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Greetings,

I hope this communication finds you all well and in great health. In my first year as principal at Andrews Academy, I have a "to do" list that stretches from the Commons area to Mr. Anderson's Industrial Arts classroom. I have so many things that I would like to see done, agenda items that I want to see passed, and updates that I want to get in place before any more time goes by. But, there is one thing I must realize and remind myself of: unless God is in charge of the agenda and direction, the vision is futile. Andrews Academy has such a rich history in producing academic scholars, leaders in multiple professional fields, and mission-minded individuals who will continue to do the work of our church. With our eyes and focus on Jesus Christ, we can be sure our endeavors will succeed, as He will take our agenda and create a masterpiece.

As we embark on this brand new school year, here are some of the highlights I would like to share with you:

- Andrews Academy continues to employ godly teachers who model Christ's character and who are intentional about focusing on offering quality classroom instruction.
- We are repaving the "drop-off loop" in front of the main building.
- During our "pre-session week," Gary Sudds (Lake Union Conference Superintendent of Education) led out in a week of spiritual emphasis.
- Faculty members attended a motivational education seminar conducted by Adolf Brown. What an inspirational way to start off the school year!

It is an honor and privilege to work in such a fantastic place with such wonderful students and staff. I look forward to coming to work every day to see how God is at work. These future Andrews Academy graduates have so much to offer our ever-changing world. It is my prayer that we will teach them to turn their agenda over to Jesus Christ, so that they can fulfill His plan for each of their lives.

Wishing you all the best,

Robert Overstreet :: Principal

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Campus Updates

NEW TECHNOLOGY AT ANDREWS ACADEMY

Technology has a habit of bringing out new and improved means of communication that often make older methods obsolete. Schools have used 16mm films, filmstrips, film loops, microfiche readers, slides, records, reel-to-reel tapes, 8-track tapes, audiocassettes, videocassettes, laser discs, typewriters, mimeograph machines and Thermofax, to name a few.

I remember Jim Nash asking in one technology committee when it was going to stop or slow down and I said that it was never going to do either. It was under former Principal McKenzie that each classroom was equipped with a 27" Zenith television and a VCR. This project took 2–3 years to complete and now it is time to complete the updating of each classroom with an LCD/projector for PowerPoint and Internet presentations as well as projecting video from DVDs. All classrooms have a projector available but most do not have them permanently mounted to the ceiling. The plan is to complete this project by the middle of this semester.

Every classroom will include the projector, DVD player, mount and cabling, a small sound system, and a means of controlling the teacher's office computer from the classroom. The latter will be accomplished either by a reverse switch or a wireless keyboard/mouse combination. The primary funding for this project comes from alumni donations. Most teachers would love to have their own classroom laptops to use for this, but this has not been possible to include in the project.

Plans are also underway to purchase two or more portable, interactive whiteboards for classroom use. In fact, starting this week (September 11) we will have the use of a SMART board for several weeks to see how it would fit into departmental instruction. Alumni donations are designated for this project as well. Some experimenting will also be done with the remote, as this inexpensive device can do some of the things that an interactive whiteboard can do at a significantly lower investment.

—Alan Anderson



ANDREWS ACADEMY GYMNASIUM UPGRADES

Over the course of the last couple of years alumni have been donating funds to upgrade the Andrews Academy gymnasium. As funds came in, several different projects were completed. The basketball courts have added pads for the backboards and protective wall pads behind the baskets. The senior class of 2010 gave a new scoreboard as their class gift. New fluorescent lighting was also installed this past summer with the help of alumni and friends. We hope to sand, reline and refinish the entire gym floor in the near future.

Work on the fitness center in the gym mezzanine has been an exciting process. We now have a state-of-the-art fitness club which includes: new rubber flooring, five spin bikes, three recumbent bikes, three elliptical trainers, four treadmills, 11 commercial weight machines, two pull-up bars, a low climbing wall, an entertainment center which includes a plasma screen with an Xbox Kinect gaming system, chairs and end tables, a drinking water station, and netting and gates to enclose the entire fitness club. The Fitness Club is open for students on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30–5 p.m. Students can come and have supervised workouts or just hang out after school.

