Greetings!

This is Mary Toso, the alumni director for Augustana. Your class agent, Jaci Aberson and Rita VonSeggern, have been crazy busy these last few months, so I’ve put together your class agent letter this time around to give you some important updates about your classmates as well as news from the College.

While we are enjoying a break from the busy pace of the academic year, the Augustana campus stays active during the summer months. There are a host of summer camps and conferences who enjoy our beautiful campus during this season.

Here in the alumni office, we are busy preparing for Viking Days in the fall. Even though your class is not celebrating a reunion, there are many activities taking place for you to be involved in. Check out the website, www.augielink.com/vikingdays for all the information about homecoming weekend this fall, October 5-7.

We have hosted several alumni events recently, and our schedule for the summer and fall continues to be busy. You can always find a full schedule of our events by going to www.augielink.com/events. There is also a listing to be found in The Scoop, attached to this letter.

For the latest updates from Augustana, be sure to check our homepage often (www.augie.edu) and also “like” us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter (@AugustanaSD).

I hope you enjoy some peaceful vacation time during the summer months with those who are close to you. Before we know it, the hustle and bustle of a new school year will be upon us. Until then, have a nice cool glass of lemonade and find a good summer read!

Sincerely,
2005 Class Notes


Katie (Keiserman) Van Groll, class of 2005, and husband, Jeremy Van Groll, welcomed the birth of their second son, Allen Louis, on November 29, 2011.

Stacia Wagner married Drew Walters on July 23, 2011. They live in Olathe, KS. She is a 7th grade communication arts teacher. He teaches 6th grade social studies.

Ingrid (Arneson) Rasmussen completed her Mater of Divinity degree in 2010 and then pursued her Mater of Theology degree at Luther Seminary in St.Paul, MN. She is now serving as Intern Pastor at Augustana Lutheran Church in West St. Paul, MN. In a few short months, she will be available for call in a Lutheran congregation.

Kelly (Olson) Carruth was married to Adam Carruth on December 10th, 2011. She is a 5th grade teacher at Montevideo Middle School in Montevideo, MN. She is currently living in Danvers, MN.

Gabe Garcia married Emily Vulcan '07 on July 25, 2010. They live in Pierre, SD where Emily is a teacher and Gabe works for the State of SD.

Brian Herbert graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice. Brian Herbert recently earned a professional designation as a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) through the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.

Nora Johnson is a doctoral student at the University of Kansas and was recently selected by the US Dept of Energy's Office of Science to attend the 62nd Lindau Meeting of Nobel Laureates in Lindau, Germany. The meeting is dedicated to physics. Nora has been doing research in atomic, molecular and optical physics, specifically studying the reaction dynamics of intense laser light interacting with atoms and molecules.

Melanie (Feehan) Miriovsky '05 and Daniel Miriovsky '07 are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Samuel Joseph, on September 28, 2011.

Jeff Mootz, In June 2011, Jeff and Bethany got married and reside in Grandview MO. Jeff works on staff at the International House of Prayer Missions Base in Kansas City.
Louisa (Anderson) ’05 and Ryan Otto ’05 welcomed daughter Layla Marie to their family on March 25, 2012.

Jacob Quail ’05 and Shelby (Eyken) ’06 welcomed Samuel Jacob to their family on March 5, 2012.

Noel (Kahl) Reagan, After 7 years in youth ministry, beginning in January 2012 I began working for the Public Education Foundation in Chattanooga, TN. My job title is College Advisor and I work in a high school directly with students and helping with all aspects of Post-high school planning.

Nina Slupphaug married Ted Pender on July 30, 2010. They live in Oslo, Norway.


Rita Von Seggern is attending the University of Nebraska Medical Center and working towards her Clinical Nurse Specialist degree in adult health.

Tom Viereck and Shannon (Bjelland) Viereck have moved to Yankton, SD. Tom is the director of peri-operative services at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital. Shannon is the Director of Annual and Planned Giving at Mount Marty College.