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NOTES FROM PRESIDENT PRIBBENOW

On the gifts who are our students

Last spring, a small group of Regents, faculty, staff, and alumni were charged by the Board of Regents with exploring long-term strategy for Augsburg, especially in light of shifting demographics, economic trends, and volatility in higher education.

It was an inspiring process as we reflected on how Augsburg would remain faithful to its historic distinctions, while at the same time being relevant to a changing world. Perhaps the most compelling conclusion of the Futures Group was that Augsburg would be its best self in the years ahead as it remains radically student-centered, meeting students where they are and equipping them for lives of meaning and purpose.

It is not a unique claim, this idea of being student-centered, but it is understood in diverse ways across higher education. For some, the claim means that students are customers or clients who deserve high-quality service. For others, it means that students are lumps of clay to be formed and shaped with particular values. For still others, the claim means that students are deeply engaged in the governance of the college or in its administrative decision-making.

At Augsburg, though, the claim of being radically student-centered means something very different. For our community, each student is a gift, a gift to be received with gratitude and humility, a gift that surprises and engages us, a gift that changes us. Each summer, I tell our incoming students that their gifts of intellect and leadership and passion will make Augsburg a more faithful and successful college, even as we accompany them on their

educational journeys. And I mean it.

This issue of Augsburg Now illustrates well how the gifts who are our students have made all of us better. Read about alumna **Maya Santamaria '94**, an entrepreneur whose Augsburg education has shaped her community work in Minneapolis. Witness the stories of our remarkable student-athletes, partnering with Special Olympics Minnesota to show how intellectual differences need not get in the way of teamwork and sportsmanship. Hear the stories of this year's Distinguished Alumni and Spirit of Augsburg awardees, whose lives are testaments to how Augsburg's mission is lived out across the world and generations.

And perhaps most powerfully, learn about how Gov. Mark Dayton declared August 29, 2016, as Augsburg College Equity Day in Minnesota, recognizing Augsburg for its commitment to diversity, inclusion, and justice. As one staff member told me on that special occasion, this work is "a love letter to our students," a recognition that our remarkably diverse students, who come to us with their many experiences and talents, are gifts that have changed us forever and for the better.

What gifts we have been given for almost 150 years! They ground our vision to be "a new kind of student-centered, urban university, small to our students and big for the world."

Faithfully yours,

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Fall 2016

This fall, Augsburg College hosted the national Lilly Fellows Program Conference. The event focused on the theme, "Reformed and Always Reforming: Faith, Science, Art, and Culture," and featured the Rev. Paul Oman, founder of Drawn to the Word ministry, who painted an artistic expression of the Reformation.



PHOTO BY RICKY TAYLOR '17

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On the cover

Augsburg College students show their school spirit at the 2016 Homecoming pep rally. Learn more about the celebration on pages 22-23. Photo by Caroline Yang.

Inset photo by Courtney Perry.

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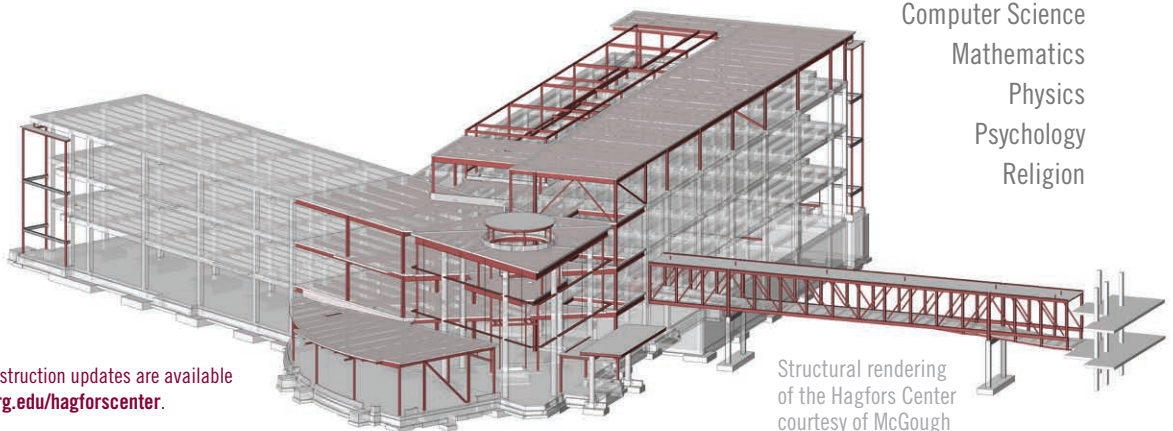
NEW ACADEMIC BUILDING SCALES HEIGHTS

The Norman and Evangeline Hagfors Center for Science, Business, and Religion is on track to open for classes in January 2018.

In the six months since the April 29 groundbreaking, McGough Construction and its subcontractors have completed the concrete work for the partial basement and most of the four floors of the north wing, and the three floors of the west wing. As the cement work has finished, the team has undertaken installation of electrical conduit, plumbing, and framing for interior walls.

The Hagfors Center brings together the study of global business, advanced science and technology, and religious dialogue. It is home to eight academic departments:

- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Psychology
- Religion



Weekly construction updates are available at augsborg.edu/hagforscenter.

Structural rendering of the Hagfors Center courtesy of McGough Construction



The AugSTEM Scholars Program, funded through a grant from the National Science Foundation, supports students pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). The scholars participated in Zyzzogeton, a celebration of student research.

\$1 MILLION GRANT PREPARES STUDENTS for graduate school, meaningful work

The National Science Foundation awarded Augsburg College a highly competitive \$1 million grant for continued support of the AugSTEM Scholars Program. Under the direction of Professor **Rebekah Dupont**, the program will provide scholarships to as many as 80 academically talented students with financial need who are pursuing studies in science, technology, engineering, and math.

The four-year grant is part of NSF's work to address the need for a high-quality, diverse workforce. With a traditional undergraduate student body that is more than 35 percent persons of color, Augsburg is well positioned to support this goal. The program provides direct financial support, delivers hands-on learning, offers research opportunities, and pairs each student with a faculty mentor. Research shows this combination of hands-on learning and close mentorship is highly effective in helping students leave college ready for graduate school and the workplace.

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Auggie earns "Most Promising Young Poet" national honor

Donte Collins '18 was named the "Most Promising Young Poet" by the Academy of American Poets this fall. His poem, "what the dead know by heart," previously won Augsburg's John R. Mitchell Prize, which qualified him for the prestigious competition. Collins is a theater major who is active in the local, regional, and national spoken word and poetry scene. Collins told Minnesota Public Radio that he plans to use the \$1,000 prize from the award to self-publish his first collection of poetry, a chapbook called "autopsies."

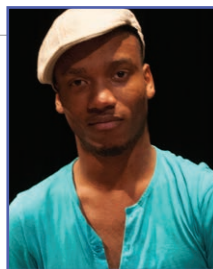


PHOTO BY RICKY TAYLOR '17

COLLEGE AWARDS 2016

President's Interfaith and Community Service Honor Roll—Finalist with Distinction:

Augsburg College was one of five finalists in the United States named to the prestigious President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction in the interfaith community service category. This is the seventh year the College has earned this recognition.

Best Regional Universities by U.S. News & World Report:

U.S. News & World Report named Augsburg one of the best universities in the Midwest. Rankings are based on factors including average first-year retention rates, graduation rates, class sizes, student-to-faculty ratios, acceptance rates, and more.

Augsburg recognized for being student-

centered: The Wall Street Journal and Times Higher Education ranked Augsburg No. 2 in Minnesota for student engagement in the learning process in their inaugural ranking of U.S. colleges and universities. The student engagement score is based largely on results of a student survey that addressed how challenging classes are, whether they foster critical thinking and prompt students to make connections to the real world, and how much interaction the students have with faculty and other students.

50 Best Disability Friendly Colleges and

Universities: College Choice ranked Augsburg No. 13 of the 50 Best Disability Friendly Colleges and Universities in 2016 for having strong programming and solid support services that meet the physical, social, and academic requirements of students with learning disabilities and special needs.

Best LGBT Friendly Colleges and Universities:

College Choice ranked Augsburg among the 50 Best LGBT Friendly Colleges and Universities in 2016 for having a strong and proven history of creating quality programming for the LGBT community and its allies.

Augsburg partners with **MINNESOTA PUBLIC RADIO** to deliver Strommen Engagement Series

A new partnership with Minnesota Public Radio means the Augsburg College Strommen Engagement Series is poised to spark dialogue on some of the state's pressing contemporary issues. The reimagined Strommen Engagement Series was created in collaboration with MPR as part of the "Conversations on the Creative Economy" program hosted by Chris Farrell. He is a senior economics contributor at Marketplace, American Public Media's nationally syndicated public radio business and personal finance program.

For the 2016-17 academic year, MPR and Augsburg will explore:

- **Living in Recovery—Working in a Culture of Alcohol:** A discussion on the health cost to a business when employees are chemically dependent and how professionals in recovery are working to remove the stigma of addiction and the culture of drinking in business.
- **Global Food in a Farm-to-Table World:** A discussion on how companies are adapting to environmental and consumer demands to be more sustainable and still grow food for 7 billion people.
- **Worship in the Workplace:** A discussion about the business advantages of accommodating the faith traditions of employees and how leaders navigate these situations.
- **Banking on the Unbankable:** A discussion on how financial institutions create both a business product and a social good for people who traditionally would not have access to financial tools.



Go to augsburg.edu/now for details.

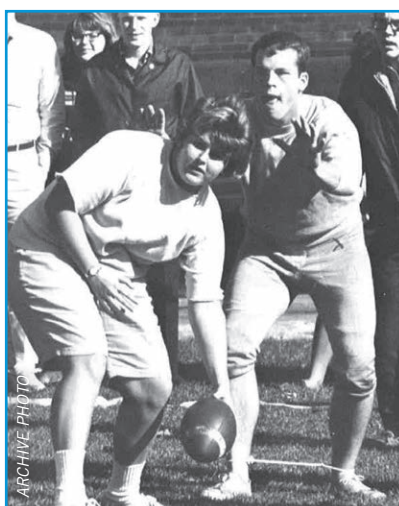
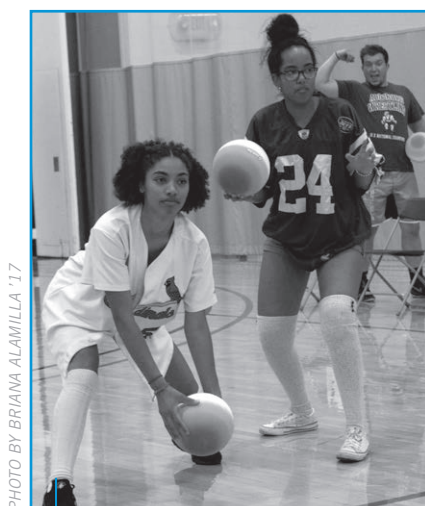


Governor declares **'AUGSBURG COLLEGE EQUITY DAY'**

Gov. Mark Dayton declared Aug. 29, 2016, "Augsburg College Equity Day" in recognition of the College's commitment to equity and justice, and its efforts to close the opportunity gap in Minnesota.

President Paul Pribbenow met with leaders of the Minneapolis Star Tribune editorial board to discuss Minnesota's educational achievement gap among children and youth of diverse backgrounds. The state has one of the largest achievement gaps in the nation, and Augsburg is working to ensure all students of academic ability have access to higher education. The College's pledge to this work includes limited debt pathways to graduation, setting aside dedicated housing for homeless students, increasing financial aid literacy, supporting faculty in creating inclusive classrooms, and increasing access to course materials.

