



## Kirk Anderson '93

*Chief Financial Officer  
and Vice President of Administration*

### Effective business operations

Managing financial, material and people to achieve the best institutional outcome. The former Kraft Foods Group Associate Director uses the lessons he learned in the corporate environment to navigate the challenges of higher ed today.

### Finding the right college fit

Balancing the importance of financial, emotional and academic interests when selecting the right college path in order to achieve life and professional goals.

### Liberal arts and the financial field

Approaching financial-focused careers from a liberal arts experience expands the horizons and trains individuals to troubleshoot that goes beyond the nuts and bolts of “how to” for greater outcomes.

**Kirk Anderson '93** can balance the books and demystify depreciation in an elevator speech for both his colleagues and the student leaders who make up the Student Government Association, whom he interfaces with often to explain key issues such as budgeting for student organizations and tuition increases.

Beyond the black and white of college operations and donning a hard hat to oversee key campus facility improvements, Anderson also has a lot to offer in guiding college students to find their true fit. Something he says goes well beyond the “sweatshirt mentality.”

“Some students may not know what the institution is like, but they gravitate to schools where their friends will know the name on their shirt,” he said.

Anderson’s perceptive understanding of the science of making a college choice that sticks is organic and comes, in part, from his experience of sending three daughters to college. He said all found their own path, close and far from home, that was well suited to their professional goals and who they were as individuals.

This understanding also stems from his own experience of the identity forming he did at Augustana as a student from 1990-1993. The Tribe of Vikings Hall of Famer said the friendships from his time on the basketball court and his Greek experience shaped him as a co-ed and those bonds continue to influence his personal and professional life today.

“For me, the best way to complement a strong liberal arts education was to compete on an athletic team,” he said.

Anderson said what he learned about perseverance, the inspiration he found to work harder in the face of a challenge and working together with others on a shared goal can be applied to every situation at any stage of life.

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Available for commentary on

- Augustana College's neighborhood revitalization efforts and collaborative partnerships with the city of Rock Island.
- Navigating the college search process as a parent and a college administrator who specializes in finance.
- Why reserving for depreciation is an important part of a college's financial planning.
- How a background as a high-performing college athlete has positive career and personal impact.
- Lutheran and Augustana College family connections.
- Connecting with students on understanding financial matters, relating to budgeting for student organizations and college tuition cost increases.
- How finance majors are shaped by the liberal arts.

### Professional experience

- Associate Director of Procurement Finance, KraftHeinz, Northfield, Ill.
- Associate Director of Supply Chain Finance, Kraft Foods Group, Northfield, Ill.
- Associate Director of Procurement Finance, Kraft Foods Group, Northfield, Ill.
- Plant Controller, Kraft Foods Group, Davenport, Iowa
- Internal Auditor, Allstate, Northbrook, Ill.
- Audit Lead – Public Accounting, Howard Levinson & Associates, Northbrook, Ill.

### Education & certifications

- MBA, finance DePaul University, Driehaus College of Business
- B.A., accounting and finance, Augustana College
- Certified Public Accountant - University of Illinois
- Six Sigma Green Belt

### Augustana College engagement

- Men's/women's varsity golf team peer mentor
- Student Investment Club advisor
- Greek Life advisor
- Frequent presenter for the Student Government Association

### Professional organizations

- EIIA (Educational & Institutional Insurance Administrators, Inc.) Board Member, Chicago, Ill. (2024 - current)
- EIIA President's Advisory Council, Chicago, Ill. (2019-2023)
- Scott County Regional Authority President, Bettendorf, Iowa (2022-2023)
- Scott County Regional Authority Board Member, Bettendorf, Iowa (2018-2021)

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