

Fall 2014 ACE Ambassadors!



Name: Jess Tryhus
Major: Exercise Science
Graduation Year: 2015
Home Country: United States
Travel Experience: Been to 29 of the 50 states, but no other countries (sadly).
Campus Connections: Zumba Instructor at the Elmen Center, Work for Residence Life.
Advice: Approach new things with an open mind.



Name: Becky Molenaar
Major: History, Social Studies Teaching, and Secondary Education
Graduation Year: 2015
Home Country: United States
Travel Experience: I have been to Spain.
Campus Connections: I'm active in Outreach Ministries, Augustana College Education Association (ACEA), and Augustana International Club. I also work at 2 jobs on campus – at the Campus Learning Center (a childcare service) and at the Phonathon.
Advice: Get enough sleep, and have fun!



Name: Kellan Klubben
Major: Biochemistry
Graduation Year: 2017
Home Country: United States
Travel Experience: Family vacation in Mexico
Campus Connections: Chemistry Club
Advice: Enjoy every second of college. It flies by and you don't want to look back with any regrets.



Name: Hayden Yeradi
Major: Exercise Science, Fitness Management, Spanish
Graduation Year: 2015
Home Country: United States
Travel Experience: India
Campus Connections: Augustana International Club, Residence Life Staff Member
Advice: Work hard but enjoy yourself too. The opportunity of being a student only comes once. Take the time to make new friendships and experience different cultures!



Name: Rachel Stratton
Major: Communication Disorders and Special Education
Graduation Year: 2017
Home Country: United States
Travel Experience: India
Campus Connections: NSSHLA and SCEC
Advice: Be yourself, don't be afraid to try new things, and let yourself get out of your comfort zone!



Name: Katelyn Johnson
Major: English and Secondary Education
Minor: Psychology and Journalism
Graduation Year: 2017
Home Country: Originally from Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
Travel Experience: I have visited northern Japan, the mainland of Greece, and London as well as numerous places throughout the United States (Hawaii, North Carolina, Florida, California, etc.)
Campus Connections: Have been in ASA (student government) and a volleyball official for the Elmen Center, and I am on the UBG film committee.

Advice: Don't be afraid to ask for help when you're not sure of something and don't be too timid in trying new things - make life an adventure!



Name: Tim Bai Li
Major: Economics and Sociology
Graduation Year: 2017
Home Country: Hong Kong
Campus Connections: Peer Adviser (Granskou Hall)

Advice: Try to join as many campus activities as possible. This definitely helps you to make more friends and expands your social circle. When you meet new people, do not be shy and feel free to introduce yourself and your country of origin. I am sure that Augie students will be happy to hear from you! Besides, if you face any academic problems, just share it with your professors. They will be happy to help you.



Name: Morgan Schriever
Major: Biochemistry
Graduation Year: 2017
Home Country: I am from Sioux Falls but I want to travel so I'd love to learn about everyone's home country!
Campus Connections: I am involved in the SMACS chemistry club, the Biology club, and the Pre-med Club.
Advice: Be yourself, just like everyone says, but honestly it's true. And go to all of the new student events at the beginning of the year, even if you think they are lame because you will meet a lot of people. This is also an opportunity to try new things so don't be shy! College is really fun so most of all make sure you enjoy yourself!



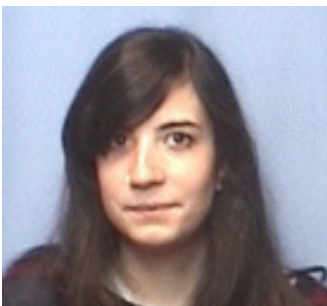
Name: Trey Cameron Persson
Major: Athletic Training
Minor: Modern Foreign Languages
Graduation Year: 2017
Home Country: United States
Travel Experience: Australia for 3 weeks in 2010
Campus Connections: Tour Guide, Intramurals, Club Volleyball, ACE Ambassador
Advice: Take advantage of the intramurals! It is a great way to get exercise and meet new people.