The College was applauded for this leadership through a compelling editorial, "Augsburg College leads the call for campus equity," written and published by the Star Tribune editorial board on Aug. 30.



NOW AND THEN: **AUGGIE HOMECOMING**

All good Homecoming celebrations need some friendly competition, right? This year, Augsburg College students got into the competitive spirit at a dodgeball tournament that pitted Auggie against Auggie in a battle testing speed, agility, and ... fashion sense. The event's companion costume contest proved to be a lighthearted update on a long-time tradition. Coed sporting events have been part of Augsburg Homecoming for decades, and the outfits seem to get better with time.

See highlights from Homecoming on pages 22-23.

[Left]: Current students play dodgeball in Si Melby gymnasium. [Right]: **Jan (Koepcke) Steller '66**, a member of this year's 50th reunion class, snaps the football during a 1965 coed Homecoming matchup.



Music therapy major **Tristan Gavin '16** records a composition for use at the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital.

AROUND THE QUAD

SOOTHING SOUNDS:

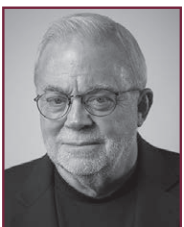
Auggies compose music for pediatric patients

Augsburg College music therapy students created original compositions to help patients and families at the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital get better sleep.

During the 2016 spring semester, students in the Music Therapy Senior Seminar course taught by **Annie Heiderscheit**, director of the Master of Music Therapy program, wrote lullabies as part of a community partnership.

The music therapy students worked with music business students and their advisor, Augsburg Instructor **Dain Estes**, to produce high-quality recordings for use on the hospital's network of digital, interactive health care features. Individuals can choose to play the calming tunes using devices in their hospital rooms. The Auggies' compositions also are part of a pilot study that is exploring whether listening to music helps improve sleep quality in patients and families who use it in the pediatric intensive care unit.

CONVOCATION SERIES 2016-17



Augsburg College's annual convocation series offers the community meaningful opportunities to engage with contemporary issues and to hear from speakers who are renowned in their fields.

In September, the series kicked off with the **Bernhard M. Christensen Symposium** featuring bestselling author, public theologian, and social activist Jim Wallis and his presentation, "The Bridge to a New America." Wallis is president and founder of Sojourners, a nonprofit, faith-based organization whose mission is to put faith into action for social justice.

In November, the **Center for Wellness and Counseling Convocation** welcomed Kristin Neff, an education psychologist and associate professor of human development and culture at the University of Texas at Austin. Her presentation was titled, "Self-Compassion: How to be an Inner Ally Rather than an Inner Enemy."



COURTESY PHOTOS



SAVE THE DATE:

Join us on **Monday, Jan. 16**, for the **Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation**.

All events are free, public, and held in the Foss Center. For detailed information, go to augsborg.edu/convo.



Jeffrey Nodland '77



Nicholas Gangestad '86



Dr. Amit Ghosh
'12 MBA



Rev. Marlene
Whiterabbit Helgemo



Rachel Pringnitz '02,
'07 MBA



Jill Nelson Thomas



Noya Woodrich '92,
'94 MSW

PHOTOS BY MARK CHAMBERLAIN

BOARD OF REGENTS WELCOMES NEW CHAIR AND MEMBERS

Jeffrey Nodland '77, president and chief executive officer of KIK Custom Products, was elected chair of the Augsburg College Board of Regents at its April 2016 meeting and began his term July 1. Nodland will play a key leadership role in Augsburg's planning and fundraising initiatives.

In addition, the Augsburg Corporation, at its annual September meeting, elected six new members to the Board of Regents and re-elected three members.

Elected to their first term on the Augsburg Board of Regents:

- **Nicholas Gangestad '86**, senior vice president and chief financial officer of 3M
- **Dr. Amit Ghosh '12 MBA**, a staff consultant, professor of medicine, and medical director of internal practice at Mayo Clinic
- **Rev. Marlene Whiterabbit Helgemo**, an ordained Lutheran pastor serving All Nations Indian Church of the United Church of Christ and executive director of the Council for American Indian Ministry of the UCC
- **Rachel Pringnitz '02, '07 MBA**, operations administrator for the Division of General Internal Medicine at Mayo Clinic
- **Jill Nelson Thomas**, philanthropist and board member for multiple nonprofits, including Family & Children's Services of Oklahoma
- **Noya Woodrich '92, '94 MSW**, former president and chief executive officer of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches

Elected to a second or third term:

- **Mark Eustis**, an organizational leadership and governance advisor for health systems
- **Alexander Gonzalez '90**, financial consultant at Thrivent Financial
- **Pam Moksnes '79**, vice president for gift planning services, Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, through the Lutheran Church Extension Fund

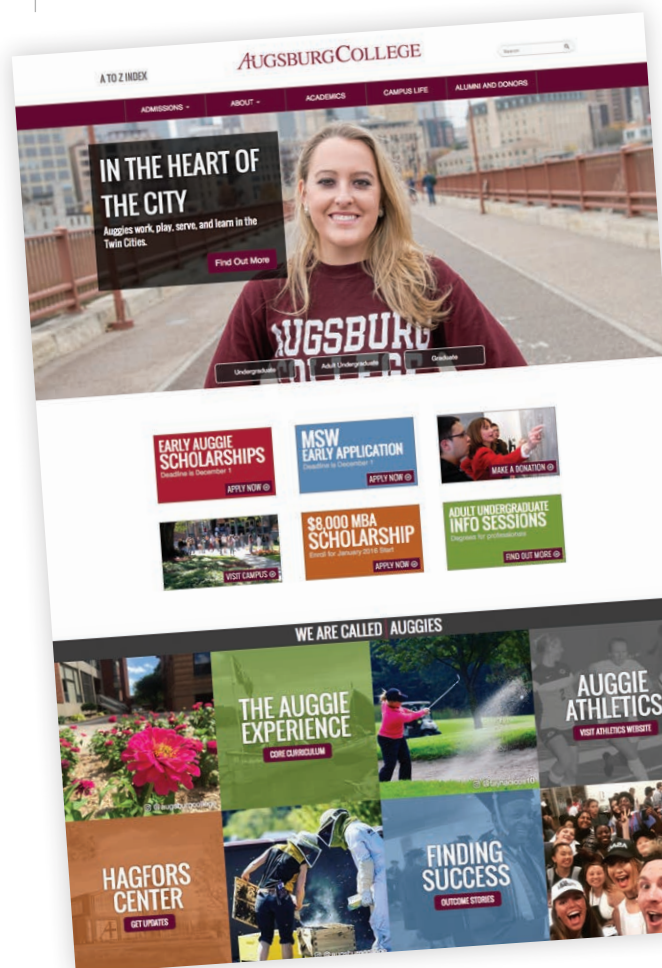
HOME SWEET HOMEPAGE:

Augsburg launches redesigned website

College and university websites are often the first place students turn to for reliable information when they research schools. This fall, Augsburg unveiled a website redesign offering prospective students a fresh experience and encouraging them to learn more about the College.

The new look took more than a year to research, plan, design, and develop. Now this work is on display on the site's top-level sections, which showcase how Augsburg positively influences Auggies from their first day in class to decades after graduation.

 Visit augsburg.edu to see the new design.





ON THE SPOT

A look at erratic weather and climate change with John Zobitz

“Do we live in the tropics?”

In early fall, a Minneapolis Star Tribune article asked this question. While readers surely answered “no,” the story described the recent soggy summer in which Midwestern Regional Climate Center weather data showed the Twin Cities got twice as much rain as usual in August, contributing to the fourth-wettest summer since records began in 1895.

Associate Professor **John Zobitz** studies math and how it relates to climate. Scientists point to more carbon dioxide in the atmosphere as one of the culprits in global warming. Zobitz uses mathematical modeling to conduct environmental science research on several topics, including carbon uptake.

For years, Zobitz has helped media make sense of unusual weather across the country. He commented on record-setting snowfall in Buffalo, New York, following a November 2014 blast, as well as the return of wintry weather during an April 2013 whiteout in Augsburg’s own backyard. Here’s a glimpse into the world of climate science—an area where the forecast can have more to do with mathematical formulas than tomorrow’s high temp.

Q: How can mathematicians’ expertise help environmental scientists and climatologists?

A: Mathematicians test and evaluate hypotheses through mathematical and computational models. We model and benchmark future global temperatures based on current scenarios, hopefully providing an informed context for climate policy decisions.

Q: Hasn’t the Earth always warmed and cooled throughout history?

A: Yes, but what is alarming is both the amount and the rate of the increase. The global monthly temperature has been warmer than average for 360 consecutive months (that’s every month during the past 30 years). That persistent global pattern underscores a shift in global temperature beyond natural temperature cycles.

Q: Do unusually cold temperatures in an area dispute global warming?

A: No. An important thing to remember is that global temperature represents

an average across a global network of monitoring stations. Climate change will affect each area differently: some areas might warm and some areas may cool, but the overall trend of global temperature is increasing.

Q: Do you think climate change is inevitable?

A: A key concept in calculus is the accumulation of smaller pieces to one larger whole. If we want to reduce climate change, small changes in our daily lives such as driving less and reducing waste, together, may accumulate to a large effect.

Q: What does it mean to our future, as human beings, if climate change continues as it has in the past 30 years?

A: We need to recognize that we live in a rapidly changing world where “normal weather” is the exception rather than the rule. Adapting—and innovating—in an environment of constant change will become key for success.



ALISON RANUM '17

Roy and Eleanor Krohn Scholarship

Hometown: Minneapolis

Studying: Biology and Exercise Science

With thanks: "College is an expensive investment, and without the donors who have been so kind to help me along the way, attending Augsburg College would not be an option for me. Thank you so much."



NAZIH SAFI '17

Beverly Durkee Mathematics Scholarship

Hometown: Eden Prairie, Minnesota

Studying: Mathematics and Management Information Systems

With thanks: "Thank you for your continuous support of student learning. It feels good to know that I go to a college where the alumni really care about furthering their alma mater."

2015-16 AUGSBURG COLLEGE ANNUAL REPORT TO DONORS

To the people who understand that together we can build and shape a campus, a community, and the world for lifetimes to come, thank you.

To the people who are hard-working, inspired, and trying to make a difference and impact the future locally and internationally, thank you.

To the 4,965 individuals who gave \$17,689,103 for multiple programs, projects, and funds, thank you.

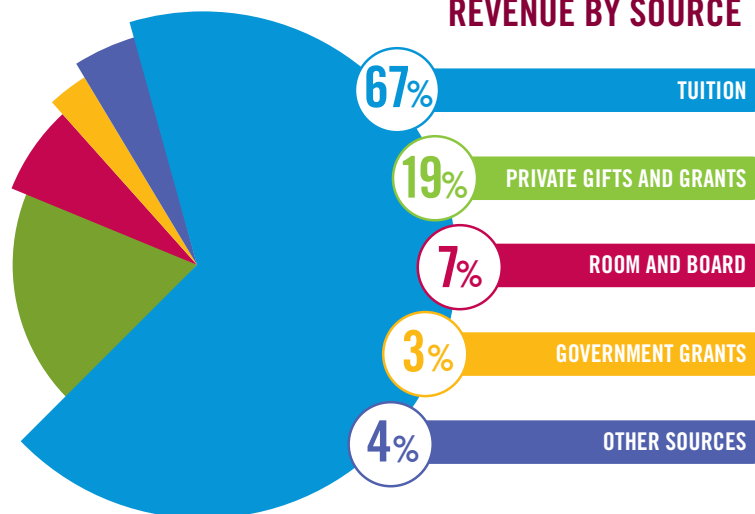
To the community who gave \$1,551,262 to the Augsburg Fund, thank you.

