



Class of 1988 25-Year Reunion

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Children: Sam, Paul, & Gabe

I/we have 3 children & grandchildren

25 Years in a Nutshell

State briefly what you have done since you attended Augsburg: further schooling, your work, major events in your life—whatever you think would be of most interest to your classmates.

After graduating I started grad school at Iowa State;
got married; finished grad school earning a PhD in Chemistry;
moved to Urbana, IL for a post doc; celebrated the birth
of my first son, Samuel; moved to Charleston, IL for a
second post doc; welcomed son number 2, Paul; moved to
Rockford, IL for my first job as Assistant Professor of
Chemistry at Rockford College; welcomed son number 3, Gabe;
moved to Willmar, MN to work at Ridgewater College,
where I have taught for the last 15 years.
This is home.

Current Interests (travel, hobbies, volunteer work, etc):

Bow hunting for deer. Camping in the Boundary Waters
in northern Minnesota.

What do you remember from your time as a student? What are your treasured memories of Augsburg?

Coming from rural Minnesota, Augsburg was an oasis in the
big city.

What classes or faculty or staff influenced you most as a student?

Chem Profs Earle Alton & Joan Kung told me that
I could go to grad school and succeed.

What do you know now that you wish you would have known then?

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Spouse/Partner: Kristin Eggerling 1989
First Maiden Last Class Year (if attended Augsburg)
Children: 2 Soren + Finn
I/we have 2 children & 0 grandchildren

25 Years in a Nutshell

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I married Kristin Eggerling, class of 1989 @ the Augsburg Chapel. We have two sons, Soren age 15 and Finn age 12. I own and operate C&M Ford in Hallock MN and Roseau County Ford in Roseau MN. We live in Hallock, where I was born and raised. We also own a home in Minneapolis. We enjoy travelling and getting together with ~~several~~ friends from Augsburg. My hobbies are running and fishing.

Current Interests (travel, hobbies, volunteer work, etc):

Travel, Fishing, Running, Economic Development,
Strengths Training, DFL, Volunteering, Fundraising,
Spending time w/ family

What do you remember from your time as a student? What are your treasured memories of Augsburg? Safe sex party • Palmers + 400 Bar • Bailing Roommate from jail.

Classmates: Erik Blackstad, Keil C., Kyle B., Mark Z.

Roommates: Mohamed Bin Hassan, Jonathan Stensland

Housemates: Tim Hanson, Paul Schmidt, Teresa Hanson,
David Benrud, John Kolofski, Jonathan, and 2 others.

What classes or faculty or staff influenced you most as a student?

Native American Studies Class - 1984 (I'd love to find the instructor)

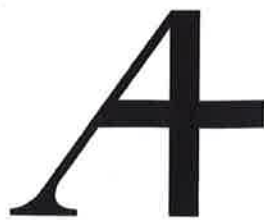
German Classes w/ Herr Steinmetz

What do you know now that you wish you would have known then?

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First Maiden Last
Children: Jack (15 yrs.) Eric (14 yrs.) Class Year (if attended Augsburg)
I/we have 2 children & 0 grandchildren

25 Years in a Nutshell

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I moved back to Chicago suburb and started my teaching career. 2 yrs. later moved back to MN and I have been w/ school dist. 622 since 1993. Tom & I were married in 1993. We have 2 boys - Jack⁽¹⁵⁾ a sophomore at N. High in N. St. Paul + Eric⁽¹⁴⁾ is in 5th grade. I have taught kindergarten for 19 years. I have also taught 1st grade, 2nd + 4th grade. I received my masters in ed. from Hamline in '97. Through Tom's work we have been able to travel to many different countries and experienced ~~the~~ continued life learning.

Current Interests (travel, hobbies, volunteer work, etc):

Running, reading, traveling

What do you remember from your time as a student? What are your treasured memories of Augsburg?

Meeting life long friends no matter
where ~~our~~ ~~lives~~ ~~have~~ we are!

What classes or faculty or staff influenced you most as a student?

Trudi Osness - fun spirit

What do you know now that you wish you would have known then?

? (smiley face)

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Spouse/Partner: Jennifer Christianson
First Maiden Last Class Year (if
attended Augsburg)

Children: _____Sophia (15) & Erik (9)_____

I/we have _____2_____ children & _____grandchildren

25 Years in a Nutshell

State briefly what you have done since you attended Augsburg: further schooling, your work, major events in your life—whatever you think would be of most interest to your classmates.

