. Jason Popham ’87
   Wealth Management Advisor,
   Northwestern Mutual
   Richmond, Va.

5. Darrin Good, Ph.D. ’87
   President, Nebraska Wesleyan University (as of July 1, 2019)
   Lincoln, Neb.
   (15th Augustana grad to serve as a college president)

6. Mohammed A. Hussain ’87
   Director of Hospitality International
   Huntington Park, Calif.
   (member of Augustana’s President’s Advisory Council)

7. Craig Stump ’86
   Employee-Owner, Automation and Training Sales, Van Meter Industrial
   Cedar Rapids, Iowa
   (retiring in September 2019)

8. John Hayes ’86
   Educator, City of Hartford
   Outdoor Adventure Experiential Educator
   Lebanon, Conn.
1995

Matt Herlihy is executive director, strategy for The Office of Experience [OX], a Chicago-based design and digital innovation consultancy that helps organizations reinvent their businesses and create next-generation brands, products and communication strategies.

1997

Malik Khalig is a financial advisor with Wells Fargo. He was ranked fourth in Iowa on the Forbes list of Best-In-State Wealth Advisors in February 2018.

Angela Bauer Williams received a fellowship in the Academy of General Dentistry.

1998

Allison Quadhamer earned her diploma in neurology from the International Academy of Chiropractic Neurology in May 2018.

1999


Meghan Cooley is a freelance marketing, communication and social media specialist for colleges and universities around the country.

Sasha Fach Schrunk had a daughter, Sonya, on May 6, 2018.

2000

Luke Cooley is a project manager for Modern Woodmen of America in Rock Island, Ill.

Nate Nickel was promoted to business manager in the Public Works Department for the city of Bloomington, Ind.

Pamela Wehrheim Podolner teaches theatre at Lincoln Middle School in Berwyn, Ill.

2001

Matt Boland is a retirement plan administrator for NBT Bank in Norwich, N.Y. He and his wife, Stephanie, have four children: Anne (10), Brooks (8), Alice (7) and Samuel (5).

Nellie Berger Miller is the director of marketing at SupplyCore Inc. in Rockford, Ill.

Danielle Ricci Moran completed her Ed.S. in educational leadership with superintendent endorsement from Northern Illinois University in 2018. She is an elementary school principal in Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, Ill.

Nathan Sondgeroth is the executive director of the Vera French Foundation and Vera French Community Mental Health Center in Davenport, Iowa.

2002

Maranda Meyer Amos had a son, Hayden Robert, on Dec. 1, 2017.

Philip and Lindsay Schrand Kiraly had a daughter, Katherine Grace, on July 31, 2018.

Lirim Neziroksi is the dean of teaching and learning outcomes at The University of St. Francis, Joliet, Ill.

Holly Johnson Pettersson had a daughter, Hanna Linnea Pettersson, on Oct. 19, 2018 (Borje Jimmy Pettersson).

2003

Heather Slagell is the executive director of service and operations at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

2004

Robert Britton was elected to the partnership of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP. He is a partner in the bankruptcy and corporate reorganization department.

Matt Fanello had a son, Grant, in November 2018 (Mara; Charlie).

Stephanie Allewalt Hacker had a daughter, Marin Joy Allewalt Hacker, on Nov. 3, 2018 (Mike).

Justin Hansen was appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court to a circuit judge position in McHenry County, Ill.

Julia Selzer Nalewajka had a son, Owen, on Oct. 15, 2018 (Roger; Amelia, 7; Jude, 5; and Tessa, 4).

Kelly Thompson is the vice president of grantmaking and community initiative at the Quad Cities Community Foundation.

Andy and Sarah Cunningham Ziemer had a daughter, Elise Joy, on Feb. 8, 2018.

2005

Kristin Beil Cowgill had a daughter, Stella Corrine Cowgill, on May 30, 2018 (William, 2).

Rachel Easley is moving to Lima, Peru, to teach elementary at Colegio Franklin Delano Roosevelt international school.

