

AUGUSTANA COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026

Processional

Augustana Symphonic Band

Dr. James M. Lambrecht, *Conductor*

Crown Imperial, William Walton (1902–1983)

Arranged by W.J. Duthoit

Please stand as you are able for the entry of the faculty and graduates.

Remain standing for the Invocation and the singing of “By the Mighty Mississippi.”

Invocation

The Rev. Melinda Pupillo, *Campus Chaplain,*

Director of Spiritual Development

Anthem

By the Mighty Mississippi, Jack Rasley

Led by the seniors of Augustana’s choirs.

All are invited to sing along.

By the Mighty Mississippi, on a rocky shore —
Stands the school we love so dearly, now and evermore.

refrain

Augustana, Augustana, we thy children as of old
Sing thy praise in song unending to old Augie’s blue and gold.

Tho’ the future years may part us, still together now —
Faith and love to Augustana evermore we vow.

refrain

Please be seated.

Welcoming Remarks

Andrea Kathryn Talentino, *President of the College*

Remarks on Behalf of the Graduating Class

Nico Niccolo Benvenuto ’26

Introduction of Commencement Speaker

Michael Zapolski, *Director of Athletics*

Address

Ken Anderson ’71, *NFL Quarterback and Founder, Ken Anderson Alliance*

Conferring of the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree

Michael Zapolski, *Director of Athletics*

Recognition of Retiring Faculty

Dr. Dianna Shandy, *Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs*

Presentation and Recognition of Candidates for Baccalaureate Degree

Andrea Kathryn Talentino, *President of the College*
Dr. Dianna Shandy, *Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs*
Liesl Fowler, *Registrar*

Benediction

The Rev. Melinda Pupillo, *Campus Chaplain,*
Director of Spiritual Development

Recessional

Augustana Symphonic Band
Coronation March, Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840–1893)
Orchestrated by John Boyd

Platform Party

Andrea Talentino, *President of the College*
Dr. Cheryl True, *Board of Trustees*
Ken Anderson '71, *NFL Quarterback and Founder, Ken Anderson Alliance,*
Commencement Speaker
Kirk Anderson, *Chief Financial Officer and Vice President for Finance*
and Administration
Kent Barnds, *Executive Vice President for Strategy and Innovation*
Dr. Wes Brooks, *Dean and Vice President of Student Life*
Sheri L. Curran, *General Counsel*
Jon Enslin, *Vice President for Advancement*
Dr. Gauri Pitale, *Vice President for Culture and Connection*
Dr. Dianna Shandy, *Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs*
Dr. Umme Al-wazedi, *Division Dean of Humanities*
Dr. Scott Gehler, *Division Dean of STEM*
Dr. Randall Hall, *Representative of the Arts and Communication Division*
Dr. Xiaowen Zhang, *Division Dean of Social Sciences*
Liesl Fowler, *College Registrar*
The Rev. Melinda Pupillo, *Campus Chaplain and Director of Spiritual*
Development
Michael Zapolski, *Director of Athletics*
Nico Niccolo Benvenuto '26, *Milan, Italy, Speaker for the Class of 2026*
Olivia Gusse '27, *Rock Island, Illinois, Flag Bearer*
Primo Moreno '27, *Galesburg, Illinois, Flag Bearer*

College Marshal

Dr. Doug Parvin, *Faculty Council Chair*

Candidates for Graduation

Augustana's Commencement ceremony is a celebration of the pride we share in our students' accomplishments and opportunities during their studies on our campus. Names printed in this program represent candidates for graduation; inclusion does not indicate completion of the degree requirements.

*	Degree completed Fall 2025	¶	Summa cum laude
**	Degree to be completed Summer 2026	‡	Magna cum laude
+	Degree to be completed Fall 2026	‡	Cum laude

Latin Honors

Summa cum laude is an honorary title used by educational institutions to signify a degree that was earned with the highest distinction. *Magna cum laude* signifies degrees that are earned with great distinction, and *cum laude* signifies with distinction. Graduating seniors at Augustana who are pursuing their Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science, who have earned at least 60 credits at Augustana, and whose Augustana grade-point average meets the following minimum standards are eligible for graduation honors: 3.90 *summa cum laude*, 3.75 *magna cum laude*, 3.50 *cum laude*.

Bachelor of Arts

Sean Lawrence Abracia-Wendel †
Genoa, Illinois
Computer Science

Benjamin F. Adams
Oneida, Illinois
Religion, Theatre–Design and
Technology

Mark D. Addison ¶
Eads, Tennessee
Accounting, Business
Administration–Business
Intelligence, Business Analytics

Diya Adhikari
Kathmandu, Nepal
Accounting, Business Analytics

Sushmita Adhikari + †
Kathmandu, Nepal
Accounting, Business
Administration–Business
Intelligence

Dona Juniel Adjahoungbeta ‡
Colona, Illinois
Biochemistry

Claire Lynn Adolphson ‡
Aledo, Illinois
Sociology and Anthropology

Mehzabin Ahmed ¶
Dhaka, Bangladesh
Biochemistry

Leah Solomon Alemayehu ¶
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Biochemistry, Chemistry

Christopher Alkas
Des Plaines, Illinois
Business Administration–
International Business,
Communication Studies

Nathan Thomas Almeda †
Bloomington, Illinois
Creative Writing, Graphic Design

Marley Osaretin Aluyi
Tremont, Illinois
Accounting, Communication Studies

Michael Alvarado *
Kissimmee, Florida
Business Administration–
Management

Hannah Celeste Alvarez
Parker, Colorado
Psychology

Kofi Amo–Antwi +
Accra, Ghana
Computer Science

Ioannis Anastasiadis
Athens, Greece
Accounting, Business
Administration–Finance

Samaria Anderson **
Chicago, Illinois
Accounting, Business
Administration–Management

Kwadwo Owusu Ansah **
Accra, Ghana
Business Administration–Business
Intelligence, Business
Administration–Marketing

Alexander J. Ardisana ¶
Brookfield, Illinois
Biology, Spanish for Professional
Use

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Fort Worth, Texas
Business Administration–Marketing,
Graphic Design

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Kathmandu, Nepal
Business Administration–Business
Intelligence, Business
Administration–Finance,
Business Analytics

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Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Computer Science, Contract Major

Arturo Asensio Moreno
 Almendralejo, Badajoz, Spain
 Engineering (B.S.)

