



July 2022

President Talentino: Getting to know us



Andrea Talentino, Augustana's new president, officially started work on July 1. (Here she is looking at a basket of Quad Cities items from the Admissions ambassadors.)

In addition to touring campus and meeting people, she's been speaking to local media about her expectations for the college ([Dispatch/Argus and Quad City Times](#)).

Alumni who would like to meet President Talentino may sign up for one of these events:

- Twin Cities Welcome, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, at the American Swedish Institute. [RSVP](#)
- Alumni and friends gathering at the Ravinia Festival near Chicago, featuring Bonnie Raitt, at 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 27. [RSVP](#)
- Alumni and friends gathering at the Quad City Bank and Trust Riverfront Pops, featuring the music of Elton John, at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20. [RSVP](#)



Alumni find the edge during 'Great Resignation'

Augustana alumni are part of the "Great Resignation" trend, and they're using their education to give them the confidence and insight to make a move. Here are [five of their stories](#) to prove it.

Takeaways:

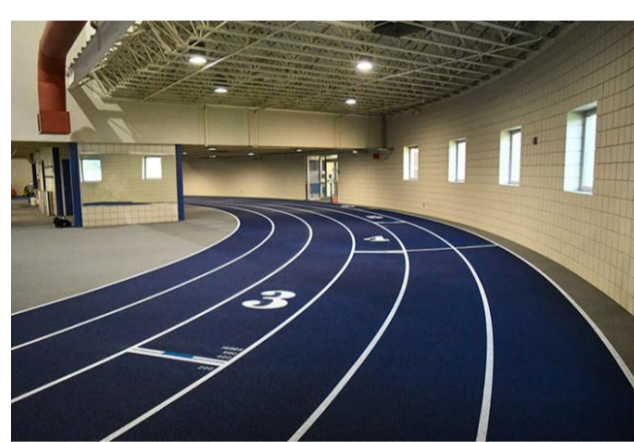
- You don't have to stick with your first choice of major or career.
- Skills you learned at Augustana are transferable.
- A liberal arts education helps you tackle challenges with different perspectives.
- Fellow alumni can have some good advice and encouragement.
- Don't be afraid of risk!

An emotional moment in Leipzig, Germany



Members of the Augustana Choir shared their love of music in Europe this summer, performing six concerts in Germany and the Czech Republic.

"One of my favorite parts was singing in the rotunda at the Battle of the Nations monument," said Nathan Maras '22. "Being surrounded by some of my closest friends making some of the most beautiful music is the thing that I will cherish forever."



Athletics facility upgrades are on track

Summer upgrades to two athletic facilities already are complete — and it's only early July. The playing surface at Thorson-Lucken Field has been replaced with synthetic turf, and PepsiCo has new flooring on the basketball courts and a new indoor track.

Summer magazine: Leadership



The theme of the [Augustana Magazine summer 2022](#) edition is Leadership.

Meet alumni like Cameron Onumah and others who are showing the way forward in science, mental health, literacy and more!

And what makes a good leader? [Alumni have some thoughts](#).

Institute renamed to honor former President Bahls

Perry Waughtal '58 and his wife Terri, who created Augustana's Institute for Leadership and Service in 1998, have increased its endowment and renamed it in honor of former President Steve Bahls.

GENEROSITY MATTERS

Steve and Jane Bahls: A legacy of generosity

For Steve and Jane Bahls, giving to Augustana has been an act of gratitude fueled by a strong desire to give back to a place they called home for nearly two decades.

Their generosity has been diverse and far-reaching in their time at Augustana. They have supported capital projects, academic initiatives, the arts, unrestricted annual giving and, most generously, student scholarships.



Class notes

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July 19 [Twin Cities Welcome for President Talentino](#)

Aug 20 [Quad Cities Pops](#)

Sept. 8 [Ravinia in Chicago](#)

Oct. 14-16 [Homecoming](#)

Oct. 15 Presidential inauguration