Eric Johnson was selected as a 2018 Illinois Rising Star by Simmons Hanly Conroy, one of the nation’s largest mass torts firms.

2006

Sarah Nutt Moore received her Masters of Education, Adult Education–Student Personnel in December 2018.

Jacqueline Knowlto Oreskovich had a son, Michael James Oreskovich, on Aug. 19, 2018.

Brandon Wolber, CPA, has been named Partner at Legacy Professionals LLP. He provides audit services to employee benefit plans and labor organizations at the Westchester-based CPA firm. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Illinois CPA Society.

2007

Aaron Burns earned a Ph.D. in Classics from the University of Iowa in 2015.

Megan Koepnick Clapp had a son, Milo Thomas Clapp, on Oct. 8, 2018 (Eric; Lillian, 4).

Rob Hanauer had a daughter, Emma Rose Hanauer, on Sept. 27, 2018, and started a new law firm on the same day. Emma joins brothers Matthew (5) and Ryan (3).

Morgan Wick Henning had a son, Winston Gerard, on Dec. 27, 2018 (Everett).

Kim Cieniawa Karwacki had a son, Wyatt John Karwacki, on April 11, 2018 (Jonathan).

Susan Heilig Shrieves had a son, Samuel Ryan, on July 17, 2018 (Alexander, 3).

2008


Yvonne Lyden Drake had a son, Quinton Timothy, on July 19, 2018 (Lawrence, 5, and Theodore, 3).

Jessica Feinman had a daughter, Esther Hawk, on June 6, 2018 (Mitch).

Antoinette Golden married Harold Blake in November 2016. She is the associate program director for the emergency medicine residency at Kendall Regional Medical Center in Miami, Fla.
Kate Lukowicz Houghton and Andrew Houghton ’06 had a son, Conor Kent Houghton, in February 2018.


Ryan Mackey began the M.Div. program at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, in September, and entered candidacy to become an ordained pastor in the ELCA.

Jen Windemiller, Augustana women’s basketball associate head coach, was named a representative to the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association.

2009

Kyle Ekberg married Aleeza Monet Singh on Oct. 9, 2018, on Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

Vallory Farrasso is the senior marketing manager at Portillo’s, which plans to open a new location in Davenport, Iowa, in 2019.

Kiley Peters Gilbert had a son, Joel Edward, on Oct. 26, 2018 (Chris).

Jackie Fox Klaisner had a son, James Alan Klaisner, in August 2018 (Kyle).

Ryan Landi is assistant chief of Patient Administration Service at the Veterans Health Administration Jesse Brown VA Hospital.

Kathryn McCarthy is an assistant professor of educational psychology in the Department of Learning Sciences at Georgia State University.

Joseph and Alyssa Nikides Papuga had a son, Layton Walter Papuga, in October 2018.

Melissa Flowers Pepper is president of Total Solutions in Davenport, Iowa. She had a son, Brooks, on Oct. 14, 2018 (Dan; Grayson, 4).

Danielle Oester Petersen and Max Petersen ’10 had a son, Everett James Petersen, in February 2018.

Bryan Schmid and Stephanie Dilling ’10 Schmid had a daughter, Marion Joy Schmid, on Sept. 18, 2018.

Ashley (A-Tay) Taylor is the director of marketing for EP!C, a non-profit in Peoria, Ill., that enriches the lives of adults with disabilities. In April 2018, she married Ryan Schreck.

Christine Louderman Young had a daughter, Katherine Rose, on March 2, 2018 (Scott; Emma, 3).

2010

Elise Croner married Andrew Kroll on Nov. 17, 2018.

Austin DePorter and Laura Simmons ’11 DePorter opened a dental practice in September 2018.

Kyle Roggenbuck Fiorelli wrote and published a children’s book, Simply Mae, featuring a young girl with cerebral palsy and a vivid imagination.

Megan Hoerner Irey is a band teacher (fifth and sixth grades) in West Des Moines Community Schools.

