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### More than half of our grads have 2 or 3 majors



Around the country, about 25% of college students complete a double major. At Augustana, it's much higher — 53.4% of the Class of 2020 had double or triple majors.

One advantage to double majoring is that recruiters will take notice. Especially the uncommon combinations will get a second look from graduate schools and employers.

→ [Read on to find out why.](#)



**Blue, Gold & Bold**, our annual giving challenge, is coming up March 10-11. We have a \$250,000 challenge that will match all gifts dollar-for-dollar, up to \$500,000. We also have some extra-special thank you gifts this year.

This year we're highlighting two important areas to support:

- The Augustana Fund for scholarships, academic programs, student experiences, campus operations, and unexpected challenges, such as mitigating COVID-19.
- Green Initiatives Fund to buy two electric campus vehicles and fund two sustainability internships.

Let's celebrate in person March 10-11:

#### Quad Cities

**March 10:** Enjoy beer, soft drinks and pizza from 4-7 p.m. at [Radicale Effect Brewwerks](#), 1340 31st St., Rock Island.

**March 11:** Have coffee and a pastry from 7:30-10 a.m., at [Awake Coffee Company](#), 1430 4th Ave., Rock Island.

#### Chicagoland

**March 10:** Gather for beer, soft drink and appetizers from 5-8 p.m. at [Merkle's Bar & Grill](#), 3516 N. Clark St., Chicago.

**March 11:** Get started with coffee and a pastry from 8-10 a.m. at [Cafe & Barr](#), 407 S. 3rd St., Suite 150, Geneva.

*There is a minimum donation of \$30 for all events.*

### Augustana among top schools helping low-income students

Augustana College is a good investment for low-income students, according to [The Colleges Where Low-Income Students Get the Highest ROI](#).

The college placed among the top 7% of 3,380 schools in the country for providing a high return on a college investment (ROI) to Pell Grant-eligible students.



*Dr. Kristin Douglas, associate dean*

Augustana's strong showing in part reflects an emphasis on student-specific advising and support programs, and an intentional increase in need-based financial aid. → [Read more](#)



#### Class notes

Enjoy these latest [class notes](#), including weddings, promotions, accomplishments and births.

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### Kamneev Rai '16 finds illness sharpens her focus on music

Before her treatments for a rare cancer were even complete, violinist Kamneev Rai '16 started a master's performance program in Chicago.

That's done, and now in remission she's begun a Ph.D. program at the University of Dublin, studying musicology.

The cancer diagnosis sharpened her focus, Rai told the medical staff at Rush University, and she sees her purpose as sharing her love of music. → [Read more](#)

#### Save the date

**Feb 24** Alumni and friends lunch with President Steve and Jane Bahls in Naples, Fla. [RSVP](#)

**Feb 26** [Shockingly Modern Saxophone Festival](#)

**Feb 27** [Stone Lecture: Biological anthropologist Dr. Suzanne Walker-Pacheco](#)

**March 13** [Augustana Choir](#) performance in Galesburg

**March 24** Alumni and friends event in Denver. [RSVP](#)

**April 3** Scholarship Donors Brunch with students (in person); virtual event April 10

**April 5** Chicago Farewell to President Bahls. [RSVP](#)

**April 8** [The American Rhapsody with Andre Dworkin](#)

**May 12-15** Reunion celebrations for classes of 1975, 76, 71, 70, 66, 65, 61, 60, 56, 55

**June 4** Alumni and friends at Cubs vs. Cards in Chicago. [RSVP](#)