

Augusta Area School District

⇒ Alumni Spotlight ⇐

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The Augusta Area School District would like you to meet some of the many great alumni who have become successful in a variety of fields and also give back to their communities in many ways. We appreciate this opportunity to highlight past graduates of the Augusta Schools with the "Alumni Spotlight." We hope you enjoy getting to know a bit more about these fine individuals who are doing great things!

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Chelsea Anderson, Class of 2006

Current Occupation and Location: I am currently a 6-12 Assistant Principal with the Ladysmith School District and prior to that spent 6 years with the Chipewa Falls Area Unified School District teaching Social Studies. Right now I live in Cadott, Wisconsin, but will move to Mankato, Minnesota at the conclusion of this school year, where my fiancé is a teacher, basketball, and football coach.

After Graduation: Upon graduating from Augusta, I completed my undergraduate degree at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Soon after, I began my first teaching job and started my graduate degree through Concordia University where I earned my Master of Education- Administration & Curriculum degree.

Augusta Memories: What I remember most about Augusta and what I now cherish most about my position in Ladysmith, is the close-knit atmosphere of a rural school. Walking through the hallways and knowing every student, along with every teacher, adds a powerful and beneficial aspect to the learning environment. As I experience things like homecoming and prom from the point-of-view of an administrator, I think back to my days at Augusta and remember the ways in which our teachers made every moment memorable for each of us which helps remind me to make these moments memorable for my own students.



Best Day at Augusta: It's difficult to narrow down my best day at Augusta, because for me, it was the entire experience of being involved in FCCLA. Looking back and truly coming to understand the time commitment that took from the FCE teacher, it still astounds me that she was willing to commit to making every single one of my goals in the organization, her goal to help me achieve. Several times a month we were packing the school van and heading from one leadership opportunity to the next without hesitation. Whether it was a red-eye flight to a national conference, staying at school until midnight working on a presentation, or driving four hours each way on her weekend to get me to where I needed to be, she never let me miss an opportunity. The chance to travel, share my experiences with peers across Wisconsin and the nation, and to have truly found my niche in my time at Augusta is still invaluable to me and it's that type of commitment and care for a student that I remember when I look back at my time at Augusta.

Lessons Learned: The first lesson that I learned, is that high school offers something for everyone, if you're willing to look hard enough and take a chance. Never having mastered any sport (Still haven't!), there was a time in high school where I felt out of place. All of my friends went to practice after school and I went home, feeling like I was missing out. Then, I took a chance on a student organization that ended up taking me all over the U.S. and building in me all of the organizational, leadership, and communication skills that helped me make it through college and to where I am today. The second lesson that I learned is that small schools do not put a limit on your future. If you advocate for yourself, have a plan, and see your teachers and administrators as your teammates, you will leave Augusta with every opportunity that any other larger or wealthier district could offer you. Seek out new classes, join a new club, get involved, and make this experience the best starting point that you could give yourself for your future.

Advice for Students: Your school experience is created by you, the students. Every choice you make has an impact on not only yourself, but those around you, and the school culture you spend your days in. Choose kindness. Choose to let things go. Choose to represent your school and your city well. Choose to use this as a time to make a name for yourself as a leader, as someone who works hard, and as someone who takes pride in where they are from.