Naod Mesfin Asfaw +
 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
 Business Analytics, Data Science

Brayden Cole Atkisson **
 Loves Park, Illinois
 Political Science

Benjamin Carl Aumuller
 Coal Valley, Illinois
 Computer Science

Ryan Samuel Bacorn +¶
 East Moline, Illinois
 History Education, Middle Grades
 Education–Social Science

Moira Elizabeth Baggot
 Chicago, Illinois
 Philosophy

Amani Baida
 Rabat, Morocco
 Political Science

Adrian Nicholas Balcazar
 Orland Park, Illinois
 Business Administration–
 Management, Kinesiology

Curtis John Baldwin †
 Bloomington, Illinois
 Geography

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 Amman, Jordan
 Business Administration–Business
 Intelligence, Business
 Administration–Management

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 Bainbridge Island, Washington
 Psychology

Mekatili Bantu ‡
 Webster, Massachusetts
 Business Administration–
 Marketing, Film

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 Business Intelligence, Business
 Administration–Management

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 Casablanca, Morocco
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 Administration–Finance, Business
 Administration–Marketing

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 Oswego, Illinois
 Communication Studies;
 Multimedia Journalism and Mass
 Communication; Women, Gender,
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 Administration–Marketing,
 Graphic Design

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 Intelligence, Business
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 Spanish

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Natalie Ruth Maxon †
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Founded on December 5, 1776, at the College of William and Mary, Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest, most selective, and most respected academic honor society in American higher education; only 293 institutions of higher education (~10%) have PBK chapters. Each year, the Zeta Chapter of PBK at Augustana College selects 7-10% of the graduating class for membership in order to honor students who have excelled academically while embracing the full breadth and depth of a liberal arts education.

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Academic Procession

The College Banner Augustana's banner bears the Greek word for *truth* emerging from an open Bible that rests upon a shield inscribed with the Hebrew word for *light*.

The College Mace Created by members of the Augustana community, the college mace is significant for several reasons. It is made from wood used in the construction of Augustana's first building in Rock Island, dedicated in 1875. Sixty years later, timbers from the first "Old Main" were used to build the Bell Tower, a campus landmark since 1936. When that structure was renovated in 2004, some of the original wood was set aside. It was from these historic timbers that Dr. Roald Tweet, *professor emeritus* of English and former holder of Augustana's Conrad Bergendoff Chair in the Humanities, carved the likeness of Old Main's dome, the renovation of which was celebrated in 2011-2012. David E. Apple of Augustana's facilities services turned the wood, added the copper embellishments and assembled the mace.

Academic Apparel

The origin of academic dress dates back to the early days of the oldest European universities. Wearing gowns and hoods may have begun as a way to keep warm in unheated stone buildings. The hood may have had its origin in the Middle Ages, when the trippet or shoulder-covering was constructed to form a sort of “pouch” to carry goods, leaving the hands free.

Eventually this costume became the required apparel of the student “in college” – as it remains today in some European universities. America adopted the practice; until the Civil War, students at most universities wore caps and gowns daily. Like their European counterparts, they were set apart from fellow citizens by their apparel, a distinction that gave rise to the phrase “Town and Gown.”

Though the functional aspects of academic apparel have long ceased, the ceremonial use of gown and hood remains. Through the years American colleges and universities have developed a code of academic dress, which includes the following features:

Gown The gown for the bachelor’s degree has a pointed sleeve; the gown for the master’s degree has an oblong sleeve with an arc cut away in the front; and the gown for the doctor’s degree has bell-shaped sleeves. There are no trimmings for the bachelor’s or master’s degree gowns. The doctor’s degree gown is faced down the front with velvet, with three bars of the same across the sleeves. The trimmings are usually black but may be colored to indicate the academic field of degree. The most common alternative trimming color is dark blue for doctor of philosophy.

Hood Most institutions now dispense with the hood for bachelor’s degree apparel. The hood is retained, however, for master’s and doctoral dress. The doctor’s hood is larger than the master’s and has panels at the side. Hoods are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university which has conferred the degree. The edging of the hood is velvet and colored according to the academic field in which the degree falls.

Cap The cap, commonly called a mortarboard, is black. Tassels may be black, colored to correspond with the wearer’s field of learning, or in the case of the doctoral cap, gold.

Colors For all academic purposes, including the tassels of caps, trimmings of doctors’ gowns, and edging of hoods, colors are associated with the field of learning. Though other nations have other practices and colors, in the United States, these colors include:

White *Arts and Letters*
Drab *Business and Accounting*
Copper *Economics*
Light Blue *Education*
Brown *Fine Arts*
Purple *Law*
Green *Medicine*
Pink *Music*
Dark Blue *Philosophy*
Sage Green *Physical Education*
Golden Yellow *Science*
Scarlet *Theology and Divinity*