



# UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT

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Augustana University*

# ROSTER OF GRADUATES

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

Aliyah Rose Abdulrahman, Worthington, MN Spanish, All-Grades Education Magna Cum Laude	Taylor Ann Beagle, Lead, SD Biology Summa Cum Laude	Anna Elizabeth Boyens, Sioux Falls, SD Biology, Spanish Magna Cum Laude, Civitas Honors
Ayida Mohamed Abdurahman, Sioux Falls, SD Computer Science/Software Engineering	Betab Belihu, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Computer Science/Software Engineering	Ryan Wade Bradberry, Dallas, TX Interdisciplinary Studies
Grayce Kay Adler, Lake City, MN Exercise Science	Sarah Jane Bell, Sioux Falls, SD German, All-Grades Education Magna Cum Laude, Civitas Honors	Caryn Elizabeth Brakke, Pierre, SD Chemistry
Mason Allen Ahlers, Watertown, SD Biology	Blake Jeffrey Bendt, Rapid City, SD Accounting, Business Administration	Cassandra Bramstedt, Viroqua, WI Psychology
Mariah Hope Aker, Chanhassen, MN Elementary Education Cum Laude	Abigail Lillian Benson, Jackson, MN Business Administration, Accounting Magna Cum Laude	Kaylee Jo Braun, Mina, SD Biology
Makenna Rose Allen, Mankato, MN Government/International Affairs	Michelle Kay Benson, Owatonna, MN Biology Magna Cum Laude	Madyson RaeAnn Brown, Willmar, MN Communication Disorders
Skylar Everest Allen, Irvine, CA Psychology, Religion	Sarah Jean Benson, Chester, SD English, Secondary Education	Tanner Sisson Brown, Sioux Falls, SD Business Administration
Luca Rachuonyo Amayo, Nairobi, Kenya Government/International Affairs	Mintesnot Bireda, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Business Administration, Computer Information Systems, Finance	Christopher Joseph Budde, Albany, MN History, Secondary Education Summa Cum Laude
Dagny Katherine Grace Anderson, Kimball, SD Anthropology	Kissanet Tsegaye Birhane, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Biology, Economics	Kasey Cole Buse, Bridgewater, SD Business Administration, Management
Morgan D. Anderson, Sartell, MN Elementary Education Summa Cum Laude	Daniel Lee Bishop, Sioux City, IA Psychology Magna Cum Laude	Annika Jane Carlson, Kasson, MN Biochemistry (ACS) Cum Laude
Sarah Nichole Anderson, Rosemount, MN Art	Geena Marie Black, Lawson, MO Anthropology	Rebeka Elizabeth Carman, Madison, SD Psychology
Jared Theodore Armon, Blue Earth, MN Interdisciplinary Studies	Cassandra Marie Blair, Crooks, SD Biology, Secondary Education, Special Education	Nathan Alan Cassady, Otsego, MN Mathematics, Data Science
Rachel Anna Bachman, Omaha, NE Art, All-Grades Education Magna Cum Laude	Emily Ann Blom, Pipestone, MN Spanish, All-Grades Education Summa Cum Laude	Blake Richard Chesley, Sioux Falls, SD Business Administration, Finance, Economics Magna Cum Laude, Civitas Honors
Austin Andrew Baier, Sergeant Bluff, IA Sign Language Interpreting, Spanish Magna Cum Laude	Mason Juel Blue, Brandon, SD Biology Summa Cum Laude	Natalie Chouinard, Osseo, MN Anthropology
Samuel James Baier, Springfield, MN Elementary Education	Camryn Paige Boerboom, Slayton, MN Psychology Magna Cum Laude	Sidney Kay Clayberg, Tea, SD Exercise Science
Michal Lois Barnes, Sioux Falls, SD Theatre	Claire Michelle Boersma, Marshall, MN English, Secondary Education Summa Cum Laude	Jacob Douglas Cleveringa, Sioux Center, IA Physics
Maddisen Rae Barnes, Sioux Falls, SD Communication Disorders Summa Cum Laude	Ashley Renee Borchert, Tyler, MN Communication Studies, Media Studies Cum Laude	Ethan Micah Conrad, Hutchinson, MN Business Administration, Government/International Affairs Summa Cum Laude
Tatum Aline Barstad, Gillette, WY Sport Management, Communication Studies	Darek Lee Bornemeier, Elmwood, NE Sport Management	Audrey Louise Cope, Rapid City, SD Government/International Affairs (Distinction), French Summa Cum Laude, Civitas Honors
Chloe Cox Bartels, Winner, SD Business Administration, Government/International Affairs Magna Cum Laude	Christine Sharon Bower, Sioux Falls, SD Accounting, Business Administration, Finance	Jameson Andrew Cosgrove, Sibley, IA Biology Cum Laude
Jordan Brady Barth, Cold Spring, MN Sport Management	Gaven Anthony Bowman, Brandon, SD Biology Summa Cum Laude, Civitas Honors	Ethan M. Cota, Kenyon, MN Computer Science/Software Engineering
Jenna Liwen Bartunek, Brooklyn Park, MN Psychology Summa Cum Laude		Kohl Gordon Courbat, Tea, SD Psychology Cum Laude