Thank you for making this community a place where we are developing informed citizens, thoughtful stewards, critical thinkers, and responsible leaders.

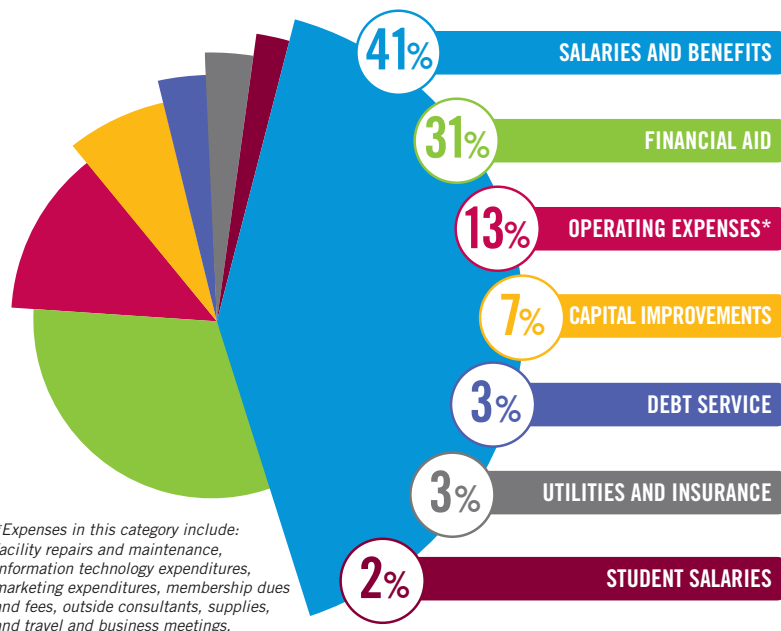
Whether you were a student 50 or five years ago or are a friend of Augsburg College, Auggies like you are what keep an Augsburg education sustainable, faithful, and relevant long into the future.

Thank you.

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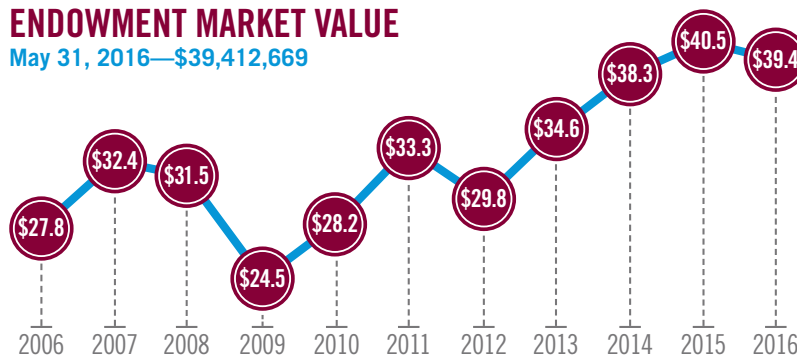


EXPENSES BY CATEGORY



ENDOWMENT MARKET VALUE

May 31, 2016—\$39,412,669



As of May 31, 2016, Augsburg College had annual realized and unrealized losses of 3.23 percent on the College endowment. The five-year average annual return on the endowment is 3.52 percent, and the 10-year average annual return is 3.49 percent. The College is committed to maintaining the value of the principal to provide support to the College in perpetuity.



MIKE SHAW '17

Professor Jeanne Boeh and Mr. Bernhard Fleming Economics Scholarship

Hometown: Minneapolis

Studying: Business Administration and Economics

Augsburg College's influence: "Augsburg has pushed me to do my absolute best at school and forced me to think how I can use the skills I am developing to help my community."



PLAY WITH PURPOSE

Special Olympics Minnesota
and Augsburg College team up

BY KATE H. ELLIOTT

HUNDREDS OF FANS LINE STURDY OAK BLEACHERS.

All eyes are on a group of athletes in college basketball jerseys. There are short ones, tall ones, fast ones, and slow ones—some having good days and others feeling off their game.

An athlete flies through the air, dunking a ball. High-fives, cheers, and clapping echo through the rafters. Moments later, voices rise.

“No, no, the other way,” shouts an encouraging spectator trying to prompt an athlete dribbling with authority toward the wrong basket. A foul, some underhand throws, and then a pause for a player with a medical issue. Play resumes.

More commotion. Sneakers skid across the gym floor as the spectrum of abilities and disabilities blurs.

Then, the buzzer sounds, but the final score isn't the focus given the diversions of smiling, sweaty faces and celebratory exchanges among athletes.

The February game brought together teams comprising athletes from Augsburg College, Hamline University, and Special Olympics Minnesota—the first in a series of ongoing Unified Sports competitions that pair individuals with and without intellectual disabilities. Auggie participation reflects the Augsburg Athletic Department's broader effort—spearheaded by its Student-Athlete Advisory Committee—to engage student-athletes in meaningful, life-changing community service.

And in this game, everyone wins: dozens of student-athletes such as **Sean Adams '17** are building lasting bonds and gaining a more sophisticated understanding of ability; Minnesota's more than 8,000 Special Olympics athletes such as **Alec Kelsey** are gaining confidence, training, and lifelong friends; and



Augsburg alumni such as **Steele Krause '16**, are leading informed, engaged lives after graduation.

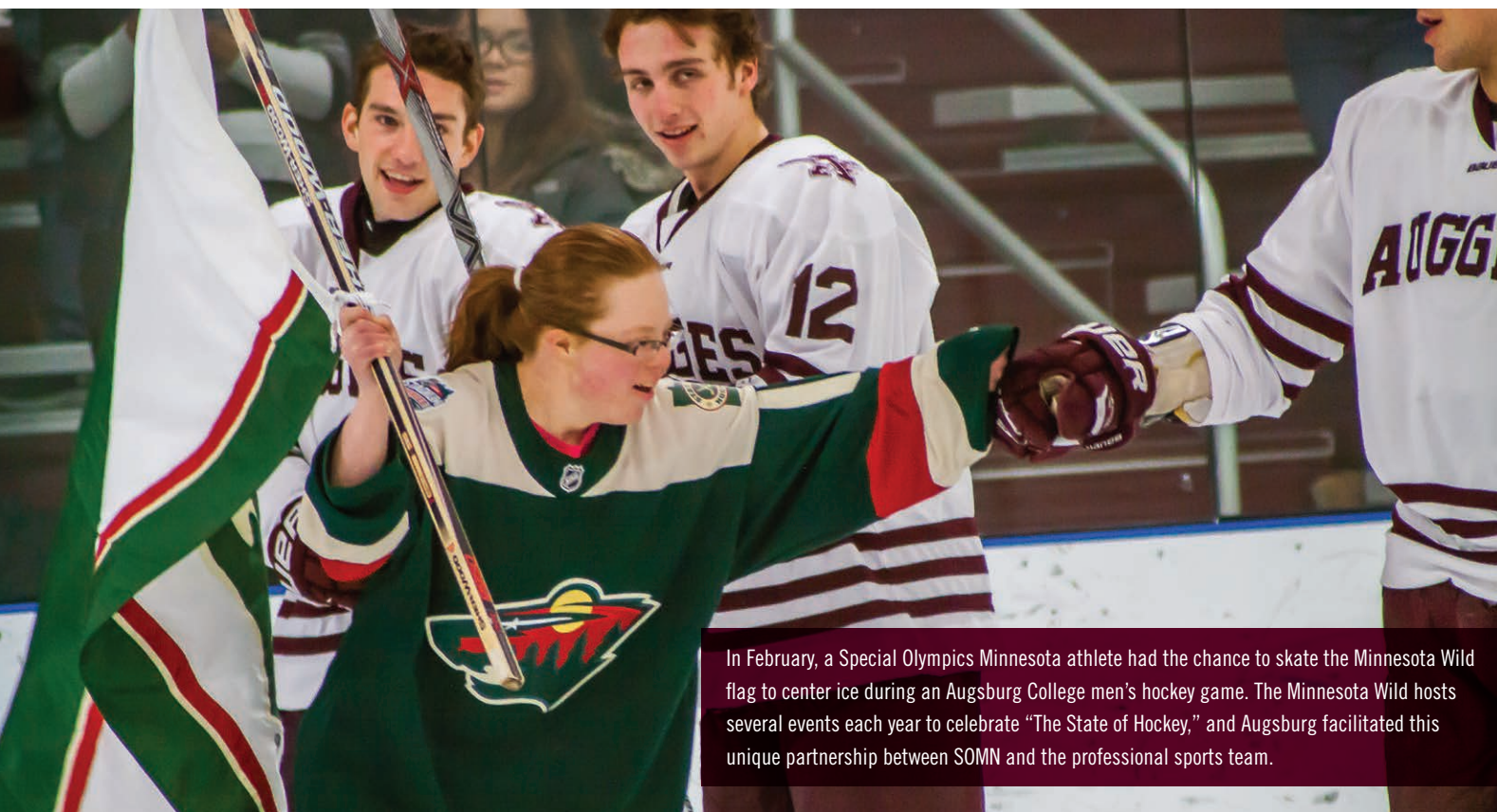
Krause said volunteerism through Augsburg transformed his idea of service from “checking a box” to a way of life.

“At Augsburg, my idea of service evolved from logging hours to serving with purpose and gaining a true understanding of each organization,” said the former men's basketball player now living in Denver. “Last week, I stopped by the Colorado Special Olympics office to learn more about ways to get involved.”

Augsburg's embrace of unified competition in the past year has intensified personal connections and impact, said Adams, a captain of Augsburg's men's cross country and men's track and field teams.

“Out there on the court, it didn't matter whether someone had a disability or not; we were all working toward a common goal and all had strengths to contribute to the team,” he said, reflecting on a Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Special Olympics D-III Week Unified Basketball Tournament held in April at Macalester College. “Playing alongside others—next to their pure love for the game and competition—reminds me why I love sports.”

The winner of each Augsburg-Hamline Unified Rivalry competition—such as the basketball game pictured—earns the “Unified Hammer,” a trophy similar to the ceremonial sledge hammer passed since 2005 between the schools each time their varsity football teams square off.



In February, a Special Olympics Minnesota athlete had the chance to skate the Minnesota Wild flag to center ice during an Augsburg College men's hockey game. The Minnesota Wild hosts several events each year to celebrate "The State of Hockey," and Augsburg facilitated this unique partnership between SOMN and the professional sports team.

PHOTO BY KEVIN HEALY

A CHAMPION SCHOOL

Augsburg has partnered with Special Olympics since 2011, when NCAA Division III formally began supporting the organization's efforts to provide year-round training and competition for more than 5.3 million children and adults in 170 countries. But Augsburg upped its game in 2016 by committing to pair with Special Olympics Minnesota each month of the academic year. SOMN named Augsburg a Champion School, one of only five institutions in the state recognized for student leadership and advocacy, campus involvement, and participation in Unified Sports.

Michael Kane, vice president of SOMN's area programs and initiatives, said the organization is eager to strengthen existing collaborations, including regional bowling championships, hockey tournaments, and the organization's most popular fundraiser, the Polar Plunge—during which Auggies, along with thousands of Minnesotans, jump into icy lakes.

