



Alumni and Friends

March 2022

'16 grad to build more school computer labs in Kenya



Nelly Cheboi's 2022 goal for her nonprofit TechLit Africa is simple: Expand the digital literacy initiative to 100 more schools to reach an additional 40,000 kids in Kenya.

Using recycled technology, the nonprofit builds computer labs in rural schools.

→ [Read on to find out how.](#)

I'm a new title block

Nelly Cheboi was honored in Forbes magazine's annual "30 Under 30" list for 2022.

Our biggest fundraiser this Thursday and Friday!



We have a \$250,000 challenge for [Blue, Gold & Bold](#) that will match all gifts dollar-for-dollar, up to \$500,000.

Look for images of Old Main during the challenge — a symbol of so much that Augustana stands for: strong academics, the liberal arts, a place that unites us, a proud history and a bright future!

No need to wait until the official kickoff. You can contribute now.

[GIVE NOW!](#)

Celebrate in person and [RSVP for an event:](#)

March 10: 4-7 p.m., [Radicle Effect Brewerks](#), 1340 31st St., Rock Island.

March 10: 5-8 p.m., [Merkle's Bar & Grill](#), 3516 N. Clark St., Chicago.

March 11: 7:30-10 a.m., [Awake Coffee Company](#), 1430 4th Ave., Rock Island.

March 11: 8-10 a.m., [Cafe & Barr](#), 407 S. 3rd St., Suite 150, Geneva.

GENEROSITY MATTERS [Anna Pfalzgraf '19: 'Augie opened up my world'](#)

She plans to join other alumni and friends in making a difference by participating in the Blue, Gold & Bold giving challenge this week. → [Find out why](#)

Dr. Carolyn Yaschur's favorite class to teach, and more



The tools and platforms will continue to change. But, as Dr. Carolyn Yaschur explains in this [Five Questions interview](#), journalism students who know how to adapt and tell a story will have their pick of careers.

- Multimedia journalism/economics major [Joe McCoy '23](#) builds his TV reporting portfolio in Greece while interning at a magazine.



[Class notes](#)

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

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Swenson Swedish Center celebrating 40th anniversary

On May 7, Augustana's Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center will host a symposium with rising scholars, an open house and dinner.

→ [Schedule details and registration.](#)

The center is one of the leading archives, library and research institutes for the study of Swedish-American history and relations.



Save the date

March 24 Denver alumni and prospective student gathering. [Register.](#)

March 28 Alumni gathering in Arizona. [Register.](#)

April 3 Scholarship Donors Brunch with students on campus; virtual event April 10.

April 9 Tribe of Vikings Hall of Fame induction ceremony. [Register.](#)

April 5 Chicago farewell to President Bahls. [Register.](#)

April 27 River Readings: [Paisley Rekdal](#), poet laureate of Utah.

May 13-15 In-person reunion celebrations for classes of 1976, 75, 71, 70, 66, 65, 61, 60, 56, 55, 51, 50. [Itinerary, registration and hotels.](#)

May 22 [Commencement Convocation.](#)

June 4 Alumni gathering and Cubs vs. Cardinals game at Wrigley Field. [Tickets.](#)

Oct. 13-16 Homecoming

Oct. 15 [Presidential inauguration](#)