



## Karina Huerta

**Majors:** Sociology (social welfare) and Spanish

**Minor:** Latin American studies

**Activities:** Latinx Unidos, Office of Multicultural Student Life, Phi Beta Kappa

**Internships:** Palomares Social Justice Center in Moline, Ill., and the Honorary Consulate of Mexico in Seville, Spain

**Post-grad plans:** Pursue a master's in social work at The University of Chicago

“Karina will leave a long-lasting impact at Augustana, and in my career as a professor. She is able to look at the large picture, finding specific ways in which complex social, political and economic processes affect people on the ground. Her hard work, a continued drive to better understand social processes, a balanced combination of flexibility and discipline, and a genuine interest in experiences and perspectives different from her own pave the way for Karina’s wonderful journey ahead.”

— Dr. Araceli Masterson-Algar, associate professor, WLLC-Spanish

## MORE THAN I IMAGINED 2017

SENIORS REFLECT ON ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND LOOK AHEAD

### Why Augustana?

I chose Augie because I went to a small high school, and I wanted the same environment for my undergraduate studies. I also needed to get away from the city, and I fell in love with the campus.

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

No, I was undecided about what I wanted to study. I never imagined that I was going to double major or that I was going to visit three countries (Spain, Portugal and Morocco).

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

My mother has supported me tremendously throughout my four years at Augie. Dr. Araceli Masterson-Algar and Dr. Sonia Zarco-Real have supported me inside and outside the classroom. Rebecca Marion-Flesch, Lucas Street and Samuel Payan helped me with the graduate school application process.

### A peak experience?

My independent study with Dr. Sonia Zarco-Real was one of my peak experiences at Augie. I was able to study the transnational relationships between Spain and Mexico! Another peak experience at Augie was creating my own survey questions for my sociology Senior Inquiry. I am looking forward to presenting both of my Senior Inquiry projects!

### What surprised you?

I learned so much about my personal identity at Augie, especially in my Spanish classes. Also, I learned that I love all of the social science classes!

### How did you use Augie Choice?

I used my Augie Choice to study abroad in Seville, Spain.

### What will you miss the most?

I will definitely miss going to my classes and learning new material from different fields. I will also miss seeing my professors and friends on campus.

### Advice for the Class of 2021?

Augustana provides you with many opportunities! Ask about these opportunities. Talk with your professors about your interests. There are a lot of wonderful people at Augustana who want to help you with your goals.