Riley Dean Crawford, Lakeville, MN Fitness Management	Mikaya Marie Elliott, Rapid City, SD Biology	Jordan Lee Gesling, Lennox, SD Interdisciplinary Studies
Peyton Joi Crichton, Sibley, IA Biology, Anthropology	Ariana Jordan Ellis, Sioux Falls, SD Psychology Cum Laude	Lily Thorene Giildenzopf, Farmington, MN Elementary Education, Special Education
Luis David Cruz Alvarenga, San Pedro Sula, Cortes, Honduras Mathematics, Computer Science/ Software Engineering	Kellie Joy Enderson, Benson, MN Art, Computer Information Systems Summa Cum Laude	Grace Mary Goble, Rapid City, SD Biology Cum Laude
Courtney Marie Cruze, Litchfield, MN Special Education, Elementary Education Cum Laude	Cassidy Jean Endres, Watertown, SD Special Education, Elementary Education Summa Cum Laude	Carla Liliana Graciano Sarinana, Sioux Falls, SD Government/International Affairs (Distinction), Spanish, Philosophy Magna Cum Laude
Emily Nicole Cushing, Staples, MN Elementary Education	Madeline Jean Engel, Jordan, MN Anthropology , Modern Foreign Languages Summa Cum Laude	Alicia Wynne Grassmid, Menno, SD Music Education, All-Grades Education Magna Cum Laude, Civitas Honors
Laken Constance McKayla Dahl, Watertown, SD Elementary Education, Special Education Cum Laude	Sean Jerome Engel, Chaska, MN Business Administration, Marketing	Brandy Greenhoff, Garretson, SD Elementary Education Cum Laude
Holden Thomas Daum, Battle Creek, MI Physical Education , Health Education , All-Grades Education Magna Cum Laude	Maleah Rose Eschenbaum, Aberdeen, SD Sign Language Interpreting Cum Laude	Jacob Lee Grimm, Parker, CO Business Administration
Rachel Marie Davis, Coon Rapids, MN Management, Communication Studies Summa Cum Laude, Civitas Honors	Ruby Joyce Helene Evans, Rapid City, SD Communication/Business, Spanish Magna Cum Laude	Bryce John Hackley, Sioux Falls, SD Anthropology
Haley Catherine Delaney, Brookings, SD History, French Cum Laude	Isabella L. Eveleth-Jensen, Colton, SD Psychology Magna Cum Laude	Merriam Anna Hagadorn, Saint Louis, MO Biology
Demi Renee DeLange, Sioux Falls, SD Elementary Education Cum Laude	Jay William Even, Sioux Falls, SD Business Administration	Bryn Bailey Hanna, Rapid City, SD Spanish, Psychology
Alyssa Catherine Derby, Rosemount, MN Exercise Science	Haley Marie Eversman, Apple Valley, MN Biology, Psychology	Kara Helene Hannasch, Dell Rapids, SD Elementary Education, Special Education Magna Cum Laude
Josie Marie Dierks, Mitchell, SD Elementary Education, Special Education	Madison M. Feist, Rapid City, SD Communication Disorders, Special Educ Studies Summa Cum Laude, Civitas Honors	Bjorn Anders Hanson, Sauk Rapids, MN Mathematics
Selin Serap Dikmen, Belle Plaine, MN Biology	Chelsea Marie Felton, Riverton, WY Journalism, English	Jacob Steven Harlow, Sioux Falls, SD Accounting
Emily Joy Dilly, Lismore, MN Elementary Education, Special Education Summa Cum Laude	Grace Marie Feterl, Maple Grove, MN Mathematics (Distinction), Secondary Education Magna Cum Laude	Emily Lucille Harr, Redfield, SD Sign Language Interpreting Cum Laude, Civitas Honors
Emily Joan Dirks, Okoboji, IA Marketing	Isaiah James Feterl, Sioux Falls, SD Business Administration	Hannah Ruth Hartman, Sioux Falls, SD Elementary Education
Grace Susanne Doeden, Beresford, SD History, International Studies Summa Cum Laude	Dylan Michael Fisher, Watertown, MN Business Administration, Finance	Tyler Joseph Hayes, Sioux Falls, SD Biology Cum Laude
Thomas Michael Duran, Sioux Falls, SD Exercise Science, Fitness Management	Bernadette Augusta Forbush, Hollister, CA Psychology, Fitness Management	Christian Headrick, Brandon, SD Accounting, Economics
Adam John Durfee, Canby, MN Business Administration	Allison Brooke Fox, Sioux Falls, SD Computer Science/Software Engineering, Computer Information Systems	Madalyn Rae Heiling, Wabasso, MN Biology, Psychology Magna Cum Laude
Adam Joseph Dykman, Freemont, NE Physical Education , All-Grades Education	Madelyn Eleanor Frick, Oronoco, MN Biochemistry (ACS) Cum Laude	Korben Kristopher Heim, Montevideo, MN Government/International Affairs, History Cum Laude
Courtnee Sara Edelman, Menno, SD Elementary Education Summa Cum Laude	Anna Nicole Fuhrman, Maple Grove, MN Elementary Education, Spanish Magna Cum Laude	Kaitlyn Jean Hellman, Martin, SD Theatre, English Civitas Honors
Claire Elizabeth Eiswirth, Bloomington, MN Biology, Spanish Magna Cum Laude	Evan Mathew Furst, Saint Peter, MN Exercise Science	Caitlyn Marie Hemmelman, Pierre, SD Business Administration, Marketing Cum Laude
Savannah Elizabeth Ellender, Rapid City, SD Biology	Adam John Gernandt, Apple Valley, MN Government/International Affairs, History Cum Laude	Rebecca JoAnne Hicks, Sioux Falls, SD English, Secondary Education Cum Laude

Autumn Annie Hilton, Bridgewater, SD Art, All-Grades Education Summa Cum Laude	Emily Rose Konz, Brandon, SD Biology, Spanish Summa Cum Laude	Tiegen Daniel Lindner, Sioux Falls, SD Exercise Science, Fitness Management Summa Cum Laude
Emily Nicole Hoffman, Wabasso, MN Business Administration, Psychology	Justin Ray Kooiman, Pipestone, MN Exercise Science Magna Cum Laude	Erin Hannah Livingston, Brandon, SD Music Education (Distinction), All-Grades Education Magna Cum Laude
Fletcher Alan Hotz, Minneapolis, MN Biology, Secondary Education Cum Laude	Rosalie Ann Kopp, Omaha, NE Elementary Education	Nicholas Robert Loging, Caledonia, MN Exercise Science
Camryn Kay Huber, Sioux Falls, SD Communication Studies , Media Studies	Zechava Raisa Kreiselman, Sioux Falls, SD Anthropology , Sociology Cum Laude	Tristan Jacob Love, Sioux Falls, SD Theatre
Hailey Renae Iwen, Rock Rapids, IA Communication Disorders	Lauren Mae Kress, Woodbury, MN Biology Magna Cum Laude, Civitas Honors	Kendra Kay Ludeman, Tracy, MN Accounting, Business Administration Cum Laude
Kulani Jahrling, San Diego, CA Anthropology , French Cum Laude	Emilee Dayle Kreykes, Rock Valley, IA Interdisciplinary Studies Magna Cum Laude	Katelyn Ann Luze, Wellington, CO English, Secondary Education Magna Cum Laude
Andrew Jacob Jansen, Pipestone, MN Exercise Science, Fitness Management	Michael William Kruger, Watertown, SD Exercise Science	Mariah Mantz, Beverly, MA Sign Language Interpreting
Megan Marie John, Lakefield, MN Psychology, Biology	Luis Felipe Kugelmas Guarita, São Paulo, SP, Brazil Philosophy	Jackson Dennis Marten, Denison, IA Exercise Science, Fitness Management Magna Cum Laude
Evan William Johnson, Lincoln, NE Business Administration, Marketing Cum Laude	Aiden Nelson Ladd, Henderson, MN Interdisciplinary Studies	Pierce Allen Matzen, Sioux Falls, SD Computer Science/Software Engineering
Jamie Lee Johnson, Sioux Falls, SD Elementary Education Magna Cum Laude	Noah Christopher Langley, Lakeville, MN English (Distinction), Secondary Education Summa Cum Laude, Civitas Honors	Emily Elsie McKenney, Hawarden, IA Communication Disorders
Nathan Philip Johnson, Lincoln, NE Elementary Education, Economics, Religion (Distinction) Summa Cum Laude	Austin Michael Lannen, Rapid City, SD Biology, Secondary Education	Gloria Elizabeth McKenney, Belle Fourche, SD Elementary Education Summa Cum Laude, Civitas Honors
Riley T. Johnson, Champlin, MN Mathematics, Data Science, Computer Science/Software Engineering Cum Laude	Sarah June LaVick, Lake Elmo, MN Sign Language Interpreting	Shannon Christine McKnight, Farmington, MN Biology Summa Cum Laude
Elizabeth Marie Jordahl, Woodbury, MN Mathematics, Data Science Magna Cum Laude	Emily Elizabeth Leavitt, Selby, SD English	Wyatt Jennings McLeod, Lincoln, NE Mathematics Cum Laude
Ally Rose Kacmarynski, Tea, SD Elementary Education Magna Cum Laude	Yeabsira Mekuria Lemma, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Data Science , Dual Degree Engineering Magna Cum Laude	Connor Edward McSherry, Sioux Falls, SD Biology, Psychology
Carrie Lynn Kaiser, Hoven, SD English	Logan Elizabeth Lenz, Wilmont, MN Accounting, Business Administration, Finance Summa Cum Laude	Julia Lynn Megazzini, Yorkville, IL Government/International Affairs (Distinction), Spanish Summa Cum Laude, Civitas Honors
Gideon Belay Kassa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Biochemistry (ACS) Cum Laude	Daoru Li, Beijing, China Computer Science/Software Engineering, Data Science Magna Cum Laude	Alyssa Kristine Meiners, Caledonia, MN Communication Disorders Summa Cum Laude
Kyla Marie Kasuske, Wentworth, SD Exercise Science Summa Cum Laude	Ruoxi Li, Beijing, China Mathematics, Dual Degree Engineering Magna Cum Laude	Eiler James Merkle, Fayette, IA Computer Information Systems, Communication/Business
Brittany A. Kaufmann, Hamburg, MN Music, German	Shuhang Li, Beijing, China Physics, Mathematics , Dual Degree Engineering Summa Cum Laude	Jordan Charles Mertes, Harrisburg, SD Elementary Education
Anne Nicole Kennedy, Madison, MN English, Secondary Education Cum Laude	Emily Grace Liberko, Sioux Falls, SD History (Distinction) Magna Cum Laude	Ashley Nicole Mickschl, Woodbury, MN Spanish, All-Grades Education Magna Cum Laude
Jebben Ray Keyes, Pierre, SD History, Secondary Education	Lydia Marie Lieber, Colorado Springs, CO Elementary Education, Special Education Magna Cum Laude	Abby Jayne Miller, Sioux Falls, SD Communication Disorders Cum Laude
North Vorland Knewtson, Fargo, ND Business Administration, Marketing Cum Laude	Trevor John Liggett, Rosemount, MN Computer Science/Software Engineering, Data Science, Mathematics Summa Cum Laude	Austin Thomas Miller, Sioux Falls, SD Marketing, English
MaKenna MiLeeJo Koble, Vermillion, SD Chemistry (ACS) Summa Cum Laude		

