

AUGSBURG NOW



Twin Cities urban anchors

Nobel Peace Prize Forum 2013

Physician assistant program success

Getting social with Auggies

**AUGGIES
LOVE
LIFE IN THE
CITY**

\$10 MILLION GIFT ONE GIANT LEAP FOR AUGSBURG

In early April, Augsburg College was honored with a \$10 million, unrestricted gift from a 1965 alumnus. The funds will be used for a new academic building that will house the College's science, business, and religion programs.

Visit Inside Augsburg to learn more:

inside.augsburg.edu.

IN THIS ISSUE

Features

- 6 Getting social with Auggies | COMPILED BY STEPHANIE WEISS
- 8 Nobel Peace Prize Forum
- 12 Urban anchors | BY JAY WALLJASPER
- 18 Physician assistant program success | BY LAURA SWANSON
- 20 Drawing from experience | BY LAURA SWANSON

All photos by Stephen Geffre unless otherwise indicated.

Departments

- 2 Around the Quad | 5 My Auggie experience
- 11 Auggies on the field | 16 Auggie voices
- 21 Alumni news | 24 Alumni class notes
- 28 It takes an Auggie



NOTES

from President Pribbenow

Doing the work

Campus is still buzzing with excitement about the generous \$10 million donation that will support the Center for Science, Business, and Religion (see opposite page). This unprecedented gift profoundly honors the important work we do at Augsburg College, and it builds on a growing trend of external recognition for the role Augsburg plays in our community.

Another testament to Augsburg's value was earning the National Society for Experiential Education's 2012 William M. Burke Presidential Award for Excellence in Experiential Education this past fall (see "Around the Quad" in the fall 2012 *Augsburg Now*). The award honors the College's long-standing commitment to experiential learning—reaching across decades from the legends of our faculty, including Joel Torstenson, Vern Bloom, Garry Hesser, Mary Kingsley, Frankie Shackelford, and countless others, to a newer generation of teachers and scholars who come to Augsburg intent on ensuring that this distinctive educational experience will continue for future generations. I am proud to be their partner in this important work and to tell their stories far and wide.

Augsburg's commitment to engaging in and learning from the world is one that the College has sustained even through very difficult times. Four years ago, when Augsburg student Ahmednur Ali was fatally shot as he left the Brian Coyle Community Center where he was tutoring Somali junior high students, was one of those times—a time of immense sadness that challenged our mission and character as a College dedicated to serving our neighbors. It is fair to say that fear and anxiety could have led us to pull back from our community, but that is not what Augsburg did. Certainly we took the time we needed to heal, but then we stood together and recognized that our work in the neighborhood—work that is at the heart of our academic mission—was more important than ever, and that it was critical for us to return to our work so that our entire neighborhood might be safe, healthy, and prosperous.

And that—I am proud to say—is what we did. We

formed a neighborhood partnership to address security and economic development and infrastructure needs. We forged additional partnerships with neighborhood groups and community agencies. And we spent time together, doing the work of improving our community.

Today, I can firmly attest that our neighborhood is safer, stronger, more vibrant, and more united than ever before. That, to me, is what our commitment to experiential learning is meant to achieve: education for our students, of course, and also a safer and more just community for all of us who live and work here.

Each fall, I offer our incoming students a simple message about "what is required of them" as they join our community. One of those requirements, I tell them, is to "do the work." Yes, the work assigned to them, but even more so, the work that they discern and pursue as important and meaningful. Our mission at Augsburg—"to educate students to be informed citizens, thoughtful stewards, critical thinkers, and responsible leaders"—is not just a set of nice aspirations, but a challenge to all of us to do the work that the world so needs done.

This issue of *Augsburg Now* includes many examples of the work our students and alumni do—on campus and in the world. I couldn't be more proud of our commitment to real-world experiences—a commitment at the heart of our mission.

Auggies take their studies out into the world and enrich both their learning and the world around us. Our location, our active and highly connected faculty, our dedicated and generous donors, our commitment to linking the liberal arts and professional studies, and the important role Augsburg plays in the Twin Cities and around the world—all of these provide our students with experiences that deepen their learning and their preparedness for life beyond college. That's good for our students, and it's good for the communities where Auggies live and work.

PAUL C. PRIBBENOW, PRESIDENT

Vice President of Marketing and Communication
Rebecca John
rjohn@augsb.org.edu

Creative Associate-Editorial
Wendi Wheeler '06
wheelerw@augsb.org.edu

Integrated Communication Specialist
Laura Swanson
swansonl@augsb.org.edu

Creative Director
Kathy Rumpza '05 MAL
rumpza@augsb.org.edu

Senior Creative Associate-Design
Jen Nagorski '08
nagorski@augsb.org.edu

Photographer
Stephen Geffre
geffre@augsb.org.edu

Director of News and Media Services
Stephanie Weiss
weissss@augsb.org.edu

Production Manager/Now Online
Mark Chamberlain
chamberm@augsb.org.edu

Senior Director of Alumni and Constituent Relations
Kim Stone
stonek@augsb.org.edu

www.augsburg.edu

Augsburg Now is published by
Augsburg College
2211 Riverside Ave.
Minneapolis, MN 55454

Opinions expressed in *Augsburg Now*
do not necessarily reflect official
College policy.

ISSN 1058-1545

Send address corrections to:
Advancement Services
CB 142
Augsburg College
2211 Riverside Ave.
Minneapolis, MN 55454
langemo@augsb.org.edu

Email: now@augsb.org.edu

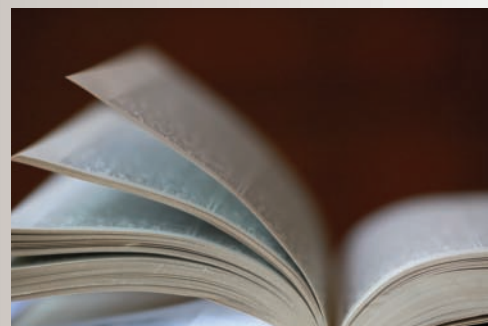


Photo by Natasha D'Schommer

SCHOLARS at the Capitol

During February, McNair Scholars Charles Olson '13 [pictured above] and Roseanna Benser '13 represented Augsburg at the **Minnesota Private College Scholars at the Capitol** research poster session. Olson, a biopsychology major, presented the research he conducted with biology assistant professor David Crowe on brain activity during perception. Benser, a sociology major, shared an analysis of audience perception during stand-up comedy performances, research she conducted with sociology professor James Vela-McConnell. This annual event, sponsored by the Minnesota Private College Council, highlighted the research of undergraduate students from 15 Minnesota colleges and universities.

MASTER OF FINE ARTS in Creative Writing



Augsburg College is accepting applications for its new, **low-residency Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing**. The program initially will offer four concentration areas: **fiction, creative nonfiction, poetry, and screenwriting**. The two-year program features an annual 10-day summer residency, one-on-one work with mentors, a student-to-mentor ratio of five to one, and engaging online classroom sessions. This program, the only one of its kind in the region, will be taught by distinguished Augsburg faculty and visiting writers.

To find out more about the MFA program, go to augsb.org.edu/mfa.

STROMMEN SPEAKER SERIES



CONNECT



The Clair and Gladys Strommen Executive Speaker Series at Augsburg College, which brings local business leaders to campus to share insights and expertise, kicked off in November with **Sally Smith** [pictured at left], **president and CEO of Buffalo Wild Wings**.

Smith, who joined the company as chief financial officer in 1994 when it was a chain of only 35 restaurants, talked of establishing the infrastructure needed to create the nation's fastest-growing restaurant chain. The company now has nearly 850 restaurants in 48 states and Canada.

In February, Auggies heard from **Chris Killingstad, the president and CEO of Tennant Company**. Killingstad described how Tennant is pursuing its vision—through product innovation and employee engagement—to become a global leader in chemical-free cleaning and other technologies. Killingstad joined Tennant, a world-leading manufacturer of cleaning solutions, floor coatings, and industrial equipment, in 2002 and became CEO in 2005.

Augsburg named a “Top 5” theater program outside of New York



Backstage magazine's 2012 Fall College Guide listed **Augsburg College among the top five U.S. institutions for theater majors** who wish to continue their studies professionally.

“In our Theater Arts Department, students connect with professional artists in the city while they delve into their theater courses,” said Darcey Engen '88, Augsburg College associate professor and chair of theater arts.

Backstage, a theater publication in existence for more than 50 years, recommended an Augsburg education for “enterprising, driven students looking to climb the [professional] ladder in double time.”

The article described the three academic theater concentrations offered by the College, which include performance, directing/dramaturgy/playwriting, and design/technical. The article also highlighted Augsburg's course offerings and emphasized the theater program's proximity to the renowned, Minneapolis-based Guthrie Theater.

 To read the full article, go to augsburg.edu/now.



FIFTH AUGGIE WINS prestigious Milken Award

Since 2004, five Augsburg College alumni have won the prestigious Milken Educator Award.

Steve Abenth '04, a fourth-grade teacher and choir director at Highland Park Elementary in St. Paul, was awarded the Milken Educator Award for the State of Minnesota this past November. Abenth earned his bachelor's degree in elementary education through Augsburg's adult undergraduate program.

The \$25,000 award was established in 1985 by the Milken Family Foundation to recognize excellence in early- to mid-career educators.

Other Auggies who have won the award include Jacki Brickman '97, Tracey Cross '01, Maggie Knutson '91, and Kelly Woods '98.

 To read more about Augsburg's Milken Educator Award winners, go to augsburg.edu/now.



Aasen, far right, meets with Augsburg students.