Max Petersen and Danielle Oester ’09 Petersen had a son, Everett James Petersen, in February 2018. Max graduated from the M.D.-Ph.D. program at Yale School of Medicine, and began his residency in internal medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Austin and Megan Ferris Reynolds had a daughter, Millicent (Milly) Eileen Reynolds, in May 2018.

Stephanie Dilling Schmid and Bryan Schmid ’09 had a daughter, Marion Joy Schmid, on Sept. 18, 2018.

Chelsey Svela Stolte had a son, Oliver, in September 2018.

Fastest beer-maker in the world?

“Tim Faith is the fastest beer-maker in the world, at least as far as we can tell.” That’s how Matt Allyn opened his article on Tim Faith ’11 in Runner’s World magazine last fall. Faith majored in biology/microbiology at Augustana, and ran track and cross country. Currently an R&D brewer at Goose Island in Chicago, Faith balances drinking beer every day (for work) with running. Today, his 5K personal-best is 15:25, and he’s aiming for a sub-15 K. But it looks like Faith will need to plan new running routes as he takes on a new role for Goose Island. As an international brewmaster, Faith will travel the world quite a bit, gathering research and helping breweries brew better beer. He’ll also continue to be an ambassador for all that is Goose Island. Perhaps the question of who’s the fastest beer-maker in the world finally will be answered!

Editor’s note: On Augustana’s A Day of Giving April 9, Tim Faith hosted a gathering at Goose Island in Chicago. Those at Goose Island competed with alumni and friends at Radicle Effect Brewerks in Rock Island to see which location could attract the most donors. No running was involved.
A note of thanks for Dr. Peter Beckman

Forty-two years ago, I was a freshman taking requirements classes. One of those classes was Religion 114: Intro to Christian Belief, derisively called Beckman’s Beliefs. I survived the class and got a reasonable enough grade and moved on.

Or so I thought.

Years later I realized how desperately Dr. Peter Beckman wanted us to challenge him, to actually think, question and feel our own beliefs, not merely to parrot back to him what he said in class on an exam.

The text I recall resisting the most was Dietrich Bonhoeffer–Letters and Papers from Prison.

Finally I have read this remarkable book. (I would be hard pressed to say re-read!) It is neither a page-turner nor easy read, but it is very powerful and rewarding.

I read in the Fall 2018 Augustana College Magazine that Dr. Beckman has passed. I am saddened but pleased to know he continued to give students long after me a “rigorous introduction to religious studies” and that he had a fulfilling retirement.

Especially I’d like to thank him and all my other professors for fighting the good fight, attempting to open the heart and mind of a student who resisted endlessly.

Jim Baum
Class of 1980

KEEP US IN THE LOOP!

Another degree, another baby, a new job, a service award? Visit www.augustana.edu/alumni/update or mail your news to Alumni Relations, Augustana College, 639 38th St., Rock Island, IL 61201.

Class notes are featured not only in the college’s biannual alumni magazine but also every month in the alumni e-newsletter!
Kristin Ribando graduated with a doctorate in chiropractic medicine from National University of Health Sciences in Lombard, Ill., and plans to open a practice in Palatine, Ill., with her husband, Zachary Serven.

Chaney Tambling received a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine in May 2018 and started working as an associate veterinarian at the practice she plans to buy when the current owner retires.

Michelle Bautista received her master’s in applied economics from Illinois State University.

Leslie Carranza completed two terms of service with Amate House in Chicago, and currently is the office manager/administrator for Taller de José, a community resource center on the southwest side of Chicago.

Jamie Lynn Conroy and Richard Arthur Benson III were married on Sept. 29, 2018. Among those participating in the ceremony were Mary Militello ’15, Alyssa Copeland ’15, Chloe Benson ’17, Arsal Schareef ’15, Michael Madden ’15, Michael Hanson ’15, Reed Kottke ’15 and Zeke Hartman ’15.

Elise Davis is a program assistant, infectious diseases, at Social Solutions International, Inc.