Name: Alejandro Garcia
Major: Government & International Affairs, Modern Foreign Languages
Minor: Economics
Graduation Year: 2017
Home Country: I am from Ecuador but I share a double nationality with Chile.
Travel Experience: I also love traveling! I enjoy exploring new places and culture. I have travelled to Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Holland, Mexico, Chile, and, of course, the U.S; where besides doing my undergraduate studies, I was an exchange student during my junior year of High School!
Campus Connections: I am the current ASA Sophomore Senator, which means I represent the student body in the student council on campus. So, if you have any concern about Augie please don't hesitate and contact me. Also, I am the Vice-President of the Augustana International Club (a.k.a the best club on campus) where we work, between other things, to connect American students to International Students. So feel free to stop by any meeting or event that is organized by us!
Advice: Try to step outside of your comfort zone! The opportunity to come on an exchange year, or to complete an undergraduate degree, at a U.S. College is one in a lifetime. Enjoy the most out of it. Do not be afraid to try new things that might seem odd or weird, give it a shot! Remember, that at the end, you are the only one in charge of making this experience a success. PS: Bring lots of sweaters. It gets kinda chili here...



Name: Jordan Kerkvliet
Major: Government and International Affairs, Psychology
Graduation Year: 2015
Home Country: United States
Travel Experience: I went on a pilgrimage, The Way of St. James, in Spain over spring break my freshman year. I also studied cultural psychology in Brazil during J-term of my junior year. Of course, I do not intend for this to be the extent of my travels.
Campus Connections: I participate in a lot of intramurals at the Elmen Center and I have been involved with the government club (COUPS). I also have been a member of choir (the Collegiate Chorale) since freshman year.
Advice: Don't be afraid to go out and meet new people. There is something to learn from each and every person that you encounter.

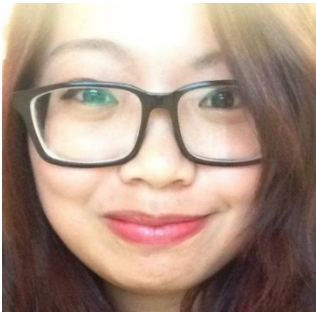


Name: Camila Aguileras
Major: Communication and Business
Graduation Year: 2015

Home Country: I am originally from Brazil, but I love traveling and learning about new cultures.

Travel Experience: I have been to a few places like Denmark, Hong Kong, Japan and Mexico.

Advice: Hang in there. It can be tough at times, but keeping an open mind and accepting that you are outside of your comfort zone might make it easier to experience all the new (sometimes not as) wonderful things that come with this experience.



Name: Linh Pham (Kuku)

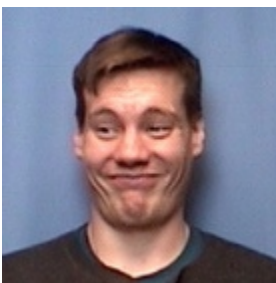
Major: Business Administration

Graduation Year: 2016

Home Country: Hanoi, Vietnam

Campus Connections: Viking Guide, ASA Junior Senator

Advice: Just be yourself and you will certainly find good friends.



Name: Matt Hugen

Major: Computer Information Systems

Minor: Mathematics

Graduation Year: 2015

Home Country: Iowa, USA

Travel Experience: Europe, Canada, Mexico

Connections: I know the Math faculty.

Advice: Come, work hard, and have a good time.



Name: Carolyn Johnson

Major: History and Psychology

Graduation Year: 2015

Home Country: United States

Travel Experience: I studied abroad in England for one semester, and I have visited 13 different countries (plus one more to come in January)!

Campus Connections: I'm co-president of Augustana International Club (AIC) and am on the leadership team for Serving and Learning Together (SALT--Augie volunteer organization). I work with Recreational Services at the Elmen Center.

Advice: Get involved! Join a club, play intramurals, and go to sports and fine arts events. This will help you connect with others and make the most out of your time at Augie.



Name: Isabelle Chan

Major: Biology

Graduation Year: 2014

Home Country: Hong Kong

Travel Experience: Have been to many places in Asia (Beijing, Shang Hai, Korea, Japan, Singapore) and the Black Hills, Minnesota, San Francisco, Las Vegas, New York.

Campus Connections: I live in the Diversity House. Most of my classes will be in GSC.

Advice: We should go ice-skating during winter!!



Name: Kelsey Thomas

Major: Spanish and Education

Graduation Year: 2016

Home Country: United States

Travel Experience: I have visited Ireland, Costa Rica, Ecuador, The Galapagos Islands, and dozens of the states in the USA.

Campus Connections: I am part of the Augie Outdoor Program, Augustana International Club, Friendslink, as well as many intramural sports.

Advice: Don't be afraid to ask for advice! The ACE Ambassadors are here to help make your transition as easy as possible. We want to help you have an amazing time at Augie, so please don't hesitate to ask us for advice, help, or even to just hang out!