We are excited about what we have and are looking forward to more alumni and parent involvement. Andrews Academy is proud to provide a place where we can encourage lifelong fitness for our students and community.

—John Reichert

DID YOU KNOW THAT MORE THAN

16,000

square feet of flooring was waxed this summer in preparation for the new school year?



Academy Highlights



PHOTO CAPTIONS: (top to bottom) Mr. White, Teaching chemistry, Mr. White day at the Academy

Farewell Mr. White

Mr. White served for five years as vice principal of Andrews Academy from 2002–2007 under Mr. Chase, the principal, and during the past four years as principal. When he arrived on campus in the fall of 1976, Mr. White taught Algebra I, Algebra II, introduction to algebra, geometry and chemistry to students at AA. Although many students find mathematics and chemistry beyond their ken, Mr. White has always been accessible for a word of encouragement and help with a problem.

In fact, his help sessions conducted every Wednesday evening at the “White House” have lifted the veil on the mysteries of these challenging subjects. As if his work in the classroom and help sessions at his home were not enough, Mr. White was known to interrupt his responsibilities as principal to explain congruent triangles or how to apply the Pythagorean Theorem to a mystified scholar.

Neither students nor teachers at Andrews Academy wear uniforms, but it might be said that Mr. White did: On almost any given day, newcomers to the building could spot a man in a suit, wearing a necktie with an oversized Windsor knot tied somewhat higher than accepted GQ practice would allow. The piece de resistance to the White wear, however, was the White sneakers.

Mr. White’s self-sacrificing lifestyle, worthy of emulation though it is, has always been inimitable. He was demanding without being imperious, tireless without being tiresome, kind without being indulgent, and genuinely Christian without being unctuous.

In his math and chemistry classes, Mr. White instructed students, “Always show your ‘work,’” the flow of equations and factoring which show how the students derived the answer.

On one such occasion—perhaps the only occasion—Mr. White was less than calm. A senior who had still not mastered the intricacies of Algebra I was taking a unit test. This less-than-ambitious senior had received additional “help” from an outside source. He returned to Mr. White, handed him the paper, and was about to depart. Mr. White surveyed the nearly naked paper that only showed the answers.

His voice nearly screeched, “The work! You haven’t shown the work!” White’s instinct was correct: When asked to explain how he had derived the answers, the red-faced student was speechless and had to retake the test.

Mr. White made no exceptions in regard to this dictum, and he applied it to himself as well. He always showed his work, and the work showed the quality of the man. It will be difficult in the years ahead to imagine an Andrews Academy without the stamp his magnanimous spirit has left behind.

—Tom Baker

Hello Mr. Overstreet

Let's give a warm welcome to Robert L. Overstreet, our new Andrews Academy principal. With more than 15 years of teaching and administrative experience under his belt, Overstreet aspires to create a positive, Christ-centered experience for academy students as he begins his position for the 2011–12 school year.

"We are thrilled to attract an energetic, visionary leader like Mr. Overstreet to Andrews Academy," said Brent Geraty, chair of the Andrews Academy Operating Board. "We believe he will be able to help the Academy fulfill its mission in new and exciting ways."

The second-born child in a family of four boys, Overstreet grew up in Minnesota before moving to the south for his 6th-grade year. He attended both public and private institutions throughout his elementary school life and considers his public school experience "truly an eye opener of what the world was like."

When it was time for him to enter high school, Overstreet enrolled at Georgia Cumberland Academy (GCA) and began "probably the best of all my growing-up years," he says. "I grew so much as a person and as a Christian. I give so much credit to the teachers who showed so much love and patience to such an obstinate young man."

Following four years at GCA, Overstreet felt God was calling him to teach. He attended Southern College (now Southern Adventist University) and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in health and physical education. More importantly, it was at Southern where he met his wife-to-be, Tammy. Tammy is now an award-winning elementary teacher. The Overstreets have two daughters: Laura and Rebecca. Laura is a high school junior and is attending Andrews Academy. Rebecca is in the seventh grade at RMES. Overstreet's favorite hobbies are golf, woodworking projects and spending time with his family.