Even Getahun Minaleshewa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Biology Cum Laude	Katie Elisabeth Osmanski, Brookings, SD Elementary Education, Special Education Summa Cum Laude	Tyler James Riemersma, Bloomington, MN Data Science Summa Cum Laude
Gabrielle Cara Minneman, Omaha, NE Biology, Religion (Distinction) Cum Laude, Civitas Honors	Cesar Andres Palacios Moscoso, Quito, Ecuador Religion (Distinction), Modern Foreign Languages Cum Laude	Samuel Roble, Carver, MN Physical Education , Health Education , All-Grades Education Cum Laude
Cassidy Anne Mischke, Westbrook, MN Exercise Science Cum Laude	Bailey Jean Parsons, Bennington, NE Biology, Psychology Cum Laude	Hannah Elizabeth Rolfs, Gayville, SD Sociology
Samuel Craig Mock, Mitchell, SD Business Administration	Morgan Marie Parys, Hermosa, SD Biology Cum Laude	Eleanor Kathryn Ronning, Plymouth, MN Biochemistry (ACS) , Physics Magna Cum Laude, Civitas Honors
Joshua Morin-Baxter, Rapid City, SD Physics, Dual Degree Engineering Summa Cum Laude, Civitas Honors	Andrew Michael Paulson, Lennox, SD Biology, Philosophy Summa Cum Laude	Skylar Jade Ross, Hill City, SD Anthropology , Art Magna Cum Laude
Ashtyn L. Moural Schumacher, Arlington, NE Communication Disorders Cum Laude	Ethan David Person, Sioux Falls, SD Biochemistry (ACS)	Natalin Maass Ruba, Granville, IA Communication Studies, Media Studies
Eden Alexander Mrozek, Owatonna, MN Biology, Psychology	Coleman N. Peterson, Tea, SD Theatre, Music, Elementary Education	Kali Elise Ryan, Sioux City, IA Biology Magna Cum Laude
Sydney Kathryn Mudgett, Westminster, CO Mathematics	Joshua David Peterson, Ham Lake, MN Business Administration, Sport Management	Kyle Paolo Saddler, Frisco, TX Business Administration, Sport Management
Matthew Douglas Naig, Sibley, IA Elementary Education, Special Education	Maia Kathleen Peterson, Roseville, MN Art	Samantha Jo Salker, Ireton, IA Elementary Education
Fahd Jawad Nazir, Sioux Falls, SD Biology, Government/International Affairs	Elizabeth Ann Pettit, Pella, IA Mathematics, Secondary Education Magna Cum Laude	Lauren Catherine Sandison, Spirit Lake, IA Music (Distinction), Religion (Distinction) Magna Cum Laude
Brycen Thomas Nelson, Sioux Falls, SD Elementary Education	Roman Pham, Sioux Falls, SD Business Administration	Allison Elizabeth Schenkel, Sioux Falls, SD Exercise Science, Fitness Management Magna Cum Laude
Nhi Phuong Nguyen, Hanoi, Vietnam Business Administration, Marketing	Madden Charles Pikula, Gillette, WY Fitness Management Summa Cum Laude	Jediah Jeffrey Schmidt, Mitchell, SD Business Administration, Finance
Rachel Lu Nguyen, Sioux Falls, SD Biology Magna Cum Laude	Ragan Nicole Pohlmann, Deshler, NE Communication Disorders, Spanish Cum Laude	Ryan James Schmitz, Sartell, MN Computer Science/Software Engineering
Ryan Benjamin Nickel, Shoehorn, MN Exercise Science	Alyssa M Post, Lakefield, MN Business Administration, Finance Cum Laude	Zachary Taylor Scholten, Brandon, SD Business Administration, Accounting Magna Cum Laude
Hailey Ann Nold, Sioux Falls, SD Psychology (Distinction), Spanish (Distinction) Magna Cum Laude, Civitas Honors	Mariah Anne Prunty, Parkston, SD Mathematics, Secondary Education Magna Cum Laude	Keaten Scott Schorr, Mantorville, MN Business Administration
Joseph Andrew Norem, Houston, TX Chemistry Civitas Honors	Uyaruun Purevdorj, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia Business Administration, Computer Information Systems	Dylan Lorenz Schuck, Sibley, IA Business Administration, Philosophy
Melissa Nuno, Orange City, IA Elementary Education Cum Laude	Carly Jean Rahn, Ames, IA English, Secondary Education Summa Cum Laude	Elizabeth Anne Schulte, Stillwater, MN Exercise Science, Fitness Management Magna Cum Laude
Rachel Marie Ochoa, Cedar Falls, IA Elementary Education, Special Education	Rebekah Anne Rairdon, Fort Collins, CO Business Administration, Accounting Summa Cum Laude	Abigail Linnae Schultz, Sioux Falls, SD Business Administration
Austin Taylor Olson, Vermillion, SD Physics (Distinction), Mathematics Cum Laude	Sarah Abigail Rath, Canton, SD Biology, Secondary Education Cum Laude	Casey Ann Schultz, North Mankato, MN Elementary Education
Kjersti Jean Olson, Lake City, IA Music, Theatre Magna Cum Laude, Civitas Honors	Kevin Reyes, Sioux Falls, SD Accounting, Business Administration	Lindsey Noel Schultz, Omaha, NE Spanish, Sociology
Krista Marie Olson, Sioux Falls, SD Elementary Education Magna Cum Laude	Abbie Reynen, Mitchell, SD Biology Magna Cum Laude	Teague Joseph Schultz, Lakefield, MN English
Nolan Dean Ortbahn, Pierre, SD STEM Composite, Secondary Education Magna Cum Laude, Civitas Honors		Ashley Ann Schulz, Vermillion, SD Government/International Affairs, German Cum Laude
		Avery Elizabeth Schupner, Tea, SD Biology

Laura Sue Schwartz, LeSueur, MN  
Elementary Education  
Summa Cum Laude

Bohan Shi, Beijing, China  
Physics, Dual Degree Engineering

Janelle Anne Shiffler, Union Grove, WI  
Exercise Science  
Cum Laude

Jenna Kaye Siganos, Sioux Falls, SD  
Biology, Art  
Cum Laude

Rudolph Sinflorant, Dunnellon, FL  
Exercise Science

Rohan Singh, Sioux Falls, SD  
Biology

Cassandra Delaney Soma, Spencer, IA  
Art

Isabel Jo Sommers, Rogers, MN  
Mathematics, Data Science,  
Computer Science/Software Engineering  
Magna Cum Laude

Maxwell A. Sommervold, Sioux Falls, SD  
Interdisciplinary Studies

Anna Carol Sorenson, Garretson, SD  
English, Journalism  
Summa Cum Laude, Civitas Honors

