



The Navigator

During his first year on campus, Kade Klippenstein toured the world. He witnessed the Egyptian revolution first-hand, studied in Ireland and, enjoyed the “Augie Bowl” in the Morrison Commons.

Meet Kade Klippenstein, class of 2014. A native of Hot Springs, S.D., he is a music education major who's involved in the Augustana Band, Percussion Ensemble, Jazz Lab and Civitas, the College's Honors Program.

Q. Where do you live?

A. Solberg Hall.

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

A. Living on campus makes the campus your home. You quickly find family within the dorms!

Q. You're involved in music and Civitas on campus. What are you involved in off campus?

A. I have volunteered at The Banquet (a nonprofit agency that provides free meals to individuals and families in need). I also enjoy attending different churches in the community.

Q. Why did you choose Augustana?

A. When it came down to making my final college decision, I went with value. I felt I could come to call Augustana my home, and luckily, I was right! In my book, a good education is one of the best investments a student can make.

Q. Where is your favorite place on campus?

A. The Huddle, Siverson Lounge, or Mikkelsen Library. And of course, when the weather is nice ... anywhere outside!

Q. In your opinion, where's the best place to study?

A. Well, I am easily distracted, so the cubicles in the library offer a perfect, distraction-free zone for me!

Q. Where is your favorite off-campus spot?

A. The Washington Pavilion always has great concerts and programs to attend.

Q. What's your favorite meal at the Commons?

A. My favorite meal at Augie has to be the Augie Bowl. I find that no matter the day, I can always find something to fill me up in the Commons. The best part of campus dining is easily the staff! Smiling, nice, polite ... just AWESOME!

Q. What's your typical weekday like?

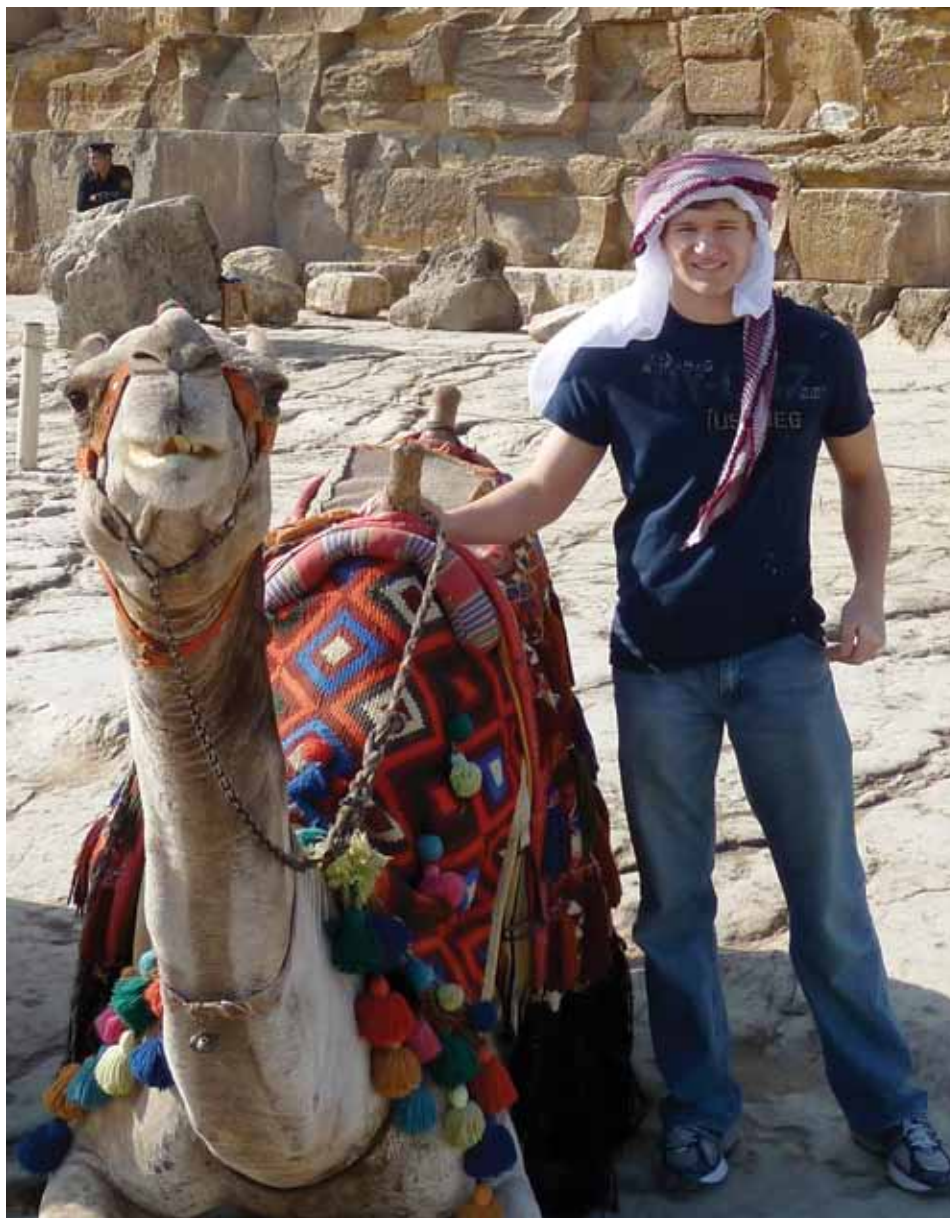
A. Class, eat, study, eat, practice, eat, sleep. Repeat. A typical weekday for me usually includes working hard during the day, and hanging out with everyone at night!

Q. Can you describe a typical weekend?

A. I usually like to attend some sort of concert on the weekend, SDSO (South Dakota Symphony Orchestra), Band, Orchestra, or Choir. I try to catch up on all homework. I like to sleep in! And, of course, hang out with friends.

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

A. Why aren't you here yet!?



Q. Can you talk about your Study Abroad experiences?

A. This year I have traveled to both Egypt and Ireland! They were two completely different experiences that I believe joined together to help form me as an individual. Augustana literally opens up the world to students with Study Abroad, J-term, and Spring Break courses all over the world. Could I have had a comparable experience had I chosen to go to any other school in the world? Absolutely not.

Q. What advice would you give someone searching for a college?

A. Finding a college is essentially your decision. Factor the value of your education into the equation first and foremost. College is an investment, so invest in quality! Choosing a college is a HUGE decision, but be patient and pray.

Q. What's been your favorite class so far?

A. This is a hard question, but I loved religion with Dr. Swanson. I have had many classes

that have challenged me to begin my own introspective journey to discover who I am, and define what it means to be a human being; to further understand that we are "create"ures, not creatures.

Q. How did your freshman year match with your expectations?

A. My freshman experience at Augustana met and exceeded all expectations because of the great people working here that have challenged me to find myself!

Q. What's been your best Augustana memory/moment so far?

A. Experiencing the Sufi Dancers in Cairo, Egypt, has been my greatest memory so far. Trips to both Ireland and Egypt with an expected journey to India next J-term ... it can't get much better than that! The everyday moments that I get to share with other students as well as professors have been a blessing to my life.