Overstreet also holds a Master of Arts in education from the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga. For the past 15 years, he has worked as a teacher and principal at both the elementary and high school levels in the Seventh-day Adventist system. He also holds three years of training in co-active coaching and Christian leadership and was the vice-principal at Forest Lake Education Center, Longwood, Fla., before accepting the principal position at Andrews Academy.

"My passion in life is to grow leaders for Christ," he says. "I feel that as educators, we must model Jesus' leadership style while He was here on earth. I love to work with young people and be the example that Christ calls each of us to be. I feel so humbled by the opportunity to do His work and am thankful to do so."

—Keri Suarez, media relations specialist, IMC



Q&A WITH PRINCIPAL OVERSTREET

Q: Will you be introducing uniforms?

A: Although I am a huge fan of uniforms—and all the benefits they can bring—there would have to be strong support from parents to make that change a reality.

Q: What is new with the sports program?

A: Discussions have been held about the possibility of creating an interscholastic sports program. There are those who both strongly support and oppose this option. No final decisions have been made at this time.

Q: What updates do you have planned?

A: I believe that the appearance of our school should be a representation of its excellence. Our plans for the future include: repaving the parking lot, installing a new roof, updating the common area and remodeling the bathrooms. Already some work is underway, made possible, in part, by donations received from alumni.

Q: How is the new school year going?

A: The atmosphere of the school is one of peace. Teachers have remarked that the school year has started very smoothly, with a feeling of organization and structure. Students have a clear understanding of expectations, and have already enjoyed several school outings.

Academy Highlights



Mr. Boward Retires

Music teacher Dean Boward's announcement about his plan to retire at the end of the 2010–2011 school year might have struck a melancholy note for many, but his 20 years of service in the Andrews Academy and Ruth Murdoch Elementary communities will remain a memorable part of many students' educational experience.

Some remember him for his patience, some for his knack of picking good music that made practicing and performing fun, but most remember him for his friendship and good nature.

Relationship, combined with plenty of hard work, was the cornerstone of Boward's teaching philosophy. "I enjoyed watching students grow in their musical ability," he said, adding that he especially enjoyed getting to know new "generations of students, as children of former students came into my classroom."

During his time at AA, Boward directed orchestra, band, handbells, men's and women's chorus, chorale and Silhouettes, the Andrews Academy performing choir. His groups occasionally traveled far afield, visiting such destinations as St. Louis, Philadelphia and the Chicago area. One of his fondest career recollections was playing on the steps of the Capitol building with Broadview Academy during Band Tour '88.

Boward also enjoyed traveling with his groups to area churches, and he covered every one of them over the years. Those visits provided a unique opportunity to witness through music and to expose his students to a variety of performance situations.

Among his accomplishments, Boward received the Zapara Excellence in Teaching Award in 1989. He was also a charter member of the Midwest Handbell Clinic in Toledo, Ohio, a program he was instrumental in growing from three participating schools to 11 schools and more than 150 students.

His greatest accomplishments, however, are in the lives of his students. "Students will come back and say 'thank you'" Boward said. "That's the most rewarding part of teaching—more rewarding than a monetary gift."

Boward's love for the students is evident in his return to AA as a study hall supervisor. "I knew I would miss the students; study halls are a plus because I get to be with the kids," he said.

With a little more time to call his own, Boward plans to enjoy some time traveling with his wife, Dorothy. Where first?

"We're just going to play it by ear," he said.

—David VanDenburgh

PHOTO CAPTIONS: (top to bottom) Mr. Boward, Bell Choir, performing with Chorale at Feast of Lights.



PHOTO CAPTIONS: (left to right) Hector Flores, Byron Graves, Mr. Flores and Mr. Graves performing



A New Music Duo

Andrews Academy and Ruth Murdoch Elementary School are collaborating in a reinvented music education program. Following a nationwide search, Hector Flores of Blue Mountain Adventist Academy and Byron Graves of Great Lakes Adventist Academy have been selected to lead this new integrated program between the University-owned elementary and secondary schools. Flores will lead the choirs and orchestras while Graves will lead the bands and bell choirs.