Karli Corinne Soyland, Sioux Falls, SD  
Exercise Science

Jillian Elizabeth Stamp, Sioux Falls, SD  
Biology, Government/  
International Affairs (Distinction)  
Magna Cum Laude, Civitas Honors

Alexandra Marie Stone, Crosslake, MN  
Business Administration, Accounting  
Summa Cum Laude

Hannah JoAnn Strei, Big Stone City, SD  
Biology  
Cum Laude

Ryan Thomas Sully, New Brighton, MN  
Economics  
Cum Laude

Holden Avery Sutter, Lincoln, NE  
Journalism, Communication/Business  
Cum Laude

Logan Lee Swanson, Mankato, MN  
STEM Composite, Secondary Education

Corissa Jane Sweeter, Lennox, SD  
History, Secondary Education  
Magna Cum Laude

Layne Weston Symington, Brandon, SD  
German, All-Grades Education,  
International Studies

Jack Arthur Talcott, Brandon, SD  
Government/International Affairs, History,  
Philosophy  
Magna Cum Laude

Victoria L. Tatsumi, Sheldon, IA  
Music  
Magna Cum Laude

Annika Rachel Teske, Elk River, MN  
Interdisciplinary Studies

Cole David Tessendorf, Columbus, NE  
Biology  
Summa Cum Laude

Kristina K. Theodosopoulos, Brookings, SD  
Communication Disorders  
Magna Cum Laude, Civitas Honors

Blake Lawrence Thomson, Santa Fe, NM  
Biology

Caleb Joshua Timmerman, Aberdeen, SD  
Religion (Distinction), Music  
Civitas Honors

Lucas Mark Toutge, Farmington, MN  
English, Secondary Education  
Cum Laude

Yevgeniy Triguba, Sioux Falls, SD  
Computer Science/Software Engineering  
Cum Laude

Jacob Richard Tupper, Sioux Falls, SD  
Marketing

Spencer Joseph Ulrich, Sioux Falls, SD  
Business Administration, Accounting, Finance

Ky Daniel Uthe, Sioux Falls, SD  
Business Administration

Jacob Thomas Vaca, Harrisburg, SD  
Biology

Grace Elizabeth Valen Gatrost, Owatonna, MN  
Biology, Spanish  
Cum Laude

Aaron Van Berkel, Eagan, MN  
Fitness Management

Anna Marie VanRavenswaay, Montevideo, MN  
Music Education, All-Grades Education  
Summa Cum Laude, Civitas Honors

Thomas Michael Vener, Watertown, SD  
Biology  
Cum Laude

McKenzie Lee Volesky, Webster, SD  
Elementary Education  
Summa Cum Laude

David Coleman Walgenbach, III, Sioux Falls, SD  
Computer Science/Software Engineering

Alex Joseph Waltner, Sioux Falls, SD  
Business Administration, Accounting  
Magna Cum Laude

Hanyu Wang, Beijing, China  
Biology, Dual Degree Engineering  
Cum Laude

Qiyuan Wang, Beijing, China  
Mathematics, Dual Degree Engineering

Jillian Lee Weidner, Omaha, NE  
Biology, Spanish  
Cum Laude

Kylee Ruth Wells, Springfield, MN  
Sign Language Interpreting

Kendra Maurine Wickre, Des Moines, IA  
English  
Magna Cum Laude

Noah Todd Wicks, Nunda, SD  
English, Journalism  
Magna Cum Laude

Hunter Oriana Widvey, Rapid City, SD  
Biology, Government/  
International Affairs (Distinction)  
Cum Laude

Margaret Erna Wiebelhaus, Fordyce, NE  
Anthropology  
Magna Cum Laude

Lucas J. Wienk, Sioux Falls, SD  
Business Administration, Finance  
Magna Cum Laude

James Anatoliy Willard, Brandon, SD  
Journalism

Brady C. Williquett, Roberts, WI  
Biology  
Cum Laude

Abigail Stephanie Willison, Sioux Falls, SD  
Communication Disorders, Special Education  
Summa Cum Laude

Katie Sue Wilsey, Rapid City, SD  
Elementary Education  
Magna Cum Laude

Logan Marie Winter, Pipestone, MN  
Communication Disorders  
Summa Cum Laude

Thomas Streeeter Woods, Rapid City, SD  
Theatre, International Studies

Emily Hope Worden, Sioux Falls, SD  
Communication/Business, Spanish,  
International Studies  
Summa Cum Laude

Henok Teshome Worku, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
Psychology

Grace Wylie, Sioux Falls, SD  
Psychology, Biology

Elizabeth Marie Yoder, Dickinson, ND  
Religion, Government/  
International Affairs (Distinction), Classics  
Summa Cum Laude, Civitas Honors

Ming kang Yuan, Beijing, China  
Mathematics, Dual Degree Engineering  
Magna Cum Laude

Yifan Yuan, Beijing, China  
Mathematics, Dual Degree Engineering  
Cum Laude

Mallory Danielle Zeinstra, Holland, MN  
Communication/Business  
Cum Laude

Han Zhang, Beijing, China  
Mathematics, Dual Degree Engineering  
Magna Cum Laude

