

Quad Cities
Study in the **USA**
at Augustana

Augustana College
Rock Island, Illinois

A leader in liberal arts education

An Augustana liberal arts education builds each student's specialization in a major field, and also develops broad knowledge in many areas. Our three-term calendar allows students to take more classes and explore more fields. This exposure, combined with internships and close advising, builds the leadership and adaptable skills so important in the 21st century.

Nearly 83% of the graduating class in 2014 focused on two or three majors and/or minors, increasing their options along the career path.

Through graduate school fairs, workshops, and advising every step of the way, Augustana prepares students to succeed in their professional goals following graduation and throughout their lives.



Dr. Pareena Lawrence

Augustana's liberal arts philosophy allows students the opportunity to study what they love and combine different areas of study. They have freedom to choose, and so it is not uncommon to study biology and philosophy, business administration and political science—or other combinations of subjects that complement one another.

A residential liberal arts education at Augustana focuses on rigorous academic programs and hands-on learning experiences. We also enrich the student's educational experience by fostering a learning environment that develops important skills such as collaborative leadership, complex problem-solving and intercultural communication.

Dr. Pareena Lawrence
Provost, Dean and Chief Academic Officer



IN FACT

Augustana is a **Top 100 Liberal Arts College** according to the *U.S. News and World Report*.

Augustana is in the **top 60 U.S. small liberal arts colleges** in the number of **graduates earning the Ph.D.**

In 2014, *Forbes Magazine* listed Augustana **#8 among all colleges and universities in Illinois**.

Nearly 90% of Augustana students who apply to graduate school go to **1 of their top 2 choices**. For those who go directly into employment, **more than 25%** are hired for their position before graduating.

100% of students complete Senior Inquiry, a capstone project—similar to a master's thesis—that highlights both expertise and broad knowledge (important to graduate schools).



Vuk Bojovik '14

Vuk Bojovik '14, Belgrade, Serbia

Economics and communication studies

Writer for *Branding Magazine*, New York City

I chose Augustana because I wanted more than an exceptional education—I wanted a great experience at a small college where I would be more than just a number.

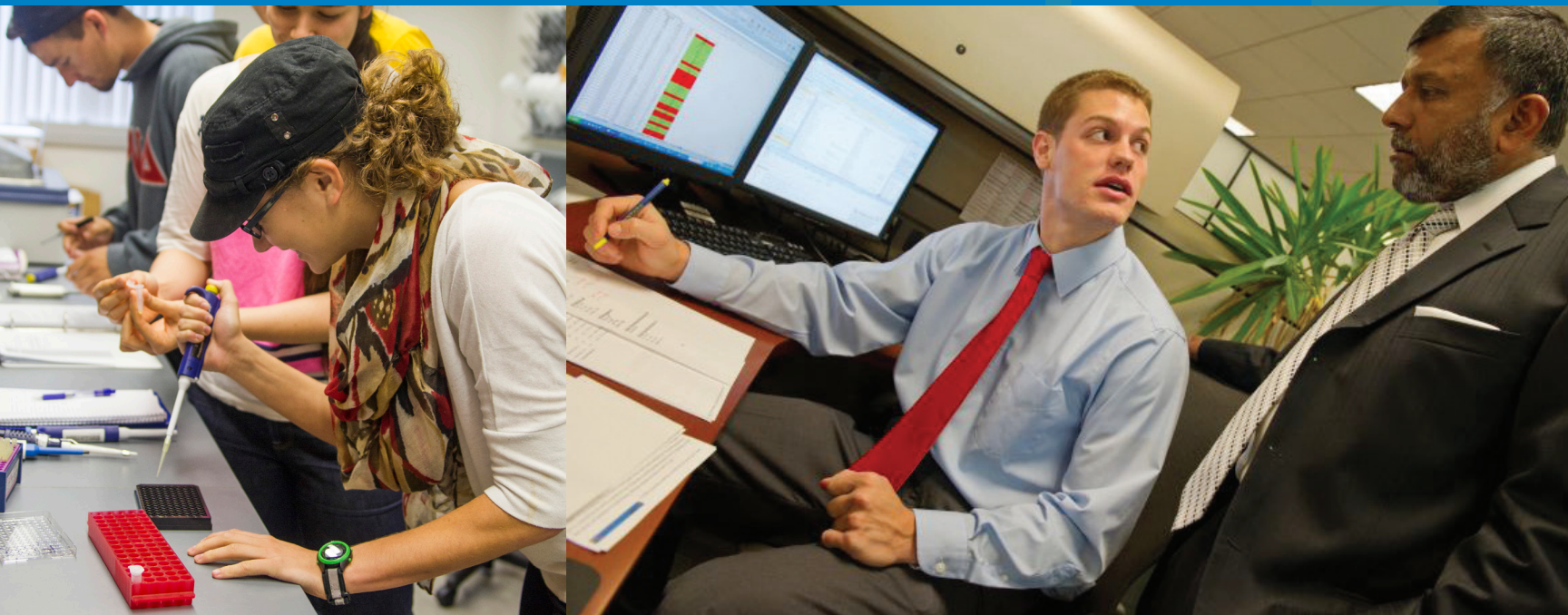
I got a degree in economics, a discipline whose models helped me grasp the behavior of the markets that are applicable in any field. I went to East Asia and learned about cultures that are different from both American and Serbian. I used my Augie Choice funding to do research in international finance, analyzing how the depreciation of currencies on the foreign exchange currency markets affect trade balance of the Serbian stock market.

