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VIEWPOINTS

Before I came to Augustana, I didn't know education could be exciting. Four years ago, I was apathetic towards going to college; Augustana just happened to be on top of a list my parents gave me. Augie had a great nursing program, and I have always enjoyed helping people as well as science, so it seemed like the most logical choice. My plan was simple: get through the next four years, easily get a job, and make a pretty good amount of money. However, my plan changed because of, in my opinion, Augustana's strongest asset, its professors.

I changed during my first semester when Dr. Sehested captured my attention, even at 8 a.m., with the stories she told during Sociology 110. I changed, when in World Literature, Dr. Looney showed me that Don Quixote, even though it was written centuries before, dealt with the same issues I was going through. I changed when Dr. O'Hara told us to turn our chairs around during class so we could admire the snow outside the window during Philosophy 110. I changed when in Ceramics, Professor Punt made me realize that a cup could share more than a cup of tea; it could share a story.

I even changed my major after taking Dr. Gubbel's physiology class, because her passion for biology helped me realize my own. Today, in class when I stare at the clock, I dread its ticking because I don't want Dr. Vitiello to stop revealing amazing molecular mysteries. I actually wake up excited to go to class. Augustana has changed me.

Last week, while working at my part-time job in a lab, my boss (and also life-hero) told me that I was the most enthusiastic person he had ever met. After coming off cloud-nine from his compliment, I realized that I am no longer the apathetic person who sees life as boxes to check off; I see it as a journey. I don't care anymore about how easy I can get a job or how much money I can make; I want to live a life in service that makes the world a better and more beautiful place. Compared to four years ago, I have less of a plan of what exactly I'm going to do after I graduate; however, I have something more important. Augustana and its



professors have given me a compass on how I want to travel. And if that's not exciting, I don't know what is.

Emily Weber '14 Sioux City, Iowa



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BEFORE AND AFTER:

Students compare shoes and pant legs on day two of a three-day, 40 mile trek during the J-Term course, "Tropical Ecology of Guatemala, Belize and Spanish Immersion," led by Dr. Craig Spencer (Biology) and Dr. David O'Hara (Philosophy).



ABOVE: Thailand's capital city became a makeshift classroom for Augustana students in Dr. Reynold Nesiba's January Term course, "The Political Economy of Thailand." **BELOW:** Psychology and Religion major Miriam Hanson near the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem during J-Term.



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ABOVE: This photo, submitted by Nursing and Spanish major Kathryn Johnson, shows Nursing students and faculty having fun outside the largest basilica in the Americas in Ecuador during J-Term.

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RIGHT: English and Journalism major Dylynn Makepeace at the Isle of Skye, Scotland, during spring break.

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ABOVE AND RIGHT: Dr. Sandra Looney (English) and Dr. John Pennington (Music) led students for the J-Term course, "Dharma: Life, Religion and Music in Contemporary India."

BELOW: English major Noah Fisher submitted this photo of his group studying in Scotland during spring break.





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"It's hard to overstate what this project will mean."

- Dr. Paul Egland

Associate Professor, Chief Health Professions Advisor and Chair of Biology



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fter months of planning, architectural renderings for Augustana's new Froiland Science Complex are now complete. Designed by Smithgroup JJR and TSP, the \$35 million project will begin with a

41,000-square-foot addition to the existing Gilbert Science Center (GSC) and will include a complete renovation of the current building. When it's complete, College officials say the new, LEED-certified 125,000-square-foot facility will enable Augustana's Natural Science Division faculty to incorporate modern pedagogies proven to equip students with enhanced critical thinking skills and handson experience.

"It's hard to overstate what this project will mean," said Dr. Paul Egland, associate professor, chief health professions advisor and chair of the Biology Department. "We've simply outgrown our current facility in about every way we can think of."

Outgrown, indeed. Today biology is one of Augustana's largest majors – up 22 percent over the last decade.

That same upward trend extends throughout the entire Natural Science Division.

For the 2013-14 academic year, Natural Science majors represented 36 percent of all majors at Augustana – up nearly 10 percent from a decade ago. College officials cite a number of reasons for the growth, including an increased demand for health care professionals, a growing interest in the natural sciences among high school students and Augustana's reputation for delivering high job placement rates among its graduates.

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Named in honor of Dr. Sven Froiland, longtime biology professor and a champion of scientific research at Augustana, the new facility will feature six new, technology-rich "classatories," rooms featuring traditional classroom elements and laboratory components. These rooms will enable faculty to build "active learning" philosophies into their curriculum – a proven teaching method pairing traditional lecture with group work and hands-on exercises.