“I am pleased that we have been able to attract two of the best and brightest music educators in the nation to come to Berrien Springs,” says Brent Geraty, Andrews Academy Board chair. “Both Andrews Academy and Ruth Murdoch Elementary School have invested more resources in the music programs than in recent years and are committed to providing a high-quality music education for students. Our students, our schools and our community are going to benefit from Mr. Flores and Mr. Graves’s musicianship.”

This will be a homecoming for Hector Flores, who brings 32 years of teaching and conducting experience to this new role. Flores holds a Bachelor of Music and Master of Music, both from Andrews University. He has taught at Montemorelos University in Mexico, Antillean Adventist University in Puerto Rico and, most recently, Blue Mountain Academy in Pennsylvania. He has conducted a number of orchestras, including the San German Symphony Orchestra and the Mayaguez Symphony Orchestra, both in Puerto Rico, to name a few. In addition, Flores has either led or participated in a dozen tours or music festivals, both domestic and international.

Byron Graves will be returning to schools, both Andrews Academy and Ruth Murdoch Elementary School, where he already has previous teaching experience. Most recently, Graves has worked as the band director for Cedar Lake Elementary School in Cedar Lake, Mich. while concurrently working as chair of the Music Department and a director/instructor for Great Lakes Adventist Academy, also located in Cedar Lake, Mich. His professional background includes expertise in teaching music theory, history and appreciation courses, as well as years of experience providing private music lessons. He is an accomplished clarinet player.

“Music education in elementary school develops students’ minds and abilities, and puts students on a path towards success in high school and college,” says David Waller, principal of Ruth Murdoch Elementary School. “This new collaboration with Andrews Academy and Andrews University makes use of the combined resources of both institutions to give added strength to our program at RMES. I am looking forward to a great year next year as we continually look to improve our students’ education and experience.”

—Keri Suarez, media relations specialist, IMC

Congratulations Mr. Atkins!

Steven Atkins has taught at Andrews Academy since 1993. His passion for science combined with encouragement of scholastic achievement has prepared hundreds of students for college. During the Andrews Academy Commencement service on May 29, Atkins was given the Alumni Award for Excellence in Education in recognition of his service.

The Alumni Awards Foundation has promoted excellence in Adventist education since 1996. Every year, they acknowledge ten teachers from the North American Division who show an exemplary commitment to outstanding education.

And Atkins' commitment is extraordinary. In addition to teaching earth science and biology, he is also licensed to teach chemistry and algebra. During his time at Andrews Academy, he instituted the senior portfolio as a requirement for graduation. College preparedness begins early in Atkins' classes: as a part of his earth science class, freshmen begin assembling their portfolios. In this subtle way, Atkins encourages each student to begin thinking about college, encouraging higher education. He also shares his lab notes with teachers across the country and students throughout the years recall that he draws spiritual teachings from the day's lesson. On top of all that, he sends out regular "AA Updates" to current students, alumni and parents.

Cleon White, the former principal of Andrews Academy, nominated Atkins for the award in early February. The Alumni Awards Foundation receives hundreds of nominations each year, which are then separated into tiers. Melissa Cechota, communications coordinator, noted Atkins' nomination and statement of purpose stood out to her. "He represents what makes Adventist education successful." Atkins' emphasis on college preparedness also stood out: "He elevates the sciences in [Andrews] Academy to serious levels of academic achievement."

Brent Geraty, Andrews Academy Board chair (left), presented the Alumni Award for Excellence in Education to Steven Atkins (right) at the Andrews Academy Commencement on Sunday, May 29. (Photo by IMC photographer Darren Heslop)

"On a scale of one to ten where ten is the highest," said Cleon White, "I'd give him an 11." On behalf of the Alumni Awards Foundation, Andrews Academy Board Chair Brent Geraty presented Atkins with a medallion and \$2,000 for his own use.

Upon presentation, he received a standing ovation. "It's a joy to work at the Academy and to be able to tell people about God for my job is the greatest thing," says Atkins.

Following the Alumni Awards presentation, Geraty announced the creation of a new award in honor of Cleon White: the Cleon White Servant Leadership Award, presented yearly to a senior who shows qualities of humble, dedicated service. The first Cleon White Servant Leadership Award will be presented at the 2012 Andrews Academy Commencement.