Augsburg's passionate drive to advance understanding, acceptance, and healthy living is elevating SOMN's reach and reputation, particularly among the next generation.

"Augsburg College is a great example of an institution striving to make inclusion a reality," Kane said. "Students and staff have fully embraced Special

Olympics Minnesota by volunteering at competitions and planning to host a wide variety of events and activities. Hundreds of Augsburg students have stood up to make these events and activities possible."

STUDENT-LED COMMITTEE ADVANCES COMMITMENT

Guiding Augsburg's increased involvement is the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, a group of about 50 student-athlete volunteers committed to enriching the student experience through a range of relevant service opportunities. **Jane Becker** is Augsburg's head volleyball coach and athletic community service coordinator, and **Jennifer Jacobs** is an assistant athletic director, assistant volleyball coach and advisor for SAAC, overseeing the student-run organization with representation from all of Augsburg's 21 teams.

The pair talk at length about the importance of student-athletes connecting with the community. Augsburg student-athletes and teams host clinics and open gyms for neighboring schools, help area churches renovate, and build partnerships—like the Unified Rivalry with Hamline—to foster lasting friendships and healthy competition.

Becker and Jacobs lift up the committee's work with Special Olympics because it advances the lessons of

AUGSBURG AS A CHAMPION SCHOOL

Augsburg is one of only five Special Olympics Champion Schools in Minnesota. The designation is granted to institutions that excel in three areas: Unified Sports, student leadership and advocacy, and campus involvement.

- **Unified Sports:** Augsburg student-athletes participate alongside Special Olympics Minnesota athletes in clinics and competitions. In partnership with Hamline University, Auggies cofounded the first Unified Rivalry in Minnesota. Special Olympics Minnesota created the Unified Hammer trophy given to the winner of these competitions throughout the year.
- **Student Leadership and Advocacy:** The more than 50 student-athlete leaders on Augsburg's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee work with SOMN to activate students, engage faculty, and promote communities of acceptance.
- **Campus Involvement:** Augsburg student-athletes have enthusiastically recruited students to create teams for the Polar Plunge and other key SOMN events held throughout the year. The campus also has held Respect Campaigns, including Spread the Word to End the Word, which discourages people from using demeaning, offensive, or inaccurate terms.

"Our events are volunteer driven, and I'm just not sure what we would do without Augsburg student-athletes volunteering at every turn," said Devin Kaasa, the college partnership and competition manager for SOMN. "Their work fosters respect and dignity for people with intellectual disabilities and changes actions and attitudes among their peers without intellectual disabilities."

determination, teamwork, and heart that coaches promote on the court and in the field. They hear of perceptions changed and career paths adjusted because of these meaningful experiences.

"Our student-athletes are putting in long hours of competition, making grades, and then giving themselves to others," said Jacobs. "The amount of time and energy our student-athletes dedicate to Special Olympics and other volunteer opportunities is inspiring. They are committed to making an impact, relationship building, and experiential learning."

Rachel Frantz '17, co-president of SAAC, said she and her peers are energized by the heart and competitiveness of Special Olympics athletes. She has friends such as Tom, who competes in speed walking and swimming. Non-verbal, Tom communicates through sign and body language.

"His favorite gesture," Frantz said, "is his signature hug that last about three minutes."

It's hard to let go of those types of connections.

"Special Olympics athletes teach me how to come as I am and do my best. They support one another and foster a positive environment where each athlete can grow," said the biology major, who has participated for the past six years in Special Olympics events, including jumping in an icy lake during the Polar Plunge, competing in a unified basketball game, and volunteering at basketball, swimming, and track and field events, which happen to be her favorite.

"The athletes are always congratulating all of their competitors, regardless of their finish," Frantz said. "I love cheering them on as they achieve a new personal record or finish a difficult race."

LASTING BONDS AMONG PEERS, IN COMMUNITY

Beyond friendships and lasting memories within the community, these experiences inspire bonds among Augsburg student-athletes as well as the general student body, many of whom also serve Special Olympics.

Frantz, a competitor in lacrosse, cross country, and track, who likes snorkeling, rock climbing, and choir, might not have gotten to know Adams, who plays guitar and acts in his roommate's short films. But, through SAAC, the two have volunteered together, growing closer with every project.

"It's been a privilege to build upon the good work of those who led the committee before us," said Adams, who serves as co-chair of SAAC's volunteering committee. "The evolution to unified competitions and partnerships



Members of the Augsburg football team volunteer at the 2016 Fall Games organized by Special Olympics Minnesota.

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with other colleges in the area is expanding our reach and feels more authentic and influential than cheering from the sidelines.”

Friends across the river, Hamline’s SAAC advisor and women’s volleyball coach **Becky Egan** and senior softball player **Mary-Clare Couillard**, said they, too, have big hopes to grow from several rivalry games to multiple contests and volunteer efforts throughout the year.

“Our campuses can have such a positive impact for Special Olympics athletes, and I hope to see us doing all that we can to help out,” said Couillard, who has interned with Special Olympics since June.

Egan echoed her sentiments.

“Since our campuses are so close, it is easy for our student-athletes to travel and stay excited about volunteering,” Egan said. “The more inclusive we become with other schools in our conference, the healthier the competitions become across our other sports, and it broadens connections among all our student-athletes.”

DIVERSE, EXPANSIVE EFFORTS

Devin Kaasa, the college partnership and competition manager for SOMN, is the main contact for schools in the MIAC as they build and strengthen their relationship with the nonprofit. Kaasa, whose brother has participated in Special Olympics for 20 years, said he has been showcasing positive Augsburg-Hamline outcomes to promote similar interactions among the conference’s 13 schools.

“Our athletes look up to student-athletes because of their abilities and energy. To some, these college students are like professionals, and playing alongside them is such a thrill,” Kaasa said. “I love Augsburg because they are always up for trying a new idea, and I can always count on them to serve.”

Augsburg’s involvement with SOMN has been diverse and expansive, growing in size and scope with each

“Augsburg College is a great example of an institution striving to make inclusion a reality.”

—Michael Kane

passing year. During a January 2016 game against Saint Mary’s University, the Augsburg College women’s hockey team recognized more than 100 Special Olympics athletes in attendance with a ceremonial puck drop prior to the game. Proceeds from puck purchases for a halftime “Chuck-A-Puck” competition benefitted SOMN. The following weekend, the hockey players volunteered at the Special Olympics Minnesota State Poly Hockey Tournament.

In early March, Auggies raised more than \$1,000 for the 19th annual Polar

Plunge event at Lake Calhoun in Minneapolis. The 2016 plunge season raised more than \$3.9 million for Special Olympics’

athletic, health, and leadership programs for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

Just this September, members of the Augsburg football team helped out with SOMN’s Fall Games where athletes competed in equestrian, softball, bocce,



PHOTO BY MATT HIGGINS, MIAC



and golf events.

Each month, the NCAA Division III features a Special Olympics Spotlight Poll, asking fans to vote on one of three compelling stories highlighting efforts at various institutions and conferences. With 1,300 votes, the MIAC won the July spotlight (and \$500 toward its next Special Olympics event) for hosting the first-ever conference-wide unified tournament.

Mark Kelsey's son, Alec, was among the 50 Special Olympics athletes who competed alongside student-athletes from Augsburg, Carleton, Hamline, Macalester, St. Catherine, and St. Thomas in an eight-team, double-elimination tournament held during the fifth annual NCAA Division III Week in April.

At 6-foot-2, 25-year-old Alec loves basketball, lives for the moment, and never looks for an excuse to quit, even after a seizure on the court.

"Special Olympics athletes represent the best of what sports has to offer—no fear, no nerves, no hate, all heart," said Kelsey, who started the West Metro Warriors Special Olympics delegation in

the Twin Cities 10 years ago.

"Alec rarely gets through a game without a seizure, but I cannot tell you how excited and proud he and his fellow athletes are to play with college student-athletes. We were particularly impressed with Augsburg's showing at the tournament ... while one team played, the other team cheered with Special Olympics athletes. It was magical, and I can only hope those Auggies were so moved in such a deep and positive way that they become forever advocates for inclusion and acceptance."

EXPERIENCE 'STICKS WITH YOU'

As a recent graduate, Krause regularly reflects on the intersection of athletic, religious, and academic experiences he enjoyed at Augsburg. His time learning to live with purpose "sparked a craving for personal and communal excellence" and a desire to create a stable, nourishing, and joyful environment for his community.

"Being involved with SOMN was

humbling and gratifying ... and being able to use my knowledge and skills within various sports is empowering," said Krause, a former SAAC co-president who works as an account manager for Pacific Office Automation. "I am extremely proud to be an Auggie, and I will always refer myself as such. Augsburg's commitment to community is astounding, and it keeps getting better every year."

At Augsburg, Krause said, he learned that volunteering is as much about self-reflection after the experience as it is about the outcome of the service. Only then can people begin to understand more about the world around them and assess (and possibly adjust) their attitudes and actions.

"I no longer just show up to volunteer and then leave when the job is done," he said. "It sticks with me, urging me to think about how my involvement and experiences shape my life, and how I can continue to make a difference." ■



To learn more about Augsburg's athletic teams and service, including Auggie involvement with Special Olympics, go to augsburg.edu/now.



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[Far left]: The Augsburg-Hamline Unified Rivalry series began with basketball games and has grown to include several activities. The schools hosted a flag football game in October and will sponsor a softball game this spring.

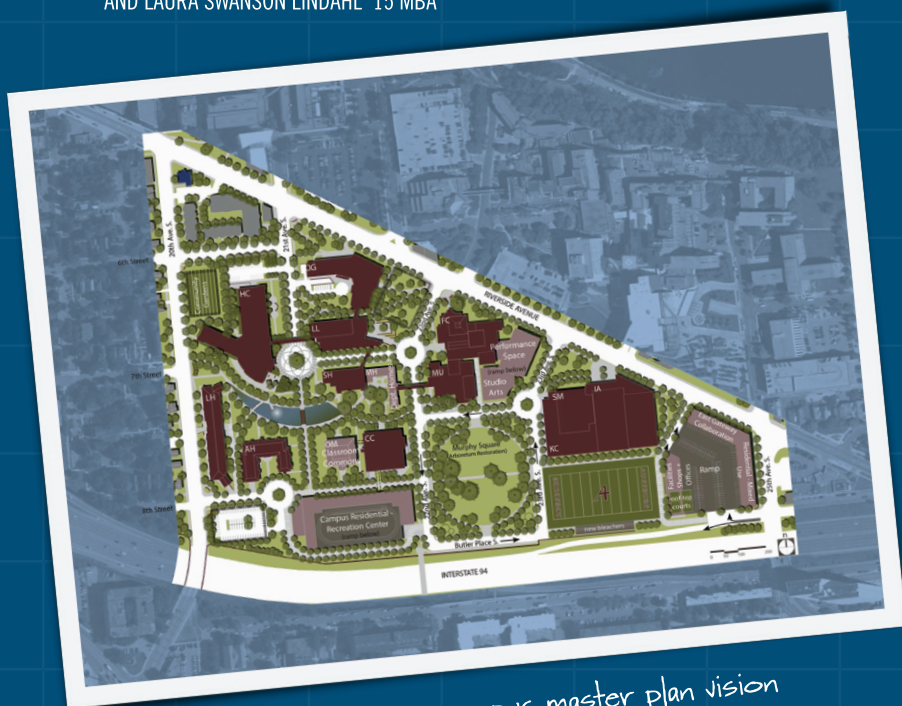
[Center photos]: Augsburg football players helped facilitate softball and bocce ball activities at the 2016 Fall Games series organized by Special Olympics Minnesota.

