



## Matthew Roche

**Major:** Business administration (finance, marketing and management)

**Minor:** Accounting

**Activity:** Phi Omega Phi fraternity

**Internship:** Office of Student Life and Leadership

**Post-grad plans:** Find a job in the Chicago area in finance or marketing

“Matthew was a pleasure to have in class. His good humor was palpable. He was always eager to participate. He enjoys being in school and living in the present. As his advisor and teacher, I have thoroughly enjoyed knowing him.”

— Mamata Marmé, director of advising,  
business administration

### MORE THAN I IMAGINED 2017

SENIORS REFLECT ON ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND LOOK AHEAD

#### Why Augustana?

I chose Augustana because of its reputation that you can excel in both athletics and academics.

#### Are you where you thought you'd be four years ago?

Not at all. I came into Augustana set on majoring in pre-PT and completely went in the other direction. Augustana has so many opportunities and resources on and off campus for students to pursue what they are interested in.

#### Who helped you get to where you are now?

There are many teachers who helped me grow throughout my four years at Augustana. Ken Brill, associate dean and director of the Office of Student Life and Leadership, has been a great friend and role model, by helping me gain valuable knowledge and skills for post-grad success.

#### A peak experience?

My peak experience was this year when I led in the planning and coordinating of Welcome Week for the incoming freshman. It was a rewarding experience because I was able to introduce the freshman to their home for the next four years.

#### What surprised you?

I learned that taking chances can lead to opportunities and experiences that will help you grow, and tell you a lot about the person you are.

#### How did you use Augie Choice?

I used my Augie Choice when I interned for the Office of Student Life and Leadership.

#### What will you miss the most?

I will miss the college lifestyle of participating in intermural sports and Greek events, staying up late and having summers off.

#### Advice for the Class of 2021?

Augustana is a fresh start, so do something that you wouldn't normally do. You might make a new friend, learn something new or have different perspective on life that will make your college experience a great one.