—Samantha Snively, student writer, IMC



Representing AA

Motivational speaker and businessman Price Pritchett is reputed to have observed that “change always comes bearing gifts.”

This has certainly proved true at Andrews Academy, where we recently had the pleasure of welcoming Krista Metzger into the academy family as part of our office staff team. Krista, an '88 alumna of Andrews Academy, formerly served as alumni secretary and has now taken on the position of principal's secretary to Mr. Overstreet, replacing long-time receptionist Gracie Gaytan. Happily, “Miss Gracie” remains on staff as our newly promoted office manager after a six-year stint as secretary. Jan Pickett also comes on board as the new Andrews Academy alumni secretary. While we are delighted with these positive additions to our staff, we must also gratefully acknowledge the years of devoted and efficient service that Virginia Nachreiner, retiring office manager, has given to AA.

Mrs. Nachreiner, who first joined the office team in 1995, has played an integral role in handling every aspect of office business and she will be sorely missed. We wish her many happy years of enjoyment in her retirement, and thank her profusely for her contributions to Andrews Academy. We appreciate the “gifts” all these women bring as they engage our academy families, and serve as the “face” of AA to our community.

—Rebecca Wright



Left–right: Gracie Gaytan, Virginia Nachreiner, Jan Pickett, Krista Metzger



Say hello to 225 Andrews Academy students!

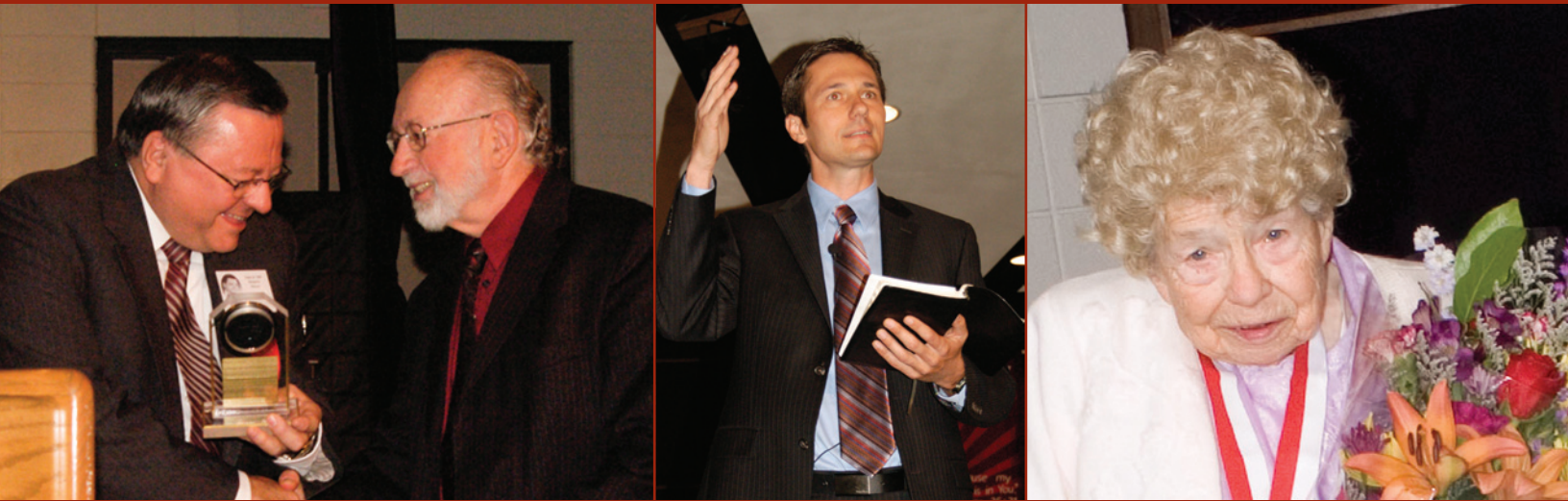


2011–2012 FACULTY & STAFF

Front Row (left–right): Keila Sanchez, Carrie Chao, Krista Metzger, Gina Pellegrini, Richard Wright, Robert Overstreet, Patricia Banks, Tamara James, Sari Butler, Graciela Gaytan, Rebecca Wright, Lynette Quinty