"We want our graduates to feel confident and competent," said Dr. Karen Younger, professor of nursing and chair of the natural sciences division. "Take nursing, for example. These new 'classatories' will help us create more complex instruction around the physical, relational and psycho-motor elements of nursing care. Our students truly will be able to 'practice becoming' nurses before they enter their first job."

Dr. Eric Wells, associate professor and chair of the Physics Department, agrees.

"The idea of 'practice becoming' is a good way of saying it," Wells said. "Among our physics majors, about 60 percent go on to graduate school and become scientists. They're going to do research in their graduate program so they need to practice being a scientist as an undergraduate student."

Physics majors have skyrocketed in recent years, charting a 219-percent increase over the last decade. The growth, Wells says, is



due to marketplace demand, particularly for engineers.

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Augustana offers a dual-degree physics-engineering program in which students spend three years studying on campus and two years at a partner school: Columbia University, Washington University or the University of Minnesota.

"It's an awesome program – many of our students who pursue it have multiple job offers when they're finished," Wells said. "At the end of five years, students receive a bachelor's degree from Augustana and a bachelor's in science in engineering from the partner school. These graduates are really sought after in the job market because if you've got an engineer who can, say, design a bridge and tell the city council why the bridge looks that way, well, that's a pretty nice person to have on your team."

Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) is another department that has seen significant growth – its majors are up 181 percent over the last 10 years.

"Exercise science is really an emerging field that's growing all over the country and it can take people in a lot of different directions,"

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said Dr. Sherry Barkley, professor and chair of the HPER Department. "Our graduates go on to become physical therapists, occupational therapists, athletic trainers and other wellness professionals. They're working in clinical settings, nursing homes, cardiac rehab units, with pregnant women, and with people with neurological issues."

Currently located in the Elmen Center, the HPER Department will move to the Froiland Complex and will be housed near the new Nursing Department, a design configuration that will enable HPER students to share the Nursing Department's new, high-fidelity health care simulation labs.

The new facility will also feature core research areas for faculty researchers and their student collaborators and glass-enclosed laboratories, designs College officials say will put "science on display" for all students and further enhance the culture of research that exists on the campus today.

Along with more research space, the Froiland Complex will include numerous open study areas for students near faculty offices. Mark David Kranz, principal and design director for Smithgroup JJR, said the design of the study spaces will encourage the exchange of ideas and build community among students and their faculty mentors.

"These spaces will have tack-able surfaces, wipe boards, tables and chairs, and the technology students need to study and collaborate," Kranz said. "And, they'll be flooded with light."

GSC's largest existing classroom, the auditorium-style GSC 100, will be replaced with a larger space that can be divided into two, 100seat classrooms featuring retractable seating. When it's not divided, the room will be able to hold 300 people for research presentations, meetings and other gatherings.

Plans are also underway that will enable students to discover science outdoors, through the use of region-specific plants, trees and grasses in the facility's landscaping design around its perimeter and in its courtyard area.

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To date, Augustana has received nearly \$18.8 million in gifts and pledges in support of the Froiland Science Complex. College officials say construction will break ground once gifts and pledges reach \$20 million.

"The Froiland Science Complex will absolutely position Augustana as a center for undergraduate scientific research and discovery," said Rob Oliver, president. "We already

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have the best faculty teaching the brightest students. Now, we'll have a facility that will support and enhance all the amazing teaching and learning that happens today."

"Augustana is already revered as the training ground for many of the country's top doctors, nurses, scientists, engineers, teachers and wellness professionals," Oliver said. "Just imagine how we'll be able to impact tomorrow with this new facility."

"We are incredibly grateful to all those who have made gifts or pledges in support of this project, the largest and most complex building endeavor in our 153-year history," he said. "And we are excited beyond measure to break ground and begin construction."













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New Academic Collaboration With Sanford Health to Focus on Genetics

In January, Sanford Health announced a \$125 million gift from philanthropist T. Denny Sanford to establish Sanford Imagenetics, a first-of-its-kind program that will integrate genomic medicine into primary care for adults.

One component of Imagenetics includes initial partnerships with Augustana College and the University of South Dakota to develop new academic programs which will train the next generation of doctors, nurses and scientists in genomic medicine. For Augustana, this means the potential to offer master's degree programs specializing in genetic courseling

in genetic counseling and bioinformatics, and a certificate program in genomic nursing. "Thanks to Mr. Sanford

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for his generosity, which I believe has the power to change the world by helping to develop skilled researchers and nurses dedicated to extending life, and serving those who are genetically predisposed to life-altering disease," said President Rob Oliver. "We also thank Sanford Health for inviting Augustana to be part of this very exciting initiative."

