



Steven Mondloch

Major: Classics

Minor: Music

Activities: Augustana Choir, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia music fraternity, Collegia Classica, Augustana Chapel Singers

Internship: National Hellenic Museum, Chicago

Post-grad plans: Take some time off before pursuing a graduate degree in Classics

“Steven has taken advantage of every opportunity offered and seeks out new ones with eagerness. In addition to remaining active in music, he has tutored beginning Latin and Greek students, organized a Latin reading group, attended academic conferences, and was inducted into Augustana’s chapter of Eta Sigma Phi, the national honor society for students who excel in Classics. I have enjoyed seeing Steven make the most of his time at Augustana, and I look forward to seeing him continue to succeed in graduate school and beyond!”

— Dr. Kirsten Day, chair and associate professor, Classics

MORE THAN I IMAGINED 2017

SENIORS REFLECT ON ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND LOOK AHEAD

Why Augustana?

Augustana offered the highest diversity of programs that I could be part of simultaneously. I was offered scholarship money for music and could participate in the top ensembles while still devoting my studies to what I was truly passionate about.

Are you where you thought you’d be four years ago?

Absolutely not. I came to Augustana hoping to pursue music education. The great thing about a liberal arts college is that it encouraged me to delve into many other things, and because of that I wound up finding a major that I never even knew existed. Although it’s not what I expected, Augustana allowed me the room I needed to explore my interests and find my calling.

Who helped you get to where you are now?

Every professor I’ve had at Augustana has personally inspired me to learn and do more than I thought I was capable of. The friends that I made through ensembles and clubs have also become lifelong attachments that have shaped who I am today. In such a supportive and tightly knit community, it’s hard to feel alone at Augie.

A peak experience?

I loved performing in musicals and plays in the theatre department. While it wasn’t an area of study for me, I feel that I thrived in shows and learned a huge amount about theatre.

What surprised you?

I didn’t realize how much I enjoyed being involved in many things. The community that Augustana fosters encourages participation in tons of different activities, which makes for more well-rounded and multi-talented graduates.

How did you use Augie Choice?

I went on a choir trip to Germany, Denmark and Sweden, which was an amazing time! I got to see Europe with my friends and sing in beautiful chapels every day. It was the experience of a lifetime!

What will you miss the most?

I will miss the community and general well-wishing environment at Augustana. Everyone is willing to help and wants the best for you. Don’t be afraid to ask!

Advice for the Class of 2021?

Get involved right away in as much new stuff as you can. If you get a bit overwhelmed, you can always downsize, but you never know where you’ll find your calling!