Because of my experiences, I will always be a big advocate of liberal arts education.

Learning that goes beyond

Augustana's campus is beautiful, safe and inspiring, and our location is a great advantage. In this metropolitan area of 400,000 along the Mississippi River (world's fourth-largest), Augustana students have close access to internships, research sites, and many other opportunities to practice in their field. The college has strong connections in the Quad Cities and beyond, and a network of alumni in professions around the world who make the success of Augustana students and graduates a priority.

- **Internships** can range from Quad-Cities Fortune 500 companies to locations around the world.
- **Field trips** begin in the first year, to places as varied as the college's 600 acres of environmental labs, to the businesses, historic sites and museums of Chicago.
- **Research** labs on campus include biochemistry, cadaver dissection (a rare advantage for undergraduate students in health fields), paleontology and petrology (dinosaurs and volcanos), and more. Off-campus research takes students to Greenland, Australia and everywhere between.



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Augustana gives every student **\$2,000 through Augie Choice** to support a high-impact learning experience such as an **internship, research** or **study abroad**.

Opportunities in the Quad Cities include **internships at the world headquarters for John Deere** and other **Fortune 500 Companies** such as ALCOA, 3M and Group O—a U.S. Top 5 Hispanic-owned company.

Augustana is one of only a few select colleges and universities affiliated with the summer internship program at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center—one of the **world's top cancer research centers**.

90% of business majors complete internships, compared with 75% nationwide.



Anh (Daisy) Hoang '14, Hai Phong, Vietnam

International business, communication studies and Chinese

Graduate student in communication studies, Illinois State University

Internships: Division marketing at OnMedia Advertising Sales;
communication and marketing at UnityPoint Health–Trinity

Four years ago, I never dreamed how much I would be able to achieve during my college career. I am so thankful for all the leadership experiences at Augustana, for friends from all over the world and for opportunities to learn about myself and my career path.

I didn't have an interest in studying communication when I started.... I was so sure about my plan to pursue an M.B.A. in the States. But I have realized through my work in communication and marketing, my internships and my communication studies minor that I can be good at communication, and I have enjoyed every single minute of studying and working in the field. I am looking forward to a career that will combine my communication and business skills.

A look at the results

Augustana graduates succeed in their fields all over the world. Here is a sample from a few decades, including a Nobel Prize-winning physicist, a CEO named one of the “world’s most powerful women” by *Fortune* and *Forbes*, a brilliant humanitarian doctor, a business leader, and a recent winner of a full scholarship to her dream graduate school, Cambridge.



