

Finding a Home

Senior Brady MacIver chose Augustana after looking at other private colleges.

Here, he's found volunteer opportunities, academic and athletic success, an awesome internship and, love!



Senior Brady MacIver, a native of Anoka, Minn., is majoring in business, fitness management and sport management.

Q: Where do you live?

A. I live in the Costello Apartments (married housing), but I have lived in Bergsaker, Solberg [Residence Halls] and Summit Apartments.

Q: What's the best part about living on campus?

A. Getting the chance to see friends and classmates every day. Its keeps me in the loop with what is going on.

Q: What are you involved in on campus?

A. I just finished my last fall with the football team. I was on the team during my entire five years at Augie, red-shirting my freshman season, then playing the next four years. I play a lot of intramurals in the winter and spring. I have been involved off and on with Under the Influence of Christ (UTIC). I was a peer advisor my sophomore year and an apartment liaison my junior and senior year.

Q: What are you involved in off campus?

A. I am part of the Big Brother Big Sister program and have been with my little Zain for over a year now. I'm also involved with various activities at my church. I attend a weekly life group with other members every Wednesday evening.

Q: Why did you choose Augustana?

A. I had visited a few schools in Minnesota such as Bethel, Gustavus and Augsburg the summer before my senior year and learned about Augie during the fall of my senior year.

When I did visit Augie in January it reminded me a lot of the Minnesota private colleges I had visited, with the exception that it would give me the opportunity to play football at the Division II level, as opposed to Division III. Augie was also a much more affordable option for me with the help of academic and athletic aid.

Q: What's your favorite place on campus?

A. The Back Alley (A gathering place that routinely hosts concerts, lectures and dances for students).

Q: Best place to study on campus?

A. The computer lab in the Madsen Center is my go-to spot.

Q: Where's your favorite off-campus spot?

A. The Juice Stop.

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Q: What's the best part of campus dining?

A. My favorite commons meal is the chicken bowl – it's chicken on top of mashed potatoes with cheese and gravy.

I have also learned to appreciate the Commons a lot more as I get older. I don't have an official meal plan any longer and I really appreciate the convenience now when I do eat at the Commons. It is also nice to eat there because Augie is small enough that you know you will always be able to find something you know.

Q: Describe a typical weekday.

A. This fall, a typical day started with class in the morning, usually eating breakfast on the way. I would come back and relax at the 10 a.m. hour and then head to another class.

After that I would eat lunch either back at my apartment, or at the Commons.

Football meetings began at 2 p.m. and then I had practice after that.

After practice I would eat supper and do homework if I had any. I would spend the rest of my night with my wife, Marin. (I got married last summer.)

Q: What's a typical weekend like?

A. During the fall, weekends were all about football for me. Saturday was game day [for the Augustana Vikings].

I would typically spend Sunday watching the [Minnesota] Vikings and then going over film of our game from the day before.

During the rest of the year, I relax on weekends. Friday night I usually do something with friends; Saturday is my hang-out and chill day and Sunday I go to church and usually end up doing my homework Sunday night, despite my best attempts to start it earlier in the weekend.

Q: Talk about your internship experiences.

A. I did an on-campus internship my junior year for sport management which consisted of me helping out the athletic directors at various sporting events on campus.

I have an internship set up for my final semester here working for the Sioux Falls Sports Authority, which will satisfy both a sport management requirement and a busi-

ness requirement.

Sports Authority works with the minor league sporting teams in Sioux Falls and handles things such as scheduling, radio interviews, media relations and exposure.

It also sets up events like the Sanford Kid's Camps and the Summit League basketball tournament in Sioux Falls.

I'm really excited for the internship!

Q: What is the one thing you'd say to students considering Augustana?

A. I know the College talks about its value a lot, but it really is true: Augie is a great value.

The “face price” may not seem like it in comparison to a state school, but Augie is able to offer a lot more scholarships in academics, athletics and the arts than state schools.

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Q: Favorite professor and why.

A. Shelly Gardner [assistant professor for business administration]. She has a great sense of humor and a lot of respect for each individual student.

Q: What's your best Augustana memory?

A. I have two. First, I have to say meeting my wife, Marin. I don't know if I can pick one single moment, but just the overall experience of meeting her at Augie and falling in love with her here and marrying her last summer has been incredible.

My second best memory was the opportunity to play in the Cactus Bowl.

The Cactus bowl is essentially a Division II all star game. I went down to Kingsville, Texas, earlier this year and played in the game with 88 of the top Division II players in the country.

More than 65 NFL scouts were in attendance throughout the week, and the 80 degree weather was a definite plus.

I was interviewed by a few of the scouts and hopefully impressed them enough with my playing to earn an opportunity to be invited to a training camp next summer as an un-drafted free agent.