



August 2023

President, provost and students canvas neighborhoods



Last week, **President Andrea Talentino** and **Dr. Dianna Shandy** joined student researchers going door-to-door in Rock Island for lead drinking water pipes survey.

→ [Our community impact](#)

'16 grad combats newborn mortality in rural Kenya



USAF Captain Jackie Jastrzebski '16 Lockett is so proud of her Augustana classmate **Dr. Alyssa Nelson '16 Motzel** that she wanted to share her story.

*"She's a hero — she's my hero," Lockett said. "She's the ultimate example of what can be achieved with hard work and an Augie education."*

→ [How Motzel is saving lives](#)

Castro '21 builds on his Senior Inquiry research



A project led by **Ben Castro '21** to better understand uneven food access and food insecurities within QC MetroLINK's service area placed fourth in a national competition.

→ [Why Castro's research matters](#)

Lions and tigers, but no bears

Three students **researched the painted dog species** this summer in Zimbabwe.

Offered through Augustana's CORE office, the internship aligned perfectly with what the students want to pursue in the future.

→ [Their favorite memories](#)



Annie Gill '24, Dani Bornstein '24 and Grace Molloy '24

Class notes

Which 1975 grad climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak, in February?

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Construction updates



Work continues on the **tennis court complex** at Lincoln Park in Rock Island. The complex, a joint project between Augustana and the City of Rock Island, is expected to open this fall. [See aerial footage of the construction.](#)



Located at the intersection of 38th Street and 7th Avenue, **Sorensen Hall** is one of the most visible buildings on campus. Check out its new look!

Save the date

- Aug. 26:** [Russ Munch Memorial Golf Outing](#)
- Aug. 27:** [Texas Medical Center webinar\\*](#)
- Aug. 29:** [Texas Medical Center webinar\\*](#)
- Aug. 30:** [Alumni and Friends Gathering at the Ravinia Festival - The Music of Train](#)
- Sept. 16:** [Viking Club Golf Outing](#)
- Oct. 6-8:** [Homecoming and Family Weekend](#)
- Oct. 28:** Geography Department's 75th Anniversary Celebration (*registration opens late August*)

\*Augustana's partnership with the Texas Medical Center offers paid, full-time, 10-week research internships to Augustana juniors. Learn about the program's success and how alumni can get involved.

NEW EPISODE: After Augie podcast



Catch this month's **After Augie podcast** with **Anna Tegge '18** and **Leo Nguyen '18** — friends since their first year on campus. Both live in Washington, D.C., now and work in public policy.

→ [Hear about their post-Augie journeys](#)

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