"Obviously, there is still much work to be done to move from concept to implementation. We do not have a firm date for when these new potential programs will begin at Augustana. For now, we are in the exploratory stages," he said.

Dr. Susan Hasseler, Augustana's senior vice president for Academic Affairs and Dean of the



College, said the new programs will feature the collaborative efforts of passionate faculty members, world-class facilities and student training programs, and ongoing public outreach.

"We are humbled beyond measure by the opportunity to collaborate with Sanford Health to further genomic research and discovery," Hasseler said. "And we look forward to the work we will do, alongside students, to translate these discoveries into languages that will improve and enhance healthcare in our society.

Dr. Gene Hoyme '72, chief academic officer and president of Sanford Research, spoke about the collaboration during the initial announcement and discussed it more in depth earlier this spring.

"I think that Augustana has a reputation of excellence in nursing and the biological sciences and for producing historically strong graduates," Hoyme said. "From the standpoint of Sanford, Augustana provides us with a workforce of high-quality individuals in business, nursing and [soon] in genetics."

"For students, this collaboration will mean a direct pathway to a career with Sanford for the foreseeable future. If you're willing to be a little flexible about where you live, there are huge opportunities for genetic counselors."

'One of the things that excites me about Augustana as the place to place our master's program in genetics counseling is the opportunity to build into the program a focus on bioethics. Augustana will be the only church-related school with a program in genetics counseling. There's always been a focus on the ethics of behavior and decision making, and that will give a flavor to this program. That's something that Augustana can give to the field of genetics that I don't think a lot of other places can give."

College Reports 98% Job Placement for Second Year in a Row

For the second consecutive year, Augustana is reporting that 98 percent of its most recent graduates (May 2013) seeking employment have accepted a position related to their major or chosen field.

The statistic comes from the Augustana Career Center's annual report, which follows the vocational and educational destinations of recent graduates during the first eight months following graduation. Other statistics in the report include:

- Among the 385 recent graduates who pursued positions in nursing, human services and education, 100 percent report they are now working in those fields.
- Augustana's job placement rate for business-related majors also increased to 98 percent, up from 97 percent last year.
- The average starting salary reported also increased to \$41,112, up considerably from \$37,572 last year.
- The majority of graduates (59 percent) found careers in South Dakota.
- A large percentage of graduates (21 percent) are enrolled in graduate and professional schools. Of those, 29 percent are in a medical-related program; 10 percent are pursing advanced study in the natural sciences, such as biology or chemistry; and 11 percent are pursuing programs in law or business.

"For today's young people, higher education is not only about forming a foundation of knowledge and experience, it is also about the outcome – specifically, the ability to find a career in a field one is passionate about," said Rob Oliver, president. "These numbers continue to illustrate that an Augustana education remains an outstanding investment."

"It makes us very proud, indeed, when local, national and international employers tell us that Augustana graduates are highly desirable as employees because they can think critically, reason analytically and communicate effectively. Results like these continue to drive home the fact that Augustana graduates are well-suited to thrive in virtually any field, anywhere around the globe."

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As 2014 Peace Scholars, Augustana Juniors Aimée Fisher and Eric Herst are ...

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Juniors Aimée Fisher (Montgomery, Minn.) and Eric Herst (Weldon Spring, Mo.) have been named the 2014 Augustana Peace Scholars.

As Peace Scholars, Fisher and Herst will receive a seven-week academic experience in Norway designed to deepen their understanding of the central issues and theories related to peace, justice, democracy and human rights. The two will study at the Nansen Dialogue Network in Lillehammer and at the University of Oslo International Summer School June 15 - Aug. 1.

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Junior Ellen Ferry (Underwood, Minn.) was named as the College's alternate. She will serve as Augustana's Peace Scholar if either Fisher or Herst are unable to participate.

Fisher, an Art and Education double major, is a member of the Civitas Honors Program, serves as director of communications for the Augustana Student Association, works as a Student Ambassador, and chairs committees for PRSSA and the Augus-

tana Union Board of Governors. She also volunteers at the Bowden Youth Center and participates in the Augustana FRIENDSlink program, providing friendship and support to people with disabilities. She studied abroad in India in January 2013 and plans to pursue a career in K-12 art education.

"Aimée is developing a global perspective which will empower her to have an impact at Augustana, the local level and beyond. She greatly influenc-

es those around her and has the ability to transform the dynamics of a group because she has such a contagious joy for life and the intellectual prowess to develop successful endeavors," a recommendation letter said of Fisher.