Elijah F. Zoucha, Omaha, NE  
Psychology

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Sophia Rose Aghbashian, Cheyenne, WY Nursing (Accelerated)	Kaitlyn Rose Hanna, Sioux Falls, SD Nursing	Madison M. Lindely, Albert Lea, MN Nursing Cum Laude
Danielle Marie Alan, Whitewood, SD Nursing	Morgan Lee Hanson, Webster, SD Nursing	Hunter Dean Lipinski, Brookings, SD Nursing
Even Solomon Aregay, Sioux Falls, SD Nursing Cum Laude	Isabelle Lauren Hedge, Sioux Falls, SD Nursing Summa Cum Laude	Anders Larson Long, Byron, MN Nursing
Samantha Marie Barslou, Blue Earth, MN Nursing Summa Cum Laude	Malea Hill, Sioux City, IA Nursing (Accelerated)	Mallory Kay Loosbrock, Slayton, MN Nursing
Alyssa J. Bartling, Shakopee, MN Nursing	Andrea Murray Hoefing, Des Moines, IA Nursing Cum Laude	Abigail Katherine Magee, Marysville, WA Nursing
Erin L. Bartling, Shakopee, MN Nursing	Ashley Ann Hoehne, Montevideo, MN Nursing (Accelerated)	Amanda Marie McCutchan, Pipestone, MN Nursing (Accelerated)
Kidist Shewarega Bireda, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Nursing	Brinn Stephanie Hollenbeck, Omaha, NE Nursing (Accelerated)	Zharayya Marie Miller, Sioux Falls, SD Nursing
Kasey Alice Bose, Hadley, MN Nursing	Micah Renee Hudlet, Hayden, ID Nursing Magna Cum Laude	Hannah C. Mitby, Burnsville, MN Nursing Cum Laude
Zachary Thomas Bosworth, White Lake, SD Nursing Cum Laude	Brendan Mychal Huisman, Rock Rapids, IA Nursing Summa Cum Laude	Alexa Mae Mosloski, Fairmont, MN Nursing Magna Cum Laude
Anna Marie Brauch, Golden Valley, MN Nursing (Accelerated)	Cortney Ann Ihnen, Tea, SD Nursing Summa Cum Laude	Katherine Rose Orton, St. Louis Park, MN Nursing Cum Laude
Tanner John Brengle, Piedmont, SD Nursing	Taylor Kaylin Jackson, Minneapolis, MN Nursing	Claudia Goetsch Pueschner, Apple Valley, MN Nursing
Heath Dean Clark, Sioux Falls, SD Nursing (Accelerated)	Hailey Marie Jansen Korver, Alton, IA Nursing Magna Cum Laude	Kaitlin Grace Reuer, Harrisburg, SD Nursing Summa Cum Laude
Kyli Grace Clayborne, Rapid City, SD Nursing	Brian Marcus Jiskoot, Larchwood, IA Nursing (Accelerated)	Kylie Hope Roach, Farmington, MN Nursing
Morgan Rachelle Closman, Omaha, NE Nursing	Grace Elizabeth Johnson, Brownstown, MI Nursing	Matthew Roemen, Tea, SD Nursing (Accelerated)
Christina Grace Delzer, Rapid City, SD Nursing Magna Cum Laude	Samantha Jean Kaderabek, Aberdeen, SD Nursing	Rachel Jane Rosenbaum, Watertown, SD Nursing Cum Laude
Gabrielle Marie DeVries, Omaha, NE Nursing	Danielle Joy Kemnic, Inver Grove Heights, MN Nursing	Stacie Rae Rust, Sioux Falls, SD Nursing (Accelerated)
Hannah Marie DeWild, Spirit Lake, IA Nursing, Spanish Magna Cum Laude	Camryn Elise Keyeski, Albert Lea, MN Nursing Magna Cum Laude	Khaterra Sadat, Sioux Falls, SD Nursing, Psychology
Callie Ann DeWitt, Brandon, SD Nursing	Chase Allan Klingaman, Mitchell, SD Nursing (Accelerated) Summa Cum Laude	Kori Ann Schaffer, Lake Crystal, MN Nursing
Jori Anne Ellenbecker, Beaver Creek, MN Nursing (Accelerated)	Jenna Koemptgen, Saint Paul, MN Nursing	Kate Elizabeth Heintzman Schmidt, Dell Rapids, SD Nursing (Accelerated)
Maya Lynn Feenstra, Fremont, NE Nursing	Sydney Marie Langeslag, Medford, MN Nursing	Katie Jane Schroeder, Waconia, MN Nursing Cum Laude
Kelsey Ann Gilbert, Clarkston, MI Nursing	Samantha Ann Larson, Humboldt, IA Nursing (Accelerated)	Krishika Siwakoti, Sioux Falls, SD Nursing
Moriah Lynn Goddard, Yucca Valley, CA Nursing, Health Education	Trang Quynh Le, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam Nursing Magna Cum Laude	Jenna E. Spellerberg, Blair, NE Nursing Magna Cum Laude
Julia Rae Gonzales, Box Elder, SD Nursing	Taylor Jean Lepke, Mitchell, SD Nursing	Chantelle Lou Stucky, Tea, SD Nursing Cum Laude
Meleah Lauren Gunderson, Sartell, MN Nursing		

Paige E. Sunstrom, Sauk Rapids, MN  
Nursing  
Magna Cum Laude

Even Solomon Teklewold,  
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
Nursing

Nichole Joan Terry, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

Claire Christine Thompson,  
St. Peter, MN  
Nursing  
Summa Cum Laude

Seleste Elena Thorson, Watertown, SD  
Nursing  
Magna Cum Laude

Michaela Grace Udlock, Castle Rock, CO  
Nursing  
Summa Cum Laude, Civitas Honors

Elizabeth Anna Van Veldhuizen, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing, Spanish  
Cum Laude

Katherine Ann Viana Golembeski,  
Stuttgart, Germany  
Nursing  
Magna Cum Laude

Molly Ann Warkenthien, Clark, SD  
Nursing (Accelerated)

Brynne M. Webb, Springfield, OR  
Nursing (Accelerated)

Megan Lauren Westphal, North Mankato, MN  
Nursing  
Cum Laude

Mikayla Kay Wieker, Aberdeen, SD  
Nursing  
Cum Laude

Taylor Kaaren Wolf, New Ulm, MN  
Nursing

Lea Marie Wormsbecher, Avon, SD  
Nursing  
Magna Cum Laude

Morgan Ann Wubben, Yankton, SD  
Nursing

Jacee Yoshida, Sioux Falls, SD  
Nursing

## PROGRAM COMPLETION

### AUGIE ACCESS CERTIFICATE

Catherine R. Foy, Sioux Falls, SD

Sarah K. Nohr, Sioux Falls, SD

William Kruse, Garretson, SD

Zachary L. Rold, Council Bluffs, IA

### AUGUSTANA ACCESS PROGRAM

Augie Access is an innovative Comprehensive Post-Secondary Transition Program for students with intellectual or developmental disabilities. The program provides students with person-centered planning, specific training in transition skills, and social and academic supports that occur within the college experience to provide positive outcomes in terms of successful employment and independent living.

### CIVITAS HONORS PROGRAM

The goal of the Augustana Civitas Honors program is to enroll academically gifted, creative and intellectually curious scholars who wish to fully explore a liberal arts education and the responsibilities of citizenship in local and global communities. Civitas students complete distinct and interdisciplinary courses based on themes of Deputyship, Pertinence, Justice, Freedom, and Vocation derived from Dietrich Bonhoeffer's essay "The Structure of Responsible Life." Students graduating from the Civitas Honors program wear a gold stole around their neck.

### GRADUATION HONORS

Special honors are awarded at the time of graduation in recognition of superior scholarship. In order to be eligible for graduation honors, the student must have taken a minimum of 65 credit hours at Augustana with a minimum of 51 credit hours having been graded A-F. Students graduating with honors are conferred degrees as follows:

<i>Cum Laude</i>	3.50-3.69
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	3.70-3.89
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	3.90-4.00

A gold cord is worn by the students who are graduating Summa Cum Laude.

### COVENANT AWARD

The Covenant Award acknowledges students who exemplify the ideals put forth in Augustana University's five shared core values: Christian, Liberal Arts, Community, Excellence and Service. Five Covenant Awards are presented every academic year, one award for each of our core values. The bronze medallion worn over their robes identifies graduates who have been recipients of a Covenant Award. These medallions are symbolic of the values that identify and guide the university.

### 2021 GRADUATING COVENANT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Claire Eiswirth, Christian Faith (2021)  
Carla Graciano Sarinana, Liberal Arts (2021)  
Audrey Cope, Excellence (2020)  
Eleanor Ronning, Excellence (2021)  
Elizabeth Yoder, Service (2021)

### STUDENT SPEAKER

#### Cole Tessendorf '21

A biology major and journalism minor from Columbus, Nebraska, Tessendorf is a Sophomore Honors recipient, Dean's list student for seven semesters and member of the Biology Honors Society Tri-Beta. During his time at Augustana, he engaged in scientific research under the mentorship of Dr. Jennifer A. A. Gubbels — presenting their work at a number of research symposiums. Blessed with an adventurous Viking spirit, Tessendorf has studied abroad in Spain, Morocco, the Galapagos Islands and Quito, Ecuador. The four-year member of The Augustana Choir has also shared his voice through numerous leadership roles — including team leader for recreational services, welcome week guide, biology department teaching assistant and tutor, student ambassador and Augustana Student Association (ASA) president. With a heart for service, he has dedicated significant hours as a healthcare volunteer. Tessendorf has been offered admission to the University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine, where he will begin his next chapter in July.



## HONOR SOCIETIES

**Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD)** is the International Sociology Honor Society founded in 1920 with the purpose of promoting human welfare through the development of scientific knowledge to address social problems. Delta of South Dakota is the AKD Chapter established at Augustana in 2012. Teal honor cords depict membership in Alpha Kappa Delta.

**Alpha Psi Omega** was organized as a theatre honor society for the purpose of providing acknowledgment to those demonstrating a high standard of accomplishment in theatre and provides a wider fellowship for those interested in theatre. Colleges and universities of recognized standing, having an established theatre program or theatre club for the purpose of producing plays, are eligible for membership. Qualifications for election to membership in this society are active participation in theatre productions and a minimum Grade point average of 3.0. Honor cord colors are amber and blue.