Norwegian parliamentarian visits Augsburg

Augsburg College hosted **Norwegian parliamentarian Marianne Aasen** on her first trip to Minnesota. Augsburg President Paul C. Pribbenow invited Aasen to visit the College to further her understanding of U.S. higher education and to explore topics central to her vocation. Her trip included meeting dozens of Auggies, including those from Norway, students in an environmental politics class, interns to the Nobel Peace Prize Forum (hosted and organized by the College), and Augsburg's Peace Scholars.



AUGGIES SHINE at college film festival

Three Auggies were recognized for outstanding work as filmmakers at the **2012 Student Film Festival** hosted by the Associated Colleges of the Twin Cities (ACTC).

- **Carly (Lassegard) Johnson '11** won Best of Show for her film *Angel*. She earned her bachelor of arts degree in film and English.
- **Casey Bargsten '14** won for Best Experimental Film. Bargsten is studying film at Augsburg.
- **Joe Funk '11** won the Technical Award. He earned his bachelor of arts degree in film and theater arts.

The ACTC Student Film Festival celebrated more than 60 short films including narratives, documentaries, experimental films, and avant-garde films. All the films were created during the 2011-12 academic year.

Augsburg students submitted work from virtually every class offered in the College's film studies program, said Wesley Ellenwood, an Augsburg communication studies instructor. Ellenwood, who serves on the ACTC Student Film Festival committee, said the festival is a chance for students to have their work formally presented in a theater of more than 200 seats.

CONVOCATION SERIES 2012-13

The Humanities and Fine Arts Convocation in November featured **Dan Phillips, a designer and builder of recycled housing**. Phillips also is founder of the Phoenix Commotion, a building initiative that was created to demonstrate that salvaged materials can be and are viable building materials.

In January, a group of performers at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Convocation explored the legacy of King through song, movement, images, and writings by the civil rights leader. The performers were led by **T. Mychael Rambo, an accomplished singer-songwriter, playwright, and arts educator**.

The Batalden Seminar in Applied Ethics in February welcomed **Susan E. Pick, professor of psychology at National University of Mexico**. Pick shared insights on ways the "Human Capabilities Approach" was used to develop programs that reached more than 19 million people in Mexico who became agents of change in their own lives and communities in areas of citizenship, development, education, and health. The approach also was used in 14 other Latin American countries.

Augsburg's Convocation Series is a cross-disciplinary speaker series that explores ideas and thoughts around the impact each person can have in a world of nearly seven billion people.

To find out more about the Augsburg Convocation series, go to augsborg.edu/convo.

MANY VOICES



INTERACTIVE ART

Students in **Graphic Design I and II** courses during the fall semester researched the history, philosophy, and practice of the Augsburg Central Health Commons and the Health Commons at Dar UI-Quba. The students learned that for many of the 20,000 people seen by the nurses every year at the Commons, a pair of clean socks can be very important. The students worked with assistant art professor Christopher Houlberg to host "**Health Commons: Exhibition and Sock Exchange**," an interactive art exhibit where viewers could take an original print home if they donated a clean pair of socks to the Health Commons.



To read the full article, go to augsborg.edu/now.

my AUGGIE experience

- Have a dream.
- Focus on key priorities.
- Recognize the importance of the team.
- Never give up.



➤ **THESE ARE THE FOUR LIFE LESSONS** Mike Good '71 shared with Augsburg alumni at the Eye Opener breakfast in January, a talk that tied together key themes of Good's journey to Augsburg and back again.

It started at Fridley High School where, Good said, his dream was to become a wrestling state champion. He posted a sign above his bedroom door—"SC" for "state champion"—to remind him every day of his goal and the importance of working toward it. In his senior year, his high school won the state championship as a team. Individually, though, Good lost in the semi-finals, ultimately placing third—a result that was critical to the overall team's victory. Listening to Good recount the story, it's clear that the team accomplishment is as important to him as any individual title might have been.

➤ **Have a dream. Focus on priorities. Recognize the importance of the team.**

At Augsburg, Good said, he was passionate about racial justice and freedom from hunger. A sociology major and physical education minor, he also remained passionate about wrestling. His new goal: to be Augsburg's first All-American wrestler. Again, as Good recounted the outcomes of this dream, he not only reported his own success in winning an All-American title, but with equal relish named several of his teammates—Daryl Miller '69, Ron Johnson '72, Pat Marcy '72—who also earned All-American titles during their time at Augsburg.

➤ **Dream. Focus. Team.**

When Good got into real estate, he brought this same focus and drive to his leadership. By 1998, he was executive vice president and chief operating officer for NRT Incorporated, responsible for the oversight of more than 1,000 offices nationally. Then, in 2004, when his parent company, Cendant Corporation, bought the rights to use the Sotheby's brand, he was tapped to serve as chief executive officer of Sotheby's International Realty Affiliates, Inc.

No one ever had built a luxury real estate franchise before, Good said. So, early on, many of the premier independent real estate companies in the U.S. were not interested in joining Sotheby's. Instead of worrying about that, Good focused his team on building a unique value proposition for Sotheby's real estate, growing the franchise to 650 offices in 45 countries. In the end, many of those same independent real estate companies who said, "no thanks," at the beginning, joined the Sotheby's operation and, according to Good, dramatically grew their sales within the first few years of taking on the Sotheby's name.

➤ **Focus on priorities. Recognize the importance of the team. Never give up.**

This past January, Good retired from Sotheby's and, with his wife, Ann, moved back to Minnesota. He also just completed four years as chair of the Augsburg College Board of Regents, where he has served since 2001. So now he has taken on a new challenge: serving as campaign chair of Augsburg's capital campaign for the Center for Science, Business, and Religion. In his January talk, Good acknowledged that the campaign has moved forward more slowly than desired but, he said, "Nothing happens without belief."

Today, Good has another sign above his door: "CSBR. Believe."

Another dream, another focus. A team, Good said, that will include alumni and others who can and will make a significant impact on the College. And, even if it takes longer than expected, Good said, he is in this for the long haul.

"I believe in this college," Good said. "I believe in what it does for young men and women, helping them grapple with the issues of today and come out as leaders."

To learn more about Augsburg's capital campaign for the Center for Science, Business, and Religion, contact Heather Riddle, vice president of institutional advancement, 612-330-1177, riddle@augsborg.edu.



Getting SOCIAL with Auggies



I couldn't be more proud to represent @AugsburgCollege as a @FulbrightPrgrm scholar in the Czech Republic – @adamspanier



Nice day for a bike ride, right @niceridemn? Temps in the single digits, but that's not too cold for #Auggies. #AuggieCAM



Drove by @AugsburgCollege today & involuntarily beamed with pride when I saw the “#Auggies We are Called” banners outside Oren. #AuggiePride – @mnemosynekura

Members of the Augsburg College community are increasingly turning to social media to get connected and to stay in touch with what is happening on campus. People connecting to the College in social media—Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, or other social media sites—include current students and alumni, faculty and staff, media and policymakers, and people from across the globe. Here's a snapshot of some of the College's most established social media channels by number of followers:

Facebook: 5,336
facebook.com/augsburgcollege

Twitter: 2,365
[@AugsburgCollege](https://twitter.com/AugsburgCollege)

LinkedIn: 2,263
linkedin.com/company/augsburg-college

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Check us out online and on your favorite social media sites. We welcome your comments, tweets, posts, and photographs.

facebook.com/augsburgcollege

“Like” us and get updates in your Facebook feed.

twitter.com/AugsburgCollege

Follow @AugsburgCollege on Twitter for information about upcoming events and other news.

instagram/AugsburgCollege

Get a glimpse into life at Augsburg through our Instagram photo feed.

storify.com/AugsburgCollege

Check us out on Storify to see what's happening on campus and what students, alumni, and others are saying about their Auggie experience.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

TWITTER

Found out I could graduate from @AugsburgCollege summa cum laude. My heart is in my throat. It's a lot of work, but I think I'm gonna try. – @littlelizbeth

The college I really want to go to is Augsburg College.
– @The_KinG_54

So thankful for the tunnels and skyways @AugsburgCollege today!
– @jordan_leigh13

Graphic design students @AugsburgCollege met w/@cityof saintpaul staff to discuss concepts for a new stormwater drain stencil #CityLabs – @CityLabsatACTC

Accepted into the PA program at Augsburg College! God is faithful! #PAbound – @jennanoonan33

Oh my gosh. The people from Augsburg College were such sweet-hearts. I love each & every one of y'all. <3 – @amyvyn

A big congrats to my son's college basketball team, they are 7-0. Way to go Augsburg – @sdionyoung

My research @AugsburgCollege just got accepted for the APA National Conference in Hawaii! (jumps up and down repeatedly)
– @LadyChristy

So glad I picked Augsburg. Happy kid right thereeee. – @kfec3

Getting ready for the 25th @NPPF March 8-10 in Minneapolis! @AugsburgCollege #NPPF #NobelPeacePrize
– @LandOLakesInc

I am now a college graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree! #AugsburgCollege #MinneapolisMinnesota
– @ZachKim21

Can't wait to walk with the Class of 2013 in early May. We're a great class. #Auggies – @WhatAPriss

Steve Abenth '04=5th @AugsburgCollege grad to win prestigious @Milken award for teaching. #WeAreCalled – @Milken

To say the #NobelPeacePrizeForum is inspiring is an understatement
– @OfficialGNiver

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SEEING

INSTAGRAM



1 “With one day remaining in January, let’s cheer on the #Auggies who are sticking with their fitness resolutions for the New Year.” #AuggieCAM 1/21/2013

2 “Arianna Genis '13 received the Spirit of MLK Award at today’s #MLKConvocation.” #WeAreCalled 1/30/2013

3 “Alumni & their families ice skated during the recent #Auggie Night at the Depot. What’s your favorite winter hobby?” #AuggieCAM 1/23/2013

#AUGGIEPRIDE

Auggie Eddie Frizell back on campus for Mpls Police Department promotions. He’s now a Deputy Chief! #AuggiePride – @AugsburgCollege

I’ve got big dreams. Augsburg records I’m coming for you at the MIAC championships tomorrow #AuggiePride – @LouLouBell0491

Wear pink at Augsburg’s home athletic events this weekend to support the fight against breast cancer! #AuggiePride – @AugsburgAuggies

I am soo geeked¹ that my school is hosting Omar @Offendum and Brother Ali for the #²NobelPeacePrize. S/O³ to @Augsburg College! #AuggiePride – @LoveLikeHani

THE TWEET DEFINED:

¹ geeked = excited

² # = A hashtag is a word or phrase preceded by a hash mark that’s used to categorize social media posts by topic.