Received a Fulbright Fellowship to teach English at a high school in Germany (1988-1989). Also taught a university course there at the University of Mainz School of Applied Linguistics (Germersheim). Returned to MN and began M.A. studies in linguistics at the U of M. Completed a dual M.A. in applied linguistics and teaching English as a foreign language at Ball State University in Muncie, IN. Met my future wife, Jennifer, there. Moved to Japan to teach on the founding faculty of the University of Aizu, and lived there from 1993 through 1996. During that time, Jennifer and I got married in Hawaii, and she came to live in Aizu-Wakamatsu, Japan, with me. Returned to the U.S. in 1996 to work toward my PhD in linguistics at Michigan State University. Our daughter was born in 1998. Also began a side-gig as a golf writer for the TravelGolf.com web publications. Received a Fulbright Fellowship in Canada to complete my dissertation in psycholinguistics – sentence processing in the Odawa (Ottawa) language. Received my PhD in 2002. Moved to Amherst, MA, to do an NIH postdoc in psychology at UMass. Our son was born in 2003. Moved to Champaign-Urbana, IL, in 2004 to begin a tenure-track assistant professor position in the Department of Educational Psychology at the University of Illinois. Received tenure in 2010. Still do the golf, golf equipment, and travel writing as my schedule permits for the same websites, which have

been bought by The Golf Channel. I also publish restaurant reviews, essays, and poetry in local and regional publications, and appear on various media outlets to talk about golf and travel.

Current Interests (travel, hobbies, volunteer work, etc):

Golf, travel, food, wine, cooking, writing, my kids and their sports,

What do you remember from your time as a student? What are your treasured memories of Augsburg?

--Dr. Don Steinmetz & German class, including Yiddish class and a semester abroad in Vienna, Austria
--Life-long friendships forged in the dual furnaces of Urness and Mortenson Towers – so many talented, brilliant, caring people!
--Blondie's on the Avenue
--Working as the Men's Basketball Team student manager, and serving as interpreter on a team trip to Germany
--Working in the radio station, serving on Student Senate, and publishing in Murphy Square
--Taking courses at all the consortium schools and meeting such a wide variety of interesting, fascinating people

What classes or faculty or staff influenced you most as a student?

--Dr. Don Steinmetz
--Dr. Ron Palossari
--Classes in German, Yiddish, and Spanish at Augsburg; Chinese at Hamline; Japanese at Macalaster

What do you know now that you wish you would have known then?

--Computers will be really, REALLY important in less than 10 years. Take some computer science courses!

Additional Information:

(Please include anything else that you think would be of interest to your classmates)

Websites:

<http://www.travelgolf.com/departments/authorarchives/christianson.htm>

<http://beckman.illinois.edu/directory/person/kiel>

<http://epl.beckman.illinois.edu/>

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Spouse/Partner: Joseph DeGidio

Children:

25 Years in a Nutshell

State briefly what you have done since you attended Augsburg: further schooling, your work, major events in your life—whatever you think would be of most interest to your classmates.

I've worked in the private sector for 20+ years, the past 12 for Wells Fargo Institutional Retirement and Trust in Roseville, MN. My husband, Joe, works for Wells Fargo Equipment Finance in Minneapolis.

Joe and I met in 1997, married in 2003, and share our home with our two fur kids (cats), Gracie and Allie.

Current Interests (travel, hobbies, volunteer work, etc):

Working on finding time for my true passion of animal welfare reform and animal rescue.

What do you remember from your time as a student? What are your treasured memories of Augsburg?

What classes or faculty or staff influenced you most as a student?

What do you know now that you wish you would have known then?

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Spouse/Partner: Denise Anderson-Diptfenbach
First Maiden Last Class Year (if attended Augsburg)
Children: Madelyn & Ariah
I/we have _____ children & _____ grandchildren

25 Years in a Nutshell

State briefly what you have done since you attended Augsburg: further schooling, your work, major events in your life—whatever you think would be of most interest to your classmates.

- RECEIVED MSW - From Augsburg College
- Continue Working with Youth involved in Hennepin County - Corrections as a Gender Specific - Supervising Probation OFFICER - since 1999
- Married to my wonderful spouse, Denise!
- Adopted TWO of the MOST special girls/our daughters, Ariah-11 and Madelyn(13) - who bring Joy & inspiration every day to us!