Kai Yin Ho '13



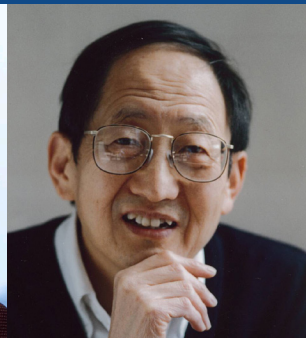
David Walton '98



Prateek Agrawal '92



Brenda Barnes '75



Daniel Tsui '61

Kai Yin Ho '13

Anthropology and biology majors

Graduate student in biological anthropology, St. John's College, University of Cambridge, through the Davies-Jackson Scholarship

“The Davies-Jackson award confirms that Augustana students have the talent and ability to achieve at the very highest levels.... This award means that Kai Yin will pursue her studies at one of the best universities in the world. Kai Yin represents the best of Augustana because she's the total package: a serious scholar, an interdisciplinary thinker, an engaged campus citizen and a great person. Her passion for learning is evident to everyone who meets her, but so are her sense of humor, humility and warmth.”

—Dr. Margaret Farrar, Augustana professor of political science

David Walton '98

Biology/Pre-med and Spanish majors

Associate physician at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston; physician with Partners in Health medical aid group, Haiti; instructor of medicine at Harvard Medical School

"I find the work that I do to be compelling, meaningful and necessary, and my experiences at Augustana were instrumental in getting to this point. My vision didn't become clear until I reached Harvard, but it started in the streets of La Paz, Bolivia, on Augustana's Latin America term. When I finally did start medical school, I was amazed at how much I knew, and how well I was prepared for my first set of classes. I had already taken anatomy, physiology and cell biology.... It felt good to have a solid grasp of the material in the first semester, especially at a place like Harvard."

—from 2005 interview

Prateek Agrawal '92

Business administration and computer science

Managing director and head of CoB Program Operations, Citi Global Operations & Technology Risk Management

"Augie attracted me for multiple reasons: good quality education, ability to learn from distinguished faculty in small class settings, leadership development through a variety of organizations and programs, international networking and connectivity to some good companies. This combination helped me develop, and the internship opportunity opened the initial doors of success for me. I joined Citibank—an opportunity created for me because of the internship facilitated by Augie. It was the perfect combination of finance and digitization—to apply my computer science and business administration degree to an emerging trend."

Brenda Barnes '75

Economics major

Former president and CEO, Pepsi-Cola North America; retired chairman and CEO, Sara Lee Corp.

"Attending Augustana College made me CEO of Sara Lee. We alums at Augustana... once we get in the door, we stand up better than anybody."

—from USA Today, "Wanted: CEO, no Ivy required," April 2005

Daniel Tsui '61

Mathematics major

Winner of the 1998 Nobel Prize in Physics

"I arrived on Augustana's campus [from China] right after Labor Day in 1958, and there spent the best three years of my life. I was free to read, to learn and think through things at my own pace. I knew from the start that I would go to graduate school."

—from Tsui's biography, Nobelprize.org

IN FACT

About a third of Augustana graduates enroll in graduate or professional school after graduating, and **nearly 90%** get into their first or second choice.

About 65% of Augustana's grads in **medicine and dentistry** are accepted into medical and dental schools after graduating, compared with only about 45% nationwide.

The placement rate for Augustana graduates in **physical therapy** graduate programs is **90%** within five years, and for **pharmacy** the rate is **95%**.



