

AUGSBURG COLLEGE EDUCATES STUDENTS TO BE INFORMED CITIZENS, THOUGHTFUL STEWARDS, CRITICAL THINKERS, AND RESPONSIBLE LEADERS. THE AUGSBURG EXPERIENCE IS SUPPORTED BY AN ENGAGED COMMUNITY THAT IS COMMITTED TO INTENTIONAL DIVERSITY IN ITS LIFE AND WORK. AN AUGSBURG EDUCATION IS DEFINED BY EXCELLENCE IN THE LIBERAL ARTS AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES, GUIDED BY THE FAITH AND VALUES OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH, AND SHAPED BY ITS URBAN AND GLOBAL SETTINGS.

COMMISSION AUGSBURG

Commission Augsburg is a year-long initiative to engage the Augsburg community nationwide and internationally in discussion about the College's mission, vision, and vocation, and to foster opportunities for members of the community to advance the College's key strategic initiatives.

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Grounded in our mission:

Augsburg College educates students to be **informed citizens, thoughtful stewards, critical thinkers, and responsible leaders.**

The Augsburg experience is supported by an **engaged community** that is committed to **intentional diversity** in its life and work. An Augsburg education is defined by excellence in the **liberal arts and professional studies**, guided by the **faith and values** of the Lutheran church, and shaped by its **urban and global settings.**

Inspired by our institutional calling:

We believe we are called to serve our neighbor.

Ambitious in our vision:

To be recognized internationally as a college with a calling to educate students at the intersections of faith, learning, and service.

We pledge to work together and with our valued partners to model a community of abundance, generosity, engagement, and service as we engage our students and the world.

We will pursue the following **three strategic pathways and nine markers** by which we will live out our mission, follow our calling, and achieve our vision.

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COLLEGE**

INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE

1. We will create and sustain a culture of innovation and excellence

[a] Extending the remarkable legacy of the Center for Global Education—a legacy of programming and relationships around the world...

...we will aggressively pursue initiatives to further enhance the work of the Office of International Programs to internationalize our campus and curriculum, and position Augsburg as a serious player in new international markets.

[b] Building on our 30-year tradition of excellence in educating non-traditional students...

... we will develop robust academic initiatives that position Augsburg as the leader among private colleges in the region in adult undergraduate and graduate programs.

[c] Embracing Augsburg's historic commitment to education and service...

...we will create an integrated approach to developing informed citizens through civic engagement and community service that illustrates the deep passions, wisdom, and mutual respect of the campus community and our neighbors.

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STUDENT SUCCESS

2. We will equip all of our students to succeed

[d] Grounded in our 50-year tradition of excellence in experiential education...

...we will establish innovative programs that challenge our students to be co-creators of their learning and identity, and that enable our students to persist, graduate, and pursue their vocational journeys.

[e] Based on our defining commitment to excellence in the liberal arts and professional studies...

... we will create multiple opportunities for enhancing and recognizing student achievement across the college, challenging students to extend and deepen their academic experience.

[f] Building on our long-standing value of student leadership...

...we will challenge students to participate in enhancing campus life, including leading-edge models for student engagement in college governance and planning.

TELLING OUR STORY

3. We will tell the Augsburg story in word and deed

[g] Believing that the members of the Augsburg community – students, alumni, faculty, staff – are called to service in the world...

...we will pursue innovative programs that equip our community members to be ambassadors and epistles to the world of the distinctive Augsburg culture and educational experience.

[h] Grounded in a meaningful sense of place in an urban environment...

... we will transform our authentically urban campus to be an even more active part of the neighborhood and model our commitment to sustainability.

[i] Building on our remarkable success in pursuing access and excellence for a diverse student body...

...we will create programs that position Augsburg as a national leader in social diversity, interfaith dialogue, and the role of higher education in building a stronger democracy.