



Alumni and Friends

October 2022

Inauguration celebration is coming!



President Andrea Talentino will be inaugurated Oct. 15 during an event-filled weekend — including all the [Homecoming](#) activities. Do not miss:

- [Academic presentations](#) Oct. 14-15, including new programs, the liberal arts, projects with city government, our ties to Sweden, and refugee resettlement in the Quad Cities.
- [Arts presentations](#), including a faculty/alumni art exhibition and music recital.
- [Inauguration ceremony](#) at 12:30 p.m. Oct. 15.
- [Post-inauguration Street Party](#) on 7th Avenue with food and music.

([Livestreaming](#) will be available for those unable to attend.)

What makes Augustana stand out

Rankings! Whether you believe in them or ignore them, they are a fact of life.

Augustana College continued its long-standing tradition last month of [ranking in the top 100](#) for national liberal arts colleges in the U.S. News & World Report 2023 list.

But that's only a *part* of the story.



We're also one of only five colleges in Illinois ranked as a **best value** by U.S. News.

We're the only college outside of the state system to win the **HEED Award** for diversity, equity and inclusion this year.

We have the most **Academic All-Americans** in Illinois.

We're ranked first in the state for **innovation** and **undergraduate teaching** among liberal arts colleges.

And, we are in the top 7% of colleges in the nation for **high return on a college investment** to Pell Grant-eligible students.



Getting acquainted in Chicago

Two hundred students and 49 accounting firms, government agencies, and other employers mingled at the recent Chicago Accounting and Finance Career Fair. Augustana co-hosted the annual event with Carthage College, North Central College and Illinois Wesleyan University at the Hilton Chicago/Oak Brook Hills Resort & Conference Center.



GENEROSITY MATTERS

When you're passionate about being an Augustana alumna and the college is looking for a class representative, of course you say, "I'll do it!"

Sara Schafer Pittenger did just that for her Class of 1994. ([more](#))



Taking a different kind of test

[Local news reporters](#) came out to watch students in an aquatic ecology class sample Silver Creek in Davenport this week. Our Upper Mississippi Center for Sustainable Communities is again partnering with the city of Davenport to assess the health of streams flowing through the city.

[Best story lead](#): "Augustana College students in the aquatic ecology class took a different kind of test Tuesday morning: Water quality tests."



Class Notes

A 1971 grad and longtime underwater photographer, he's the publisher of "Alert Diver" magazine. A 2020 grad is an audio storytelling intern at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. Find out who's who in the latest [Class Notes](#).

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Save the date

Oct. 14-16 [Homecoming](#)

Oct. 15 [Presidential inauguration](#)

Oct. 20 Reception for President Andrea Talentino in Boston → [RSVP](#)

Oct. 25 Alumni and friends event in Washington, D.C. → [RSVP](#)

Nov. 11 Alumni and friends at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra → [RSVP](#)

Dec. 5 Washington, D.C., welcome reception for President Andrea Talentino → [RSVP](#)

Dec. 10 Alumni and friends at the "Sound of Music," Aurora, Ill. → [RSVP](#)

Jan. 19 Winter in the Windy City