A safe home on campus

About 25 percent of students perform in a music ensemble, and even more play a sport. With nearly 200 student groups, including club sports, the arts, special-interest clubs, student-run newspaper and radio station, and many more—there is plenty to do right here on campus, one of the most beautiful in the Midwest. Features include:

- Center for Student Life, connecting the library with the dining hall and student services such as the International Student Life office and the Reading/Writing Center (including an ESL specialist)
- CORE (Careers, Opportunities, Research and Exploration), where students find comprehensive advising and integrated services for building their career skills
- a geology museum and a teaching art museum
- research boats for the Mississippi River
- PepsiCo Recreation Center, Carver P.E. Center and the new Westerlin Fitness Center
- the new Austin E. Knowlton Outdoor Athletic Complex

IN FACT

Augustana ranks in the **Top 10 in the nation and #1 in Illinois** for Academic All-Americans: student-athletes who perform as exceptionally in their sports as they do in their studies.

In 2013, journalists for the *Augustana Observer* student newspaper broke the school record by winning **15 awards**—for excellence in news, features, sports, columns and multimedia reporting—from the Illinois College Press Association.

Augustana offers nearly 90 academic programs, from traditional humanities and sciences to pre-professional (pre-medicine, pre-law, pre-engineering, etc.). The most populated majors are biology and pre-medicine, business and accounting, education and psychology. Augustana was among the first liberal arts colleges in the American Midwest to offer programs in geography, geology and sociology.

Accounting
Africana Studies
Anthropology
Art
Art History
Asian Studies
Astronomy
Biochemistry
Biology
Business Administration
Chinese
Chemistry
Classics
Communication Sciences
& Disorders
Communication Studies
Computer Science
Creative Writing

Economics
Education
Engineering Physics
English
Environmental Management
& Forestry
Environmental Studies
Ethics
French
Geography
Geology
German Studies
Graphic Design
History
International Business
Japanese
Landscape Architecture
Latin American Studies

Mathematics
Medieval & Renaissance Studies
Multimedia Journalism & Mass
Communication
Music
Neuroscience
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Pre-Dentistry
Pre-Engineering
Pre-Law
Pre-Library and Information
Science
Pre-Medicine
Pre-Nursing
Pre-Occupational Therapy
Pre-Optometry

Pre-Pharmacy
Pre-Physical Therapy
Pre-Physician Assistant
Pre-Seminary
Pre-Veterinary Medicine
Psychology
Public Health
Religion
Scandinavian Studies
Sociology
Spanish
Theatre Arts
Women's & Gender Studies
World Literature

Costs and scholarships

About 2,500 students from across the U.S. and more than 20 countries choose Augustana College every year. Like other students, international students automatically are considered for academic merit scholarships—which are renewed each year with continued academic success—and also may apply for talent-based merit scholarships in art, music and theatre.

Some international students also qualify for need-based financial assistance, and many students earn up to \$2,000 annually by working on campus.

Before scholarships and other financial assistance, the cost of attending Augustana in 2014-15 was \$46,671 for tuition, fees, housing and meals. 100% of international students received an academic scholarship that year. Their average SAT score (critical reading and math only) was 1270; average GPA was 3.0 (87/100).

Find out more at augustana.edu/admissions/internationaladmissions



More and more international students and their siblings are choosing Augustana as their college home in the United States. From left: Lawrence Palmer '15 and William Palmer '13, U.K.; Lynn Reinacher '13 and Liv Reinacher '14, Germany; Yee Mon Thant '16 and Lin Myat '13, Myanmar.

Art, music and theatre

scholarships: \$500–\$4,000 annually

Academic merit scholarships: \$13,500–\$22,000 annually

- **Presidential (\$22,000)**

For students with exceptional academic ability, outstanding co-curricular involvement and good character. Students typically have 1250 to 1280 combined SAT in critical reading and math (90 TOEFL) and rank in the top 10% at their school.

- **Dean's (\$17,500-19,000)**

For students with an excellent academic record and co-curricular involvement, and good character. Students typically have 1130 to 1240 combined SAT in critical reading and math (90 TOEFL) and rank in the top 20% at their school.

- **Founders (\$13,500-17,000)**

For students whose course selection has been challenging, whose academic performance is strong, and who have made significant contributions to their schools and communities. Students typically have 1050 to 1120 combined SAT in critical reading and math (80 TOEFL) and rank in the top third of their class.



