

# Gala Event to Feature Historical Photo Galleries, Award Ceremony, Film Premiere, Music and Dancing

'The Spark,' the gala event to celebrate the College's 150th anniversary, will begin at 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, at the Washington Pavilion.

The event will feature three life-size historical photo galleries, buffets with period-specific hors d'oeuvres, re-enactments of iconic figures in Augustana's history, the presentation of "Spirit of Augustana Awards," honoring individuals who have left their mark on the Sioux Falls and Campus communities, and the premiere of "Skol: Augustana at 150," a short film recounting the College's 150-year history that stars students, alumni and faculty members and includes never-before-seen vintage video footage. Following the film debut, the Sesquicentennial Ball will feature live music by the Northlander's Jazz Band and the Hegg Brothers and dancing.

"Every day, our campus comes alive with sparks of energy. For our students, the sparks are the ideas that rouse them; the burning curiosity that kindles their souls and pushes them to do something – something more, something significant. For faculty and staff, the sparks are what compel us to make a difference; drive change; create, inspire and lead," said President Rob Oliver.

"At Augustana, our flame is lit by the thousands of exceptional sparks that have graced our institution since 1860. From the first flicker felt by our Norwegian founders 150 years ago, to the eternal flame that burns in each and every student, professor and staff member, the story of the Augustana Spark lives inside each and every one of us. We're excited to celebrate that energy, and our history, with the campus community, alumni and friends on April 16."

Tickets for 'The Spark' are available at [augietickets.com](http://augietickets.com). Costs for advance tickets are \$25 for adults; \$10 for students. At the door, tickets are \$30 for adults; \$15 for students. Additional details are available at [augie.edu/spark](http://augie.edu/spark).

## Spirit of Augustana Awards

Nominations are being accepted for the 'Spirit of Augustana Awards,' honors the College will present at 'The Spark' on Saturday, April 16.

"Central to the culture at Augustana are five core values: Christian, Liberal Arts, Excellence, Community and Service. Our community lives them and honors them each and every day; they walk the footpaths inside our students and their energy and meaning are infused in the academic curriculum," said Oliver. "The Spirit of Augustana Awards will be presented to individuals who embody these extraordinary values; individuals who are committed to making the world a better place by leading the way, driving change,

and encouraging others to do all they can to ensure a brighter tomorrow.

The *Spirit of Augustana Award for Humanitarianism* will recognize individuals who give of themselves to fight indifference, intolerance and injustice. This honor celebrates those who work tirelessly and without recognition or remuneration to improve the lives of others through selfless, courageous and compassionate acts. As fellow citizens, we revere their honesty, integrity, responsibility and compassion and we hold in high regard their passionate efforts to preserve equality and respect human diversity in order to improve the human condition.

The *Spirit of Augustana Award for Philanthropy* will recognize individuals whose leadership and contributions as visionary leaders have helped advance progressive philanthropic ideals and vital communities, locally and at Augustana College. This honor celebrates individuals or families who have shown exceptional generosity, both to the College and to the community they serve. As fellow citizens, we revere their outstanding civic and charitable responsibility and we commend the encouragement they have shown to others to take philanthropic leadership roles on a community, national and international level.

The *Spirit of Augustana Award for Innovation and Discovery* will recognize individuals who have the courage to try, the resilience to try again, an appreciation for the un-met needs of others and who possess a passionate spirit that is both tenacious and compassionate. As fellow citizens, we revere those who innovate and discover and, as importantly, who encourage innovation and discovery in others.

The *Spirit of Augustana Award for Ministry* recognizes individuals who accept the call to servanthood and who serve the Church and

society by nurturing the search for religious faith in others. As fellow citizens, we revere those who encourage open dialogue within their own faith and with those of other faith traditions, acknowledging their Christian witness to everyday life.

Nominations for the 'Spirit of Augustana Awards' are available at [augie.edu/spirit](http://augie.edu/spirit). Nominations are due by Tuesday, March 15.

## Event Details

### 6 p.m. – The Walk Through History

- Three historic galleries featuring life-size vintage and modern photos recounting the College's 150-year history
- Period-themed food
- Cash bars
- Live music
- Re-enactments of iconic figures in Augustana's history

### 8 p.m. – 150-Year Celebration & Concert

- Message from President Rob Oliver
- Live music by the Hegg Brothers' Band
- Special performances
- Presentation of "The Spirit of Augustana Awards"
- Premiere of "Skol! Augustana at 150," a film about the College's history that includes rare vintage footage and stars students, alumni, administrators and faculty members
- And, a few surprises!

### 9:30 p.m. – The Sesquicentennial Ball

- Live Music by the Northlanders Jazz Band
- Dancing
- Drinks and desserts

## Sesquicentennial Book Available

*Augustana at 150* tells the history of the College's 15 decades through never-before-seen images and interviews with iconic faculty members, administrators and students.

This limited-edition hardcover memento of Augustana's Sesquicentennial is available for purchase at [augie.edu/150book](http://augie.edu/150book).

Published by Lifetouch, copies are \$45, including shipping and handling.