[Far right]: Athletes take a break from the action during a MIAC conference-wide unified basketball tournament held in April at Macalester College.

THE SPACE TO LEARN

A 20-year vision

BY REBECCA JOHN '13 MBA
AND LAURA SWANSON LINDAHL '15 MBA

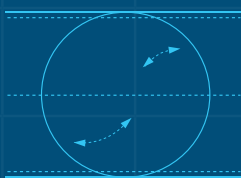


A map of the 20-year campus master plan vision

*If you imagine the
Augsburg College campus,
what do you see?*

With just 23 acres, bound by Interstate 94, the University of Minnesota, and the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood, Augsburg's Minneapolis campus needs careful planning to ensure it remains a vibrant, efficient, and sustainable learning environment. This fall, the Augsburg College Board of Regents approved the College's 2016 campus master plan, the work of a cross-campus task force that lays out a 20-year vision for Augsburg's Minneapolis location.

Here is a snapshot of some of the major initiatives illustrated in the plan plus insights from Campus Master Plan Task Force members.



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The Quad

One of the top near-term priorities in the campus master plan is to extend and reimagine the Augsburg College quad. The existing quad, just outside the front door of Christensen Center, is enclosed by five buildings. Upon completion of the Norman and Evangeline Hagfors Center for Science, Business, and Religion, however, many of the department and program offices now housed in Science Hall will relocate, offering the College the opportunity to raze that building and open the existing quad's western border to make the new signature academic building visible from the campus core.

Expanding the quad east-to-west will create a ribbon of pedestrian traffic—a greenway—connecting the Hagfors Center on the west and Murphy Square in the east to the pulse of campus and community life.

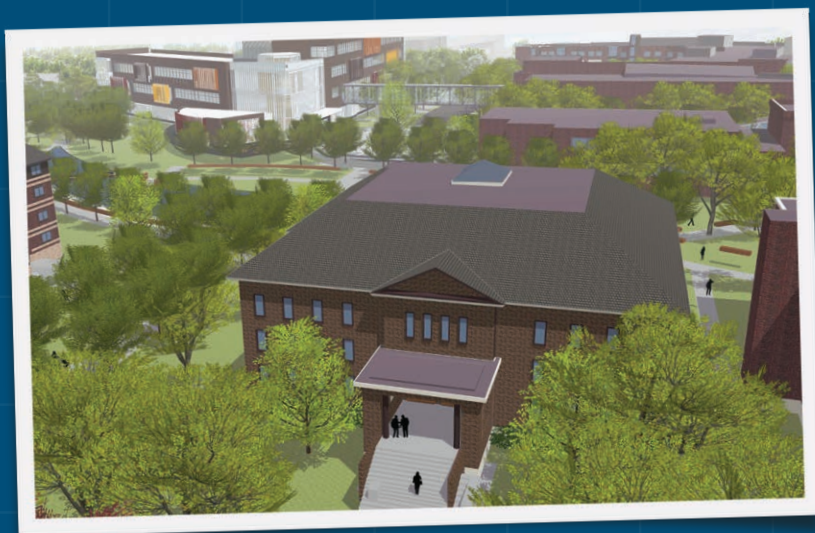


The expanded quad green space and stormwater feature

Old Main

Another high priority in the campus master plan is the restoration of Old Main. The historic beauty of the College's oldest standing building makes it a centerpiece for student learning as well as for welcoming alumni, community members, and special guests.

Key features of the project include refurbishing the original, multi-story skylight at the center of the building and restoring the chapel space to host events and gatherings. With the north doorway of Old Main opening directly to the extended quad, Old Main will sit at the heart of campus. New, more accessible entrances and updated elevators will make the building more welcoming to all visitors. An interdisciplinary approach to classroom scheduling in the building will give a diverse array of students the chance to take classes in Old Main during their time at Augsburg.



Old Main with the new Hagfors Center in the background

"Physical spaces tell the story of a campus, and I have seen dramatic differences in the experiential stories told by organizations that have a master plan and those that do not. Augsburg has intentionally worked to plan what it is and what it is striving to become. The master plan guides how the campus will evolve to support our mission and long-term vision."

Andra Adolfson, business development director for Adolfson & Peterson Construction, Inc., and Augsburg College Regent

"Through the process of engaging different campus groups [in updating the campus master plan], we thought about Augsburg as a community. We want a lively campus where people are regularly crossing paths with one another as we go to and from classes and offices—such interesting conversations and inspiration arise when people from different disciplinary and experiential backgrounds share space."

Nancy Fischer, associate professor, Department of Sociology, and chair of Urban Studies

East-end,
mixed-use
development
and parking
ramp



East End

The campus master plan also calls for new development on the easternmost edge of campus. Augsburg's plan is to partner with a developer to turn the current surface parking lot into a multi-story, mixed-use building that combines retail and office spaces, residences, and a six-story parking ramp.

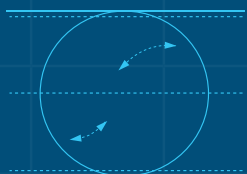
By moving parking to the edge of campus, the College, over time, can make the remainder of campus greener—by removing numerous other surface parking lots—and help its streets become more pedestrian-friendly by reducing through traffic and street parking. This work will transform the campus experience from one that is car-centric, with buildings surrounded by parking, to one where the buildings are connected by greenery and walkways.

Memorial Hall

The master plan also outlines changes to Memorial Hall. Updates to this building, which was constructed in 1938 as a dormitory, would align its interior design with its contemporary use. Today, Memorial Hall has faculty offices lining central, narrow hallways within its brick-and-ivy exterior. The remodel would preserve the building's exterior but update the interior configuration to improve accessibility and introduce gathering areas for informal learning and student-faculty interaction. These spaces, or "department homes," would enhance the student learning experience by encouraging students to meet and engage with their professors outside of the classroom.



Residential-recreation center and southwest gateway.



For more detail about these and other initiatives named in the 2016 campus master plan, visit augsb.org.edu/now.



Expanded arts district and realigned streets

Longer-Term Plans

Enhancing student interaction is at the heart of a vision to transform the southwest area of campus. New construction would replace Urness and Mortensen residence halls and introduce an athletic field house connected to student housing. This residential-recreation center will promote healthy lifestyles and invite all Auggies—including residential, commuter, adult, and graduate students—to a central space to hang out, work out, study, and relax.

The master plan also touches on the ways people navigate to—and through—campus. And these efforts to improve the safety for motorists and pedestrians will allow for the expansion of student learning spaces.

Introducing a roundabout at the northeast corner of Murphy Square and realigning the northern portion of 23rd Avenue South to form a right-angle with Riverside Avenue opens up space for additional buildings near the existing Foss Center and Anderson Music Hall. Augsburg's campus master plan calls for using this space to build a unified arts district that includes studios and performance spaces for studio arts, music, performing arts, and related disciplines. The master plan also includes a similar roundabout and street realignment of 22nd Avenue South, creating another main entrance, facing Riverside Avenue, for Hoversten Chapel. ■

"The campus master plan reinforces our commitment to creating our campus as an asset both to the College as well as the broader community. Expanding the quad to create more green space and a gateway to the community provides an inviting environment for our neighbors and all who experience our campus."

Steve Peacock, director of Community Relations



an ambitious **Approach**

BY LAURA SWANSON LINDAHL '15 MBA

Entrepreneur Maya Santamaria '94 leads businesses that break boundaries and build community in Minneapolis

"Call me at 3 a.m. any time," says **Maya Santamaria '94**. "I'm up."

Leaning back into a sturdy wood and wrought iron chair pulled up to a corner table at Restaurante El Nuevo Rodeo, Santamaria looks at home. Behind her, customers dot the dining area engaged in conversations that seem warm and relaxed—matching the space's cheery mustard- and terracotta-colored walls whose rich hues are reminiscent of a southern sun, even when rays struggle to break through the stubborn, overcast sky resting above Lake Street in Minneapolis.

As a restaurateur, Santamaria is proud of the menu she created by compiling favorite dishes from the trips to Mexico that have punctuated her life. She points out Chiles en Nogada, a special entrée that fuses sweet and savory: dried fruits with ground beef. The meal is a showpiece of Mexican cuisine that's typically prepared in the fall to accompany independence day festivities, and Santamaria says you won't find it at other restaurants

in Minnesota. The same claim of singularity and unrivaled authenticity also can be made for the musicians she books from across Mexico and throughout Latin America to perform in her nightclub, which is just upstairs.

As a former salsa band frontwoman, Santamaria is accustomed to the late nights the entertainment industry demands and to commanding attention in a crowd, although she's perhaps most skilled at placing the Twin Cities' growing Latino/Latina community in the spotlight.

And, as the owner of a half dozen independent but intersecting businesses, Santamaria knows about balance and fusion.

She's an author, an entrepreneur, an innovator, and an Auggie. In addition to running El Nuevo Rodeo, Santamaria operates a real estate management business, a community festival enterprise, and several special event venues. She became the Twin Cities' first Latina media owner when she purchased

La Raza 1400 radio, and she later took on the Minnesota affiliate of Telemundo television, both of which broadcast in Spanish.

Twin Cities Business magazine named Santamaria to its 2016 list of “100 People to Know,” an honor that highlighted her business savvy and the publication’s aim to acknowledge leaders who have overcome major challenges “while using their influence to grow Minnesota’s economy, and support and even boost its social and cultural attributes.”

INVESTING AND REINVESTING

Santamaria doesn’t downplay the difficulty of founding ventures in previously underserved markets. In the early 2000s, it took diligence to make El Nuevo Rodeo a reality and to achieve her dream of operating a consistent, Twin Cities-based venue in which artists from Latin America could perform.

“Five years and 11 banks later, I finally landed a lease for this place and the financing to make it happen,” Santamaria explains.

In college she focused on anthropology, American Indian studies, and Latin American studies, taking courses at Augsburg and Hamline University through the Associated Colleges of the Twin Cities. She’s always been one to explore the connections between different areas and to embrace new challenges whenever—or wherever—they arise.

One contributor to her success thus far is her skill in applying her knowledge and connections in one area into new opportunities in another, even if the path ahead is far from straightforward.

“You have to be really keen on finding resources from unexpected places,” she says of entrepreneurship. “If you’re looking for comfort, you’re in the wrong place.”

MENTORSHIP AND OPPORTUNITY

Santamaria faced a particularly steep climb when she began working as a concert promoter in the early days of El Nuevo Rodeo. She was among the first women to take on this role in the Mexican music industry and to demand a place at the table in a historically male-dominated arena. Becoming an official member of the industry’s national organization required time, dedication, and alliances with existing members to change

precedent. Ultimately, she not only joined the governing body but rose in its ranks, filling a seat on the board of directors.

Stories about overcoming obstacles pepper Santamaria’s history as a business executive, and today she’s known as a champion for Twin Cities women who face similar difficulties. Fellow Augsburg College alumna **Arianna Genis ’13** is one of the people who has seen Santamaria’s impact firsthand.

Genis is a co-host and co-producer of a Minneapolis-based podcast called Latina Theory that works to address the underrepresentation of Latinas in the media. Through discussions on topics including leadership, art, and politics, the podcasts help to amplify their voices—a mission Genis says Santamaria believes in wholeheartedly.