**American Sign Language** honors society recognizes students who have completed at least three years of American Sign Language study. They must possess a 3.70 grade point average, and complete a minimum of 10 hours of community service per year that benefits the Deaf community. The Laurent Clerc Medal is the highest honor in ASL studies, and our graduates have earned this distinction.

**Beta Beta Beta** is the National Biological Honor Society. Regular members are undergraduate majors in biological science who have completed a rigorous course of study within the biological sciences disciplines. Beta Beta Beta members who maintain a 3.0 Grade point average in the biological sciences and complete required service to the Gamma Zeta Chapter wear a green and red cord.

**Delta Phi Alpha**, the National German Honor Society, was established in 1927 and recognizes excellence in the study of German. Membership requires a minimum of two years of college German or their equivalent, sophomore standing, completion of an upper-division course in German, minimum averages of B+ in German and B- overall, and indication of continued interest in the study of German language and literature. Students in Augustana's Eta Delta chapter wear black, red, and gold cords.

**Eta Sigma Phi** is the National Classics Honors Society. Its purpose is to promote interest in the study of classics, including the history, art, and literature of ancient Greece and Rome. Requirements include completing at least one semester of Greek or Latin and earning at least a B. Members of Eta Sigma Phi wear purple and gold cords.

**Lambda Pi Eta** is a national communication honorary society. Students wear a red and white cord. To qualify, members must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 with a 3.25 in their communication studies major.

**Omicron Delta Epsilon**, the international honor society in economics, was founded in 1963 and is one of the world's largest academic honor societies. Membership requires a 3.3 grade point average in the economics major and an overall grade point average of 3.5. The honor cords are blue and gold.

**Phi Alpha Theta** is a professional society whose mission is to promote the study of history through the encouragement of research, good teaching, publication and the exchange of learning and ideas among historians. It brings students, teachers and writers of history together for intellectual and social exchanges, which promote and assist historical research and publication. The Augustana Chapter is called Zeta Chi. Students wear a red and blue cord.

**Phi Sigma Tau** is the international Philosophy Honor Society. Blue and white cords are worn. To qualify, students must have completed three semesters of college and two philosophy courses, maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or better in philosophy, and rank in the top 35 percent of their class

**Pi Delta Phi**, the National French Honor Society, was established in 1906 and recognizes outstanding achievement in the study of the French language and in the literatures and cultures of the French-speaking world. Membership requires sophomore standing, completion at least one upper-division French course, grade-point averages of 3.0 overall

and 3.2 in French, and ranking in the top 35percentage of a candidate's class. Students in Augustana's Mu Alpha chapter wear blue, white, and red cords.

**Pi Mu Epsilon** is the National Mathematics Honorary Society. The society is dedicated to the promotion of mathematics and recognition of students who successfully pursue mathematical understanding. To qualify for membership, students must complete at least two semesters of calculus and two additional courses in mathematics, at or above the calculus level while maintaining a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4 point scale, both for all courses in the major in the mathematical sciences, and also for all courses that lead to fulfillment of requirements for an undergraduate degree. Students wear a purple, gold, and lavender honor cord.

**Pi Sigma Alpha**, the National Political Science Honor Society, is the only honor society for college students of political science and government in the United States. Members have completed at least ten semester-credits of work in political science including at least one upper-division course, with an average grade of B or higher in those courses. They have also achieved an overall Grade point average placing them in the top one-third of their whole class. Students wear a red, white, and black cord.

**Psi Chi**, the International Honor Society in Psychology, was founded in 1929 to recognize student excellence, reflected in scholarly and professional growth within psychology and ability to impact society positively. Members have completed at least nine semester-credits in psychology with a Grade point average of 3.0. They have also achieved an overall Grade point average placing them in the top 35percentage of their entire class. Psi Chi members wear a platinum and dark blue cord.

**Sigma Alpha Eta** is the National Honor Society which recognizes excellence and professionalism in Speech-Language Pathology and: Audiology. Members are undergraduate students who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 with a 3.7 in their communication disorders major. Members must maintain good standing in Augustana University's National Student Speech Language Hearing Association Chapter. Honor cords are orange and white.

**Sigma Delta Pi**, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society, was established in 1919 and recognizes superior achievement in the study of the Spanish language and the literatures and cultures of the Spanish-speaking peoples. Membership requires completion of at least three years of college Spanish including one upper-division course in Hispanic literature or civilization, a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in Spanish, and ranking in the upper 35percentage of a candidate's class. Students in Augustana's Upsilon Omicron chapter wear red and gold cords.

**Sigma Pi Sigma** members must be in the upper one-third of their graduating class in general scholarship, have a 3.0 Physics grade point average, and they must have completed at least three courses in physics that can be credited toward a physics major. The cords are green and ivory.

**Sigma Tau Delta** is an international English honorary society. Graduates who are members of this society wear a red and black cord. To qualify for Sigma Tau Delta, members must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 with a 3.5 in their English major.

**Sigma Theta Tau** is an International Honor Society of Nursing. The mission of Sigma Theta Tau International is to support the creation of a global community of nurses who lead in using knowledge, scholarship, service and learning to improve the health of the world's people. To qualify for membership, students must have a 3.0 grade point average, rank in the upper 35 percent of their nursing class, and meet the expectation of academic integrity. The cords are orchid and white.

**Theta Alpha Kappa** was established for the purpose of recognizing the academic achievements of religion and theology students. Induction requires nomination by a local chapter and, to be eligible, students must have a 3.5 grade point average in Religious Studies and/or Theology and a 3.0 overall. Residency, class ranking, and unit requirements must also be met. Students wear a red cord.

## DEPARTMENTAL DISTINCTION

### AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

#### DISTINCTION IN CHEMISTRY/BIOCHEMISTRY

An American Chemical Society (ACS) Distinction requires an increased number of classes in mathematics, physics and advanced core classes in chemistry and/or biochemistry than a traditional major. Each student is nominated by their department and then evaluated by the national committee on Professional Training of the ACS in order to receive the ACS approval. ACS graduates wear gold and navy cords.

### DEPARTMENTAL DISTINCTION IN ENGLISH

To receive honors in English, a student must complete 39 credit hours in the major, have a 3.0 grade point average overall and a 3.5 grade point average in the major, and successfully write and defend a research thesis that is of publishable length and quality.

### DEPARTMENTAL DISTINCTION IN GOVERNMENT

To receive Government Honors, students must complete 39 credit hours in the major, have a 3.5 grade point average overall and in the major, receive a "B" or better in a 300-level course in each of the five areas of the discipline (American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Theory, Law), and successfully write and publically defend a 45-60 page research thesis.

### DEPARTMENTAL DISTINCTION IN HISTORY

The honors program in History is designed for students who want to engage academic challenges beyond those required for the major. In addition to completing the major, History honors students are required to complete an independent research project and successfully write and defend a research thesis of publishable length and quality.

### DEPARTMENTAL DISTINCTION IN MATHEMATICS

Mathematics majors earn departmental honors by maintaining a minimum grade point average of 3.25 in the major, completing a research project, and either completing two 300-level elective courses beyond the major requirements or preparing for and taking a competitive examination, such as the Putnam.

### DEPARTMENTAL DISTINCTION IN MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

The honors program in Modern Foreign Languages recognizes superior student achievement in foreign languages and literatures. Candidates must be pursuing a major in French, German, Spanish or Modern Foreign Languages, have achieved minimum grade point averages of 3.4 overall and 3.7 in their MDL major, and have completed a senior thesis in the target language with a grade of A- or better.