Rob McNeil’s feature screenplay “No Return” was selected at the 2018 Beverly Hills Film Festival and the 2018 Oaxaca Film Fest, in addition to being nominated for Best Thriller and Best Overall Script and winning the Grand Jury Award at the 2017 Cannes Screenplay Competition.

Adam Pfuger married Madison Mortenson ’18 on Nov. 24, 2018.

Alumni re-connect through AUGUSTANA NOW

This year President Steve Bahls is visiting cities from California to Massachusetts to update alumni on the college’s $125 million fundraising campaign, AUGUSTANA NOW: A Campaign for Success in the World, for the World.

The campaign focuses on four student-centered goals: affordability; preparation; innovation; diversity, equity and inclusion.

At each event, President Bahls presents campaign goals and videos featuring alumni, faculty and students sharing their stories. He provides the latest news on a major renovation of Bergendoff Hall of Fine Arts; expansion of the Betsey Brodahl Building and Hanson Hall of Science; and construction of the Knowlton Center with its new aquatic center.

The receptions also give alumni opportunities to connect with former classmates and meet other Vikings in their area.

Since January, alumni as well as parents and friends of the college have gathered in St. Petersburg, Naples, Peoria, Atlanta, Denver, Chicago, Madison, Milwaukee, Des Moines, the Twin Cities and Rockford.

The 2019 AUGUSTANA NOW tour’s next stops are:

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Invitations will be sent via mail and email to those living near these cities closer to the date of the event. For more details, contact Kelly Read ’02 Noack, director of alumni relations, at 309-794-7474.
Samantha Turner received her master’s in museum studies from Western Illinois University in December 2018 and is currently the museum coordinator at the German American Heritage Center in Davenport, Iowa.

Lorraine Stamberger married Robert Foelske on Sept. 8, 2018. She completed her master’s in natural resources and environmental sciences from the University of Illinois in December 2018.

2016
Sarah Dantino graduated from Western Michigan University’s master’s program for industrial organizational behavior management in April 2018. She is a learning and development specialist with Orbus Exhibit and Display.

Alexander Gilmore is an associate neurophysiologist at NuVasive in Milwaukee, Wis.

Caroline McPherson and John Swiderski were married on Oct. 6, 2018, in Rock Island, Ill.

Grant Slater is a supply management specialist at John Deere Ottumwa Works.

2017
Taylor Gallagher is a first-year law student at the Charleston School of Law in Charleston, S.C.

Claire Kepner is in her second year of veterinary school with the University of Alaska Fairbanks/Colorado State University’s Collaborative DVM program.

Tyson Powers is a member of Augustana’s football coaching staff and pursuing a master’s in athletic administration at Concordia University.

2018
Gustav Benson is an analyst and graphics specialist with Bi-State Regional Commission in Rock Island.

Adam Buric is a chemist in the quality control department at Proctor and Gamble in Phoenix, Ariz.

Nicolette Geddeis is an associate regulatory submission specialist at Fresenius Kabi, a global health care company that specializes in lifesaving medicines and technologies for infusion, transfusion and clinical nutrition.

Madison Mortenson married Adam Pfluger ’15 on Nov. 24, 2018.

Jeffrey Swanson is a parcel maintenance specialist with the Supervisor of Assessments in Winnebago County, Ill.

Nattie Weust is the activity director for a children’s swim school, and also a data entry specialist and fundraiser at Animal House Shelter in Huntley, Ill.

DEATHS
(received as of March 1, 2019)

Lucile Rohrig ’36 Mason on Aug. 10, 2013.


Mary Bager ’40 Glockhoff on Dec. 17, 2018. Survivors include Gary Glockhoff ’73.

Helen Meyn ’41 Allen on July 10, 2017.


Marita Snell ’46 Taber on Oct. 6, 2018.


Delores Petto ’48 Knoll on Dec. 23, 2018. Survivors include her husband, Stanley Knoll.

Nelda Polson ’48 Sawyer on July 6, 2018.

June Johnson ’48 Watt on April 6, 2015.


William Carlson ’49 on Sept. 9, 2018.