Herst, a Government and International Affairs major, is currently studying abroad in Belgium. He has been an active member of the Augustana Democrats, the Augustana Committee of Undergraduate Political Scientists (COUPS), and has spent time tutoring refugees in preparation for the U.S. citizenship exam. He has extensive international experience, having studied abroad in India, Cuba and England. He plans to pursue a career in international law.

"[He will] be a particularly good ambassador for a program that seeks to foster international respect and cooperation among peoples and nationstates," a recommendation letter said of Herst.

Fisher and Herst were introduced at the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize Forum in March at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, Minn. His Holiness the Dalai Lama spoke on the theme "Crossing Boundaries to Create Common Ground."

During the announcement of the 2014 Peace scholars, Augustana president Rob Oliver recognized each of the five Peace Scholar finalists, who, in addition to the three students listed above, also include: Christian

Einertson (class of 2016 and a native of Marietta, Ga.) and Erin Williams (class of 2015 and a native of Watertown, S.D.).

The Peace Scholars program is sponsored by a consortium of six colleges founded by Norwegian-American immigrants: Augustana College, Augsburg College, Concordia College (Moorhead), Luther College, Pacific Lutheran University and St. Olaf College. Two students from each of the participating colleges are selected as Peace Scholars each year.

As Peace Scholars, Fisher and Herst will embark on coursework that will include the causes of armed conflicts, peace building, peacemaking, humanitarian interventions and aid, peacekeeping operations, gender, civil society and nonviolence and peace movements. In conjunction with their studies, Peace Prize Scholars will also begin work on projects they will present on their home campuses.

The scholars will also visit a number of influential institutions including The International Peace Research Institute, Oslo (PRIO), Nobel Institute, Oslo Center for Peace and Human Rights and the Nobel Peace Center.

Upon returning to their respective campuses, the 10 scholars will continue to communicate and find ways to build on their Oslo experiences together. They will also be expected to play leadership roles in peace activities on their campuses, and assist with next year's Nobel Peace Prize Forum.

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TO: FRESHMEN FROM: SENIORS

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As they prepare to graduate, Augustana seniors reflect on their experiences and lend advice to incoming freshmen.

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KRISTA YOUNGBERG

Andrew Paulson is a native of Jackson, Minn., and is a Secondary Instrumental Music Education major.

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Q. What are your plans for after graduation?

A. I plan to attend graduate school for a master's degree in piano performance. After that, I hope to teach at the high school level.

Q. What advice would you give to a freshman on:

Making the transition from high school coursework to coursework at Augustana?

A. My advice would be to study sooner rather than later. If you have a break in your day, study then! It is a wonderful feeling to get back to your room at night knowing that you do not have to pull an all-nighter!

Establishing rapport with professors?

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A. This is an excellent example of one of the many advantages Augustana has. Establishing rapport with professors is critical not only for getting internships or recommendation letters, but it allows for you to have a mentor that is willing to guide you during your time at Augie.

Finding an internship and networking?

A. Finding an internship can help you get your foot in the door, hopefully leading to potential job offers. In addition, internship experiences provide an opportunity to discover whether or not you are passionate about your chosen career path. Krista Youngberg is a native of Sioux Falls and is a Sport Management and Business Administration major with a minor in Philosophy.

What advice would you give a freshman relative to developing friendships and finding ways to be involved?

A. The activities fair at the beginning of the semester is a great way to sign up for groups. My first year I think I signed up for every group. I felt popular with all the new emails inviting me to meetings. It was a difficult choice to only choose a few. There is a group on campus for everyone. We have Unicycle Club to Dumbledore's Army to Augie Green. There will easily be a way to be involved. Once involved, friends come easy. Everyone is welcoming and you will find friends in the most random places. One of the best things about Augustana is once you meet someone, you will see them all over campus, even if you did not even know they existed. Suddenly they show up in your Biology class and the Zumba class on Tuesday even though you had no idea this person walked this campus. The best advice I can give is just as Nike said, "Just do it." Sign up for that martial arts club, go paint sets for the theater, join that racquetball intramural team. The more involved you are, the more you will realize everything Augie has to offer and learn more about that Augie Advantage.