Name: Brittany Garbe

Major: Business and Spanish Major

Graduation Year: 2016

Home Country: United States

Travel Experience: I have traveled to Brazil and will be studying in Cuba all of January 2015!

Campus Connections: Next year I'll be living in Campus House. Our theme is helping the Spanish Community. I hope to meet many new people and connect them with Augustana.

Advice: Take advantage of all Augie has to offer :)



Name: Bianca Wilbur

Major: History & Modern Foreign Languages (French/Spanish)

Graduation Year: 2015

Home Country: United States

Travel Experience: I went to Belgium for a faculty led spring break trip in the spring of 2013 with Dr. Fish and Professor Thompsen. I spent the fall semester of 2013 in Grenoble, France studying French language, culture, and history. While living in France, I ventured not only around France, but to Italy and London as well.

Campus Connections: I am a member of Civitas, I play the tenor sax in Augie Band, and I am in the French club. I think I should start a library club, as you can most always find me there.

Advice: The most treasured memories come at the most unexpected times, so my advice is to talk to people even if you're shy, to ask for help if you're confused, and to do something

here each day that scares you.



Name: Anu Uranchimeg

Major: Music and Theatre

Graduation Year: 2017

Home Country: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Travel Experience: France, Germany, Switzerland, Korea, California, Arizona and New York

Advice: Since you try hard, there is nothing you can't do! Never give up! Miracle is just another name for effort! :)

Name: Kaia Halbritter

Major: Spanish, All-Grades Education



Graduation Year: 2015

Home Country: United States

Travel Experience: During high school I had the opportunity to travel with a group of students to various parts of Spain for about a week. I also spent the fall semester of 2013 studying abroad in Cusco, Peru.

Campus Connections: I am a member of the Augustana Band.

Advice: Don't be afraid to take chances and try new things! Chances are you will learn a lot if you do and end up loving every minute of your experience if you approach it with an open mind!



Name: David Morales

Major: Chemistry

Minor: Music

Graduation Year: 2017

Home Country: Quito, Ecuador

Campus Connections: Choir, Augustana International Club, Chemistry Club

Advice: Get involved in as many activities, clubs, or organizations as possible. Do not hesitate to ask for help. Make friends. The memories that last forever are the ones with friends. Have fun!!!



Name: Caitlin Hanson

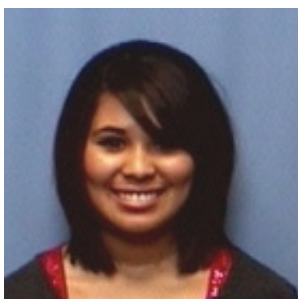
Major: Secondary education, English, Spanish

Graduation Year: 2015

Home Country: United States

Travel Experience: Freshman year spring break in Ireland, Junior year spring semester abroad in Chile.

Advice: You are a fantastic human being. Don't ever let negativity or self-doubt stand in your way.



Name: Stacey Bautista

Major: Business administration, art, and Spanish

Graduation Year: 2016

Home Country: United States

Travel experience: Family vacations to Canada and Guatemala

Campus Connections: Augustana Orchestra



Name: Jackie Adelman

Major: Business Administration, Spanish

Graduation Year: 2015

Home Country: Minnesota, USA

Travel Experience: Semester abroad in Chile during fall of 2013. Viva Chile!

Campus Connections: Augustana International Club (AIC), Augie Green, Campus Outreach Ministries, work at International Programs Office (IPO), work at Barnes & Noble College (campus bookstore), work for Augie Residence Life (peer advisor in East Hall), work at Pueblo de Dios (small group leader).

Advice: Be sure to ask any questions you might have. No question is a dumb question when you are in a new country (trust me, I asked a lot of strange questions while living in Chile). When you need a ride to the mall or around town, do not hesitate to ask for a ride, I would love to help. Things will happen that are out of your control, let them happen and do move on. Call it a new adventure. Finally, journaling seems tedious until you want to go back to those unique experiences. Write daily, you will not regret it!



Name: V. Manish

Major: Engineering Physics or just physics

Graduation Year: 2016

Home Country: India

Campus Connections: Augustana Men's Soccer Club, Augustana Chess Club, Society of Physics Students

Advice: I hope every ACE ambassador, me and the International Programs Office make your time at Augie memorable as long as you want to stay! I hope that everyone makes plenty of friends and I believe that your friends are your new family! Love, Prosper and Peace,

People!!! Very interested in meeting everyone new, next year!!!

