



## Daniel Carr

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**Hometown:** Highlands Ranch, Colo.

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“It has been a real pleasure working with Daniel these past four years. Between captaining the basketball team and completing multiple internships, Daniel has gotten the most out of his time at Augustana. He has been one of our go-to seniors for recruiting events this year due to the outstanding work he has accomplished in our program. I look forward to following Daniel as he continues with his plans to attend graduate school and pursue a career in public accounting.”  
— Dr. John Delaney, professor and chair,  
accounting

### Why Augustana?

Coming out of high school, Augustana stood out as the best academic and athletic fit for me. Being able to obtain a high-level degree as well as participate in a competitive basketball program was the balance I was looking for and ultimately received when coming to this school. It truly exceeded my expectations.

### Are you where you thought you'd be when you first came to campus?

The person I am today is unrecognizable to who I was as a freshman. I came in as a somewhat reserved, unsure freshman who didn't know what he wanted to study or where he would end up after four years. I am coming to the end as a senior who is comfortable and has a sense of life direction.

I didn't know what was possible. Every step along the way, both good and bad, has helped me learn and grow immensely as I head into my post-graduate stage of life.

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

There are so many people who have helped me along the way at this school and beyond. My three basketball coaches had a tremendous influence on me. Coach Grey Giovanine, Coach Steve Schafer and Coach Tom Jessee all challenged me and helped me grow so much — not only as a basketball player but as a man, and I will forever be thankful for what they taught me.

I'm thankful to Dr. John Delaney and Professor Nadia Schwartz for convincing me to become an accounting major and helping me find something I am passionate about and ready to make my future career.

All of my friends along the way who have seen me at my high and low points; their support means everything to me, and they will be in my life forever.

Lastly, my parents and siblings. Being away from home in Colorado had its challenges, but having them by my side with their full support is something that I will always cherish and be grateful for.

### Peak experience?

Senior Night for basketball at the Carver Center. On top of having my parents and sister at the game to see my 1,000th career point at Augie, being able to soak in everything Augustana basketball has given me these last four years was a very bittersweet but special moment.

### What surprised you?

The numerous different opportunities Augustana has for students to get involved is something I didn't expect coming here. Regardless if a student is a member of athletics or Greek life, there are so many other clubs and activities where you can make friends and be involved outside the classroom.

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### How did you use Augie Choice?

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### What will you miss the most?

I think I'll miss the classroom setting. Of course, no one really ever stops learning, but I'll miss having a place to learn and discuss different topics. I also think I'll miss the friends and acquaintances that I've made over the years, and the way we were able to get together to support and unite each other.

### Advice for the Class of 2026?

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