Q. How have you changed over the last four years?

A. Well, physically I have grown an inch! As for everything else, I have become a liberal arts loving nerd. I have realized that I can do so much if I just have a positive attitude and connect with all the great people of the Augustana community. At Augustana, I have become the real Krista Youngberg. I have been able to have friends that have encouraged me to try new experiences, professors who have challenged me in academia, and experiences abroad and locally that have changed my outlook on the world. I have been pulled in so many different directions that I have been able to find my true self. My wardrobe has even changed by the addition of over 100 Augustana t-shirts.



JAKE SHAMA

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Jake Shama is a native of Rapid City, S.D., and an English, Journalism, and Communications/ Business major. As he says, "that wasn't until I spent one and a half years undeclared and trying out a little bit of everything from computer science to philosophy."

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Now, as I near graduation, I'm reviewing job offers and deciding whether to get into journalism, business, or another field. It's sure a nice thing to have such a range of choices! But this won't be the start of my professional experience. Two summers ago, I completed an internship with a local magazine. Last summer, I was awarded a position with Lawrence & Schiller, the largest advertising agency in the region, as their public relations intern. Getting experience from two different disciplines was very insightful. An internship is probably the best way for a student to get hands-on, real-world experience in the field to which they've dedicated their studies.

If there's any advice I can give you, here it is: The coursework

may be a little tougher than you're used to, depending on what classes you took in high school. Be prepared for class, and be willing to work hard, and you'll be just fine. As long as you have high standards for yourself, it's not as hard as some will tell you. Make sure you participate in class and get to know your professors. Augie boasts small class sizes for a reason, and all our professors truly want to get to know you. They'll be great resources and good friends for the next four years. Get involved in groups you care about, and always have a smile on your face. Be friendly to all, and you'll be surprised how easy it can be to meet and talk to people. And lastly, as you get older, talk with your professors about finding an internship before you graduate. They are the best resources you have, and getting that experience is one of the best decisions you can make.

Have fun, and make your own story. The next four years are yours. Make the most of them.



Emily Grandprey is a native of Windom, Minn. She is a Biology major and Psychology minor.

Q. Plans for after graduation?

A. I am planning on attending medical school. I would really like to practice family medicine. I would like to be a family practitioner because it gives me the challenge of doing something different everyday while building close relationships with the families I treat. Through my classes at Augie, I have learned about the complexity and diversity of the human body which has sparked my interest in the medical field.

Q. Best part about living in Sioux Falls?

A. Living in Sioux Falls was one of the reasons I chose Augustana. It is the perfect sized city – not too big, not too small. There is everything you could possibly need, and there are things to do in the community throughout the year. I also enjoy living so close to the bike trails. I like the location of Augustana within Sioux Falls because you are a short walk, bike, or drive from anywhere you need to go.

Q. Advice on finding an internship and networking? A. Student groups and profes-

A. Student groups and professors are constantly bringing in speakers and presenters. If you want to network, go to these and introduce yourself after. Now that I am applying for jobs and educational programs post-Augie, I have realized the importance of making connections to professionals in your field of interest. If you would like to complete an internship, there are many avenues of support at Augie. We have a career center and the professors in your department will know of internships, but don't be afraid to also do some research on your own. Augustana alumni are very willing to let current Augustana students shadow or intern with them.

THE ULTIMATE COLLEGE TOWN

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KEY RANKINGS FOR SIOUX FALLS

Forbes ranks Sioux Falls the No.1 "Best Small Places for Business and Careers."

Gallup's annual "Well-Being Index" ranks South Dakota the No. 2 most content state in U.S. and lists Sioux Falls among the top five small communities in the U.S.

The ranking organization "Happiest, Healthiest Cities In America" lists Sioux Falls at No. 9 nationwide.

Prevention.com tracks Sioux Falls at No. 1 in terms of people ranking their own health as "good or better." The city also got high marks for easy commutes, low crime and unemployment, and good access to health insurance.



TIME magazine recently recognized Sioux Falls among eight select cities who have "hit on a recipe for reviving their local economies."

"... one of the Midwest's fastest-growing regions, with numerous tech startups and thousands of jobs at Citibank, Wells Fargo and Sanford Health. Businesses and young residents (median age: 35) are drawn by the 3.2 percent unemployment rate and the absence of corporate and personal income taxes," the article said.





The city is home to more than 70 public parks. Falls Park, located near downtown, is the hub of the park system and is connected to many of the city's other parks via more than 20 miles of paved bike trails which encircle the city.





Paddle your kayak down the Big Sioux River or cruise down the bike trail and spend time at the River Walk, located in the heart of downtown. It's a great place for live music and art.

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The city's public transit system allows you to get anywhere in Sioux Falls within 15-20 minutes. The I-90 freeway serves east-west traffic, while I-29 serves north-south traffic. The I-229 loop bypasses the city's business district, allowing easy access to any destination from the east side of town.



