

AUGSBURG UNIVERSITY

Spring 2018

Dear Friends:

This has been a dynamic time for Augsburg University as we continue to lean into the work we are called to do. We are thankful for many successes. A new name. A new building. A team in place to plan the commemoration of our 150-year history in 2019-20.

As our name change to “Augsburg University” became effective September 1, 2017, our most diverse first-year class entered our campus. The name change was important because we found that the word “university” is associated with diversity—of students, ideas, and opportunity. Our leadership in equity and inclusion is rooted in the teachings of our Lutheran faith tradition and has been regularly recognized at a national level. The new name also reflects the reality of our robust graduate, international, and research programs, all associated with universities.

In January, the Norman and Evangeline Hagfors Center for Science, Business, and Religion opened for classes and embodies Augsburg’s commitment to student learning, urban place making, and thoughtful stewardship. In a testament to the new building’s aesthetics, The Design-Build Institute of America Upper Midwest Region honored McGough Construction with a Project of the Year award this year for Hagfors.

Additionally, Augsburg’s Board of Regents was awarded the 2017 John W. Nason Award for Board Leadership from the Association of Governing Boards (AGB) for efforts including initiating an inclusive, five-year strategic planning effort and leading the institution’s largest-ever capital campaign.

Augsburg also was recognized for academic excellence this year in making the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs list of U.S. colleges and universities that produced the most 2017-2018 Fulbright U.S. students, ranking No. 9 among 22 master’s institutions.

We stand firm in our commitment to social justice, to serving our neighbor, and to delivering an education faithful to our Lutheran roots and relevant to the needs of our changing world. We are grateful for the many ways in which you support our mission, and especially for your prayers.

Yours in faith and service,

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