“One of the qualities that most impresses me about Maya is her unapologetic attitude about being a strong Latina leader and prominent business owner. She lets you know what she believes and why,” Genis says. “Another quality is her generosity and dedication to support other Latinas.”

Santamaria was a speaker at the initial fundraiser for the Latina Theory project and later donated the venue for its second fundraiser and concert. She continues to shape an array of industries and is a force throughout the arts and entertainment community. Her influence extends from startups to longstanding Twin Cities institutions such as the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts and the Walker Art Center, where she’s served as a cultural advisor. She’s provided opportunities for city council members, mayors, senators, and governors to connect with her radio audience, and she’s setting the stage for tomorrow’s diverse changemakers.

“There’s a lack of representation of Latinos/as across all types of leadership roles in our state,” says Genis. “The reason for that is far more complex than assuming that Latinos/as are simply not built for leadership.”

“It’s important for current and recent alumni to have leaders like [Maya] to look up to. We need to see that Latinos/as are leading ... so that all of us understand their immense contributions to our state.”

Santamaria works hard to ensure that her businesses and the communities they serve continue to achieve success. And, she won’t lose sleep worrying about the future. She’ll stay up long enough to shape it. ■

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HOMECOMING

BE CALLED. BE PROUD. BE AUGGIES.

AUGSBURG COLLEGE'S 2016 HOMECOMING CELEBRATION was held Sept. 22-24—a festive weekend when alumni, students, and families took part in new events and beloved traditions. More than 500 alumni from 64 different graduation years attended celebrations, including reunions for the classes of 1966, 1976, 1991, and 2006.



PHOTO BY JOHANNA KITZMAN '11



PHOTO BY REBECCA ZENEFSKI

Ten Auggies were inducted into the [Athletic Hall of Fame](#) after being welcomed to the ceremony by current student-athletes. During a [Homecoming lunch](#) with alumni award recipients, students were invited to share in discussion with recipients of the First Decade, Spirit of Augsburg, and Distinguished Alumni awards. In an evening ceremony, six alumni and two honorary Auggies received awards and were recognized for their generous service to the world.



The **Taste of Augsburg** featured 38 booths—most hosted by student groups—and offered games, entertainment, and food, including the Augsburg Chemistry Society's liquid nitrogen ice cream. Augsburg won the football game against Carleton College, and alumni, families, and students stayed after the game to enjoy s'mores at an Auggie Block Party featuring the band Broken Spoke.



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Bob Stacke '71



This year, 30 Homecoming events celebrated the best of Augsburg, from an all-band reunion to Auggie Talks led by alumni, staff, and faculty experts. The Centennial Singers and an alumni band led by Professor Emeritus and Spirit of Augsburg Award recipient **Bob Stacke '71** invigorated the chapel at a worship service where Associate College Pastor **Justin Lind-Ayres** welcomed all Auggies with a "Home Calling" message.

AUGGIES CONNECT

FROM THE ALUMNI BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear alumni and friends,

The Alumni Board has made exciting changes to better serve Augsburg College graduates and current students. We reorganized our board committees, and we're already seeing the fantastic engagement and work of two new groups.

- The new **Parent and Family Committee** shares information about Augsburg and its services with families. We're thankful to the Parent and Family Committee for helping students move into campus housing this fall. Committee chair **Howie Smith '80** joined **Cyrus Batheja '08, '11 MBA** to help with first-year student move-in day. Committee members **Derek Francis '08** and **Hannah Dietrich Swanson '05** assisted with new student orientation. The committee hosts two parent and family nights per year, and the next event is March 2.
- **Rick Bonlender '78, Josh Krob '08, '15 MBA, Adriana Matzke '13, and Brad Randall '13** on the new **Adult Education Committee** will focus on the growing adult undergraduate and graduate studies alumni communities. I attended Augsburg College as an MBA student from 2008 to 2010, and I'm inspired by this work.

Whether you remember your time at Augsburg as a cohort, a class, or a team—as a grad student, traditional undergraduate, or adult undergraduate—there is a place for all in the upcoming events at the College. The MBA networking event on October 25 was a welcome chance to see former cohort members for a mini-reunion and to get involved mentoring a future Auggie MBA.

As a board, we strive to better serve the College, our fellow alumni, and—perhaps most importantly—Augsburg's current students.

We're looking ahead to our next Alumni-Student Networking event on February 8. Last year, we had 260 participants—a record-breaking attendance that included students, alumni, and faculty. Thanks to all who helped recruit attendees, facilitate introductions, and open doors for Auggies!

I look forward to our continued service and engagement with the Augsburg community.



JILL WATSON '10 MBA, ALUMNI BOARD PRESIDENT



For more information
about alumni events,
see augsb.org/edu/now.

StepUP® Gala celebrates



The StepUP® Program at Augsburg College has had a successful year. As the largest residential collegiate recovery program in the United States, StepUP is regarded as the gold standard for programs of its kind. Now in its 20th year, StepUP empowers students to champion lives of recovery, achieve academic success, and thrive in a residential community of accountability and support.

StepUP celebrated its annual gala October 29, and the event focused on the theme of “hope.” The gala is an opportunity to reduce the stigma often associated with substance use disorders by raising awareness—and honoring the accomplishments and contributions—of StepUP's 100 students and 750 alumni.

At the gala, emcee **Don Shelby**, an Emmy-award-winning former news anchor and person in recovery, welcomed supportive Auggies, families, friends, and advocates for recovery. **Peter Hubbard '10** spoke about his work with StepUP alumni to create chances for StepUP students to learn about life after graduation, network, and explore concerns with those who have followed a similar path.

The **Barbara and Skip Gage** family received the Toby Piper LaBelle award in recognition of their longstanding commitment to education at Augsburg. The Gage's dedicated support of the CLASS program, Lindell Library, Gage Family Art Gallery, and Gage Center for Student Success furthers Augsburg's ability to live out its mission of serving the diverse needs, gifts, and experiences of its students. In addition, the contributions of **The Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation** were recognized with the inaugural Keystone Award for institutional support.

To continue the deep success of the StepUP Program, the College has launched an endowment campaign for the program. The campaign is nearly halfway to its goal of raising \$10 million by 2017. The endowment will allow the College to increase enrollment in the program, to maintain StepUP's unparalleled community experience, and retain StepUP's exceptional counselors and staff. Visit augsb.org/stepup to learn more.

GENEROSITY OF ALUMNI

fuels research, hands-on opportunities for Auggies

Two influential Augsburg College alumni, **Terry Lindstrom '73** and **Dean Sundquist '81**, have found that giving back to their alma mater is a way to inspire young researchers to pursue their passions.

They have chosen to support the Office of Undergraduate Research and Graduate Opportunity, known as “URGO,” which aligns students’ interests in STEM fields (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), social sciences, humanities, and the arts with research by faculty. Each year, research by more than 20 Augsburg students is funded by the College for 10 weeks each summer. Because of the committed support of Lindstrom and Sundquist, 16 additional scholars participate in URGO and receive a stipend. This financial support is critical to providing the hands-on, skills-based training students need to successfully apply to graduate school and to shape meaningful careers.

“Fundamentals are absolutely essential,” Lindstrom said, “but it was the research experience that helped me determine what I wanted to do.”

Lindstrom and his wife, Janet, plan to fund URGO students for the next three years, just as they have since 2013, and will ensure the perpetuity of their scholarships through their estate plan.

“Everyone deserves to find the career that creates passion,” said Lindstrom, who retired in 2010 as a distinguished research fellow at Eli Lilly and Company in Indianapolis, where he spent 31 years in drug discovery and development. Eager to find real-world applications to benefit society, Lindstrom earned his PhD in pharmacology and biochemistry at the University of Minnesota after his Augsburg graduation. He led the research teams

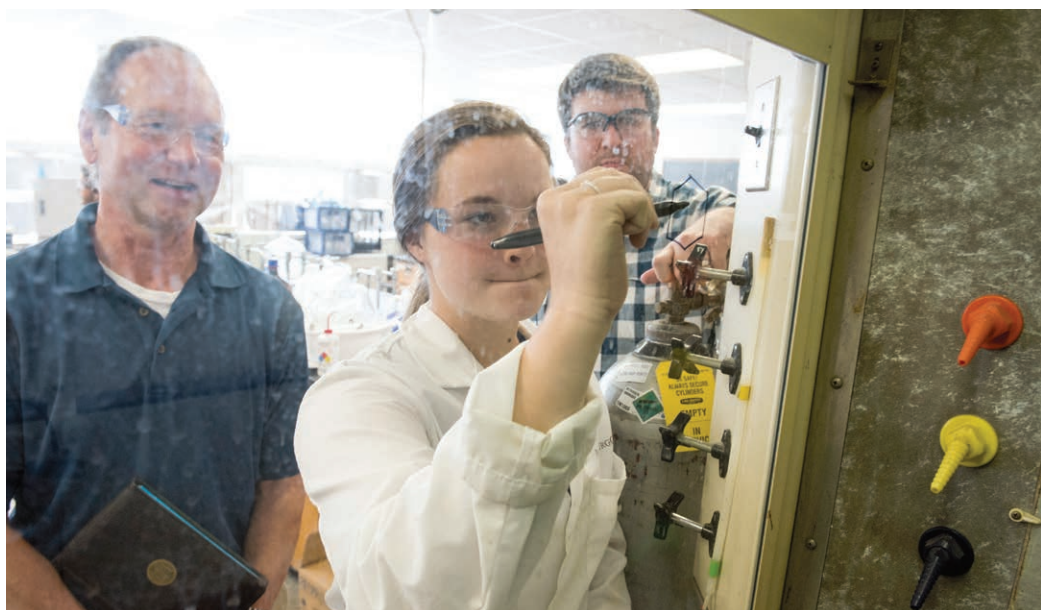
that resulted in a half-dozen patents for life-changing pharmaceuticals, including Evista for osteoporosis and Cymbalta, used as an antidepressant and for bone and muscle pain. He visited campus this past summer to meet faculty and student researchers—including four students he sponsored directly: **Josh Kuether '18**, **Taylor Mattice '18**, **Adam Pancoast '18**, and **Ellyn Peters '18**.

Similarly, since 2006, Sundquist, a member of the College’s Board of Regents, and his wife, Amy, have sponsored research by URGO students. Sundquist visited campus this summer as well to meet with the 12 students he sponsors and learn

His campus visit was a chance to see the energy, enthusiasm, and excitement in students as they researched projects with their mentors, including Assistant Professor **Matt Beckman**, Associate Professor **Vivian Feng**, and Assistant Professor **Michael Wentzel**.

“These URGO students are very smart and very impressive. They go on from Augsburg to graduate school and medical school and business school with research experience and the confidence to succeed at the next level,” Sundquist said.

Ultimately, generosity of people like Lindstrom and Sundquist has had a transformational effect on thousands



[L to R]: **Terry Lindstrom '73** watches as chemistry student **Taylor Mattice '18** draws out a chemical reaction scheme from her summer research project with Assistant Professor **Michael Wentzel**, her faculty mentor.

about their research. As chairman and CEO of Mate Precision Tooling, a worldwide leader in metal products and laser technologies, he has a global perspective and understanding of how scientific improvements propel the economy.

of students. Alumni create learning opportunities that prepare students to solve real-world problems, develop lifelong relationships with peers and faculty, and deliver a uniquely Augsburg summer.