Back Row (left–right): David VanDenburgh, Hector Flores, Thomas Baker, Byron Graves, David Sherman, Alvin Glassford, John Reichert, Alan Anderson, Steve Atkins. Not pictured: Jan Pickett

2010 Alumni Reunion



2010 Honored Classes

1936, 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006

The 2010 Alumni Weekend was hosted October 17–18, 2010. It began with Convocation in the chapel for the current academy students. Greg Schaller ('76), shared his testimony of being converted from a life far from God to a life of service for Jesus Christ. He told of an experience he had one night when he was convinced that Christ was going to come and he was not ready. After careful soul searching and understanding a bit better God's purpose for his existence on Earth, he made a decision to follow Christ all of the way. He used the analogy that just as they drilled a shaft perfectly into the mountain to save the miners in Chile, Christ drills a shaft right into our hearts. All we have to do is say yes to salvation. When we say yes, He does the rest.

Following the Convocation, the annual Career Seminars featured alumni speakers on topics such as law, vitreo-retinal specialty, communication, cardiovascular X-ray, pastoring and missions, art, dentistry, architecture, air ambulance, social work, and more. Students were given the opportunity to attend any two of the topics presented.

Friday evening Vespers was presented by the Class of '76 coordinated by Judy (Curry) Nowak ('76). The guest speaker was Alumnus of the Year Dr. Benjamin Schoun ('66). The prelude and special music was presented by the Hallelujah Brass Quintet: Stanley Smith ('71) & Yves Clouzet ('02)—*Trumpets*, Elsy Galladrdo-Diaz—*Horn*, Mickey Kutzner—*Trombone*, Jerry Thayer—*Tuba*.

The Sabbath morning alumni proceedings were led by Daniel Bacchiocchi ('85), Andrews Academy Alumni Board president and assisted by Cleon White, principal (Faculty

'76–'81,'84–present), Thomas Baker (Faculty '76–present, John Reichert ('82 and Faculty '87–present) for the Alumni Roll Call in the Richard T. Orrison Chapel. Honor Classes were recognized by having each class stand. In some cases, honored classes were asked to come to the front to be recognized. The Alumnus of the Year Citation was handed out by Cleon White and Chairman of the Board Lyndon Furst to Benjamin Schoun.

The worship service devotional meditation, entitled "Choose Life," was presented by Jim Moon ('91). The service included the traditional special music, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," by the Alumni Silhouette Choir with more than 40 former Silhouettes joining the current choir. Numerous alumni participated with scripture, prayer and special music. The service concluded with the Heritage Blessing, "The Lord Bless You and Keep You," sung by the entire congregation.

Following the worship service a dinner was provided. Alumni packed the Academy Commons and hallways enjoying a wonderful potluck meal prepared by local alumni. Once again, we thank Melinda (Boothby) Smith, ('79) and many other volunteers for their assistance.

The traditional Shydepoke flag football game occurred at Sylvester Field in Berrien Springs. The female alumni vs. students game was won by the alumni. The male alumni vs. students was a very close game with alumni as the winners.

A big thank you to the Homecoming reunion committee and countless other volunteers for making this alumni weekend such a great success.



2010 Alumnus of the Year :: Dr. Benjamin Schoun

Benjamin Schoun was born on June 2, 1948, to Benjamin and Mary Schoun. As an academy student his thirst for world ministry was evident early on. He was elected as the Student Association pastor and was instrumental in many student-led religious activities throughout his high school experience.

Following his graduation from Andrews Academy (AUA) in 1966, Schoun continued his educational pursuits with a BA in theology in 1970, and a Master of Divinity, summa cum laude, in June of 1973 from Andrews University. He married his wife Carol in August of 1970 and they have one child. He completed his Doctor of Ministry at Andrews University in 1982. Schoun was ordained at the Illinois Camp Meeting in June of 1976, while serving as the pastor of the Prairie View Church in Illinois.

For 14 years, Schoun served in the ministerial field throughout the United States and Canada. He was a literature evangelist, camp director, pastor, and assistant professor at Canadian Union College, before taking the position of assistant professor of church leadership and administration at the Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in the fall of 1985. He served there, including in the roles of associate dean and Master of Divinity program director, until 1998. He went on to serve as president of the Northern New England and Atlantic Union Conferences before becoming president of Adventist World Radio in January 2002.

