



Alumni and Friends

Nelly Cheboi '16 could use your votes!



Nelly Cheboi '16 is in the running for CNN Hero of the Year for her work with TechLit Africa, a nonprofit she co-founded that redistributes recycled computers in schools in rural Kenya.

[Audience online voting](#) for CNN Hero of the Year runs through tomorrow. You can help put Nelly and her alma mater in the national spotlight!

She is one of 10 nominees for the honor. Each of the nominees will receive a \$10,000 prize. The Hero of the Year will receive an additional \$100,000 for their cause. ([more](#))

Alumni stand out in the QCA and beyond

Congrats to the [2022 Alumni Association's award-winners](#) as well as the eight alumni and one employee among the "Forty under 40" recognized for their professional success/positive impact by the Quad Cities Regional Business Journal.



The holiday season is underway!

The season officially began at Augustana with the annual lighting of the Christmas tree on the Quad last week, followed by Christmas at Augustana performances.

[Still to come:](#) the Julbord Dinner, Festival of Sankta Lucia, Joy of Christmas Past and Present in Andover, Ill., Swingin' Christmas at Augustana jazz, Season of Light planetarium show, Día de la Virgen, and Lessons and Carols. ([more](#))

In class with Swedish peers without leaving campus



Dymitri Kanellakis '24 was registering for fall classes and randomly clicked on "SCAN-310A Crises in Sweden-US" to fulfill a global studies requirement.

He never expected eight of his classmates would be nearly 4,500 miles away at Uppsala University in Sweden, the first virtual course for students from both institutions.

"It's so cool; it's been an awesome experience," said Kanellakis. And Lauren Pillion '23, a biology and environmental studies double major, has noted that Swedish society tends to be less polarized than America. ([more](#))

GENEROSITY MATTERS Kai Swanson '86: Investing in tomorrow's leaders

Kai Swanson believes many people would be surprised by "the depth of engagement by our students and faculty in the Quad Cities and surrounding community." ([more](#))



Class notes

A 2007 grad released a musical album, and a 2015 grad released a sketch comedy album. And this grad is now a producer for WJZ-TV CBS 13 Baltimore (26th largest TV market in the U.S.).

Find out who's who in the latest [Class Notes](#).

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Save the date

Dec. 10 [Sound of Music performance, Aurora, Ill.](#) (8 tickets left)

Dec. 13 [Wine & Wealth presented by Quad City Bank & Trust](#), Davenport

Dec. 15 [Wrigleyville Christkindlmarket, Chicago](#)

Dec. 18 [Band alumni gathering in Chicago](#)

Jan. 18 [Alumni and friends gathering and women's basketball game vs. North Central](#)

Jan. 28 [Alumni and friends gathering and men's basketball game vs. Illinois Wesleyan](#)

March 28 Alumni and friends gathering and Chicago Cubs Phoenix spring training



Mark Jan. 27 on your calendar and [register now!](#)

Re-connect with classmates, meet President Andrea Talentino, and enjoy appetizers and drinks at the college's largest annual event in downtown Chicago. Special thanks to our host Aaron Wetzel '90.



Happy 75th, DONs!

The [Delta Omega Nu fraternity](#) was formed in 1947 by World War II veterans looking to form bonds of brotherhood, with importance placed on friendship, diversity, accountability, scholarship, fraternity and service. The DONs celebrated their 75th year at Homecoming in 2022. ([See larger image](#))