Major airlines including Delta, United, American, Allegiant and Frontier operate hubs at the Sioux Falls Regional Airport. From here, you'll catch direct flights to other regional hubs including Minneapolis, Minn., Chicago, III., Denver, Colo., and Dallas, Texas.









The T. Denny Sanford Premier Center, Sioux Falls' new events center, will seat 12,000 and will offer concerts, sporting events and more. Located on the campus of the Sioux Falls Arena and Howard Wood Field, the facility will open in fall 2014.



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The Washington Pavilion is the region's home for the arts, entertainment and science. It serves as host to performing artists, Broadway productions, comedians, and more. Augustana students regularly perform on the stage of the Husby Performing Arts Center.





From coffee shops to more than 600 restaurants throughout the city, Sioux Falls boasts tons of great places to hang out with friends.

Sioux Falls also features multiple movie theaters and state-of-the-art venues for live entertainment, including the Washington Pavilion and the Orpheum Theatre, both located downtown.





No matter the season, Sioux Falls offers tons of outdoor activities. Great Bear Ski Valley (above) offers 14 downhill trails, a custom-built beginner area and a full snowboard terrain park. Wild Water West water and amusement park features a lazy river, a 500,000-gallon wave pool, and a 65-foot tower with four curvy, twisty and slippery slides.





From locally owned shops and boutiques, like those found at the historic 8th & Railroad Center, to major retailers such as Target, Macy's and Barnes & Noble, Sioux Falls has a number of shopping districts throughout the city, including the Empire Mall, with more than 140 stores, and Scheels, which is located near campus.

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Augustana Hosts Statewide Student Nursing Convention

This spring, Augustana nursing students and faculty hosted the Nurses Student Association of South Dakota annual convention in downtown Sioux Falls.

Themed "Waves of Change: Oceans of Opportunity," the twoday conference focused on what it called the "'waves of change' hitting the American health care system and the 'oceans of opportunity' those changes will provide professional nurses in the health care setting." Dr. Karla Abbott, instructor of nursing at Augustana, guided the planning over the last year, along with Augustana junior Nicole Elsasser (Sioux Falls), who served as convention chair.

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Senior nursing major Ali Lammers (Hartington, Neb.), attended the conference and took in the event from what she called "three different perspectives: a student, a member of this year's planning committee, and as a new nurse."

"As I graduate, I realize how crucial it is to remain active in your career and to be proactive about the changes occurring in our health system," Lammers said. "The career of nursing is going to be re-shaped profoundly in each community; we are focusing on reimbursement for keeping people out of the hospital rather than in, as well as the preventative measures we can take to avoid hospitalization of community members

overall."

"Nurses are going to have to be able to adapt to many different expect the nursing ranks to grow by 19 percent," Augustana Nursing Department Chair Dr. Janet Philipp

"I realize how crucial it is ... to be proactive about the changes occuring in our health system."

Ali Lammers
Senior Nursing Major

scenarios, and I was so appreciative of the wonderful speakers we had at this year's NSASD Convention. Our theme ... could not be more fitting to the healthcare world today. We had speakers that were administrators, organ donation managers, professors, and even some of the first nurses to begin practice in South Dakota's first care facilities. The Convention was a huge success and we had a great team of planners and organizers that made the whole weekend come together."

As the need for nurses continues to grow nationwide, Augustana is reacting. The College recently announced its new Accelerated Nursing Program, a 16-month post-baccalaureate program designed for individuals interested in a career in nursing.

"Between 2012 and 2022, they

said recently in an interview. A number of Augustana students were elected to statewide offices at the Convention, including:

- Joslyn Bialas (Mount Vernon), elected President of the South Dakota Student Nursing Association.
- Nicole Elsasser (Sioux Falls), elected Nomination Chair
- Grace Hoober (Minnetonka, Minn.), elected Parlimentarian
- **Gretchen Huber** (Rochester, Minn.), elected Community Health Representative

In addition, two students were awarded prestigious nursing scholarships:

- Ali Lammers received the Leadership Scholarship
- **Brittany Jaminet** (LeMars, Iowa) received the Florence Nightingale Scholarship.

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Dominick Washington 00 is communications director for the Bush Foundation in St. Paul, Minn.

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t 22 years old, Sioux Falls native Dominick Washington was sitting at Nutty's pub with classmate David Johnson '00 as they both neared their graduation from Augustana. That conversation in a bar led to a life-changing decision.