³ S/O = shout out

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE FORUM

March 8-10, 2013



Augsburg's **Ibrahim Al-Hajiby '14** [above center] leaves Christensen Center with **Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Tawakkol Karman** [above right] and Karman's husband. Al-Hajiby served as Karman's attaché during her visit to Minnesota for the Nobel Peace Prize Forum. Karman and Al-Hajiby both are from Yemen, and Karman is the youngest person in history to be named a Laureate. Al-Hajiby accompanied Karman to appointments, helped her navigate campus, and became a trusted member of her team while she was at Augsburg.



To watch an audio slideshow about Al-Hajiby's experience, go to augsb.org/now.



Nobel Peace Prize Laureates Tawakkol Karman [center] and **Muhammad Yunus** [right] leave Si Melby Hall at Kennedy Center following their addresses to K-12 students at the Nobel Peace Prize Forum Festival. Karman, of Yemen, won the Nobel Prize in 2011 for her work as a journalist and human rights activist. She is called the “Mother of the Arab Spring.” Yunus, who won the Nobel Prize in 2006, is from Bangladesh. He pioneered a form of banking known as “microcredit,” the practice of making very small loans to people with little or no collateral. “The Father of Microcredit,” Yunus founded Grameen Bank to give loans of about \$100 each to more than 8.4 million people, 94 percent of whom are women.



**WE ARE
CALLED
TO
INSPIRE
PEACE**



HIP HOP AND PEACE

Internationally known hip hop artist and activist **Brother Ali** [above left], of Minneapolis, presented and performed during the Nobel Peace Prize Forum. He was joined by **Omar Offendum** [above right], a Syrian-American rapper and activist. The two men explored the dynamics of peace and hip hop through songs, poetry, lecture, and dance. The event built upon the success of last year’s “Ethics and Hip Hop” presentation by Dessa, a Minneapolis rapper, singer, and writer.

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE FORUM

THE 25TH ANNUAL NOBEL PEACE PRIZE FORUM—a conference that celebrates the importance, consequence, and controversy of Nobel Peace Prize Laureates—was March 8-10 in Minneapolis.

“This event brings members of the world’s most exclusive club—Nobel Peace Prize Laureates—to campus,” said Maureen Reed, executive

director of the Nobel Peace Prize Forum, which is housed at Augsburg College. “Students, faculty, and staff have the opportunity to interact with people who fundamentally have changed and are changing the world.”

More than 6,000 people attended throughout the three days of the event, which explored issues related to peacemaking, world security, and global stability. One of the 2011 Nobel laureates, Tawakkol Karman of Yemen, spoke on Global Day, and 2006 laureate Muhammad Yunus of Bangladesh spoke on Business Day. **Dr. Paul Farmer, chair of global health and social medicine at Harvard Medical School and cofounder of Partners in Health, spoke to a packed house [left] on Science and Health Day.**

In addition to offering inspiration from global peacemakers, the Forum provides an opportunity for participants to understand why individuals “halfway across the globe” should care about one another.

“One of the mission commitments of Augsburg is to educate students to be informed global citizens,” said Augsburg College President Paul Pribbenow. **“By bringing the world to campus, we also get to know our neighbors, which is fundamental to our identity as a college of the Lutheran church.”**

Watch the laureate addresses and other keynote presentations from the Forum at nobelpeaceprizeforum.org.



To see more photos from the Forum, go to augsburg.edu/now.



LEAD SPONSOR



SCIENCE AND HEALTH DAY SPONSOR

UNITED HEALTH FOUNDATION®

GLOBAL DAY SPONSOR



MEDIA SPONSOR



MAJOR SPONSORS



EVENT SPONSORS

Jeanne M. Voigt Foundation
US Embassy-Oslo
Winds of Peace Foundation

DONORS

Global Spotlight-GPS Alliance
HealthPartners
Liv Dahl Fund of the Saint Paul Foundation

AUGGIES on the field

Steward, athlete, scholar

If **Paul Hallgren '13** isn't at Parade Stadium, home of the Auggie baseball team, he might be in Augsburg's Writing Lab helping a student with a paper. He could be studying in the Honors program lounge or having a high-minded discussion in the Quad with colleagues in the Philosophy Club. And if he's not in the aforementioned places, it's possible that he is at an event representing the College as an Augsburg Steward.

This busy outfielder and double major in philosophy and English is able to balance his studies with his other activities and responsibilities in part because he's bright and talented, but he also gives a lot of credit to his coaches and professors.

"I love that I can have direct correspondence with my professors and that they know me and know I'm involved on campus," Hallgren said. "They are always willing to make sure I have what I need."

Hallgren was able to meet some of his future professors when he was recruited by Coach Keith Bateman to play baseball and came to Augsburg for a campus visit. "I felt that they were genuinely interested in me in ways that professors at a large institution might not be," Hallgren said.

Hallgren has played with the Auggie baseball team since his first year at Augsburg and said that being an athlete with off-season practices helped him adjust to the rigor of a college schedule. "I was responsible for putting my schedule in order and making sure I got everything done," he said. If not for athletics, Hallgren supposed he might have been a bit lazy.

But "lazy" is one word most would not use to describe Hallgren. During his first year at Augsburg, he provided research assistance to professor Larry Crockett for Crockett's paper on pragmatism, and last year he spent a semester in Scotland studying English modernism and Scottish literature.

Through the Augsburg Stewards program, Hallgren learns leadership and networking skills by connecting alumni to the College and working with current students to encourage their continued involvement with Augsburg after graduation.

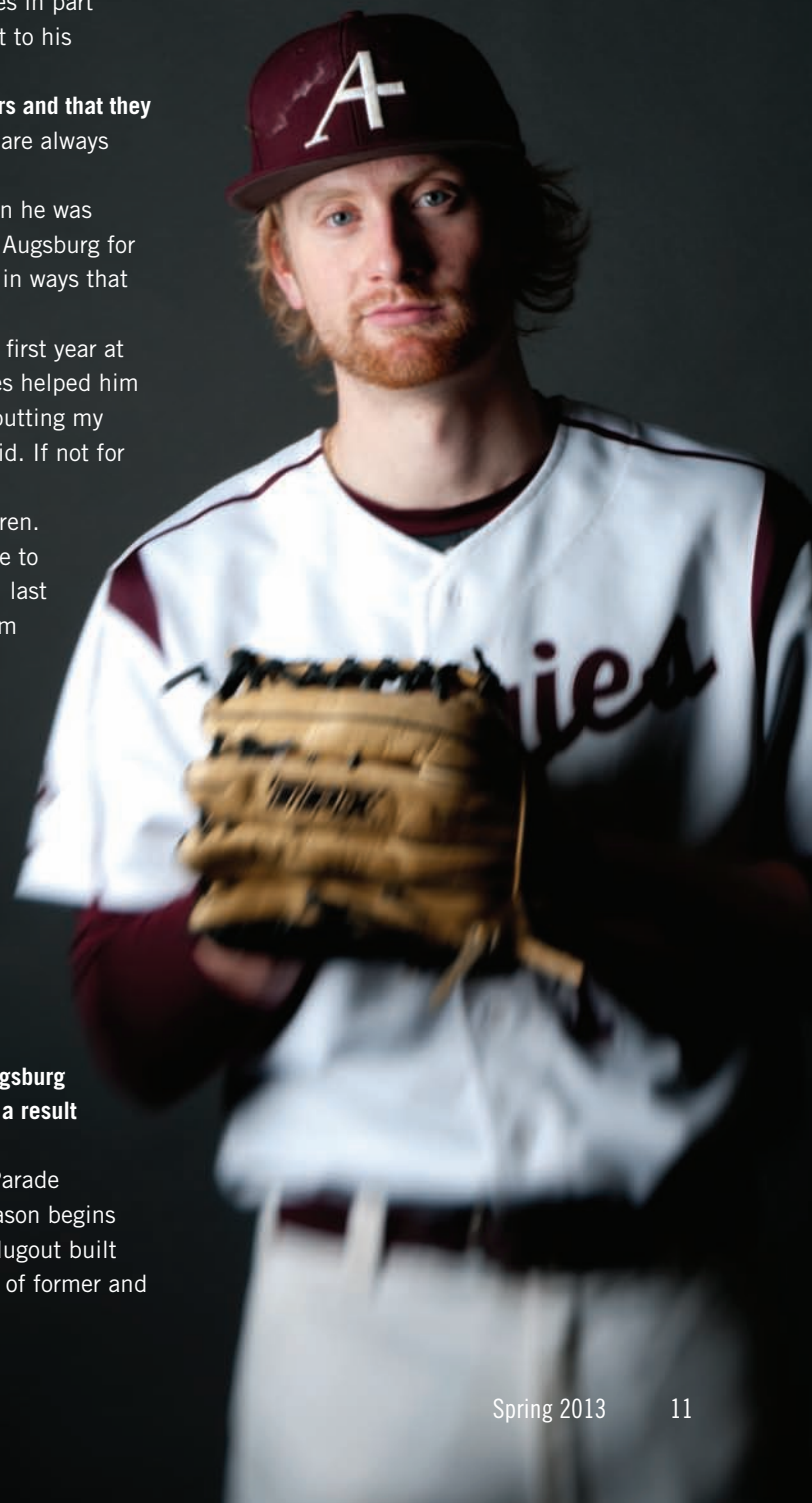
As a tutor in the Writing Lab, Hallgren helps undergraduate and graduate students with all stages of the writing process and in all academic areas. "I really enjoy reading others' papers and helping them learn how to convey their thoughts in a coherent way," Hallgren said. "I hope they come away from a session feeling more confident in themselves and in their ability to write."

