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ROCK ISLAND, IL (05/07/2010)(readMedia)-- More than 75 Augustana students, including several from the local area, will share their advanced research projects on Saturday, May 8 at Augustana's 14th annual Celebration of Learning. This unique on-campus research symposium gives students an opportunity to show off their academic accomplishments to their families and friends and members of the Augustana community.

Celebration participants can choose to present their research through a poster display or an oral presentation. Many students present the results of their senior inquiry project, a multiple-term research project required for most academic programs. Other students share Honors capstone projects or student-faculty research. Because of the advanced level of research involved, most of the presenters are upperclassmen.

Students from the local area who are participating in Celebration of Learning include:

Daniel Meden, a senior from Davenport, IA who is majoring in biology. Meden will be presenting
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project "
Which Birds Die from Striking Windows?
" in the
biology
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Students from the local area who are participating in Celebration of Learning include:

Sam Alvarado, a senior from Davenport, IA who is majoring in chemistry. Alvarado will be presenting her project "Synthesis of New Phosphine-Functionalized N-heterocyclic carbene Ligands" in the chemistry sector of the symposium.

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Michael Seevers, a senior from Cordova, IL who is majoring in geography. Seevers will be presenting his project "A Study to Determine the Highway Culverts in Upper Rock Island County, Illinois" in the geography sector of the symposium.

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Sara Michaletti, a senior from Rock Island, IL who is majoring in classics. Michaletti will be presenting her project "Latin Pedagogy" in the classics and theatre sector of the symposium.

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Luke Osborne, a senior from Moline, IL who is majoring in classics with a Latin emphasis. Osborne will be presenting his project "Plato's Republic and Symposium and Homer's Iliad and Odyssey" in the classics and theatre sector of the symposium.

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Steven Ash, a senior from Moline, IL who is majoring in physics. Ash will be presenting his project "A Study of Neutron-Rick Nuclei" in the poster sector of the symposium.

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Jacob McDowell, a senior from Rock Island, IL who is majoring in psychology. McDowell will be presenting his project "Morality and Patriotism: Predictors of Responses to Terrorism?" in the poster sector of the symposium.

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James Sales, a junior from Rock Island, IL who is majoring in biology. Sales will be presenting his project "Differences in Health Perceptions of Students" in the poster sector of the symposium.

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Alex Sieg, a senior from Bettendorf, IA who is majoring in biochemistry. Sieg will be presenting his project "The Annotation of N-acetyl-ornithine/N-acetyl-lysine deacetylase, AbpE Family Lipoprotein and 4F-4S Iron Sulfur Binding Domain pProtein from *Meiothermus ruber*" in the poster sector of the symposium.

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Henry Stauffenberg, a senior from Bettendorf, IA who is majoring in geology. Stauffenberg will be presenting his project "Another Step toward Answering the Dolomite Question" in the poster sector of the symposium.

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Sam Anderson, a junior from Rock Island, IL who is majoring in mathematics and computer science . Anderson will be presenting his project "Tournaments" in the mathematics sector of the symposium.

Anne Earel and Stefanie Bleumle, Augustana reference librarians and the event's co-directors, are glad that the Celebration of Learning provides an outlet for students to show off their accomplishments. "Not every student will be able to go to a conference somewhere off-campus," Earel said. "This provides an on-campus opportunity to be part of a professional scholarship community."

Leah Mortenson, a junior from Manhattan, KS, will present her analysis of the media used in a current environmental advocacy campaign. She believes the Celebration of Learning will give her the chance to show how she has grown, academically and personally, through her project. "Celebration of Learning opens up doors for sharing knowledge about various fields of study with peers who may have different perspectives and experiences than you," she said.

The event will begin with a keynote address by Caroline Skaggs Sallee '02. She double majored in economics and history at Augustana. Ms. Sallee is currently the director of Anderson Economic Group's Chicago Office, where she manages economic and public policy projects. Her address is entitled, "The Augustana Difference: How a Liberal Arts Education Prepared Me for the Real World."

For more information on the Celebration of Learning, please visit www.augustana.edu/celebration

About Augustana: Founded in 1860 and situated on a 115-acre campus near the Mississippi River, Augustana College is a private, liberal arts institution affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The college enrolls nearly 2,500 students from diverse geographic, social, ethnic and religious backgrounds and offers more than 70 majors and related areas of study. Augustana employs 287 faculty and has a student-faculty ratio of 11:1.

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Augustana continues to do what it has always done: challenge and prepare students for lives of leadership and service in our complex, ever-changing world.