

KAY AUGUSTINE

Kay Augustine is a nationally recognized presenter, trainer, and consultant in the areas of leadership, ethics, character, generational diversity, positive youth development, and service-learning.

She's currently a project manager for the Institute on Community Integration at the University of Minnesota where she conducts training on the federally approved and research-based dropout prevention program "Check & Connect" and helps disabled youths with workforce issues.

Prior to joining the University of Minnesota, Augustine focused full-time on character development for 13 years, including ten as associate director of Drake University's Institute for Character Development. In this capacity, she provided leadership and training for school and community CHARACTER COUNTS! initiatives throughout Iowa. While at ICD, Augustine founded the Iowa Young Leaders of Character, a youth-adult partnership where youth train other youth. YLC integrates CC!, youth leadership, empowerment, and service-learning. For her efforts, Drake's School of Education honored her with a Distinguished Alumni Award.

Augustine has also been a contributing designer to Rotary's youth program curriculum, Moral Combat, and Film Clips for Character Education. She holds a master's of science degree in Education, a graduate concentration in Adult Training and Development, a specialist concentration in Education Leadership, and is currently a doctoral candidate at Drake University.

Augustine is the proud mom of two grown children and loves being Grandma to Grant and Grayson. She resides in Chaska, Minnesota.