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“Maeve has made quite an impact during her time at Augie. Friends and colleagues have described her as someone who simply cares — cares about her friends, cares about helping others, cares about academics, cares about being a great teammate, and cares about making a difference in the world. I would like to add that Maeve is hard-working, dedicated, accountable, passionate, kind, professional, a top-level performer and a future leader. It’s been an honor getting to know you, Maeve. Thanks for being a great example for all of us.”
— Dr. Bryce Palar, visiting assistant professor, business administrations

Why Augustana?

I chose Augustana to get a quality education while playing the sport I love. I appreciate the liberal arts aspect to ensure a well-rounded education and expand my worldview. The beautiful campus and small class sizes sparked my interest in the school, as I knew it would provide the opportunity for an intimate learning setting.

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

I am miles ahead of where I thought I would be. Augie has exceeded my expectations by guiding me to find multiple internships and build connections as I enter the professional world.

Who helped you get to where you are now?

Academically, many professors, from Dr. Delaney for sparking my interest in accounting during my first year to my advisor Professor Melton for all her help securing an internship and providing me with so much knowledge about the tax profession before entering my career.

Another professor who has made an impact on me is Dr. Palar. Dr. Palar made the learning experience enjoyable, always pushed me to think outside the box, and continuously inspired me to strive for success.

I have many people to thank from my time on the soccer team. Coach Scott Mejia and Cherie Clark provided constant support and encouragement in addition to the countless hours they put into this soccer program.

Athletic trainer Jay Clark and strength and conditioning coach Jeff Rose played a massive part in furthering my athletic abilities, and all my teammates pushed me to excel both on the field and in the classroom.

I also would like to thank my family for their unwavering support.

Peak experience?

Working in the business administration office under Christy Parker for the last three years has allowed me to establish relationships with professors outside the classroom.

Additionally, being part of a team that made the CCIW conference tournament for the last four years — especially my first year when we beat a nationally ranked opponent and landed a conference championship spot. The memories on the field and the bonds I have made with coaches and teammates are something I will always cherish.

What surprised you?

The close-knit Augie community is always ready to offer a helping hand from professors, faculty and staff, who are willing to positively impact each student’s experience.

MORE THAN I IMAGINED 2023

SENIORS REFLECT ON ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND LOOK AHEAD

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How did you use Augie Choice?

I used Augie Choice to help support me during an internship in my third year. This grant allowed me to purchase professional clothing and pay for my transportation to and from my internship.

What will you miss the most?

I will miss the campus community and the camaraderie of being on a sports team. The friendships built and connections made have formed me into the person I am today. I also appreciate the opportunities Augustana has provided to further my growth as a well-rounded person beyond academics and sports. I will miss the beautiful fall colors on campus.

Advice for the Class of 2027?

Take advantage of all the leadership opportunities Augie provides in the classroom, on an athletic team or through a club/organization. Taking advantage of everything Augie offers has helped me develop professionally in the classroom and on the soccer field.