Schoun has authored several books and an impressive variety of articles in religious journals over the past 40 years. He has been a member of numerous taskforce

teams, think tanks, consultation teams and visitation teams for the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists.

At the recent 59th General Conference Session, Schoun was elected as a general vice president, where his duties will include becoming the new chair of Adventist World Radio's board. He will also be chairing the boards of Andrews University and the International Board of Theological Education; and serving as vice chair of the boards of Hope TV and *Adventist Review/Adventist World*.

Due to his distinguished roles in Adventist ministries throughout his career, we are honored to name Dr. Benjamin Schoun the 2010 alumnus of the year.



Find out more about the 2010 Alumni Reunion online at:

www.andrews.edu/aa/alumni/reunions/2010

2010 Reunion Class Photos



Class of 1951



Class of 1956



Class of 1971



Class of 1976



Class of 1991



Class of 1996



Class of 1961



Class of 1966



Class of 1981



Class of 1986



Class of 2001

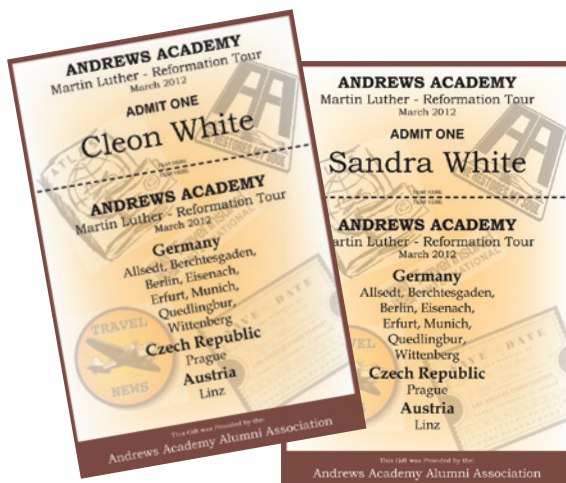


Class of 2006

Alumni Giving & Association



Cleon White and his wife, Sandra, at their farewell reception—along with Brent Geraty, Niels-Erik Andreasen, Andrea Luxton and Dean & Dorothy Boward.



AA ALUMNI FUNDRAISER 2011

In appreciation for numerous years of tireless dedicated service, the AA Alumni Association Committee has chosen to direct the 2011–2012 Alumni Fundraising campaign towards the gift of travel for recently retired principal Cleon White and his wife, Sandra.

When Mr. White announced his retirement, the Alumni Association discussed ways how we could say thank you for his service and dedication. Those who had the privilege of interacting with Mr. White know firsthand how tirelessly and humbly he worked to make AA the best it could be. We wanted to give something that he would not normally give himself. And since it had been reported that on an AA education trip to Quebec, Canada, Mr. White said to his wife, “Enjoy this trip for this is the closest we will ever be able to get to Europe,” we felt a trip to Europe was the logical choice!

The Alumni Association searched diligently for a European trip the Whites could participate in and not be burdened with excessive planning, coordinating and hiking. After almost giving up, we found out that AA had a Reformation Education tour to Europe next spring, conducted by Tom Baker.

This tour presented us with an outstanding opportunity to send the Whites on a trip where everything is planned for them, they will be surrounded by people they know and love, and have the freedom to choose what activities they wish to participate in.

The trip will occur in March 2012 and visit points of interest in Germany, Austria and the Czech Republic. The cost of the trip (including airfare, hotel and food) is \$2,800 per person for a total of \$5,600. Tax deductible donations for this campaign may be sent directly to Andrews Academy (memo: Alumni Campaign).

Alumni Association Committee Elections

The Andrews Academy Alumni Association was created in the fall of 2009. Our mission has been to: “... advance the religious, educational, financial, recruitment and development interests of Andrews Academy and its students.”

The Association Committee is comprised of eight members with two-year terms. These terms are staggered so four members rotate off each year.

We will be collecting nominations for the four expiring positions until the end of AA Homecoming, October 16, 2011. The terms will be for two years and we are able to conference in members who may be located at a distance from AA. Please send your nominations to: acadalum@andrews.edu.