Doris Aten ’49 Pells on Feb. 20, 2019. Survivors include his son, Harry Pells ’70, and daughter, Susan Pells ’77 Walsh.

Everett Stevens ’49 on Oct. 29, 2018.


Donald Devona ’50 on Dec. 7, 2018. Survivors include his brother, Chris Devona ’55.

Louis Dilullo ’50 on Dec. 15, 2018.

John Erickson ’50 on Dec. 14, 2018. Survivors include his wife, Barbara Davis ’49 Erickson, and son, Mahlon Erickson ’82.


David Reinertsen ’50 on Nov. 30, 2018. Survivors include his wife, Nancy Reinertsen, and brother, Raoul Reinertsen ’58.


William Morris ’51 on April 11, 2019.

Don Nebergall ’51 on March 31, 2016.

Wilbur Nelson ’51 on Dec. 15, 2017. Survivors include his wife, Renee Nelson.

Margaret McMaster ’51 Ringenberg on Jan. 20, 2019.

Shirley Brieire ’51 Parker on Feb. 8, 2017.

Paul Swartz ’51 on Sept. 24, 2014. Survivors include his wife, Brita Gejrot ’51 Swartz, and son, Kim Swartz ’76.

Arthur Whalen ’51 on Nov. 9, 2018.


Carl Beckman ’52 on Nov. 30, 2018.

Herbert Carlmark ’52 on Sept. 18, 2018. Survivors include his wife, Nancy Freed ’55 Carlmark, and daughter, Nanette Carlmark ’79 Dahlke.

Bessie Chickris ’52 Dell on Feb. 6, 2019.

Marilyn Hallen ’52 on May 5, 2018. Survivors include her daughter, Kathryn Hallen ’79 Perry.


Henry Pollner ’52 on Feb. 25, 2019.

H. Delores Swanson ’52 Polson on March 7, 2018.

Marlys Pierson ’52 Strand on Aug. 10, 2018.

*Thrillist.com
Harold Sundelius ’52 on June 17, 2018. Survivors include his daughters, Karin Sundelius ’79 and Kristine Sundelius ’83 Lundine; granddaughters, Anna Lundine ’13 and Elizabeth Lundine ’15; grandsons, Andrew Pappas ’07 and Mark Lundine ’18; and sister, Lorian Sundelius ’54 Swanson.

Janice L. Lundberg ‘52 Swana on Feb. 10, 2015. Survivors include her husband, John Swana.

Arnold Anderson ’53 on Sept. 20, 2018. Survivors include Karin Martin ’73.

Arleen Plambeck ’53 Hedberg on Nov. 20, 2012. Survivors include her husband, Robert Hedberg.


William Posten ’53 on Dec. 4, 2018. Survivors include his wife, Pauline Posten.

Phyllis Hult ’54 on Nov. 20, 2018.

David Pearson ’54 on Nov. 16, 2014. Survivors include his brother, Donald Pearson ’61.


LaDonna Martin ’55 Chalstrom on May 22, 2018. Survivors include her husband, Robert Chalstrom ’52.

Edwin Gunlock ’57 on Nov. 20, 2018.


Carl Sorensen ’57 on Nov. 1, 2016.


Bette Olsen ’58 Johnson on Jan. 8, 2019. Survivors include her husband, David Moore; brother, Dennis Olsen ’62; and brother-in-law, Robert Johnson ’62.

Bonnie Hogren ’58 Townsend on Oct. 19, 2018. Survivors include her daughter, Ann Townsend ’88 Miller, and sister, Pamela Hogren ’65 Landon.


Steven Darling ’59 on April 25, 2017.


Donald Kell ’59 on Dec. 20, 2016.

Lois Wennerberg ’59 Williams on Oct. 2, 2018. Survivors include her husband, Donald Williams ’61.

W. Jack Anderson ’60 on April 30, 2015.


Jon Oakleaf ’61 on Nov. 15, 2018. Survivors include his wife, Jane Oakleaf.


