

# A new essay competition sponsored by the Stanley L. Olsen Chair of Moral Values and Dean Richard Hanson

## **SCHOLARSHIP WITH VALUES: AN ESSAY COMPETITION**

The question As a student of Augustana College, how do the five shared fundamental values shape and inform your scholarly work?

Open to All Augustana College students and faculty mentors. Each student essay must be supported by a faculty mentor.

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## **GUIDELINES FOR ANSWERING THE QUESTION**

1. Be no more than 1500 words.
2. Be double-spaced, and formatted in either Word or Word Perfect.
3. Student's and faculty mentor's names must be in the top right hand corner of each page.
4. Turned into Dianne Hammrich, Office of Academic Affairs, as both an email attachment and in hard copy.
5. Due by March 15, 2004.

## **PROCESS**

1. Each essay will be read in blind review by four faculty (Ann Pederson, Richard Hanson, Glenda Sehested, Arlen Viste)
2. Three essays will be chosen by March 15 and the student and faculty mentors will be notified.
3. The essays will be read at either the Augustana College Symposium or a Thursday Convocation Hour, and published in the Augustana Today.
4. Each student and faculty mentor chosen will receive a \$100 honorarium.

## **MISSION OF THE COLLEGE**

Augustana, a college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, offers to students of varying backgrounds, interests and ages a unique opportunity to achieve academic excellence and individual development in a Christian context. With its supportive community atmosphere, Augustana assists students to prepare for a life of career, service and continuing enrichment by blending the broad learning experiences of the liberal arts with the student's individual professional goals and in relating Christian faith to learning. The college serves the region and the larger society primarily through its undergraduate programs and through other programs designed to meet special community needs.

Central to its mission are five shared fundamental values Christian, Liberal Arts, Excellence, Community, and Service.

## **CHRISTIAN**

"By being a college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America"

- \* Centering on worship
- \* Welcoming all faiths
- \* Nurturing the search for a mature religious faith
- \* Relating Christian faith and ethics to learning and service

## **LIBERAL ARTS**

"By providing an education of enduring worth"

- \* Affirming teaching and learning as central and lifelong
- \* Fostering a broad understanding of humans and their interactions
- \* Enriching lives by exposure to enduring forms of aesthetic and creative expressions
- \* Developing broad knowledge and skills crucial in a changing world
- \* Creating awareness of one's own religious and ethical beliefs and those of others
- \* Cultivating health and wellness

## **EXCELLENCE**

"By committing to high standards and integrity"

- \* Practicing faithfulness in teaching, learning, supporting, administering
- \* Nurturing potential
- \* Challenging the intellect
- \* Acting ethically
- \* Recognizing achievement

## **COMMUNITY**

"By caring for one another and our environments"

- \* Responding to needs
- \* Respecting human differences
- \* Empowering one another
- \* Tending to the ecology of place

## **SERVICE**

"By affirming that wholeness includes reaching out to others"

- \* Accepting the call to servanthood
- \* Promoting justice
- \* Integrating career and service
- \* Serving church and society