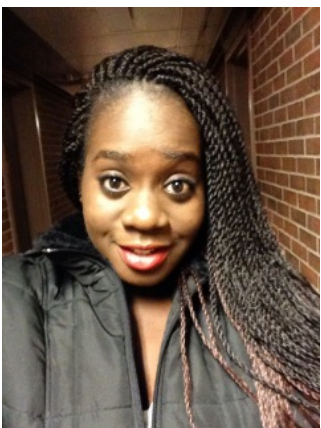


Name: Minaal Khan

Major: Economics/Political Science

Home Country: Pakistan

Campus Connections: Augustana International Club



Name: Yaa Tiwaa Offei-Darko

Major: Psychology; Minors: Sociology, French

Graduation Year: 2016

Home Country: Ghana

Travel Experience: Currently studying abroad in the United States. I have been to Canada, Nigeria and United Arab Emirates.

Campus Connections: Augie Green, Psychology Club

Advice: Be prepared to study hard, to be introduced to people from different cultures and to experience new things. Join many activities to keep you tuned in to what is happening around the school. Talk to people, especially professors when you need help. Most importantly...have fun!!!!!!!



Name: Nishat Tasnim

Major: Economics, Government & International Affairs

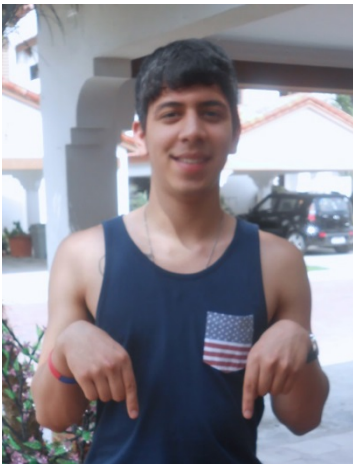
Graduation Year: 2017

Home Country: I was born and brought up in Dhaka, the capital city of Bangladesh with a population of almost 16 million. (That's just the population of the city btw!)

Travel Experience: I love travelling and I have been to India and travelling the rest of the world is on my wish-list as well!

Campus Connections: Augustana International Club (AIC), Service and Learning Together (SALT)

Advice: Believe in yourself! You are here because you deserve to be here! Don't hesitate to ask for help. You will find wonderful people all around here who are ready to help you all the time! So feel free!



Name: Roberto Luces

Major: Computer Science and Computer Information Systems with a minor in Entrepreneurship

Graduation Year: 2017

Home Country: Ecuador

Travel Experience: Galapagos Islands, Panama, France, and United States

Campus Connections: Co-Manager of the Spanish Club, Augustana Soccer Club player, Augustana International Club, ITS Committee member, Computer Science Club

Advice: College only comes once, well if you change your major halfway through college then it comes twice. Any ways, college is a time to meet new people, create long lasting bonds and to forge your path of future success by studying hard. Don't be a shy one, get out there and say hello, meet new people, join clubs, play sports, get involved on campus, meet your professors, do things you normally wouldn't do (just don't get into

trouble, please). College is an amazing experience, so have a fun time. I am always here to help so just add me on Facebook. If you need help or just want to talk, I am always glad to help out.

Extra Advice: Go to every Soccer match the Augustana Men's Soccer Team has. Woo-Hoo! Go Augie!



Name: Allison Warne

Major: Nursing and Spanish

Graduation Year: 2017

Home Country: United States

Travel Experience: Spain and Ecuador

Campus Connections: Co-Manager of the Spanish Club, anatomy teaching assistant, Augustana tour guide, Sanford Volunteer

Advice: Introduce yourself to each of your professors during the first week of the semester and do not hesitate to go into their offices for help. They are there to answer your questions and address your concerns and are willing to spend as much time as you need to help you be the most successful student you can be. However, remember that college is more than academics, so be sure to take time to enjoy your experience at

Augustana. When you reminisce on your college years one day, you are not going to remember the late nights cramming for exams, so try to go to as many of the campus events as your schedule allows and spend time with the new friends you are going to make. This is an adventure, so make it one!



Name: Abel Worku

Major: Business Administration

Graduation Year: 2016

Home Country: Ethiopia

Travel Experience: Dubai, Thailand

Advice: Make each day count and have as much fun as possible but also study hard. Keep yourselves involved in different activities that are worth spending your time.



Name: Wing Yiu (Lluvia) Chan

Major: Nursing

Graduation Year: 2016

Home country: Hong Kong

Travel Experience: I've been to Beijing, Taiwan, Macau, Mongolia, Thailand. I am also visiting England, France, Netherlands, Spain and Germany this summer.