Barbara Benson ’63 Lunde on Oct. 26, 2018. Survivors include her husband, Richard Lunde ’64, and son, John Lunde ’90.

Herbert Smith ’63 on Feb. 16, 2019.


Donna Jean Jeppesen ’64 Kabella on Sept. 26, 2018. Survivors include her husband, George Kabella ’64.

Mary Enstrom ’64 Ruht on Oct. 18, 2018.

Clarence Wiser ’64 on Nov. 10, 2018. Survivors include his wife, Joyce Berg ’64 Wiser.

David Carlson ’65 on Dec. 18, 2018.

Lawrence Dreschsler ’65 on Aug. 15, 2018.


Donald Pryber ’67 on Nov. 6, 2018. Survivors include his daughter, Camille Hatke ’68 Pryber.

M. Donald McCrary ’68 on Sept. 22, 2018. Survivors include his husband, Blasé Masini.


Elizabeth Koehler ’68 Sturgis on July 6, 2018.

Henry Tkachuk ’70 on Sept. 13, 2018. Survivors include his daughter, Victoria Tkachuk ’03.

James Bailor ’71 on Nov. 28, 2018.

Russell Munch ’71 on Nov. 15, 2018. Survivors include his wife, Cynthia Munch.


Pamela Sharp ’72 Robinson on Nov. 26, 2018.

Karen Kirchofer ’73 Taber on Nov. 17, 2018.

Mark Appleton ’74 on Oct. 27, 2018. Survivors include his brother, Thomas Appleton ’71.

Valerie Puntney ’74 on Nov. 16, 2018.

Jerry Hanson ’75 on March 1, 2019.


James Weaver ’76 on Dec. 15, 2018.

Michael Fore ’78 on Feb. 11, 2019.

Vincent Henseler ’79 on Jan. 24, 2019. Survivors include his wife, Marjorie Titterington ’78 Hensler.

Jill Lindstedt ’81 Cox on Oct. 4, 2018. Survivors include her husband, Michael Cox ’80.


Troy Bex ’86 on Sept. 30, 2018.

Daniel Ropa ’86 on Oct. 9, 2018.

Thea Hansen ’88 Bettis on Sept. 17, 2018. Survivors include her brothers, Richard ’71, David ’75 and Dennis Hansen ’77, and sister, Gail Hansen ’73 Gahn.

Melissa Egert ’96 on Jan. 21, 2019. Survivors include her son, Zachary Johnson.

Rachael Floit ’01 Bacon on Jan. 1, 2019. Survivors include her husband, Jeremy Bacon, and father, Gary Floit ’76.


Honorary Alumnus John Kindschuh on Feb. 10, 2019. Survivors include his wife, Delores Hall ’69 Kindschuh; sons, Jack ’75 and Peter Kindschuh ’76; and daughter, Kathleen Kindschuh ’83 Wolf.
In memoriam

**Nils Hasselmo** passed away Jan. 23, 2019, after a long battle with cancer. He was 87, which would seem to be a little old for a 1957 graduate of Augustana, but by the time he arrived in Rock Island he had completed military service in the Swedish Royal Signal Corps and already had earned his first baccalaureate degree at Uppsala.

Following his Augustana graduation, Nils taught Swedish at Augustana and pursued graduate work at Harvard, culminating in his Ph.D. in linguistics in 1961. From 1965 to 1983, he served as a faculty member and administrator at the University of Minnesota, before being named provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at Arizona.

Nils would return to the University of Minnesota in 1988 as its president, retiring in 1997. He then moved to Washington, D.C., as president of the American Association of Universities, an association consisting of 62 major research universities in the United States and Canada.

Through it all, Nils remained closely tied to Augustana. In addition to being a graduate and former faculty member, he was a trustee of the college, only missing one meeting (fall 2018) due to his illness. He was a very important advisor to me, and I will forever be grateful that he delivered the keynote address at my inauguration in 2003.

–By President Steve Bahls

**John Kindschuh** passed away Feb. 15, 2019, at the age of 92. He served Augustana for 36 years and was among the last of the senior administrators of the college to have been ordained into the ministry of the Augustana Lutheran Synod.