### DEPARTMENTAL DISTINCTION IN MUSIC

This program is designed for students who wish to accept academic and performance challenges that go beyond those required for graduation. It is an opportunity for students to hone their musical academic and performance abilities. Since the challenges are significant, it is appropriate for those who undertake them to be honored. Honors students are recognized by the wearing of pink honor cords around their neck.

### DEPARTMENTAL DISTINCTION IN PHYSICS

A student may graduate with Distinction in Physics by completing 24 credit hours in Physics above the 300-level, maintaining a department grade point average of 3.0, completing the graduate record exam in the subject area, and producing a senior thesis that forms all or part of a peer-reviewed publication.

### DEPARTMENTAL DISTINCTION IN PSYCHOLOGY

To receive honors in Psychology, a student must have a 3.0 GPA overall and a 3.5 grade point average in the major, and successfully design and conduct an independent senior research study, presenting their findings in a conference talk and/or as a full APA-style report.

### DEPARTMENTAL DISTINCTION IN RELIGION

To receive religion honors, students must complete 33 credit hours in the major having a cumulative and major grade point average of 3.5 or better. The student is required to have a B+ or higher in all required classes for the major, grades of A in two of the 300-level seminars and a grade of B+ or higher on the Senior Thesis.

### DEPARTMENTAL DISTINCTION IN SOCIOLOGY

The honors program in Sociology is designed for students who want to engage academic challenges beyond those required for their major. In addition to completing the major, Sociology honors students are required to complete an independent research project and successfully write, defend and publicly present a research thesis of publishable length and quality.

## FACULTY AWARDS

### **ASA FACULTY RECOGNITION AWARD**

*Awarded to Dr. Lisa Baye, Assistant Professor, Biology*

Selected by the Augustana Student Association (ASA), the annual ASA Faculty Recognition Award recognizes outstanding teaching and contributions to the Augustana community by a faculty member. Students nominate professors they feel display one or more of the five core values of the University (Christian, Liberal Arts, Excellence, Community, Service) as well as how those faculty members have positively impacted students' experiences at Augustana.

### **CAROLE BLAND**

#### **CULTIVATING FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARD**

*Awarded to Dr. Julie Loveland Swanstrom, Assistant Professor, Religion*

Named to honor the life and work of Dr. Carole Bland '68, longtime member of the Board of Trustees, and assistant dean for faculty development at the University of Minnesota Medical School, the award provides funding for research to help create and sustain a culture of inquiry about teaching and learning at Augustana. The award focuses on an aspect of cultivating excellence in teaching, and the intersection between research or creative work and classroom teaching; and faculty mentoring at Augustana, with outstanding new and mid-career faculty being paired with senior faculty members.

### **GRANSKOU AWARD**

#### **FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

*Awarded to Dr. Jennapher Lunde Seefeldt, Assistant Professor, Government/International Affairs*

Augustana alumni from the era of President Clemens Granskou (1932-1943) established an endowed fund to support the annual Granskou Award for professional development. This award alternates annually between members of the full-time faculty and full-time administrators of the University. The type of project is limited only by interest and imagination.

### **FREDERICK C. KOHLMEYER**

#### **DISTINGUISHED TEACHING PROFESSORSHIP**

*Awarded to Dr. Patrick Hicks, Professor, English*

Dr. Kohlmeyer, through a gift to Augustana upon his death in 1990, established this distinguished professorship to recognize and to reward outstanding teaching. The recipient receives a summer stipend for each of the two years of the award. All full-time faculty of Augustana University who are tenured and have served the University for a minimum of eight years are eligible for this award.

### **ORIN M. LOFTHUS DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORSHIP**

*Awarded at Commencement*

The Orin M Lofthus Distinguished Professorship is a three-year appointment with a stipend to support summer scholarly activities. Recipients of this award are faculty who are regarded as outstanding teachers, people who have made important contributions to the campus, and who have demonstrated the capacity to use this award to further their scholarly activities. Dr. Lofthus, a biology professor, served Augustana from 1935-1945.

### **NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES CHAIR OF REGIONAL**

*Awarded to Dr. Michael Mullin, Professor, History*

This endowment was established as a result of a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and matching money raised by Augustana to support scholarly work related to the life, culture, history, environment and study of the development of the Northern Great Plains. This faculty member must be an excellent teacher and scholar who has a personal and scholarly interest in questions surrounding the prairie west.

### **VERNON AND MILDRED NIEBUHR**

#### **FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARD**

*Awarded at Commencement*

The Vernon and Mildred Niebuhr Faculty Excellence Award was established to provide an annual award to recognize excellence in teaching. The selection process is based on votes from alumni celebrating their 5th anniversary and full-time faculty. The winner is chosen for brilliance in classroom teaching. The award, provided by an endowment created by Mr. Dick Niebuhr '66, is named in honor of his parents, Vernon and Mildred Niebuhr, "...because they loved Augustana dearly and because they were my first and best teachers."

### **THE STANLEY L. OLSEN CHAIR OF MORAL VALUES**

*Dr. Margaret Preston, Professor, History*

Augustana established The Stanley L. Olsen Chair of Moral Values as a result of a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and matching money raised by the University. The Chair of Moral Values was named in memory of Stanley L. Olsen, longtime professor of philosophy at Augustana from 1937 to 1979. The chair is to provide leadership to the campus in the areas of ethics and moral values by challenging faculty and students alike to confront value questions in our society, in our campus community, and in our individual private lives. This may be done through all appropriate means both inside and outside of the curriculum. This three-year appointment goes to a tenured associate or full professor who enjoys a reputation of being an excellent teacher and scholar and who has a personal and scholarly interest in questions of meaning and value.

### **THE CLARA LEA OLSON ENDOWED CHAIR IN CHRISTIAN VALUES**

*Awarded to Dr. Jennifer Gubbels, Associate Professor, Biology*

This professorship was established by Clara Lea Olson in recognition of her long term support of Augustana and her concern for the spiritual well-being of the students at the University. She also wanted to acknowledge the value of the educational opportunities presented in the Christian environment at Augustana. The recipient must show a concern for spiritual well-being and exemplify Christian values in their conduct, teaching and research.

### **OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH CHAIR IN RELIGION**

*Awarded to Dr. Rocki Wentzel, Associate Professor, Classics*

This three-year chair appointment is made by the President and Dean of the University based upon the recommendations of the Chair of the Religion, Philosophy, and Classics Department and the Humanities Division Chair. The individual to be chosen must be a member of the Religion, Philosophy, and Classics Department holding the rank of at least Associate Professor. An annual stipend is also awarded.

### **THE JANE AND CHARLES ZALOUEK FACULTY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP**

*Awarded at Commencement*

The Zaloudek Faculty Research Fellowship was established by Jane Hemmel Zaloudek '72 and Dr. Charles Zaloudek to provide an annual fellowship to support research by a member of the Augustana faculty. The purpose of the fellowship is to support with a stipend, faculty scholarship that extends the scope of research beyond the normal confines of the classroom. The driving principle behind the development of the fellowship was the belief that, "Faculty research, particularly when combined with undergraduate student research, expands thinking, emboldens the spirit of inquiry and has the potential to significantly improve the human condition."

## THE AUGUSTANA SEAL

The Augustana Seal was designed ca. 1950 by Ogden Dalrymple, professor of art from 1946-1991. It is composed of a circle representing eternity, a triangle representing the Trinity, and a book which is the Bible. The "cross" running through the book is the Chi Rho (the monogram and symbol formed from the first two letters "X" and "P" of the Greek word for Christ). The letters VDMA are symbolic of the college motto "VERBUM DEI MANET IN AETERNUM" or "The Word of God endures forever." The letters on either side of the Bible are the Alpha and Omega of the Greek alphabet symbolizing the beginning and the end. The lamp is the Lamp of Knowledge. The three dates represent the founding dates of Augustana: 1860, in Chicago, Illinois; 1889, the founding of the Lutheran Normal School in Sioux Falls; 1918, the merger of the two schools to become Augustana College.

## THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The use of gowns, hoods and caps in academic dress goes back to medieval times, to the early history of the oldest universities in Europe. "Learned clerks" robed themselves in gowns, caps and hoods, thus marking the difference from the "town people and those who wore the gown." Its roots in design are found in both civilian and religious garb, often stemming from practical considerations of the day, such as the need for warmth in the unheated buildings of that time.

The hood, a triangular fold of cloth worn over the back of the gown, is faced with colors which denote the field of study represented by the wearer's degree; the colors of the lining are those of the college or university from which the degree was granted. The length of the hood is correspondingly longer with each degree earned.

The wide velvet borders extending down the front of the doctoral gown, the velvet bar on the sleeves, and the borders of most hoods are colored according to the academic discipline of the wearer. The most usual of these are:

Drab – Accounting & Business	Pink – Music
White – Arts & Letters	Apricot – Nursing
Copper – Economics	Blue – Philosophy
Light Blue – Education	Sage Green – Physical Education
Orange – Engineering	Gold – Science
Brown – Fine Arts	Scarlet – Theology
Purple – Law	
Lemon – Library Science	

For centuries, the mace has been carried by the head of ceremonial processions as the symbol of order and authority. Augustana's mace, carried by the University marshal, was designed by Ogden Dalrymple and executed by Al Halverson from seasoned cherry wood. It supports a gold orb and cross, symbolic of the triumph of Christ over the world. It carries the seal of Augustana in sterling silver.

Heads of state, members of the nobility, civil leaders and heads of educational institutions have, since medieval times, worn chain collars or necklaces as a distinctive mark of honor or authority. Augustana's chain collar, created for use by the president, is composed of a heavy sterling chain, with a sterling pendant seal of the University. Each one of the links contains the name of each of Augustana's twenty-three preceding presidents.

The Trustees comprise a board of twenty-eight members, elected by the Augustana College Association, the corporation that owns and operates the University.

A tradition at Augustana's Commencement recessional has the faculty forming two lines down the center aisle to permit the faculty and graduates to bid farewell to each other.

# THE HISTORY OF AUGUSTANA

Long before “the green” was green; ahead of the “the quad’s” signature north-campus crisscross; and decades before Ole, Viking Days, Varieties, Vespers and even the Huddle’s early-morning coffee, Augustana University got its start in Hillsboro, Ill. — 650 miles east of Sioux Falls — as a place called Hillsboro Academy in 1835.

At the urging of Lutheran Scandinavian leaders, Hillsboro Academy was renamed The Literary and Theological Institute of The Lutheran Church of the Far West in 1846. A short time later, the school moved north, to Springfield, Ill., where it was renamed again — this time to Illinois State University. According to school records, a number of the nation’s early influencers attended ISU, including former Secretary of State John Hay and Robert Todd Lincoln, the son of Abraham Lincoln.

## THE AUGUSTANA SEMINARY

On June 5, 1860, Norwegian and Swedish church leaders met in Jefferson Prairie, Ill., to form the Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod. The controversial move paved the way for Professor Lars Paul Esbjorn and a group of followers to establish a completely new institution — the Augustana Seminary. Christened in the basement of the Norwegian Lutheran Church on Franklin Street in Chicago, the Seminary’s name was drawn from the Augsburg Confession in 1530, during the time of the Reformation. The document’s Latin designation was the “Confessio Augustana.”

Augustana Seminary held its first class on Sept. 1, 1860 — a founding date shared with Augustana’s sister-college, Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill. Today, the two schools are among the oldest of the 40 colleges and universities affiliated with the Lutheran Church.

## THE DIVISION

By 1863, Rev. Tuve Hasslequist, president of the Augustana Synod, was lobbying for another move. Hasslequist believed that moving the Seminary to a rural area populated primarily by Scandinavians would be in the best interest of the growing school. Plus, the Illinois Central Railroad promised land if the school relocated. After a vote, the Seminary moved from Chicago 100 miles southwest, to Paxton, Ill., and Hasslequist became the school’s second president.

Craving their own identity, the Seminary’s Norwegian leaders made the decision to separate from the Swedes. They purchased a building in Marshall, Wisc., and in 1869, they formed the Augsburg Seminary and Marshall Academy. Wisconsin farmer and Norwegian immigrant, Endre Endresen Eidsvaag, gives a bell to the school. A year later, in 1870, the Norwegian Augustana Synod was founded. In 1875, Augustana Seminary moved from Paxton to Rock Island where it has remained since.

## MOVING WEST

By the late 1870’s, the Nation’s western frontier was bulging. In 1881, leaders of the Norwegian Augustana Synod made the decision to “follow the people” and settled in Beloit, Iowa. While in Beloit, the school reclaimed the name, Augustana Seminary and Academy. In 1884 with the institution needing more room, a group of Canton, Dakota Territory citizens across the Big Sioux River pooled their money and bought the Naylor Hotel and offered the building to the Augustana Synod with the condition that the school move from Beloit to Canton and change its name to Augustana College. The Academy remained in Beloit. By 1903, the College moved into a permanent home — its first in 43 years — on the east side of Canton along with the Eidsvaag Bell.

## HOME, SUMMIT AVENUE

Twenty-five miles to the north, in Sioux Falls, the Lutheran Normal School opened its doors in 1889, the same year South Dakota was granted statehood. Housed in what is now known as Old Main, the Lutheran Normal School’s mission was to prepare teachers.

By 1918, city and business leaders were lobbying hard for Augustana to relocate to Sioux Falls. Church leaders made the decision to merge Augustana College in Canton with the Lutheran Normal School in Sioux Falls under the name Augustana College and Normal School (ACNS). The Eidsvaag Bell was installed in the school’s bell tower. In 1926, “and Normal School” was dropped from the name.

In the summer of 2010, the Eidsvaag Bell was removed from Old Main and was central to the celebration of the Sesquicentennial during the 2010-2011 academic year. On September 1, 2015, 155 years to the date of the institution’s founding, the name was changed to Augustana University to reflect the broadening of Augustana’s academic mission.

# ABOUT AUGUSTANA

## PURPOSE

Augustana is a selective, residential university affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Its students enjoy a collegiate experience that combines a broad foundation in the liberal arts with preparation for professional careers and advanced study. Augustana’s mission is to provide an education of enduring worth that challenges the intellect, fosters integrity and integrates faith with learning and service in a diverse world. Central to its mission are five core values: Christian, Liberal Arts, Excellence, Community and Service.

## THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The heart of the Augustana experience is a rigorous academic program taught by a remarkable collection of professors. All are passionate about their disciplines and their teaching. Publishing, conducting research, and attaining national prominence have helped to create the rich liberal arts environment that exists on campus today. The University offers more than 100 majors, minors and pre-professional specializations within a 4-1-4 academic calendar, as well as a growing number of graduate degree programs. Extensive internship, study-abroad and undergraduate research programs supplement the curriculum.

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The students whose names appear on this commencement program either have completed their degree requirements, or have indicated their intent to complete all degree requirements by the end of the 2022 January Interim.

**Flowers** are available for purchase in the lobby. Prices and arrangements vary. Flowers for sale and the stage decorations provided by **The Flower Mill**, flower-mill.com, 866.723.9292.

**Professional photographs** will be taken by LifeTouch photography at Commencement. All students will be photographed on stage as they shake hands with the president, as well as a posed photo with an Augustana background. Photos will be online at [lifetouch.com](http://lifetouch.com) one week after the ceremony. Proofs will also be mailed to students within one week. The mailing address used will be the same address provided for mailing diplomas. There is no obligation to purchase the photos.