Hallgren said these extra activities have shaped him and his Augsburg experience. "I feel like I'm a much more well-rounded individual as a result of participating in other activities."

This spring, find Hallgren and the Auggie baseball team at Parade Stadium, 400 Kenwood Parkway in Minneapolis. The regular season begins in late March and ends in early May. And see the new baseball dugout built with donations from the Augsburg A-Club, a service organization of former and current Augsburg College athletes and friends of the College.

WENDI WHEELER '06

HONORS STUDENT
AUGSBURG STEWARD
OUTFIELDER
WRITING LAB TUTOR
AUGGIE



URBAN ANCHORS:

AUGSBURG LEADS EDUCATION AND MEDICAL INDUSTRY PARTNERS IN MOVEMENT TO SUSTAIN VIBRANCY, VITALITY OF TWIN CITIES

BY JAY WALLJASPER

AN INCREASINGLY GLOBALIZED ECONOMY

leaves communities everywhere anxious about losing good jobs. Even the prosperous Twin Cities is no exception, as the closing of the St. Paul Ford plant and the transfer of Delta Air Lines employees show.

It's bad news for the whole region when jobs leave, including local institutions like Augsburg that benefit from being located in a thriving community. An increase in unemployment, poverty, and social dislocation in neighborhoods surrounding the campus would raise new challenges for the College in attracting students, faculty, and contributions.

But there's good news, too. Some of the Twin Cities' biggest employers aren't going anywhere.

How can we be sure? Because "anchor" institutions like colleges, medical centers, and cultural institutions serve the people of a particular area and are in fact defined by their location and the people they serve. For example, try to imagine Fairview Hospital moving to Beijing or Augsburg to New Orleans. They would not be the same in another place because they

anchor the communities in which they are located.

Many communities coast-to-coast see these "eds and meds" institutions as crucial, not just for keeping jobs but for keeping neighborhoods vibrant. Anchor institutions are the largest employer in 66 of the 100 largest U.S. core cities, according to a study from the Initiative for a Competitive Inner City.

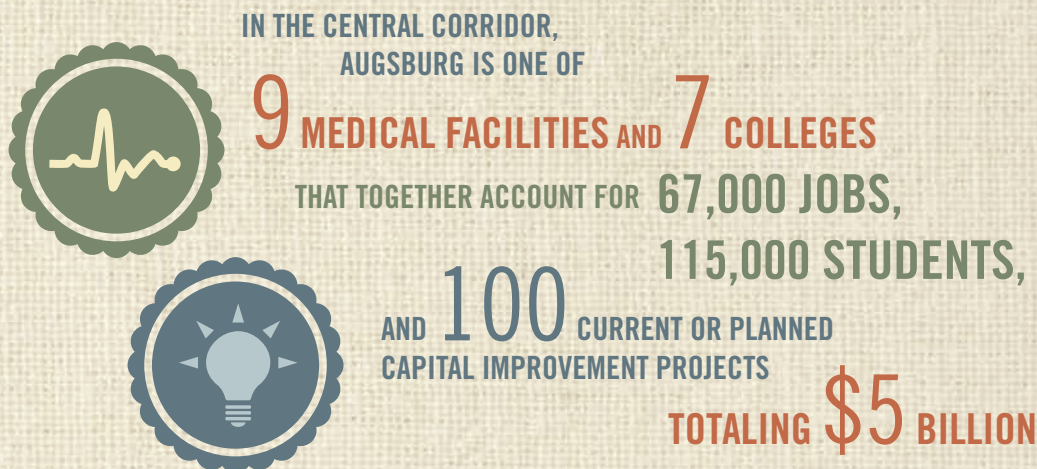
"Colleges and hospitals are embedded in their community and have a real stake in seeing that it thrives," explained Augsburg President Paul Pribbenow, who is chair of an ambitious new anchor initiative along the light rail Central Corridor. Large-scale anchor strategies have been proven to work under rigorous conditions in Philadelphia, Detroit, Cleveland, Baltimore, and Syracuse—where economic challenges far surpass those here in the Twin Cities. But anchor strategies are not confined to cities with dire social and economic conditions. A set of Boston hospitals has established successful training, employment, and housing programs to boost surrounding neighborhoods; other projects are underway in Phoenix, Atlanta, and Washington, D.C.

Augsburg stands out as a leader in the Twin Cities' anchor institution strategy—thanks to longstanding programs that partner students and faculty with the community to increase public safety, boost local education, provide health care services, promote economic development, work with immigrant groups, train neighborhood youth, improve the urban environment, and feed people in need.

Steve Peacock, Augsburg's director of community relations who works closely with many of the projects, said the programs fit with Augsburg's distinctive mission as an urban liberal arts college. "It's one of the things that distinguishes us. We offer an opportunity for students to be engaged in the neighborhood. For us, it's not just a charitable activity. It creates shared value."

Augsburg recently became one of a dozen anchor institutions—ranging from Allina and HealthPartners to the University of Minnesota—that were first to sign on to the Central Corridor Anchor Partnership, a joint effort funded by the McKnight Foundation to strengthen communities along the light rail line between downtown Minneapolis and St. Paul. Pribbenow pointed out the immense economic and civic potential of nine medical facilities and seven colleges in the corridor that together account for 67,000 jobs, 115,000 students, and 100 current or planned capital improvement projects totaling \$5 billion.

Eric Muschler, the McKnight Foundation program officer involved with the project, noted that Augsburg's long involvement in the West Bank community offered inspiration for the overall Anchor Partnership. "[Augsburg



has] been thinking about this longer,” he said.

“This is not do-gooderism,” Pribbenow stressed. “This is moving beyond the charity model. We have real interests that are at play with the neighborhood. For us, this is about our students. It contributes to their education, their safety, and a vital urban environment where they live. This is not just what we give to the community, it’s about our shared interests and mutual benefits.”

Five years ago, Augsburg took a leading role in the creation of the Cedar-Riverside Partnership, where stakeholders including West Bank businesses, Fairview Clinics-Riverside, University of Minnesota, neighborhood organizations, the City of Minneapolis, and Hennepin County explore new ways of working together in the neighborhood. Pribbenow currently serves as the partnership’s chair.

“At first the group was all about safety,” Pribbenow said, noting how partners raised funds to increase security at a community center, supported a neighborhood crime prevention group, and helped plan a community safety center that opened at a nearby housing complex.

“If you talk to the police department, they will tell you that all of this work by many institutions and

community organizations has improved the safety and vitality of the neighborhood in a surprisingly short amount of time.”

That initial success showed everyone what could be accomplished cooperatively. The group’s attention then widened to the coming Central Corridor light rail line. Hennepin County Commissioner Peter McLaughlin told the group, “If you get this right, it will undo the damage that was done” when Interstates 94 and 35W essentially walled off Cedar-Riverside from the rest of the city.

“This work is about resurrecting a neighborhood,” Pribbenow noted. “Cedar-Riverside could become a destination for the whole region.”

That’s also a goal of the Central Corridor Anchor Partnership: to make sure that adjacent neighborhoods capitalize on the transformative benefits of this nearly \$1 billion public investment. Pribbenow outlines four major initiatives to strengthen Central Corridor communities, which in turn strengthen anchor institutions such as Augsburg.

1 PROCUREMENT—A Central Corridor Funders Collaborative study found that 16 major anchor institutions already spend more than \$300 million

in goods and services from neighborhood businesses. Finding practical ways to increase this local spending—both individually and as a group—makes a good investment, said Augsburg’s Peacock. “Local purchasing benefits the local economy, which means a healthier neighborhood.”

When it came time to reupholster the chairs in Hoversten Chapel, for instance, Augsburg found a small Native American-owned business in the nearby Phillips neighborhood to do the job. A class of Augsburg MBA students is now investigating more opportunities on this front.

2 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT—The same principle of keeping resources circulating throughout the community applies to the goal of hiring more neighborhood residents at anchor institutions. Of course, as Peacock noted, this depends on finding people with the right skills. “How do we connect residents to the training and certification programs that are needed for the jobs?” That’s where Augsburg’s nursing and physician assistant programs come in, preparing young people to work at the nine medical facilities along the light rail line.

For several years, Augsburg has gone one step further in developing the future health care workforce by hosting

“THIS IS NOT DO-GOODERISM,” PRESIDENT PAUL PRIBBENOW STRESSED. “THIS IS MOVING BEYOND THE CHARITY MODEL. WE HAVE REAL INTERESTS THAT ARE AT PLAY WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD. FOR US, THIS IS ABOUT OUR STUDENTS. IT CONTRIBUTES TO THEIR EDUCATION, THEIR SAFETY, AND A VITAL URBAN ENVIRONMENT WHERE THEY LIVE. THIS IS NOT JUST WHAT WE GIVE TO THE COMMUNITY, IT’S ABOUT OUR SHARED INTERESTS AND MUTUAL BENEFITS.”

