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## **Augustana College: Building Projects**

We have a lot of building projects going on at Augustana College.

The beautiful new Mikkelsen Library was recently completed and work is almost done on the spectacular new Kirkeby-Over football stadium. Drive by and take a look.

But at Augustana, our most significant construction involves the building of young men and women into hardworking, committed and caring leaders.

I'm Rob Oliver, president of Augustana College.

Our goal is to provide the very best education in the region. And a great education is like saving for retirement. It's a long-term investment.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, earning a college degree means 75% more in lifetime earning than for those who don't<sup>1</sup>. So when you invest now in a college education, you want to assure the very best long-term outcome.

And since 98% of Augustana's 2008 graduates found jobs in their chosen fields<sup>2</sup> there isn't a better educational value today. Go see for yourself at [Augie dot e-d-u slash Value](#).

Augustana College: Demonstrated success ... Great Value!

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<sup>1</sup>The [U.S. Census Bureau](#) estimates that average lifetime earnings were 75 percent higher for those with a bachelor's degree (\$2.1 million) than for those with only a high school diploma (\$1.2 million). The average annual 2007 earnings of workers 18 and older with an advanced degree is \$80,977. This compares with \$21,484 for those without a high school diploma. In addition, those with a bachelor's degree earned an average of \$57,181 in 2007, while those with a high school diploma earned \$31,286.

<sup>2</sup>Augustana boasts a consistently [high job placement rate](#) for those seeking employment upon graduation. Ninety-nine percent of the graduating class of 2008 reported that they had jobs related to their field of study within 8 months of graduation.