Johnson was interviewing for a job in U.S. Sen. Tom Daschle's office in Washington, D.C., and he encouraged his friend to apply there instead of to law school. At the time, Augustana alumna Nancy Erickson '84 – now the secretary of the Senate – worked in Daschle's office. Dr. James Meader (Government/ International Affairs, former chair of the Social Science Division) connected Washington with Erickson, and he got the job.

Yes, Mr. Washington went to Washington.

He has since worked on Barack Obama's 2008 presidential campaign in Minnesota, followed by communications jobs in health insurance and higher education in Chicago. He recently was named communications director for the Bush Foundation, a nonprofit headquartered in Minnesota.

Now 35, he recently spoke with Augustana about what he does, why he started college on a theatre scholarship, and how a senator ruined his birthday.

Q. What are your major responsibilities at the Bush Foundation?

A. The foundation is in its 60th year of existence, and really, over the course of those 60 years, what's really distinquished it is that it's focused on great ideas and the people who power them. The work, which is super gratifying for me, is focused on North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and 23 native nations that share its geography. What we're really known for is the Bush Fellowship – really, investments in people. The Bush Fellowship is awarded annually, and it's really a way to help develop and support leaders to be better networked, better supported, and improve their communities. People tell us what they need to be better leaders, and we help make that happen. We provide that support – to pursue an academic degree, or a self-designed experiential program.

My responsibilities are for the foundation's external and internal communications – at its most basic, I'm the person responsible for ensuring that we are able to broadly and effectively communicate who we are, what we do and why we do it. I might be developing annual reports, or executing rollout starts for various grant or fellowship programs, but really at the end of the day, it's amplifying the impact of the work.

Q. Why did you end up choosing Augustana?

A. My junior year in high school, I was active in my high school drama department. We did a joint production with Augustana Theatre – a play called 'Playing for Time.' It takes place in a concentration camp. That gave me a chance to interact with students from Augie, so that was my first real tangible connection to campus. I applied to other schools and I visited other schools, but it was really – I was going to go to Augie. It was really preordained.

I got a theatre scholarship my first year, and my freshman year I was the lead in the fall play. I only did it that first year. Then I got a debate scholarship, and I transferred to the debate program. When I thought about what I wanted to do after college, I thought having the experience of debate would help prepare me to achieve that vision, and it most certainly did.

Q. What's your best memory from your time on campus?

A. Living in East Hall. My sophomore year and then my senior year, just the collection of students there – it was certainly a more independent environment. It was amazing, and the people who were there, the friendships forged there literally lasted a lifetime. I'm still great friends with everybody from that time.

Q. Greatest accomplishment of your career so far, and why?

A. It seems with every new job I take, I move into a new sector, so it's been diverse. When I look back on it, among the accomplishments I'm the most proud of is working on President Obama's campaign as political director in Minnesota for his 2008 campaign, and also working in Sen. Daschle's office after graduating from Augie and going out there (to Washington, D.C.). Without that experience, I don't think I would've been able to go on to do the great things I've been able to do.

The 2000 presidential election went into overtime. With the Senate split 50-50,

Sen. Jim Jeffords switched parties on my birthday, so he sort of stole my thunder. I was in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 11. I was in Sen. Daschle's office when the anthrax letter was opened. My office was right across from the mailroom, but I happened to move two weeks earlier. I got to be part of historic moments in the history of our government, really the history of our nation. And I met my wife (Summer Martins) there.

Q. Favorite professor at Augustana and why?

A. When I think about the professors at Augie who really shaped me, three come to mind: Heather Aldridge (Bart) (communications), Mike Mullin (history) – his lectures taught me as much about communication as history, just the way he was able to create narratives by piecing together moments in time – and of course Peter Schotten, really the entire government department at that time: (Dennis) Stevens, (James) Meader, (Joseph) Dondelinger.

Q. Favorite class?

A. Constitutional Law. As government majors, that was sort of the class that you aspired to get to. I remember majors a couple years ahead of me. I thought, 'You guys are so smart and so brilliant, and I can't wait to be in that class. I can't wait for people to think I'm smart and brilliant.'That's where the cool kids landed! That class, more than any other class, appealed to the way that I learned and my strengths. The way Dr. Schotten taught the class, in true Socratic Method, challenged your assumptions and your beliefs about what was right and what was wrong, forcing you to be rigorous in developing your own perspective and conclusions in anything, really.