Campus Connections: Augustana Nursing Association, Augustana International Club

Advice: You will meet a lot of awesome people and have tons of unforgettable memories here! :)



Name: Lily Erickson

Major: Communication/Business

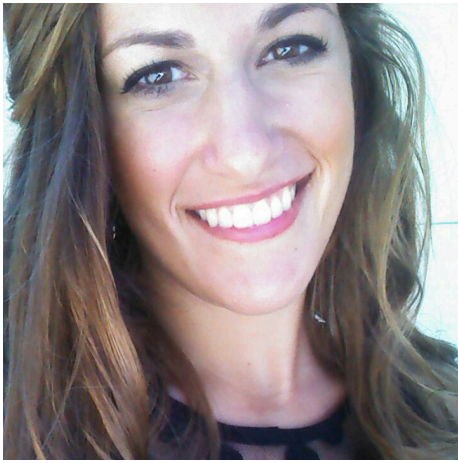
Graduation Year: 2015

Home Country: United States (born in China)

Travel Experience: I was born in China and grew up there until the age of 13. Then I came to the United States because of adoption. Now I speak both Chinese and English fluently.

Campus Connections: I'm involved with Augustana International Club (AIC) and also work at Augustana Campus Learning Center (a childcare).

Advice: It can be scary to come to a new country to study and live. But it is important for you to ask if you have any questions. Please do not be shy or hesitant. Another important factor is being open. In order to have a great experience or life-changing event, you have to be open and step out your comfort zone. Once opening up, you will meet a lot of great people and learn a lot of interesting things that you will never forget in your life time.



Name: Ariana Groen

Major: Psychology, Spanish (Minor)

Year: 2015

Home Country: United States

Travel Experience: I have been 26 states in the US as well as had the opportunity of visiting 14 different countries! These adventures have ranged from singing in the Notre Dame, exploring the Grecian Isles in the Mediterranean Sea and walking a portion of the Camino de Santiago in Spain.

Campus Connections: a member of the Augustana Choir, a chapel musician, a former member of Residence Life and a Psychology Department researcher.

Advice: 20 years from now you will be more disappointed by the thing you didn't do than by the ones you did do... Explore. Dream. Discover. Live. "Reach out and open the door that no one thought could be opened. Life is behind it!" – Kelly Ann Rothaus

ACE Ambassadors at Large:



Name: Naras Prameswari

Major: Journalism

Graduation Year: 2016

Home Country: Indonesia

Travel Experience: Singapore, Malaysia, Greece, Germany, Switzerland, the Netherlands, France

Campus Connections: Augustana Student Association, UBG Big Event, Augustana International Club, Augie Mirror, Augieholics

Advice: NEVER EVER be scared to talk to new people. Americans are not as scary as you think.



Name: Ricky Voorn

Master of Arts is Sports Administration and Leadership

Graduation Year: 2015

Home Country: The Netherlands

Travel Experience: Belgium, Luxemburg, France, Spain, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, Germany, Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Greece, Slovenia, Croatia, Norway, England, Cyprus, and maybe more

Campus Connections: Member of the Augustana Baseball team

Advice: Don't be afraid to talk to 'strangers'. Just introduce yourself as 'Hi, my name is ... and I'm from ... I looking to meet some new people.' Don't be afraid to do something you are not familiar with. Both of these things will make you meet and bond with new people!



Welcome home, everyone!

Though you may be nervous about leaving your home country, and living in an entirely new place, I assure that it will only be a short time before Augie becomes your home away from home. You needn't worry about the transition, however, because throughout the entire journey you will have an entire campus of fellow freshmen battling nerves and experienced upper classmen to help prepare you for success.

My name is Jasmin Fosheim, and I spent all of last year as the nervous first year. This year I've moved on to the role of wise sophomore. I am a Communication Studies and Business major with a minor in Sign Language Studies. I encourage you to get involved as much as you can while you are here at Augie, especially in your first few months. Not only are clubs and extra-curricular activities great for learning and developing skills and connections on campus, but getting involved also keeps you busy and provides a perfect opportunity to meet new people. I'm active in UBG, Dance Marathon, the Augie Band, Serving and Learning Together, Residence Life, and LSS Mentoring services. Please don't hesitate to ask about any of these or other activities on campus!

So push your nerves away, take a deep breath, and relish in the excitement of the journey you're about to embark on. It will be a long trek, but in the end you'll make it home.