Augsburg women inspired to fund transformative mural in new academic building

For women who are driven to lead and participate, meeting a fundraising goal for Augsburg College doesn't mean your work is done. It just means it's time to engage in another meaningful challenge to continue positively impacting the lives of Augsburg students, faculty, staff, and the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood.

That's just what Augsburg Women Engaged (AWE) is doing through the leadership of **Lisa Svac Hawks '85**, vice president of external communications for UnitedHealthcare, who was moved to make a lead gift to fund a mural planned for the interdisciplinary Norman and Evangeline Hagfors Center for Science, Business, and Religion.

"When I learned about the way Augsburg is bringing these disciplines together under one roof, I knew this was something distinctive and powerful," said Hawks. "The Hagfors Center will measurably contribute to shaping greater leaders for tomorrow."

The mural that AWE will fund, titled "Emergence," incorporates the image of monarch butterflies with references to symbiosis, textile traditions, geometry, faith, home, prayer, and identity. The \$150,000 project will express the College's commitments to hospitality and serving the neighbor, two core principles of the Lutheran tradition in which the College is rooted. The large-scale mural will adorn the staircase at the end of the west wing.

Making the lead gift for this powerful installation, which will be created by muralist **Greta McLain**, came naturally to Hawks.

"Art has a special way of helping us experience what it means to come together in a new way. Art helps us visualize new futures. It helps us connect to big concepts and to engage emotionally with them so we can see ourselves in big ideas," Hawks said.

"As a group of women, we believe that art connects the heart and head. By funding this mural as a permanent beacon in the Hagfors Center, we invite everyone to connect our heads and our hearts, so our hands can get to the good work."

For McLain, the collaboration between space, artist, community, and construction can take many forms. "We all are asking: In what ways are we shaping the future leaders we need to address the challenges of the future?" she said.

AWE is undertaking this new challenge and commitment to the greater Augsburg College community at the same time it successfully closes out another project for the Hagfors Center. This group of 70 women already raised \$130,000 to sponsor a student study lounge in the building.

The AWE-Inspired Philanthropy Council invites all Auggie women to join them in sponsoring "Emergence." They supported a Give to the Max Day project to raise funds for the work, and are partnering with **Donna McLean** and **Martha Truax '16 MAL** in Institutional Advancement to reach their goal of \$150,000 in gifts and pledges by December 31. Email mclean@augsborg.edu or truaxm@augsborg.edu for more information.



A rendering of the future AWE-funded mural

ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

1960 The newest book by **Lowell “Zeke” Ziemann ‘60** is “America’s First Centennial and the Old West: 1876 A Year to Remember.” This book presents prominent events in the Western Territories during the United States’ centennial year. Incidents of 1876 described in the book include: the Little Bighorn conflict, Wild Bill Hickok’s murder, the capture of Jesse James’ gang, and Bat Masterson’s first gunfight.

1968 The **Rev. Mark Hanson ‘68**, former presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, received the Walk of Faith Award from Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service on October 26 in recognition of his career in service to the Lutheran community. The ELCA is the nation’s largest Lutheran denomination. Hanson was ordained in 1974 and has since served as a pastor for three Minnesota congregations, as bishop of the St. Paul Area Synod, and as the president of the Lutheran World Federation in Geneva. Hanson is an advocate for migrants and refugees. He currently serves as the executive director of the Christensen Center for Vocation at Augsburg College.



Regent Emeritus **Ron Nelson ‘68** was honored with a Distinguished Alumni Award at Homecoming. He retired from 3M after 33 years with the company and spent 11 years as vice president and controller. A captain for the baseball and basketball teams at Augsburg, Nelson was inducted into the Augsburg Athletic Hall of Fame in 1991. He is one of the owners of Thawzall, LLC, located in Alexandria, Minnesota, and is a member of the board of Oakdale-based Hearing Components, Inc. Nelson lives in Mendota Heights, Minnesota, and is an active member of St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church. His wife, **Mary Kay (Belgum) Nelson ‘68**, passed away in July after a courageous 11-year battle with leukemia. They were blessed in their

marriage with a focus on faith and their family, including daughters Kristy and Becky.



1971 Professor Emeritus and Retired Chair of the Augsburg College Music Department **Robert “Bob” Stacke ‘71** was honored with the Spirit of Augsburg Award at Homecoming. In retirement, he pursues his passion for photography and continues to be a guide and mentor for music and arts alumni as the leader of Bob’s Band, an ensemble comprised primarily of Augsburg jazz band alumni. Since 2001, he has volunteered at a music camp in Haiti during his summers to share the joy of music with children.



1972 **Ray Yip ‘72** received the Distinguished Alumni Award at Homecoming. Yip is an international public health leader who has had a significant impact on global public health in the areas of nutrition, maternal and child health, HIV/AIDS, and tobacco control. He has held positions with UNICEF, the Centers for Disease Control, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Since 2015, he has served as special advisor with a focus on health and clean energy for bgC3, a think-tank and incubator founded by Bill Gates. Yip lives in Beijing with his wife, Florence Bannicq.

1983 **Tim Schultz ‘83** has been named private client services market leader for Arizona Bank & Trust, a division of Heartland Financial USA, Inc. He most recently served as regional wealth manager at Johnson Bank and chief operating officer for the western region of BMO Private Bank.

1987 **Richard Bahr ‘87** released his book, “Amazed: Why the Humanity of Jesus Matters,” in June. The book provides a one-of-a-kind look at Jesus through the lens of his humanity. Bahr and his wife, Carla, operate the Threshold to New Life ministry (threshold2newlife.org), providing relief and restoration to homeless persons. Bahr coordinates the volunteers for a daily breakfast held at Minneapolis’ Salvation Army Harbor Light Center, which serves more than 40,000 meals per year. His blog can be found at richardbahr.com.



Amy Hyland Baretz ‘87 had an outstanding pitching career on the Auggie softball team, an accomplishment that earned her induction into the Augsburg Athletic Hall of Fame. She set the school record for career victories, twice earned All-MIAC honors, and was a member of an Auggie squad that won the MIAC title and reached the NCAA Division III national tournament in 1984. She also played volleyball at Augsburg. Following graduation, she became the owner of franchise businesses in southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois.



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1988 Lee Roper-Batker '88 received the Distinguished Alumni Award at Homecoming. She is president and CEO of the Women's Foundation of Minnesota, and she

has spent her career working to further gender equality, create equal opportunities, and build pathways to economic security for women and girls. Roper-Batker founded and serves on the executive committee of Prosperity Together, a nonpartisan coalition of public women's foundations that, at the White House in November 2015, publicly committed \$100 million to improve the economic security of low-income women and their families in America.

1990 Matt Staehling '90 is the new city administrator for St. Cloud, Minnesota. He has served the city for 20 years, most recently as the city attorney.



1992 Augsburg volleyball star Tina (Kubes) Peterson '92 was a dominant player in the early '90s, securing All-MIAC honors, earning a season MVP nod, producing impressive

numbers as an outside hitter, and serving as a multi-year captain. Peterson, who was inducted in the Augsburg Athletic Hall of Fame, also was a member of the Auggie women's basketball team. Following her graduation, Peterson has used her health and physical education degree as a teacher and coach. She has coached volleyball and track athletes in Minnesota's New London-Spicer school district.



Joel Tveite '92 was inducted into the Augsburg Athletic Hall of Fame in recognition of his successes on the baseball, basketball, and golf teams. Tveite was an all-around talent for Auggie baseball, pitching and playing third base. On the mound, he set school records with 28 complete games, 253 innings pitched, and 36 starts. He earned All-MIAC honors and was a team captain. Since graduation, Tveite has worked in accounting and management positions, and he has been active in baseball and basketball leagues as a player and coach.

Sharol Tyra '92, professional certified coach, certified professional co-active coach, mentor, makeup artist, and president of Life Illumination Coaching & Image (lifeillumination.com), and a Lord of Life Canticle Choir member was the 2016 finalist

for Entrepreneur of the Year at the TwinWest Chamber of Commerce small business awards luncheon. She was also a 2016 nominee for the Excellence in Leadership Award at the I-94 West Chamber's small business awards breakfast. Candidates were judged on business strategies, drive for excellence, financial success, and community involvement.



1993 Augsburg Athletic Hall of Fame inductee Kevin Schiltz '93 was a dominant wrestler for the Auggies in the early '90s who earned three All-American honors and qualified for national tournament competition four times. He was a MIAC champion in wrestling as well as an offensive and defensive lineman for Augsburg's football team. Schiltz was a team captain for both sports. Since graduation he has worked in university athletics. Today he serves Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota, as a wrestling assistant coach and department equipment manager.



Jodi (Divinski) Walfoort '93 received recognition for her time on the Auggie cross country and track teams when she was inducted

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into the Augsburg Athletic Hall of Fame. Walfoort competed in her first athletic season in 1991 at the age of 25 when the Auggies re-started the cross country program. She made the most of her two years as a runner, earning All-Region honors twice, and she was voted a two-time MVP. After Augsburg, Walfoort became an IT professional and went on to start a commercial real estate company.



1994 Athletic Hall of Fame inductee **Bill Gabler '94** transferred to Augsburg and competed in wrestling, football, and baseball. As an Auggie wrestler, he twice earned All-American honors, won a MIAC championship, and was on the program's first NCAA Division III national title winning team. He later served as an Augsburg assistant coach who helped guide the Auggies to two NCAA national championships. In football, Gabler was a starting middle-linebacker, and in baseball he was the starting shortstop. He has enjoyed a career in sporting goods, fundraising, and corporate promotions.



1996 **Robert Anderson '96** was the first Auggie football player to earn All-American honors, and the former

defensive lineman was inducted into the Augsburg Athletic Hall of Fame this fall. Some of Anderson's athletic achievements at Augsburg include setting school records for sacks, being named a MIAC conference lineman of the year, and serving as a co-captain. Following his graduation, Anderson has worked as a sales director for the software industry in locations including Australia, Austria, China, Germany, New Zealand, and Singapore.

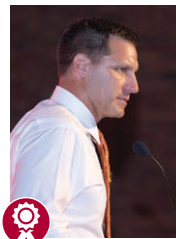


Athletic Hall of Fame inductee **Bill Kriesel '96** is one of the top defensive backs in Augsburg football history. He set a single-season school record for interceptions, was named a team MVP on defense, earned All-MIAC first-team honors, and served as a co-captain. Following his graduation, Kriesel played professional football in Germany, earned his MBA, and served on the Augsburg football coaching staff, among other roles. Since 2013, he has worked as a defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas.

Jodi Markworth '96 was hired as the new principal at Cedar Ridge Elementary in Eden Prairie, Minnesota. She had been principal at Sheridan Hills Elementary in the Richfield (Minnesota) School District.



Former men's basketball player **Jim South '96** was inducted into the Augsburg Athletic Hall of Fame. South was a four-year starter for the Auggies, and he holds Augsburg's career record for field-goal percentage. He earned All-MIAC honors in basketball three times and also played on the Augsburg baseball team for three seasons. Following graduation, South worked for Coca-Cola before obtaining a law enforcement degree. He also is an active volunteer who serves as an assistant coach for a high school basketball team.



1997 **Derrin Lamker '97** received Augsburg's Excellence in Coaching Award in recognition of his impressive career. After quarterbacking Augsburg's football team to a MIAC championship and several of its best seasons in school history, Lamker moved into teaching and coaching. He served as head coach at Osseo (Minnesota) High School for 11 years, winning three Northwest Suburban Conference titles, two section championships, and a Minnesota Class 6A state title. This season he became the offensive coordinator

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Hernan Moncada '06 is the new principal at Eagle Heights Spanish Immersion, a K-6 elementary school in Eden Prairie, Minnesota.