A native of Uehling, Neb., John began his education in a one-room schoolhouse. He graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College and then earned a master of divinity from the former Augustana Theological Seminary, and a master’s in educational administration from the University of Michigan.

In 1963 he left a pastorate in Burlington, Iowa, to become an assistant to then-President C.W. Sorensen for church relations, while also supporting admissions and fundraising. Having secured a $1.5 million gift from Roy J. Carver that would fund the completion of the Carver Center, John was promoted to vice president for administration, a role in which he worked on such major projects as the Tredway Library, the PepsiCo Recreation Center, Hanson Hall of Science and the Olin Center.

As the late Charles Lindberg, a former trustee of the college, once noted, “John took no credit for anything but he is the unsung hero of so many successful projects. His dedication symbolizes what Augustana is all about.”

On his retirement in 1999, John shared the following: “The work I’ve done is not as important as what teachers and students do here, but I’m grateful to have been a part of the fabric of life at Augustana. When I go home at night, walk across the overpass and look up to Old Main, I always feel like I’ve done something worthwhile for the world that day.”

–By Kai Swanson ’86
Turn-of-the-century Augustana baseball
SUPPORT A 2019 GRADUATE

New this year, a custom-designed Augustana stole is available with a gift of $15 to give to a member of the Class of 2019. The stole matches the graduation gown. This opportunity provides alumni and others with an avenue to “pay it forward” to graduating seniors.

The Stoles of Gratitude Fund allows the college to educate the newest members of the Alumni Association on the importance of generosity and alumni support.

The stoles provide our graduating seniors with an opportunity to show gratitude to the professors, coaches, mentors and family members who have made a lasting impact on their Augustana experience.

Or students may choose to keep their stoles as a memento and encourage friends, faculty and staff to sign or write notes on them.

To gift a stole to a 2019 graduate, visit www.augustana.edu/stolesofgratitude or contact Caroline McPherson ’16 Swiderski, assistant director of annual giving, at 309-794-7575.

Gifts made to the Stoles of Gratitude Fund and in support of the Hanson Hall of Science addition count toward the $125-million AUGUSTANA NOW campaign.

BE PART OF AUGUSTANA’S FUTURE

Three ways to show your support for the Hanson Hall of Science addition

Sponsor a brick
With a gift of $200, you can sponsor a brick in honor of someone special or yourself. These bricks will be installed near the entrance of the new addition. Bricks can be personalized with three lines of text with a maximum of 16 characters each. Once a gift has been made, donors will receive information on personalizing their brick.

Be recognized on the Wall of Donors
By giving $1,000 or more, your name will be listed on the Wall of Donors in the lobby of the new addition.

Sponsor a window
You can sponsor a window with a $2,500 gift. Donors at this level will be recognized on a special plaque next to the sponsored window, or you may choose to remain anonymous. Donors will receive four professional photos to show the view from their window during the first four seasons the addition is open.

To show our appreciation for your gift, we invite you to stop by Hanson Hall for refreshments from 9:30-11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 5, 2019, during Homecoming Weekend.

To support the Hanson Hall of Science addition, visit www.augustana.edu/supportsciences or contact Cameron Hall, director of annual giving, at 309-794-7176.
For the third time in the last five seasons, men’s basketball head coach Grey Giovanine earned national Coach of the Year honors for DIII. Giovanine led the 2018-2019 Vikings to a 26-4 record, the program’s fifth consecutive CCIW championship—a first in the 73-year history of the league—its sixth straight 20-win season and NCAA DIII Tournament appearance, and a trip to the Sweet 16 for the fifth year in a row. In addition to this year, Giovanine was *Basketball Times*’ DIII national Coach of the Year in 2015 and captured the same award from D3hoops.com in 2017. Giovanine sports a record of 415-142 (.745) in 20 seasons with the Vikings.

Follow all Vikings varsity teams at [athletics.augustana.edu](http://athletics.augustana.edu)