Madushika Lansakara '05

Madushika Lansakara '05, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Psychology and French

Programme Development Manager,
SOLIDAR Suisse/SAH-Swiss Labour
Assistance

“Sometimes, I’m still amazed at the courage with which my parents sent a fresh-faced, doe-eyed 17-year-old girl to ‘big, bad America,’ a country they had yet to visit themselves! However, I now realize that it was a calculated risk based on research and sound advice.

Unlike larger institutions, my parents knew a small private liberal arts college provided the security blanket needed during our early days to navigate our way in a new world.

Further, they were advised to look at student-to-teacher ratios where professors could take individual interest in their students, rather than being invisible in classes of hundreds. Little did they know that at Augustana I would receive far more than they ever expected.”

—From *DailyFT*, Sri Lanka

IN FACT

In 2014, Augustana students were from Bangladesh, Cameroon, China, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Germany, Ghana, Hong Kong, Japan, Kenya, Lebanon, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Peru, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sweden, the United Kingdom and Vietnam.

APPLYING TO AUGUSTANA COLLEGE

Admission of non-U.S. citizens to Augustana is based on academic strength and the ability to meet the cost. International students should enroll for the beginning of the school year in fall. To apply, submit:

1. **Application for admission** at augustana.edu/internationaladmissions
2. **Official transcripts** from secondary school (9th–11th grade) and any university attended (transcripts must be in English and forwarded directly to Augustana from the institution)
3. **Official TOEFL, IELTS or SAT scores** sent directly from the testing agency
 - TOEFL minimum: 550 on written test; 80 on IBT. The TOEFL code is 1025.
 - IELTS minimum: 6.5.
 - SAT (critical reading and math only) average is about 1220.

Augustana offers conditional acceptance for students who require additional preparation prior to enrolling. The college has a formal agreement with ELS Language Centers and will work with other language providers as necessary.

4. A **letter of recommendation** from a teacher, academic advisor or school official
5. A **personal statement/writing sample** explaining why you wish to study at Augustana College in Illinois, U.S.A.
6. A **Certification of Finances Form**, documenting the financial resources of the student, family or sponsoring organization

Augustana welcomes applicants from IB and A-level preparatory schools.

Learning about a college or university and then applying from another country isn't always easy. If you would like to have a conversation face to face, you can learn more about the application process and ask any questions through Skype.



Questions?

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THE FACTS AT A GLANCE

BACKGROUND

A selective, private liberal arts and sciences college founded in 1860

STUDENT BODY

2,500 undergraduate students. 85% of first-year students continue to the sophomore year; 96% of graduating students have been in college only four years.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Nearly 90 majors and related areas of study, leading to the Bachelor of Arts.

A selective Honors Program with choice of tracks: Foundations (humanities) or Logos (sciences).

Augie Choice—\$2,000 to support every student's internship, research with a professor or study abroad.

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Close and collaborative, with a student:faculty ratio of 12:1 and average class size of 22; all classes taught by faculty (no graduate teaching assistants).

LOCATION

A 115-acre wooded campus in Rock Island, Illinois, on the Mississippi River in the Quad-Cities metropolitan area (population 400,000), 165 miles west of Chicago.

Quad-Cities highlights include a professional symphony and ballet, art museums, a natural history museum, riverboat cruises on the Mississippi River, semi-professional baseball and hockey teams, a large music and event center, jazz and blues festivals—plus internships, jobs and research opportunities for Augustana students (see inside).

National Geographic Traveler magazine named the Upper Mississippi River Valley among its "Best of the World: 20 Must-See Places for 2014."

In these 4 cities with 3 bridges connecting 2 states, there is just 1 great undergraduate college of the liberal arts and sciences: Augustana.

CAMPUS LIFE

Nearly 200 student groups, clubs and activities. 12 men's and 11 women's varsity teams compete in the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW) and NCAA Division III; many club sports, intramural and recreational programs.