Current Interests (travel, hobbies, volunteer work, etc):

• Volunteer Coach/coordinator - For Softball, soccer + Volleyball
at Lake Hiawatha Park - South Minneapolis -

What do you remember from your time as a student? What are your treasured memories of Augsburg?

- Playing Football - any season - in Murphy Park
- Late Night Pizza - STUDY SESSIONS For Finals
- When To College - First got To Macintosh Computers on campus!
- URNPS HALL.

What classes or faculty or staff influenced you most as a student?

• The Entire SW & Sociology Faculty!

What do you know now that you wish you would have known then?

• I learned @ Augsburg how to set the limit high & to go for it - Now I still do that, but it is much more meaningful when you share & guide that in another person!

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- Watch For The Tug of War World Championships - Madison, Sept. 2014
where I will be part of the US Team polling!

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25 Years in a Nutshell

State briefly what you have done since you attended Augsburg: further schooling, your work, major events in your life—whatever you think would be of most interest to your classmates.

After graduation, I took off for the east coast and served as a youth director for a church outside of Philadelphia. While I was there, I went to graduate school and received my MS in Higher Education Counseling. I spent a number of years as a Hall Director (taking my RA experience!) at Wittenberg University, University of Connecticut and Clemson University. While at Clemson, I got my second masters in Human Resource Development, focusing on Instructional Design.

I moved back to Minnesota in 1999 after graduating from Clemson and worked for 6 years at Target Corporation as a Training Specialist before landing my current position as Senior Training Consultant at Ameriprise Financial.

I have continued my involvement in theater, having participated in community theater productions in the various locations I have lived in over the past 25 years. It has served as a great personal outlet and an opportunity to meet people in the local communities. I even had an opportunity to perform with Sally Struthers at Bloomington Civic Theater several years ago.

I have also been working part-time at the State/Orpheum/Pantages theaters box office for 13 years. Over that time, I've gotten an opportunity to see many touring Broadway shows and other events at our venues.

I joined the Augsburg Alumni Board and have been actively involved in various activities surrounding the life of the Campus, getting connected with former classmates and building relationships with current staff and students at the College.

Current Interests (travel, hobbies, volunteer work, etc):

I have been involved in community theater and have volunteered in numerous activities through the corporate employee networks where I have worked and through Augsburg. I have traveled throughout much of the U.S. over the past 25 years as well as 3-week drive through Europe, 3-weeks in Australia and New Zealand and a wonderful trip to the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, being part of the Opening Ceremonies.

What do you remember from your time as a student? What are your treasured memories of Augsburg?

For this, that's a tough one. Skiing up in Quadna during a particularly COLD weekend, 3 weeks studying in Washington DC during my senior year, multiple band trips, serving as an Orientation Leader during the summer and of course life as an RA in Urness for two years — for that is what prompted my many years as a Hall Director after graduation! I think in some ways though, it was all those random days and nights, hanging out in the Urness lounges, staying up late "studying", house parties, and a circle of friends who influenced me in more ways than I can count.

What classes or faculty or staff influenced you most as a student?

For sure Norm Ferguson was an influence, for it was his Introduction to Psychology class that prompted my major. I was greatly influenced by the Admissions Counselors (Carol, Deb, Heidi, Sally, Jeanette, Eric, Scott, Flo and I'm sure I'm forgetting some!), having gotten to know them so well when I worked in the upstairs of the Admissions House and giving tours to perspective students to the Hall Directors (AJ and Sue) of Urness and Mortenson as they helped influence my decision to go into Residential Life after graduation. I also think that so many of my classmates have influenced me not only while at Augsburg but as we've continued developing that friendship after graduation.

What do you know now that you wish you would have known then?

Well, it's hard not to look back and think "if I only knew..." and wonder what would've happened had you known. During college I learned a lot about who I was as a person, but in 4 years you can't figure out everything! It takes life lessons each and every day to help you grow as a person. I know there are days when I wish I would've known everything about who I am and what life has to offer back in college, but then what fun would life after college have been?

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After graduating I started grad school at Iowa State;
got married; finished grad school earning a PhD in Chemistry;
moved to Urbana, IL for a post doc; celebrated the birth
of my first son, Samuel; moved to Charleston, IL for a
second post doc; welcomed son number 2, Paul; moved to
Rockford, IL for my first job as Assistant Professor of
Chemistry at Rockford College; welcomed son number 3, Gabe;
moved to Willmar, MN to work at Ridgewater College,
where I have taught for the last 15 years.
This is home.

