



Making his way through the Faculty Gauntlet, Joe Sweets shakes hands with Dr. Reynold Nesiba, associate professor of economics, following the Commencement ceremony. His brothers, Joshua and Johnathan, also members of the class of 2011, were awarded degrees during the ceremony as well.



## Sesquicentennial Class Commencement

On Saturday, May 21, 340 students participated in Augustana's commencement ceremony honoring the Sesquicentennial Class – the class of 2011 – at the Sioux Falls Arena.

The ceremony's speakers included Jane Zaloudek, class of 1972, Lowell Stortz, class of 1980, and Trent Anderson, class of 2011.

A native of Lake Benton, Minn., Anderson graduated magna cum laude as a triple major in mathematics, physics and chemistry. He is also a *Civitas* honors graduate.

During his time at Augustana, he participated in a number of scientific research projects and also spent a summer conducting research at Clemson University. Following the H1N1 pandemic in 2009, he organized and led his own research project that modeled the spread of disease on campus.

As a Trustees Scholar, he studied in India during his freshman year. He was a member of the Augustana Choir, Math Club, Society of Physics chapter and the American Chemical Society (ACS) student chapter.

He plans to pursue his Ph.D. in chemistry at North Dakota State University in Fargo. His goal is to work in research at a national lab and eventually teach.

In addition to conferring undergraduate degrees, two Master of Arts degrees, and one posthumous degree, the College awarded two honorary degrees of Doctor of Humane Letters to alumni Jane Zaloudek and Lowell Stortz. Both Zaloudek and Stortz are former members of the Augustana Board of Trustees. Each also served as Chair of the Board.

Dr. Christopher Stanichar, associate professor of music and director of the Augustana Orchestra, was awarded the Jane and Charles Zaloudek Faculty Research Fellowship.