Urban Scrubs Camp (in conjunction with Fairview and the state-funded HealthForce Minnesota) to excite young people about careers in health care. Augsburg’s many community partners invite interested high school students to spend a week on campus in order to get a feel for work in these fast-expanding fields and for college life. St. Paul College, at the other end of the Central Corridor, is now adopting the idea.

3 ENGAGED LEARNING—Augsburg holds honors from the National Society for Experiential Education (2012) and the White House’s Presidential Award for Community Service (2010), which demonstrate the College’s leadership in this area. “Since the 1960s, we’ve taken advantage of the city itself as a classroom,” Pribbenow noted. “It’s part of what make us distinctive.”

Nursing students, for instance, gain invaluable experience working at the school’s drop-in health centers at Riverside Plaza and Central Lutheran Church. Hundreds of students also have volunteered at the Cedar Riverside Community School, a K-8 charter

school at Riverside Plaza, and the Augsburg Fairview Academy public high school in the Phillips neighborhood. All Auggies can be involved with the Campus Kitchen, a student-led project that distributes 2,000 meals a month to homeless shelters, youth programs, and senior and community centers. Similarly, Augsburg’s community garden finds students, community groups, and neighborhood residents growing vegetables side by side.

Trinity Lutheran Congregation, which was founded by Norwegian immigrants 140 years ago and today is home to many Eritrean and Ethiopian immigrants, is housed right on campus in a unique arrangement that further strengthens the ties between college and community. Students are involved with the congregation’s tutoring program for immigrants living in Cedar-Riverside and in interfaith collaborations with Augsburg’s many Muslim neighbors.

4 PLACEMAKING—Neighborhoods do not stay vital on economic development alone; a strong sense of place contributes greatly to their success. Augsburg

reaches out into the community in many ways to improve the built environment and enhance the distinctive character of the neighborhood. This goal is woven throughout the College’s campus master plan. The Oren Gateway Center, which opens onto Riverside Avenue, is symbolic of the College’s commitment to community connection. Another welcoming gateway is being considered long term for property Augsburg owns on Riverside Avenue on the east side of campus.

Riverside Avenue itself underwent a remarkable makeover in the last few years—with improved bike lanes and a new street configuration to calm traffic—thanks in part to the College’s cooperation with the city of Minneapolis. “There are improvements on Riverside that would not be there if we had not sat down with the city and said we wanted them,” Pribbenow said. It is exactly this type of leadership, collaboration, and active engagement in community building that Augsburg and its anchor partners will now extend to the entire Central Corridor region through this innovative new anchor institutions initiative.

Jay Walljasper, a senior fellow with Augsburg’s Sabo Center for Citizenship and Learning, specializes in city and community issues. He is author of *The Great Neighborhood Book* and *All That We Share: A Field Guide to the Commons*. Read more at jaywalljasper.com.

ANCHOR INSTITUTION STRATEGIES across the United States

Augsburg's recent participation in an "anchor" approach to community revitalization does not rely simply on theory. Large-scale strategies have been tested successfully under rigorous conditions in U.S. cities where economic challenges surpass those in the Twin Cities.

**ANCHOR INSTITUTIONS ARE THE
LARGEST EMPLOYER IN**

**66 of the 100
LARGEST U.S. CITIES.**

PHILADELPHIA

- Anchor strategies were pioneered in West Philadelphia.
- The University of Pennsylvania redefined its relationship with the community from isolation to interaction.



**+600
JOBS**

Successful initiatives included launching an incentive program for workers to live in the area, reviving commercial districts, creating more than 600 jobs, and more.

DETROIT

- Housing initiatives transformed an area notorious for abandoned properties into a desirable neighborhood.
- Hospitals convinced a medical products vendor to move its distribution center from the suburbs to the city, creating 140 jobs.
- The Henry Ford Health System established a five-year program in area high schools that trains and certifies students for jobs in 10 health care occupations.



CLEVELAND

- Anchor institutions teamed up to create a series of worker-owned cooperatives.
- Cleveland Clinic, Case Western Reserve University, and University Hospitals will benefit from light rail improvements and a new high-speed bus line.
- A growers cooperative was formed to produce local food.



**A FUTURE PROJECT MAY INCLUDE
A TRANSPORTATION COMPANY TO
SHUTTLE PATIENTS TO HOSPITALS.**

SYRACUSE

- The city's Near Westside, one of the 10 poorest census tracts in the United States, is transforming into a center for technology, design, and art.

**SYRACUSE
UNIVERSITY
RAISED**

\$56 million

**FOR ITS PLANS TO BETTER
CONNECT DOWNTOWN
WITH ITS CAMPUS.**



Other communities with anchor initiatives underway:

ATLANTA BOSTON CINCINNATI PHOENIX WASHINGTON, D.C.



To learn more about anchor initiatives in these communities, go to augsborg.edu/now.



AUGGIE voices

From Z to A: Zimbabwean student discovers his dream at Augsburg

During the 2011 Agre Symposium at Augsburg College, Kirubel Frew '14 was apprehensive in introducing himself to Peter Agre '70—the 2003 recipient of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry and the director of the Johns Hopkins Malaria Research Institute. But the conversation between the Auggie and one of the College's most notable alumni proved to be the first discussion of many.

"I happened to mention that I was from Zimbabwe," Frew recalled. "[Agre] said, 'Zim? Zim? I love Zim. It's a beautiful country. I believe Zimbabwe will have a scientific boom within the next decade.'"

As an international student, Frew selected Augsburg because of its well-respected science programs and its welcoming staff, which he identified during his college application process. Today he recognizes that the warmth of the Augsburg community extends beyond campus to its alumni network.

That's because what began as a simple chat between Agre and Frew regarding their ties to Zimbabwe matured into a bond through which the Nobel laureate has shaped the career aspirations of one of the College's standout third-year

chemists.

Frew views Agre's ability to operate a research lab, speak to audiences around the globe, and inspire young scientists as 'a dream job' and a goal he could not have identified without studying at Augsburg.

"Years ago, I wouldn't have believed all this was possible," Frew said. "Meeting a Nobel laureate in chemistry is awesome, and being mentored by him is even more awesome."

This mentorship began when Agre invited Frew to conduct research at the Baltimore-based Johns Hopkins Malaria Research Institute during summer 2012 and to attend the Lindau Meeting of Nobel Laureates in Lindau, Germany, an exclusive annual event that brings together several dozen chemistry and physics laureates and an equal number of student guests.

Frew was a fitting choice for these life-changing opportunities because he developed the critical thinking skills that high-level research requires during the summer after his first year at Augsburg. He participated in a 10-week faculty-led research program through the College's Office of

Undergraduate Research and Graduate Opportunity (URGO).

"Research is so unscripted and there are so many turns," said assistant professor of chemistry Z. Vivian Feng, one of Frew's faculty advisers.

Feng presented Frew with the opportunity to conduct a complex proof-of-concept project in which he could demonstrate the feasibility of making a bench-top reactor, a small instrument tied to revolutionary biodiesel experimentation conducted by Augsburg alumnus and businessman Clayton McNeff '91, chemistry professor emeritus Arlin Gyberg, and Augsburg's first Rhodes Scholar Brian Krohn '08.

Feng said she knew the research project would be challenging for Frew given his limited experience in the chemistry lab, but she also believed it suited his background in physics and interest in engineering. Frew was determined to independently achieve his goal of modifying the reactor design using his creativity, ingenuity, and knack for problem solving.

Frew said his experiences on the Augsburg campus and around the globe have proven so inspiring that he now is determined to continue his science education and align his career path to his vocation.

Dixie Shafer, URGO director, sees this objective as a near-perfect fit. She said that from Frew's first days of research at Augsburg, he has demonstrated a gift for explaining complex scientific processes in terms that an interdisciplinary audience can understand.

"He sees communication as one of his life-long missions," Shafer explained. "He may become a serious scientist and work on issues that are related to policy—realizing that too many people in policy don't know the science and too many scientists have difficulty communicating with the non-science community ... he'd love to be doing what Peter Agre does."

Frew cites Agre's hard work and intellect as key components in the Nobel laureate's career success, and the young Auggie is on track to take his Augsburg education to the next level with his own tenacity. Students and alumni from Augsburg's science and mathematics departments commonly go on to conduct research, attend graduate school, and accept employment at some of the nation's leading research institutions including Cornell University, Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab, Johns Hopkins University, and Yale University, among others.

Augsburg is a place for young scientists like Frew to set dreams for the future and lay the educational foundation on which to achieve them.

LAURA SWANSON



To watch an audio slideshow in which Frew discusses his URGO research, go to augsburg.edu/now.

STUDENT RESEARCH

As spring turns to summer, life on a college campus typically quiets. But for a select group of undergraduate researchers, the summer months are anything but slow.

From May to August, Augsburg students perform faculty-led research in the sciences, humanities, and fine arts. Their work is supported by funding from Augsburg's Undergraduate Research and Graduate Opportunity (URGO) program, the McNair Scholars program, the Sundquist Scholars program, the Northstar STEM Alliance, a NASA Space Physics grant, and the National Science Foundation.



To watch audio slide shows featuring Laura Essenburg '12, Samantha Cantrall '14, and other summer researchers, go to augsburg.edu/now.



