Celebrating our wonderful volunteers at Augustana’s 2015 Convocation!

Back Row, L to R: Lucas Hudec ('13), Kalissa Bliek ('14), James Vy ('14), Gavin Melcher ('14), Nadine Snyman ('12, UA BEd '14), Paul Kolida ('13), Augustana Alumni & Special Events Coordinator Trina (Toles) Harrison ('03)

Front Row: Geordie Nelson (5th yr BSc), Stephanie Booth ('14), Alumni Council Rep Sandra Gawad Gad ('12), Dillon Lehman (4th yr BA), Lindsay Grimbly ('13)

Missing: Emily Hay ('14). Photo taken at the UAlberta Alumni Photo Booth.
ALUMNUS PUBLISHES MAJOR PAPER WITH UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCHERS

A team of researchers from the University of Alberta’s Augustana Campus, including undergraduate students, have made a startling discovery about mitochondria, cellular structures that produce the energy that every complex life form on Earth needs to survive.

Under the guidance of Joel Dacks in the U of A’s Department of Cell Biology, Jeremy Wideman (BSc Biology ’05, UAlberta PhD ’12) led undergraduate researchers to discover a bacterial link with mitochondria. The results were published online recently in Current Biology.

“Once upon a time, about two billion years ago, these tiny, quasi-independent living beings that exist in our cells lived independently as bacteria,” explained Wideman. “They took up residence inside the ancestor of our cells, began producing energy, and eventually evolved into mitochondria.

“This is the biggest paper—by far—of my career,” said Wideman, recipient of the 2014 Augustana Sessional Teaching Award. “It’s also a big deal for Augustana and for undergraduate researchers: the two students who helped with research during their degrees are co-authors.” Kaitlyn Baier (’15) of Camrose and Katelyn Spencer (’14) of Lethbridge were Wideman’s students when he invited each of them to take part in his research.

Wideman was delighted to work with Baier and Spencer. “Both students were very interested in the project, and in biology as a whole. To do this kind of research, you need in-depth knowledge about biology but also a broad understanding that you can really develop in a place like Augustana. This is a place where undergraduate students can work on a major publication!”

Read more about the paper - and the cross-country collaboration with researchers at Dalhousie University - at news.augustana.ualberta.ca/2015/05/alumnus-publishes-major-paper-with-undergraduate-researchers/

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS

The following annually funded Alumni Awards are made possible each year through the generosity of many alumni. To make your gift or for more information about these and other alumni giving opportunities, please contact:

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Emily Hay (’14) of Wainwright, Alberta, returned after finishing her BSc in Chemistry to complete a BSc in Psychology. She was recognized for her involvement as a Residence Assistant, a student representative on the Students’ Association, and as a Campus Ambassador with the Augustana Alumni Leadership Award. She is currently considering schools for veterinary medicine.

“This is a great place to learn,” says Emily, “due to the small campus and the sense of community it builds. Everyone is extremely welcoming and it is easy to find your place here.”

Augustana Alumni Entrance Award recipient Hilda Lam from Hong Kong is a first-year BMus Vocal Performance student in Kathleen Corcoran’s studio. Thirty years ago her father, Simon Lam, attended CLC and suggested Augustana for her music and performance dreams. “I noticed it in my very first week,” says Hilda. “Everyone is so close here, and there are so many opportunities to meet people! I’m glad my dad encouraged me.”

Hilda jumped into Augustana life with both feet. She started with the First Year Adventure, a week of backpacking with senior Outdoor Education students, and began performing with several Augustana choirs. Next year, she’ll be a Campus Ambassador!
ALUMNI WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 24-27

Every fall, we host an Alumni Weekend to welcome our over 9,000 alumni back to Augustana. Whether you graduated from Camrose Lutheran College, Augustana University College, or the University of Alberta’s Augustana Campus, you will find something for you!

Host a class get-together to reconnect with old friends or reach out to a favourite professor! We already have several groups arranging get-togethers on the Weekend, such as the Classes of 1955, 1959, our Golden Alumni. Vikings Basketball alumni will meet friends of Alumni Honour Award recipient Alan Fielding (’65). Students of Dr. Milton Schlosser, Dr. Tim Parker, and Costa Rica Biology trip alumni are reserving tables to sit with their former professors.

Call the Alumni Office at 780-679-1626 or email augalum@ualberta.ca to connect with one of these groups or to talk about what you have planned.

You can follow Alumni Weekend Events and register at aug.ualberta.ca/2015alumniweekend.

Thursday September 24
2015 Alumni Recognition Awards
7:00pm, Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium, Edmonton
Alan Fielding (’65) will receive an Alumni Honour Award, recognizing his contributions made over years in his local community and beyond.

Friday September 25
Green & Gold (& Red & Black) Day
Vikings Mens Hockey Home Opener vs. Nait Ooks
7:30pm, Encana Arena
Tickets available at the door.

Saturday September 26 (continued)
A Time to Play! Annual Theme Recital
7:00pm, Jeanne & Peter Lougheed Performing Arts Centre
Featuring violinist Andrew Wan (concertmaster, Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal) and pianist Jacques Després (professor, University of Alberta) performing works by Mozart, Grieg, Debussy and Strauss.

Sunday September 27
Brunch Registration and Coffee
9:00am, Faith & Life Lounge
Alumni Worship Service
10:30am: Worship Service, hosted by Augustana Chaplaincy and the Augustana Alumni Office
Dean’s Alumni Brunch
11:30am, Augustana Cafeteria
Join Augustana’s Dean, Dr. Allen Berger, 2015 Alumni Student Award recipients, current students, and your hosts the Augustana Campus Ambassadors for a delicious brunch.

Founders’ Hall Grand Re-Opening
1:00pm, Founders’ Hall

Founders' Hall, affectionately known as “Old Main”, was built in 1912 to serve the needs of the then Camrose Lutheran College. It is being extensively renovated to serve Augustana Campus for the next hundred years.

Founders’ Hall has provided space for residences, dining, classes, music studios, faculty and administrative offices, etc. Looking to the future, the building will continue to serve prospective students, alumni, other campus visitors, faculty, and current students.

Please join us on Sunday, September 27, for the re-dedication of this iconic building. You will have the opportunity to explore the repurposed space with faculty, staff and students. Your visit will include the campus “living room”: a warm and welcoming gathering place and home to memorabilia from Augustana’s century of history.

SEPT 25: GREEN & GOLD (& RED & BLACK) DAY
Show your Augustana Pride! Wear your Green & Gold (or Vikings Red & Black) gear and take a photo: post it on Facebook or Twitter with the hashtags #uAlberta and #uofaAugustana or email it to augalum@ualberta.ca. Challenge your friends and fellow alumni to do the same: every unique photo posted counts towards our victory over the other UAlberta faculties!