Current Interests (travel, hobbies, volunteer work, etc):

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in northern Minnesota.

What do you remember from your time as a student? What are your treasured memories of Augsburg?

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big city.

What classes or faculty or staff influenced you most as a student?

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First Maiden Last Class Year (if attended Augsburg)

Children: _____

I/we have _____ children & _____ grandchildren

25 Years in a Nutshell

State briefly what you have done since you attended Augsburg: further schooling, your work, major events in your life—whatever you think would be of most interest to your classmates.

I earned master's and Ph.D. degrees in atmospheric and
oceanic sciences from Princeton University. I have
worked since 1993 at the NOAA Great Lakes Environmental
Research Lab in Ann Arbor, MI - except 2006, when I
worked at the NOAA Earth System Research Lab in Boulder, CO.
My work concentrates on interactions between climate and water
in the Great Lakes basin. My hobbies include singing, acting,
bicycling, skiing, and dog sledding. I recently went on a trip to
Holden Village retreat center in Washington State.



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Spouse/Partner: Mitch Olson

Children: Annika - 18, Anders - 15, Martin 11
First Maiden Last Class Year (if attended Augsburg)

I/we have 3 children & _____ grandchildren

25 Years in a Nutshell

State briefly what you have done since you attended Augsburg: further schooling, your work, major events in your life—whatever you think would be of most interest to your classmates.

- worked at Target HQ for 13 years
- Spent the last 11 years staying at home with the kids - doing tons of volunteer work with the schools
- loved our family vacations to Denmark, Sweden and Norway.
- spend lots of time at the hockey rink watching my boys play (even a few games at Augsburg!)

Current Interests (travel, hobbies, volunteer work, etc):

What do you remember from your time as a student? What are your treasured memories of Augsburg?

Freshman year living with Heidi.

Senior year living @ Miriam with 10 wonderful roommates

What classes or faculty or staff influenced you most as a student?

What do you know now that you wish you would have known when you were a student?



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Spouse/Partner: Helene (Horn) Todd

Children: Natalie (age 17), Carolyn (age 16), Christoph (age 12)

25 Years in a Nutshell

State briefly what you have done since you attended Augsburg: further schooling, your work, major events in your life—whatever you think would be of most interest to your classmates.

Wow! Really, 25 years? Tim met his wife Helene in Heidelberg, Germany. They were married in Paris, France on October 10th, 1992, and have 3 children ages 17, 16, and 12 (their eldest daughter Natalie, is a freshman in Neuroscience at NYU-Shanghai, China). They currently reside in Erie, Colorado

Tim has spent the past fifteen years in corporate finance, audit and treasury for major Pharmaceutical / Life Science companies in both Europe and the US. Most recently, Tim manages the finance and treasury operations of a publicly traded company with invested assets in excess of \$100 million. He also plays a lead role in the company's valuation and financing structure to obtain \$665 million in debt and equity placements.

Tim received his BA in Economics from Augsburg College and his MBA in International Business & Finance from Schiller International University in Heidelberg, Germany. Tim obtained his certification on financial markets and investment management as a Certified Treasury Professional (CTP) and is a member of the Body of Knowledge review committee for the Association for Finance Professionals (AFP). He is active in his community through his church and as a member of Rotary International and its local chapter.

After his mother suffered a stroke in September 2010, Tim became very involved in the management and ongoing health care needs of his parents. Tim's family recently celebrated the successful return of his mother to the family home, after 2-years of independent care facilities, close medical supervision and intensive physical and cognitive rehabilitation sessions. This in turn has led to a new and exciting venture where Tim is assisting Helene in the start-up of a home healthcare company, called Nurse Next Door. They successfully received their license approval in September 2013, and will begin providing skilled medical / nursing services for Boulder market, and surrounding communities.

Current Interests (travel, hobbies, volunteer work, etc):

Skiing, fly fishing, hockey and karate.

What do you remember from your time as a student? What are your treasured memories of Augsburg?

Bantering in the locker room (after hockey practice) with team mates and Ed Saugestad. Goofing off with the boys ... Blondie's.

What classes or faculty or staff influenced you most as a student?

Hmmm...memory fading.

What do you know now that you wish you would have known then?

It is what you learn **after** you graduate, that really matters... do well, but save the really hard work for the real world.

Additional Information:

(Please include anything else that you think would be of interest to your classmates)

Looking forward to seeing everyone – open invite to stop and stay next time in CO!

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