**LAURA '12
ESSENBURG**

Essenburg studied stereotypes and the portrayal of race in college admissions marketing materials.



**SAMANTHA '14
CANTRALL**

Cantrall studied the hip hop protest music inspired by the Arab Spring movement.



PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT FIELD SWELLS IN U.S.; AUGSBURG LEADS IN MINNESOTA

BY LAURA SWANSON



IN JUNE 2012, *Forbes* named physician assistant studies one of the best master's degrees for jobs, citing the discipline's salary and employment outlook in which job opportunities are expected to grow 30 percent by 2020.

Physician assistants (PAs) are in demand due to an aging U.S. population, a projected shortage of primary care physicians, and a need for increased access to affordable health care. And—in alignment with health care industry demand—100 percent of Augsburg PA alumni are employed within six months of graduation, according to Dawn Ludwig, the College's PA program director.

Jamie Schneckloth '11 MPA is one of these graduates. She worked as an emergency room technician and nursing assistant for a half dozen years. After witnessing firsthand the important role PAs play in the health care industry, she gained admittance to the highly competitive Augsburg College PA program. She wanted to earn a well-regarded education in general practice medicine, to expand her earning potential, and to pursue an exceptionally versatile career path.

Schneckloth secured her first full-time PA position at La Clinica following her master's degree completion.

"In my day-to-day practice, I manage a number of acute and chronic conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure, asthma, and I focus on preventive health," Schneckloth said. "I perform procedures as needed, such as joint injections ... and laceration repair."

As a Spanish-major-turned-physician-assistant, she was a natural fit for employment at the St. Paul-based community health center that provides multicultural and multilingual treatment to immigrant and low-income communities.

"PAs are a cost-effective way to deliver quality health care in primary care areas," Ludwig said. "The licensure of a physician assistant is dependent upon the practice of the

physician, which means physicians can delegate certain responsibilities to the PA to help them run their practices."

Augsburg began its PA program in 1995 and during 2001 became the first college in Minnesota to offer the Physician Assistant Certificate along with the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies—a degree program that prepares mid-level health care providers. As a PA, Schneckloth is licensed to examine, treat, educate, and write prescriptions for patients while under the supervision of a physician.

"The profession has exploded in the past 15 years," Ludwig said.

Schneckloth completed the Augsburg College PA program in three years. Current Augsburg students earn a PA certificate and a master's degree in 31 months. The program's duration is a fraction of the length of medical school, which requires a commitment of at least seven years. Like med students, Augsburg College PA students enroll in lecture courses emphasizing science and diseases, then complete 2,500 hours of clinical rotations during the second half of their education. These rotations are "key to what makes you confident in providing quality care for a patient," Schneckloth said.

PAs also are generalists who can easily change medical disciplines. "I liked that the career was versatile," Schneckloth added. "I could work in any specialty, as opposed to physicians who have to maintain the particular career path that they chose in residency for their entire career."

The Augsburg PA program promotes a commitment to lifelong personal and professional development and has a "strong reputation in the country," according to Ludwig. "That leads to high-quality people applying, which means we are selective about the candidates we admit, which then leads to high-quality graduates."

DID YOU KNOW?

The first physician assistant program was established at North Carolina's Duke University Medical Center in 1965, and the discipline has become increasingly popular in all 50 U.S. states. Early PA programs were modeled after the fast-track training available to World War II doctors and addressed a shortage of primary care physicians.

Drawing from EXPERIENCE



Tara Sweeney, Augsburg College associate professor of art, looks for the extraordinary in the ordinary, drawing from direct observation with watercolor and ink.

After 21 years at Augsburg, she is at ease teaching painting and drawing in the College's on-campus studios. But, Sweeney said, since 1999 she has pushed herself—and the students she instructs—into “deeper observing, questioning, and creating” through short-term study abroad programs in Italy and France.

“Learning to draw in a study abroad program is an opportunity to travel in an entirely different way than a typical tourist,” Sweeney said. “It wakes us up. Sketching in the midst of daily life challenges the habitual ways we think about ourselves, where we are, and what we know. It coaxes us to be more open, more present to what we encounter.”

In January 2013, Sweeney collaborated with Merilee Klemp, associate professor of music, to teach the fine

arts course, The Sights and Sounds of Europe: Paris, which encouraged students to embrace art and music as inter-related disciplines during an Augsburg Abroad winter break program.

Sweeney said students sketched at key cultural locations as well as at art museums and live musical performances throughout the City of Lights, prompting the travelers to learn new visual and aural skills, engage with people in the community, and embrace the diversity of their unfamiliar setting.

“Drawing is its own language—one that can be shared without words,” Sweeney said. “It makes the artist and the art-making more visible and approachable. Strangers pause, watch the sketches unfold, and sometimes share their stories. Empathy and trust grow out of this experience. These attitudes are essential to drawing and designing, to teaching and learning, and to embracing and understanding the world we live in.”



Sweeney, at right, with student Nina Robinson '14.

Prior to teaching, Sweeney was a freelance book illustrator and designer as well as executive art director for *Mpls. St. Paul Magazine*. She is a prolific artist whose recent work ranges from artist books to mixed media paintings and drawings. She holds signature status in the Minnesota Watercolor Society. The Phipps Center for the Arts in Hudson, Wis., recently exhibited 42 drawings from her current series, “Close to Home: A Visual Journal.” Her spring 2013 sabbatical project focuses on the completion of this series.



Augsburg students who participated in The Sights and Sounds of Europe: Paris course recorded their travel experiences in sketchbooks and journals. Sweeney taught students drawing techniques by demonstrating in her own visual journal. Sweeney's examples, included here, show how Paris provided both the subject matter and the classroom for this unique approach to experiential education.

ALUMNI news

FROM THE ALUMNI BOARD PRESIDENT



Dear alumni and friends,

During February, the Alumni Board hosted the first Alumni Leadership Summit, bringing to campus key leaders who have served on the Alumni Board of Directors in the past. **The objective of this summit was to educate our most engaged alumni about the importance of the Center for Science, Business, and Religion;** to introduce them to its Campaign Action Team; and to discuss meaningful ways that they can contribute to the success of the campaign and engage their classmates in the process.

The summit was a wonderful opportunity to see the outstanding work being done by Augsburg faculty and staff members, to tour the current science facilities, and to reconnect with the College and our classmates. I was truly overwhelmed, although not surprised, by the enthusiasm demonstrated by those in attendance.

As alumni of Augsburg College, we are in part responsible for its financial future. **This summer and fall, we have planned a series of additional class year and affinity group summits** to



Current and former Alumni Board members gather at the first Alumni Leadership Summit.

provide all alumni with an opportunity to return to campus, meet with current faculty and students, learn about the exciting things that are taking place at Augsburg, and discover how we can play a role in the continued success of the College. Please join with me in taking ownership of the future of Augsburg!

CHRIS ASCHER '81
ALUMNI BOARD PRESIDENT

ALUMNI AND STUDENT NETWORKING



During February, Augsburg students connected with alumni at a networking event sponsored by the Office of Alumni and Constituent Relations and the Clair and Gladys Strommen Center for Meaningful Work. Here psychology major Joe Kempf '16 talks with Auggie alumni. To find out about future opportunities to mentor or support current students, go to augsborg.edu/alumni.

AUGSBURG ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Augsburg Alumni Association is looking for volunteers to serve on the Alumni Board. All alumni are welcome and encouraged to apply. The Alumni Board is a governing body of the Alumni Association. Together with the Office of Alumni and Constituent Relations, it provides resources and opportunities to engage alumni with the College and each other through consistent communication, inclusive programming, and intentional relationship-building. For more information, email alumni@augsborg.edu.

YOUNG ALUMNI SUMMER SERIES

Thursday, May 30, 5-7 p.m.

BRIT'S PUB

1100 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis
Complimentary beverage and appetizers provided.



Wednesday, June 19

TWINS VS. CHICAGO WHITE SOX

5-7 p.m.—Pre-game reception at
Hubert's, 600 N. First Avenue,
Minneapolis

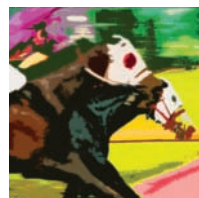
7:10 p.m.—Game at Target Field.

\$30 includes ticket to game in The Pavilion, appetizers, and
a complimentary beverage at Hubert's.

Thursday, July 18, 5:30-9 p.m.

YOUNG ALUMNI LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Minneapolis Club, 729 Second Avenue S., Minneapolis
Join fellow young alumni leaders to learn how you can
support the future of your alma mater.
Pre-reception cocktails, dinner, and presentation.



Friday, August 2, 5-7 p.m.

AUGGIE NIGHT AT CANTERBURY PARK

1100 Canterbury Road, Shakopee
Free admission, picnic buffet, and
reserved seating.

Friday, September 27, 6-8 p.m.

HOMEcoming 2013—

REPUBLIC AT SEVEN CORNERS

221 Cedar Ave. S., Minneapolis
Complimentary beverage and appetizers provided.

To register, go to augsborg.edu/alumni.



Join the Augsburg College Young
Alumni Facebook group to learn
more and stay connected.



AUGSBURG HONORS FORMER WRESTLING COACH RON PFEFFER

Former Augsburg College
wrestling coach Ron
Pfeffer, who coached
the team's first four
Augsburg All-American
wrestlers and led the
team to its first top-10
national tournament
finish, was honored on
Saturday, January 26,
when a new competition
mat was named in his
honor. Augsburg wrestling
alumni, including many
who wrestled for Pfeffer,
attended the ceremony.