Q. Looking ahead, what's next for you? Professional goals, personal plans, etc.

A. I just started here at the Bush Foundation, so eventually I'll find the coffee maker. So that's a big goal. I really feel fortunate to be here at the foundation as a steward of resources that can have a real impact both here in Minnesota and South Dakota, places that I love. That's what I'm focused on now. I'm intrigued by the possibility of running for elected office in the future, but where, what and when are to be determined. Likely when my daughters (Charlotte, 4, and Elsa, 2) are a little older.



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ABOVE: Students have a good time in the foam pit at Sky Zone, Sioux Falls' indoor trampoline park.



LEFT: Students break a sweat during Zumba, held in the Elmen Center. Zumba and other wellness classes are tailored to meet the fitness needs of both the beginner and the more advanced exerciser, building muscular strength and endurance, flexibility and coordination.





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ABOVE: Who says you can't be active during the winter? Students took to the ice and skated for fun during a late-night skating event at Sioux Falls' indoor skating rink.

BELOW: Students look tough ahead of the late-night Gladiator Games inside the Elmen.





LEFT: The Augustana Outdoor Program (AOP) facilitates outdoor activities for Augustana students and staff in order to create active learning experiences centered on exploring and respecting the natural world.

RIGHT: AOP

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indoor rock climbing adventures, like the one shown here at a facility in Sioux Falls, and outdoor climbs at Palisades State Park.



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ABOUT AUGUSTANA

Founded in 1860, Augustana is a selective, private, residential, comprehensive college (liberal arts and professional) affiliated with the Lutheran Church.

With 1,765 students from 30 states and 44 countries, Augustana has been ranked among the top baccalaureate colleges in the nation for its efforts to advance social mobility, research and service by *Washington Monthly*; has been named a "Best Midwestern College" by *The Princeton Review*; and is ranked among the top colleges and universities nationwide by *Forbes*.

Augustana is accredited as a four-year institution by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA).

RESIDENTIAL LIFE

As a residential college, Augustana affirms the value of living and learning together in community. Seventy-three percent of Augustana students choose to live in campus housing. Living opportunities include six residence halls, 16 theme houses, and five apartment complexes. All first-year students live in Bergsaker and Solberg Halls.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

More than \$33 million in scholarships and financial aid is awarded on the basis of need, merit, and/or talent.

MAJORS

- Accounting
- Accountancy, Professional
- Anthropology
- Art
- Athletic Training
- Biochemistry (ACS)
- Biology
- Business Administration
- Chemical Physics
- Chemistry
- Chemistry, ACS
- Classics
- Communication Disorders: Speech/Language Pathology and Audiology
- Communication Studies
- Communication Studies/Business
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Education, All-Grades
- · Education, Secondary
- Elementary Education
- Engineering Physics
- English
- Exercise Science
- Fitness Management
- French
- German
- Government & International Affairs
- History
- Interdepartmental

- International Studies
- Journalism
- Mathematics
- Medical Laboratory Science
- Modern Foreign Languages
- Music
- Music Education
 - Nursing
 - Philosophy
 - Physical Education
 - Physics
- Psychology
- Religion
 - Religion/Philosophy
 - Sign Language Interpreting
 - Social Studies Teaching
 - Sociology
 - Spanish
 - Special Education
 - Sport Management
 - Theatre

MINORS

Accounting, Ancient Languages, Anthropology, Art, Biology, Business Administration, Chemistry, Children & Youth, Classical Philology, Classical Studies, Communication Studies, Computer Information Systems, Computer Science, Economics, English, Entrepreneurship, Fitness Management, French, Gender Studies, German, Gerontology, Government & International Affairs, History, Journalism, Mathematics, Modern Foreign Languages, Music, Northern Plains Studies, Philosophy, Physics, Political Philosophy, Psychology, Religion, Sign Language Studies, Sociology, Spanish, Special Education, Theatre.

ENDORSEMENTS

Chemistry Secondary Education, Coaching, English as a New Language, Health Education, Kindergarten Education, Middle School Education.

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Architecture, Chiropractic, Dentistry, Engineering, Law, Medicine, Mortuary Science, Occupational Therapy, Optometry, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Physicians Assistant, Theology (Seminary), Veterinary Medicine. For more information, visit www.augie.edu/academics.

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VISIT CAMPUS

The best way to determine if a college is right for you is by visiting the campus. We invite you to visit Augustana and learn more about what it means to "Go Viking." Tour the campus, meet students, visit with professors, and more. Schedule an individual visit and/ or join us for one (or more) of our campus visit programs.

Schedule your visit at augie.edu/myvisit or by calling 800.727.2844 or 605.274.5516.

Learn about our Campus Visit Programs at augie.edu/admission.



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