



Alumni and Friends

April 2023

Next provost appreciates Augustana's 'student-centered' approach

In July, **Dr. Dianna Shandy** will begin duties as Augustana's provost and vice president of academic affairs — the role currently held by Dr. Wendy Hilton-Morrow '94, who decided to return to teaching.

→ [Learn more about Dr. Shandy.](#)



Carr '23 named Augustana's 178th



What do **Mike Sturek '79**, **Keli Coleman '09**, **Daniel Carr '23** and 175 other Vikings have in common? All earned Academic All-American honors at Augustana, which ranks **No. 1** in the CCIW and No. 7 in the NCAA DIII.

→ [Carr's success on and off the court.](#)

Alumni support impact of two Augustana centers



Trustee **Christopher Coulter '94** and **Melanie Berna '94 Coulter** will fund a full-time position to bolster community-based learning opportunities for students. The grant supports the work of Augustana's Upper Mississippi Center and the Center for the Advancement of Community Health and Wellness.

→ [See details about ongoing projects.](#)

Vikings share new tennis complex with the community

A partnership between Augustana and the city of Rock Island will bring a new six-court **tennis complex** to Lincoln Park, adjacent to campus.

→ [What to expect — and when.](#)



Grant propels DNA sequencing research at Augustana



A **Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust grant** will allow faculty and students to engage in next-generation DNA sequencing research. The funds will purchase instruments and equipment rarely found at an undergrad institution.

→ [How this opens doors for students.](#)

Class notes

Who's the 2020 grad and social media influencer recognized for how he uses his fame to raise mental health awareness and encourage positivity? **See the latest [Class Notes](#).**

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

Did we fool you?

The **Gus-dola lift** (Gus + gondola) isn't real, but it was fun to pretend for April Fools' Day.

Kudos to those who left a comment on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) – and apologies to those who were tricked!



Save the date

- April 15:** [Augustana Symphonic Band home concert reception](#)
- April 17:** [Des Moines area welcome for President Andrea Talentino](#)
- April 19:** [Rock Island lead service line equitable inventory webinar](#)
- June 2-4:** [Augustana College Women's Weekend, on campus](#)
- June 17:** Denver alumni and friends hike and welcome for President Andrea Talentino
- Aug. 3:** Washington, D.C. Alumni and Friends reception
- Oct. 6-8:** Homecoming and Family Weekend