Photo by Don Stoner

Ron Pfeffer celebrates with the All-Americans who competed during his Augsburg coaching career. [L to R]: Mike Good '71, Ron Johnson '71, Ron Pfeffer, Daryl Miller '69, and Pat Marcy '72.

Pfeffer coached the Auggies from 1966 to 1971, compiling a 52-10-1 dual-meet record. His teams from 1967-68 to 1969-70 won three straight Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) championships, and his 1970-71 team became the first Augsburg wrestling squad to earn a top-10 national finish. Pfeffer coached 17 MIAC individual champions, taught health and physical education courses, and served as an assistant football coach at Augsburg.



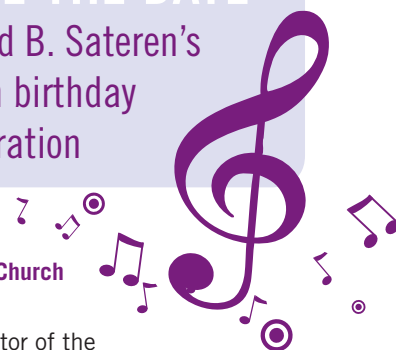
SAVE THE DATE

Leland B. Sateren's
100th birthday
celebration

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

4 p.m., Normandale Lutheran Church
Edina, Minn.

Leland B. Sateren '35, director of the
Augsburg Choir from 1946 to 1979, would have
been 100 years old on October 13, 2013. To celebrate
Sateren's legacy, a special public concert including
Augsburg Choir alumni will be held on his birthday. Choir
alumni will receive more information this summer. To
learn more, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at
alumni@augsborg.edu.



Scholastic Connections' students, mentors forge deep bonds



SCHOLASTIC CONNECTIONS

Beverly Bushyhead '98, a professional in non-profit leadership and management, volunteered to serve as a mentor through the Scholastic Connections program at Augsburg because of her strong desire to assist Native American students with navigating college.

Scholastic Connections is a scholarship and mentorship program for high-achieving undergraduate students of color at Augsburg College. The program is designed to assist students in the completion of their undergraduate degree by pairing them with a mentor—usually also a person of color—who recognizes, supports, challenges, and inspires them. In addition, mentors provide meaningful insight and guidance on becoming engaged, successful citizens of the world when students graduate, in part by facilitating career development and planning.

Bushyhead, who is a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee from North Carolina, was paired in 2010 with Rebecca Dickinson '13, a double major in Spanish and sociology. Dickinson is a member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe.

Since they first met three years ago, their mentoring relationship has grown to focus on challenging questions related to life and professional success, and the two regularly connect.

Bushyhead describes Dickinson as “incredibly bright and competent, and more than that—she is brave and ethical.”

Bushyhead also said she's watched Dickinson's commitment to others deepen during the course of their three-year mentor relationship.

Dickinson, indeed, is engaged in the community. She teaches voice to middle-school girls, is a Page Scholar in community centers, works with Minnesota Public Research Group, and is a tutor at a community library.

Dickinson said when she questions whether she can make a difference in the world, she leans on words from Bushyhead: **earn an education because you can, represent similar voices that are unheard, and work to create systemic change so that educational opportunities are available to more people.**

CHERYL CROCKETT '89



Beverly Bushyhead '98 and Rebecca Dickinson '13

Alumni are needed to mentor students in the Scholastic Connections program. If you are interested in volunteering your time, contact Cindy Peterson at 612-330-1754 or petersoc@augsborg.edu.



SEPTEMBER 23-28

GO AUGGIES

SAVE THE DATE FOR HOMECOMING 2013

Reunion Classes

50th Reunion—1963 40th Reunion—1973
30th Reunion—1983 25th Reunion—1988
10th Reunion—2003

augsborg.edu/homecoming

ALUMNI

class notes

90 After 10 years of service as chief technology officer at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Ore., **Dan Terrio** accepted the position of chief information officer at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash.

00 **Sara (Quigley) Brown** was installed on October 28, 2012, as the pastor at Alaska Native Lutheran, an Inupiaq (Eskimo) congregation of the ELCA in Anchorage, Alaska. Her husband, Russell, works in IT for Wells Fargo.

01 **Kathryn Koch** has been appointed the event and administrative manager for the O'Shaughnessy at St. Catherine University in St. Paul.

Stephanie Quick-Espinoza was named the director of evangelical mission and synod minister for expanding vision in the Rocky Mountain Synod Office of the Bishop. Her call began in

February 2013. Stephanie and her family relocated to Denver, Colo.

07 **Jaclyn Gehrke** is teaching at a bilingual school in Roatán, Honduras.

12 **Jake (Johnson) Rapp** directed *Brain-Dumb* for the Minnesota band STNNNG. The video was named a Best Twin Cities music video of 2012 by *City Pages*. Rapp earned his bachelor of arts in film production at Augsburg. Rapp's student work was featured at the 2011 and 2012 ACTC film festivals.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Lori Peterson, Augsburg assistant vice president and dean of graduate and professional studies, was recognized with the University of Minnesota's College of Education and Human Development 2012 Distinguished Alumni Award. Peterson was commended for her leadership in adult education.



Filling their father's skates

When **Bill McClellan '86** [center] attends Augsburg men's hockey games, he is proud to see his sons, **Ben '15** [left] and **B. J. '14** [right], stepping out onto the same rink where he skated with the Augsburg hockey team more than 20 years ago. If you're an Auggie alum and would like your grandchild, son, daughter, or sibling to be an Auggie too, contact the Office of Admissions about the Augsburg Legacy scholarship at 612-330-1001 or admissions@augsborg.edu.



To read more about the McClellans, go to augsborg.edu/now.

AUGGIE SNAPSHOTS



53 **Marilyn Elness Froiland** and her husband, Pastor Philip Froiland, spent the month of August 2011 in Sitka, Alaska, as volunteer docents at Sitka Lutheran Church, the oldest Lutheran church on the West Coast of the United States. The church was founded in 1840 by Pastor Uno Cygnaeus of the Church of Finland after the Russian czar granted permission for a Lutheran church to be built by the Russian American Company. Throughout the month, the Froilands showed 1,100 tourists the artifacts of the original church and explained its history.



67-68 **Kaye (Nelson) Jenness '67** and **Gretchen (Strom) Schmidt '68** and their spouses met in Astoria, Ore., for a two-day visit during September 2012.



77 **Neil Pauluk Paulson** completed a marathon in each of the 50 U.S. states and in the District of Columbia. Paulson ran 36 marathons in 2010 and 32 in 2011; his longest streak was 14 races in 14 weeks, and he completed two marathons (in New Hampshire and Maine) in one weekend. He also competed in 50K and 24-hour races. Paulson is the director of a private mortgage investment fund affiliated with Equity Trust Company and owner of Franklin Financial, LLC, a mortgage and real estate investment company.

AUGGIES ARE AWESOME



80 Carol (Kenyon) Dekker's son, Sam, was named Wisconsin's Mr. Basketball in 2012 and led the team from Sheboygan Lutheran High School to the Division V state basketball championship by hitting a game-winning 3-pointer with 6 seconds remaining on the game clock. Sam also was selected to play on the USA Basketball Men's U18 national team that won the gold medal in Brazil during June 2012, and he was a member of the Wisconsin Badgers men's basketball team in the 2012-13 season.



97 Jessica Barker, Jen Ringeisen Berg, Christa Winkelman, Tara Cesaretti McLeod, and Jane Ruth Zirbes attended their 15-year reunion during Homecoming 2012 at Augsburg.



00 Cristina M. Olstad '00, '05 MSW was named the assistant vice president for student affairs at Towson University in Maryland. Olstad began the position on January 23. She previously served as the assistant director of residential education at the University of Vermont, where she completed her doctoral degree in educational leadership and policy studies. Olstad and her wife, Kirsten Fricke, are thrilled to be moving to the Baltimore area to be closer to family and friends.



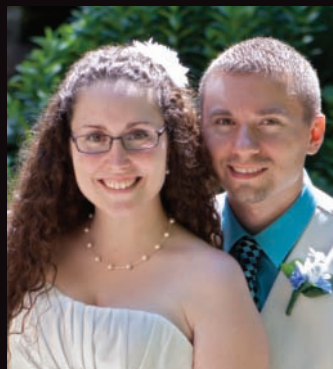
04 Christina (Boe) and Michael T. Anderson '13 WEC welcomed Savannah Elizabeth on October 9, 2012. She joins big sister, Charlotte. The couple hopes the girls will become third-generation Auggies by attending the College following their parents and their grandfather, David E. Boe '68.



05 Laura (Eliaison) Faitsbau was married on January 8, 2011, to Lauren (Jung) Faitsbau in Decorah, Iowa. The couple welcomed Rowan Sage Faitsbau on August 16, 2012.



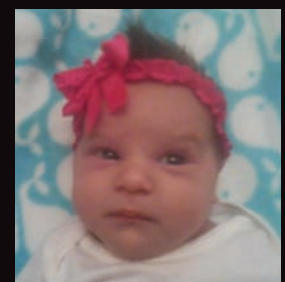
07 Brittney Ruth Hodgdon was born to Andrea (Slack) and Clint Hodgdon '04 on August 15, 2012. Andrea is an accountant at Renewable Products Marketing Group, and Clint is a sales manager at Ameriprise Financial.



07 Kelsey Crockett married Stacey Gadsden in Belknap Springs, Ore., on July 7, 2012. The couple lives in Spring Hill, Tenn., where Stacey works at Olive Garden and attends college while Kelsey is a consultant for Verizon Financial Services, Southern Region. Kelsey's parents are Larry Crockett, professor at Augsburg College, and Cheryl Crockett '89, a volunteer in the Office of Alumni and Constituent Relations.



