



February 2023

## January is when we go exploring



During January term, students take a break from their 15-week semester schedule for a month of intensive learning. Here are their [stories and photos](#) from campus to Louisiana to Ecuador!



## Travel opens a doctor's eyes



Dr. Michael Mulick '97 didn't know where he was going. He just needed to go somewhere.

"Would you be OK traveling to a war zone?" the interviewer for Doctors Without Borders asked.

"I paused, then said, 'Uhh, I'll go almost anywhere. I'm not sure about a war zone.'"

Months later, he came home "with a zen-like calm" from practicing medicine in Sudan.

"If my trip contains any piece of advice, the main lesson was that I gained perspective. Seeing things anew is to enjoy life." ([Read his blog post](#))

## Music education alumni shine

Amy Croft '19 received the Early Service Educator Award at the recent Illinois Music Educators Association. Several alumni presented at the conference, and the choirs of Amy Keipert '08 and Brian Jozwiak '15 performed. ([more](#))

## Seaholm '88 leads summer tour of Sweden



Join Jill Seaholm '88, the Swenson Center's head of genealogical services, on a motorcoach tour of southeast Sweden from July 23-Aug. 3. Visit historical emigration-related sights, take a cruise on the famed Göta Canal, tour an archives in a castle and more.

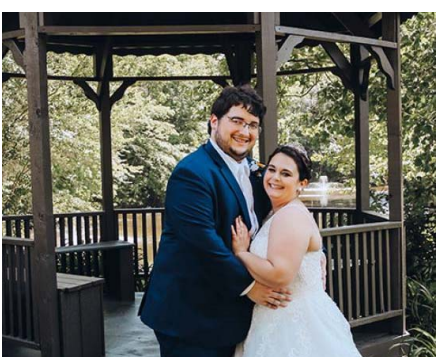
Book by Feb. 15 for a discounted rate. [Itinerary and booking info.](#)

## 'Birth of the Computer' explores Q-C ties to inventor

Augustana will host the "Birth of the Computer: The John Atanasoff Story" on Feb. 23. Atanasoff's ideas, believed to be conceived during a stop in Rock Island in 1937-1938, were instrumental in the invention of the first electronic digital computer. ([more](#))

## Headlines from campus

- [Step Afrika! coming to Augustana Feb. 11](#)
- [Simonsen contributes to Emmy-winning documentary](#)
- [Kinesiology: a good choice for 'people persons'](#)



## Class notes

Several marriages to celebrate, including a Class of 2019 couple who met during a geology trip. See the latest [Class Notes](#).

[Share your own news and photos.](#)

## A Day of Giving: let's play bingo!

March 1 is **A Day of Giving**, the college's largest annual fundraiser. Recognizing the role bingo has played in student life through the years, Augustana is hosting two bingo events — Quad Cities and Chicagoland. Make a gift of any amount to play! [Register](#).

## Save the date

**Feb. 17** [Alumni and friends gathering in Oak Park](#)

**Feb. 28** [Alumni and friends lunch with President Andrea Talentino](#), Naples, Fla.

**March 1** [Alumni and friends lunch with President Andrea Talentino](#), Sarasota, Fla.

**March 6** [Phoenix area welcome for President Andrea Talentino](#)

**March 7** [Alumni and friends lunch with President Andrea Talentino](#), Phoenix area

**March 9** [Bergendoff renovations presentation](#)

**March 16** [Irish culture webinar](#)

**March 23** [Wine 101 virtual workshop](#)

**March 24-30** [Augustana Choir Midwest Tour](#) and alumni events (concerts in [Rockford](#), Naperville, Arlington Heights, Waukesha, Madison, Twin Cities, Rochester)

**April 17** [Des Moines area welcome for President Andrea Talentino](#)

**June 2-4** Women's retreat with featured speaker Nelly Cheboi '16.

**June 17** Denver alumni and friends hike and welcome for President Andrea Talentino



**See you at the game:** Alumni met up at the Augustana men's basketball game vs. North Central in Naperville Jan. 25 to see the Vikings win by one! Bottom row, Carol (Hargis) Adams '88 and Randy Olson; middle row, Don Ortelgel '90, Tamara (Sartino) Ortelgel '88, Debbie (Lubeck) Park '88, and Laurie Lundborg; and top row, Dave Lundborg '87, Jerry Park '87 and Ty Covey '87.