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## **Augustana College: Demonstrated Success ... Great Value!**

99% of our 2008 graduating class found jobs in their chosen field.

Over the last five years, the medical school acceptance rate of our graduates is 90%—two times the national average of 45%.

Although many of our students have limited financial resources, our scholarship programs make it possible for students from all economic backgrounds to attend.

I'm Rob Oliver, President of Augustana College. Have you seen the most recent Best Colleges Guide from *US News and World Report*?

They ranked Augustana a Best Buy, noting that the higher the quality of the program and the lower cost, the better the deal.<sup>1</sup>

Most Augustana students graduate in four years—many with multiple majors—unlike public universities where many take 5 years or more to complete a degree. *And*, on average, Augie students graduate with less federal loan debt than either the national average or those who attend South Dakota public universities.<sup>2</sup> Now *that's* how you define VALUE!

See the facts on how Augustana delivers an exceptional academic and student life experience at Augie dot e-d-u slash value.

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<sup>2</sup>2007 Augustana graduates with federal loans carry average indebtedness of \$19,484. 2007 national average: \$21,000.\* South Dakota public university graduates: \$20,756.\*\*

\* Project on Student Debt

\*\*South Dakota Board of Regents