



January 2023

2022 in review: New president, largest gift and more

2022 saw big changes on campus as COVID-19 precautions eased. We said goodbye to President Emeritus Thomas Tredway, who died in April; wished a happy retirement to former President Steve Bahls; and welcomed President Andrea Talentino.



John Murabito, chair of Augustana's board of trustees, announces May 12 that Founders Hall would be renamed the Steve and Jane Bahls Campus Leadership Center.

And, included in the good news for 2022, was the graduation of our first class of Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology students. ([Photo gallery](#))

Alumni families help ABCD Lab student research



Alumni families contribute to Dr. Megan Lorenz' Augustana Baby and Child Development Lab. And that helps students get into top graduate schools and continue their research.

Summer Hall '22 is at the University of Dayton pursuing a master's in applied behavioral analysis. Kayla Dillon '21 is a researcher in the Gilmore-Bykovsky lab at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Both were able show promise in their graduate school interviews based on their ABCD Lab experience. ([more](#))

Virtual keynote: Dr. Bernard Lafayette Jr. to speak



Celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a [virtual keynote](#) by Dr. Bernard Lafayette Jr. at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 16.

Dr. Lafayette was one of the original Freedom Riders. He will speak on the theme of "Nonviolence in a Time of Civil Unrest: Yesterday and Today."

All are invited to listen via Zoom. ([more](#))

Give back to Augie — be a Viking Connector

[Viking Connectors](#) help current students develop academically and professionally. Even if you don't think you have a lot of experience, you do, because you have "been there and done that." Alumni of all majors are welcome. [Sign up today](#).

Headlines from campus

- [New film major/minor announced](#)
- [Anonymous donor pays students' tuition](#)
- [\\$1 million donated to prison education program](#)
- [New access to powerful telescope in Arizona](#)
- [Dr. Yaschur/student co-teach in Nepal](#)
- [StepAfrika! coming to Augustana](#)



Class notes

When two 2016 alumni recently married, no fewer than 28 Augustana alumni came to help celebrate. Group photo in the latest [Class Notes](#).

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Save the date

Jan. 18 [Alumni and friends gathering and women's basketball vs. North Central](#)

Jan. 25 [Alumni and friends gathering and men's basketball vs. North Central](#)

Jan. 28 [Alumni and friends gathering and men's basketball vs. Illinois Wesleyan](#)

Feb. 4 [Tribe of Vikings Hall of Fame induction](#)

Feb. 17 [Alumni and friends gathering at Buzz Café, Oak Park, Ill.](#)

Feb. 28 [Alumni and friends lunch with President Andrea Talentino, Naples, Fla.](#)

March 1 [Alumni and friends lunch with President Andrea Talentino, Sarasota, Fla.](#)

March 6 [Phoenix area welcome for President Andrea Talentino](#)

March 7 [Alumni and friends lunch with President Andrea Talentino, Phoenix area](#)

March 24-30 Augustana Choir Midwest Tour and alumni events (concerts in Rockford, Naperville, Arlington Heights, Waukesha, Madison, Twin Cities, Rochester)

June 17 Denver alumni and friends hike and welcome reception for President Andrea Talentino



Mark Jan. 27 on your calendar and [register now!](#)

New this year, Aaron Wetzel '90 will host this event in the John Deere Chicago Office. President Andrea Talentino will provide a college update. Heavy appetizers, beer, wine and soft drinks will be served. Registration includes a gift to the Augustana Fund. Each guest will receive a limited-edition Augustana beanie.

Learn about Freewill

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