



October 2021



The finishing touches are being done on the new pool, slated to open this week.

Augustana's third competition pool ready to open

The students who swam for Augustana's first varsity team in 1928 could hardly have imagined the new state-of-the-art facility about to open. For one thing, their 1916 pool had no space for spectators. [\(See what it looked like\).](#)



Homecoming 2021 in photos

The Augustana Vikings football team won their homecoming game against North Park and the rain held off as alumni and students celebrated. [\(more\)](#)

More Than I Imagined – 10 years later

We're featuring More Than I Imagined 2011 grads to see where they are today, and how they got there.

While working her way up to her current position of senior quality manager at Baxter Healthcare, [Lizeth Galarza](#) discovered a hidden passion for mentoring young professionals.

→ See our [More Than I Imagined alumni](#) 2011-2021!



Celebrating our first-gen students Nov. 8

These students are the first in their family to attend college. Augustana will join the [National First Generation College Celebration](#) on Nov. 8. Look for emails offering ways you can support our first-gen students!



New sports marketing internship honors Wrath '80

Dave Wrath has retired from Augustana athletics, but his legacy will live on in the most appropriate way.

An endowed fund for the Dave Wrath '80 Sports Marketing Internship was announced Sept. 5 in honor of his 40 years of sharing Augustana's stories and mentoring students. [\(more\)](#)

Want to learn Swedish?

The Swenson Center at Augustana is offering virtual Swedish language classes. Classes meet an hour a week for six weeks. Students learn reading, writing, comprehension and speaking. → [Learn more](#)

Keep up with the Swenson Center's events by [signing up for its newsletter](#).

When in Rome, kick the ball!



Anna Fank '20 is playing for [REVER Roma](#) in the Series C division of Italian Women's Soccer this summer.

She played her first game Sept. 19 and scored the winning goal in a 2-1 match.

Fank majored in teaching Spanish at Augustana, which may explain her quick grasp of Italian on display [in this video interview after her goal](#).

She was a first-team All-CCIW selection and a United Soccer Coaches All-Central Region honoree three years in a row.

'71 grad hits hole-in-one at Viking Club outing

Eighty-two alumni, parents, staff and sponsors participated in the Viking Club's annual golf outing on Sept. 18. John Malvik '71 hit a hole-in-one on the par 3 16th hole.

The winning team included all former Viking lacrosse players: Alex Crescenti '16, Jeremy Gottardo '15, Taylor McGinnis '16 and Tim Pellus. They scored a 15-under par for the scramble. Funds raised will benefit Augustana's student-athletes.

GENEROSITY MATTERS



After [Dr. Dave Markward '71](#) traveled to Selma, Ala., to re-enact the crossing of the Edmund Pettus Bridge in support of voting rights, he began to research social justice.

In 2020, he established the Dr. David C. Markward Fund for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Augustana. [\(Learn more\)](#)



Class notes

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

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Save the date

Oct. 9 [Augustana Symphonic Band "Opening Day"](#)

Oct. 13 [River Readings](#)

Oct. 21-24 Musical ["Island Song"](#)

Oct. 23 [Augustana Symphony Orchestra concert](#)

Oct. 24 [Augustana Choir and Choral Arts concert](#)

Oct. 30 [Augustana Concert Chorale and Jenny Lind Vocal Ensemble concert](#)

Dec. 4-5 [Christmas at Augustana](#)