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Cyrus Batheja '08, '10 MBA threw out the ceremonial first pitch at the Twins baseball game on August 6. The Augsburg nursing grad and Alumni Board member was given the honor for his community work including homeless outreach and assistance with UnitedHealth Group, his family's commitment to quality disabled living situations, and his work on the Tix for Tots advisory board.

'09

Brian Gullick '09 and **Matt Tonsager '09** are custom woodworkers of furniture, games, and décor. Their business is Gullton Wood, and the pair created a set of Augsburg College bean bag boards used at Homecoming in September.

'11

Amy (Satnik) Bachman '11 and her husband, Blair, welcomed a baby girl, Mackenzie Peach, on March 3.

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at Edina (Minnesota) High School, and he also has coached basketball and baseball.

2000 Dwayne Lowman '00 has been appointed to the inaugural advisory board of Definitely Someday, a nonpartisan firm that helps Minnesotans prepare for a future run for political office.

2004 Melissa "Mel" Lee '04 has taken the reins as interim head softball coach during the 2017 Augsburg College athletic season after serving as an assistant with the program for the past 12 years. She will continue her duties as an assistant athletic director and an instructor in Augsburg's health and physical education program. In addition, as a member of the National Fastpitch Coaches Association, Lee is one of two 2016 recipients of the Mary Nutter Scholarship. The educational grant will fund Lee's attendance at the 2016 NFCA National Convention.



2006 Kyle Loven '06, a Seattle-based performance and visual artist, was recognized with the First Decade Award at Homecoming. His work combines puppetry, projections, objects, sound, and other art forms with the human presence. Since moving to Seattle in early 2009, Loven has created and toured his original works. His shows have premiered at venues such as the acclaimed Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis and Seattle's On the Boards. Loven is the recipient of grants from the Jim Henson Foundation and numerous arts organizations based in Washington state.

2007 Wolfgang Laudert '07 attended the ELCA Grace Gathering this summer and made a pilgrimage in October to the Taizé community in France as the result of receiving a leadership development grant. His European trip ended on a journey to the joint Lutheran-Catholic ecumenical prayer service commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in Lund,

Sweden, which was attended by Pope Francis.

Laudert says, "I am beyond thankful, inspired, and thrilled at this opportunity. I am incredibly grateful to the Metropolitan New York Synod and my congregation for the chance to do this. [I am] even more thankful for our partnership in the gospel and the ecumenical mission we share together."

2008 Matthew Dunn '08 received his doctorate in sociology from the University of California-Riverside in June. He is married to Gabriela Oliva Dunn. They live in Murrieta, California.

Sara Horishnyk '08 earned a master's degree in arts and cultural management from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota and is now working at Twin Cities Public Television.

2012 Angelica Erickson '12 graduated from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota with a master's degree in arts and cultural management. Her thesis was, "Every Child is a Work of Art: Helping Children Heal through the Arts after Multiple Traumatic Experiences."

Andrew Fox '12 is the new manager of the 180-year-old Mendota, Minnesota, home of Henry Hastings Sibley, Minnesota's first governor. Fox is the point person in a partnership between the Minnesota Historical Society and the Dakota County Historical Society. The state will own and preserve the Sibley site, while the county will staff and operate the three restored houses on the property. Fox studied medieval history at Augsburg.

Kimberly Simmonds '12, with the MonDak Heritage Center in Sidney, Montana, co-authored the book, "Sidney," in Arcadia Publishing's Images of America series.

2013 Anthony Gore '13, Steven Schwartz '13, Ryan Bachman '14, and Shea Drenkow '14, all members of the Minneapolis-based band Porno Wolves, recorded the live album "Young Moon Rising" on a cold evening last winter. The friends formed the rock 'n' roll band in 2012.

2015 Riley Hunter '15 has a new position as assistant service desk analyst in the IT department at Securian Financial Group in downtown St. Paul.

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Derek Nord '04 MSW is the new director of the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community at Indiana University. Nord previously was associate director of the Research and Training Center on Community Living, part of the University of Minnesota's Institute on Community Integration.

Dr. Amit Ghosh '12 MBA placed third in the 2016 District 6 Toastmasters International spring convention held in April in Minneapolis. Ghosh competed in the international speech category. District 6 is comprised of 290 clubs and 5,000 members. It serves most of Minnesota and southern Ontario, Canada.

Jeremiah Dagele '15 MPA has joined the urgent care department at the Essentia Health Saint Mary's Detroit Lakes (Minnesota) Clinic. As part of the urgent care team, Dagele will treat medical conditions that require immediate attention but that are not life-threatening.

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Karim El-Hibri was recognized with the First Decade Award at Homecoming. He is a strategic advisor and founding board member of the El-Hibri Foundation, which focuses on peace

education and interfaith cooperation through grants and awards that recognize leadership, and programs that promote learning and inclusion. He holds a BA in international relations from the American University School of International Service, and graduated from the StepUP® Program at Augsburg. El-Hibri lives in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan

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area with his wife, Carley, and two children, Roula and Sami.



Norman and Evangeline Hagfors received the Spirit of Augsburg Award at Homecoming in recognition of their leadership in the campaign for the Center of Science, Business, and Religion. As community leaders and longtime friends of Augsburg, the Hagfors embody

Augsburg's faithfulness to education grounded in the Lutheran faith and relevant to the evolving needs of our students and the world. Norman served as an Augsburg College Regent from 1989-2001, providing active participation during a critical stage of the College's growth. In October 2005, he was re-elected to the Augsburg Board of Regents. A chapel on the third floor of the new building will be named for Evangeline's father, the **Rev. Einar Gundale '33**, who graduated from Augsburg College and Augsburg Seminary and went on to serve as a pastor in the Lutheran Free Church and ELCA.



'00 Heidi Kammer-Hodge '00 MSW joined Jackson Recovery Centers in Sioux City, Iowa, as a vice president and chief operating officer. Kammer-Hodge's position at Jackson comes after serving at Resource in Minneapolis for the past 17 years, where she held many leadership roles, most recently as a vice president.


'07 On July 23, **Brett Cease '07** married Julia Besser in Grand Portage, Minnesota. Auggies in the wedding party included [L to R]: **Micah Erickson '07**, **Chris Swanson '07**, **Eriks Dunens '06**, and **Lava K.C. '07**.

'08 **Brian Krohn '08** and **Kari Aanestad '08** welcomed a baby girl, Seora Eileen Aanestad Krohn, on May 11.

'14 Five Auggies received their white coats this fall as part of the incoming University of Minnesota Medical School class. Congratulations to [L to R]: **Anna Weitz '14**, **David Bergstrand '14**, **Michelle Grafelman '15**, **Mahad Minhas '12**, and **David Fowler '14**.

'15 **Laura (Swanson) Lindahl '15 MBA** and **David Lindahl** were married May 21 in Dellwood, Minnesota.





In memoriam

Philip A. Horne '40, San Rafael, California, age 99, on August 7.

Ruth C. (Kveen) Rydquist '40, Fargo, North Dakota, age 98, on July 23.

Lila A. (Israel) Erickson '41, Minneapolis, age 97, on May 20.

Morris E. Ulring '42, Minneapolis, age 95, on February 5.

Ernest I. Knutson '43, Spooner, Wisconsin, age 95, on May 21.

Gloria (Burntvedt) Nelson '43, Minneapolis, age 94, on June 21.

Kenneth A. Gilles '44, Scottsbluff, Nebraska, age 94, on June 2.

Ralph W. Hofrenning '45, Fargo, North Dakota, age 94, on May 31.

Lois M. (Black) Ahlbom '47, Saint Paul, age 91, on May 9.

Myrtle C. (Skurdal) Bar '49, Williston, North Dakota, age 91, on August 19.

Paul S. Paulson '49, Spokane, Washington, age 87, on June 12.

Idelle S. (Nornes) Bagne '50, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, age 89, on May 6.

Charlotte A. (Ellingson) Ennen '50, Dublin, Ohio, age 88, on May 17.

Kenneth A. Hengler '50, Eagan, Minnesota, age 91, on May 19.

John T. Garland '51, Saint Paul, age 86, on August 26.

Olive L. (Nilsen) Zoller '51, Marine On Saint Croix, Minnesota, age 87, on July 30.

Rebecca "Becky" A. (Skonnord) Johnson '52, Valley City, North Dakota, age 86, on April 26.

Mildred R. (Zustiak) Baerg '53, Anoka, Minnesota, age 85, on July 15.

Edmund R. Youngquist '53, Northfield, Minnesota, age 91, on May 30.

Robert D. Goodrich '57, Big Lake, Minnesota, age 83, on April 22.

Judith A. (Sather) Suther '57, Totowa, New Jersey, age 80, on May 18.

Philip H. Johnson '60, Belleville, Wisconsin, age 79, on June 20.

Ronald H. Stanley '60, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin, age 78, on July 22.

Phyllis E. (Ebrenz) Wagner '60, Minneapolis, age 78, on July 11.

Theodore "Ted" P. Botten, Jr. '61, Rochester, Minnesota, age 77, on June 29.

Jacob "Jack" A. Mayala '61, Kimball, Minnesota, age 77, on June 12.

John D. Heruth '62, Rochester, Minnesota, age 75, on June 25.

David L. Faust '63, Green Isle, Minnesota, age 76, on May 30.

Elaine L. (Legaarden) Swanson '63, Maitland, Florida, age 75, on May 14.

Linda L. (Benson) Pederson '64, Frederic, Wisconsin, age 75, on June 23.

Gary M. Ellis '65, Hendricks, Minnesota, age 74, on June 27.

Michael J. Marcy '65, Minnetonka, Minnesota, age 73, on June 16.

Larry D. Cole '66, Minneapolis, age 73, on May 18.

Mary Kay (Belgium) Nelson '68, Mendota Heights, Minnesota, age 69, on July 18.

Christine A. (Toedt) Olson '70, Delano, Minnesota, age 67, on June 6.

Donald F. Deming '71, Fort Mill, South Carolina, age 69, on June 14.

Lillian M. (Sedio) Mattson '71, Excelsior, Minnesota, age 67, on August 1.

Dolores A. (Sheppard) Carrico '74, Wyoming, Minnesota, age 86, on March 8.

Audrey C. (Jorgensen) Hanson '77, Lewiston, Idaho, age 90, on March 21.

Scott A. Hugstad-Vaa '77, Apple Valley, Minnesota, age 60, on June 2.

Paula A. (Beckley) Beckley-Gildner '78, White Bear Lake, Minnesota, age 65, on June 8.

Marian T. (Jauquet) Finger '83, Baraboo, Wisconsin, age 89, on April 5.

Scott E. Hecceg '00, Minneapolis, age 44, on August 12.

Cynthia L. (Cramer) Reed '11, Rochester, Minnesota, age 59, on August 18.

Assistant Professor of Music Douglas Diamond, Minneapolis, age 59, on May 27.

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This fall, Open Streets Minneapolis allowed community members to stroll, skate, and cycle on roads closed to cars near Augsburg's campus. Open Streets events held across the city throughout the summer promoted healthy living, local business, sustainable transportation, and civic pride. As an anchor institution in the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood, Augsburg used the celebration to further its commitment to place-based community building, organizing live music and a fashion show for attendees to enjoy.