07 Jenessa Payano Stark married Geomar Payano Stark in Glenwood, Minn., on June 8, 2012. The couple lives in New York City, where they met as bicycle messengers. Jenessa works as a homebirth midwife assistant for Cara Muhlhahn Midwifery, and Geomar works as a bicycle messenger.



09 Stacey (Kinder) and Ryan Plasch welcomed daughter Audrey Valda Plasch on November 22, 2012. Ryan works for South Metro Human Services and Stacey is currently a full-time mother. The family lives in Maple Grove, Minn.

AUGGIE SNAPSHOTS



09 **Dixon Dehmer** and **Melissa Ludwig** were married at Zion Lutheran Church in Buffalo, Minn. on September 15, 2012. Dixon is employed at Nilfisk-Advance in Plymouth, Minn., as a financial accountant. Melissa is employed at Venture Photography in Edina, Minn., as the office manager. The couple resides in Buffalo.



12 **Carmen Crockett '12 MBA** married John Williams in Eagan, Minn., on October 6, 2012. **Larry Crockett**, professor at Augsburg College and father of the bride, officiated at the ceremony. The bride was escorted down the aisle by her mother, **Cheryl Crockett '89**, who is a volunteer in the Office of Alumni and Constituent Relations. Carmen is an account manager for SPS Commerce in downtown Minneapolis, and John works for Wells Fargo in the area of mortgages and foreclosures. They live in Eagan, Minn.



11 **Ali Rapp** and **Jake (Johnson) Rapp '12** were married on November 10, 2012. Jake owns a video production company, and Ali is a master of arts candidate at the University of Minnesota.



12 **Dr. Amit K. Ghosh '12 MBA** received the Laureate Award from the Minnesota Chapter of the American College of Physicians. The award was presented in Minneapolis on November 2, 2012. Ghosh is a professor of medicine at Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and a consultant in the division of general internal medicine. He is also the current director of the Mayo Clinic international program. Pictured with Dr. Ghosh are his wife, Karthik [left], and daughter, Divya [right].

CORRECTION:

On page 37 of the Fall 2012 issue of Augsburg Now, **Gretha (Halvorson) Loken '38** and her daughter **Mary (Loken) Veiseth '70** were pictured at the graduation of **Amy Aylsworth '12**. Aylsworth was incorrectly listed as Veiseth's daughter; she is Veiseth's niece.



GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK

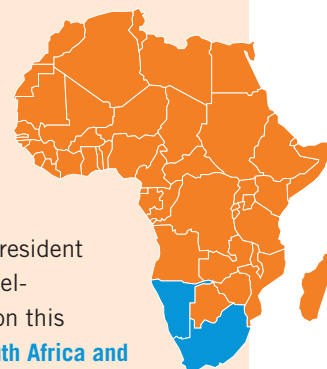
Later this year, the offices of Alumni Relations and Marketing and Communication will administer the member magazine readership survey created by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). This web survey is designed to help college and university editors evaluate how readers view their campus magazine and to benchmark the results.

Please email langemo@augsborg.edu to update your email address. A random sample of Augsburg Now readers will be asked to participate in this survey.

The Landmarks of South Africa and Namibia

AUGUST 11-24, 2013

Join Augsburg College President Paul C. Pribbenow and fellow alumni and friends on this African tour through **South Africa and Namibia's shared political past and the popular tourist attractions and landmarks this history has created**. This trip is offered by the Augsburg College Alumni Association and Center for Global Education (CGE) at Augsburg College. To request more details about the trip, call 612-330-1085 or email alumni@augsborg.edu.



In memoriam

Rev. Lester A. Dahlen '39, Richfield, Minn., age 95, on September 25.

Rev. Luther O. Strommen '39, Minneapolis and Sun City, Ariz., age 95, on September 29.

Clair K. "Kenny" Chelmen '40, Bloomington, Minn., age 93, on September 17.

Mildred D. (Tweed) Thudium '40, Oreland, Pa., age 93, on August 6.

Philip C. Helland '42, Minneapolis, age 92, on December 12.

Shirley Ann (George) Foster '49, Springfield, Minn., age 84, on September 19.

Charlotte E. Leafblad '49, Zion, Ill., age 85, on January 2.

Merida N. (Collin) Erickson '50, Naperville, Ill., age 85, on November 22.

Marolyn (Sortland) Halverson '51, Columbus, Ohio, age 83, on October 31.

Jean (Vettel) Kiteley '51, Exeter, N.H., age 83, on November 16.

Orpha (Hushagen) Iseminger '54, Sioux Falls, S.D., age 82, on June 14.

Walter K. Josephson '54, Rochester, Minn., age 82, on May 16, 2012.

Kermit E. Bolstad '56, Culbertson, Mont., age 77, on August 8.

John W. Haynes '56, Pengilly, Minn., age 80, on September 15.

Charles "Chuck" Howard '56, Madelia, Minn., age 81, on October 15.

Harlan C. Christianson '57, Los Angeles, Calif., age 77, on December 15.

Richard H. "Dick" Velve '57, Eden Prairie, Minn., age 76, on September 24.

Allen J. Johnson '61, Sioux City, Iowa, age 73, on October 23.

Ronald T. Hagenson '63, Plymouth, Minn., age 76, on May 2, 2012.

Charles M. Daggett '64, Watertown, Minn., age 74, on November 6.

Christ J. Behm '68, Little Canada, Minn., age 65, on January 14.

John G. Telste '72, Ashburn, Va., age 61, on October 7.

Karen L. Johnson '75, St. Paul, age 58, on April 2, 2012.

Deidre (Durand) Middleton '88, Plymouth, Minn., age 73, on November 24.

Vicki C. MacNabb '07, Minneapolis, age 65, on December 24.

Daniel J. Martin '10, Lafayette, Colo., age 27, on October 23.

Eric Dietz '11, Hilo, Hawaii, age 29, on January 6.

Mark C. Langdon '13, Omaha, Nebr., age 22, on December 7.

Andrew Pehrson '13, Eden Prairie, Minn., age 23, on December 27.

Austin R. Conley '16, Minneapolis, age 20, on October 27.

Professor Emeritus Ray Anderson, Minneapolis, age 88, on January 6.

Professor Emeritus Vern Bloom, Bloomington, Minn., age 78, on October 20.

Send us your news and photos

Please tell us about the news in your life, your new job, move, marriage, and births. Don't forget to send photos! (Digital photos must be at least 300 dpi or a 1MB file.)

For news of a death, printed notice is required, e.g., an obituary, funeral notice, or program from a memorial service.

Send your news items, photos, or change of address by mail to: Augsburg Now Class Notes, Augsburg College, CB 146, 2211 Riverside Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55454, or email alumni@augsborg.edu. You can also submit news at augsborg.edu/alumni.

Full name

Maiden name

Class year or last year attended

Street address

City, State, ZIP code

Is this a new address? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Home telephone

Email

Okay to publish your email address? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Employer

Position

Work telephone

Is spouse also a graduate of Augsburg College? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, class year

Spouse's name (include maiden name, if applicable)

Your news:

☐ I know a student who is interested in attending Augsburg.



it takes an AUGGIE

AUGSBURG STEWARDS: AUGGIES FOR LIFE

A group of dedicated students play an important role in the life and future of the College. Since 2005, the Augsburg Stewards have shared their stories of being a student with alumni. The Stewards also have taught their college peers about the importance of philanthropy to the life of the College.

These dedicated Auggies perform their service to Augsburg through alumni relations programs and Augsburg Fund initiatives. In return, the Stewards find that their service yields unique career development opportunities.

In addition to educating their peers on the role they will play as alumni, Stewards also connect with other students throughout the year through Philanthropy Week, the Feed the Pig class challenge, and the 100 Days to Graduation Senior Party. Each of these programs is intended to inspire a lifetime of Auggie Pride in Stewards and other students.

Stewards, as current Auggies, connect with alumni at events such as Advent Vespers, the Convocation Series lectures, Homecoming, the Alumni Summer Series, the Alumni/Student Networking evening, and Scholarship Brunch, and begin to build relationships that can lead to internships or career opportunities.

Augsburg Stewards (pictured clockwise from top):
Justin Lochner '13, Ashley Pepper '16, Emily
Bauermeister '15, Gary Mariscal '14, Jake Haehnal '14

THE Maroon & Silver SOCIETY

JILL WATSON '10 MBA is one of the newest members of Augsburg's Maroon & Silver Society. Members pledge to contribute \$1,000 annually to The Augsburg Fund to provide scholarships, help the College hire and retain outstanding faculty, and foster academic growth and achievement for Augsburg students. The generous donors of the Maroon & Silver Society make up 8 percent of all donors to The Augsburg Fund but provide 69 percent of the dollars received each year.

Watson gives to The Augsburg Fund because she knows it supports all students—undergraduate and graduate—in their pursuit of an Augsburg education.

"In January, I was fortunate to be invited to a Leadership Summit where I learned about Augsburg's long-term vision and goals. This experience was truly inspiring, and I walked away knowing that I had to get more involved in the life of the College. I chose to support The Augsburg Fund through the Maroon & Silver Society because it touches all Augsburg students in some way."



AUGSBURG
COLLEGE

augsburg.edu/giving

AUGSBURG COLLEGE

2211 Riverside Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55454

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Twin Cities, MN
Permit No. 2031



Auggies are everywhere!

As part of the Rochester community for nearly 15 years, Augsburg College's campus in downtown Rochester offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs in business, education, and nursing. To watch a video of Auggie Eagle in Rochester, go to augsborg.edu/rochester or scan the QR code.