Online balloting will be available via the AA/Alumni website from October 17, 2011 until October 23, 2011.

CURRENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

President: Daniel Bacchiocchi, '85, term expires 2012
Executive Secretary: Dena Umek, '69, term expires 2012
Treasurer: R. Debbie Weithers, '82, term expiring
Committee Members:

Ed Vitrano, '69, term expires 2012
Judy (Curry) Nowack, '76, term expires 2012
Tonya (Hippler) Snyder, '96, term expiring
Don Damron, '76, term expiring
Dana Wales, '82, term expiring



THE RICHARD T. ORRISON ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by Andrews Academy alumni and friends in recognition of the significant contributions made by Dr. Richard T. Orrison as principal of Andrews Academy, 1972–1991. It was under his leadership that a new facility was designed and constructed; academic, cocurricular and spiritual programs were reorganized; bringing the academy model school recognition during the 1984–85 and 1990–91 school years. Income from the investment provides tuition grants to needy and worthy students enrolled at the Academy.

Look for a tribute to Dr. Orrison's years of service at Andrews Academy in the 2012 spring edition of the *Continuum*.

Remembering Dr. Richard T. Orrison

Richard T. Orrison, 78, passed away September 7, 2011, at home with his family in Benton Harbor, Mich.

Orrison was born on May 29, 1933, in Takoma Park, Md., the youngest of the seven children of Roger Lee Sr. and Kathryn Lorraine (Tayman) Orrison. He was an alumnus of Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, Va. An educator by profession, Orrison received his bachelor's degree from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va., master's degree from the University of Redlands in Redlands, Calif., and Doctor of Education from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colo.

During his career, Orrison worked as a teacher and school administrator serving at every educational level from elementary grades through graduate school. His career extended over 54 years, 37 of which were associated with Andrews University in Berrien Springs. For 19 years he served as principal of Andrews Academy and he concluded his full-time career as professor of teacher education in the Andrews University School of Education.

In 1965, Orrison married Sharon Lee Porter in Riverside, Calif. They have three sons: Richard T. Jr. (Sherry) of Granger, Ind., Robert T. (Carri) of Silver Spring, Md., and Ryan T. (Melissa) of Saint Joseph, Mich. His beloved grandchildren include Clarissa, Ethan, Christine, Reese, Nicholus and Rowan Orrison. In addition to his wife, his sons and their families, Orrison is survived by two sisters, Jean E. Trunnell of Potomac, Md., and Laurette K. Lutz of Berrien Springs, Mich., and 30 nieces and nephews.

Orrison was preceded in death by his parents, Roger Sr. and Kathryn; two brothers, James and Roger Jr.; and his two sisters, Nancy and Sarah.

A tribute service was held in the Richard T. Orrison Chapel on September 9, 2011, and a memorial service was held at Pioneer Memorial Church on September 10, 2011. Online messages to the family may be left online at www.allredfuneralhome.com.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Richard T. Orrison Endowment Fund at Andrews Academy.

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INDIVIDUAL CLASS EVENTS

Planning is underway for this year's individual class events. If you would like to include an activity or event, please contact our office at 269-471-6140 or acadalum@andrews.edu.

Class of 1962 › Sabbath: Potluck lunch at Andrews Academy in Room A-61

Class of 1982 › Contact Debbie Weithers: 574-276-1750, rdw@andrews.edu

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HONORED CLASSES: 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:30 a.m.–noon Alumni Convocation/Career Seminars
Speaker: Dr. Mary Ann (Kimmel) McNeilus, '62

12 p.m. Appreciation Luncheon for
Career Seminar Participants

5–6 p.m. Alumni Association Assembly

6 p.m. Registration

6–6:45 p.m. *Continuum* Reception

7:15 p.m. Vespers—Jennifer LaMountain, former faculty

SABBATH, OCTOBER 15

9 a.m. Registration (Academy Gym)

9–9:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast

10 a.m. Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. Alumni Proceedings & Roll Call

11:15 a.m. Convocation—Glenn Poole II, '87

12:30 p.m. Honor Class Photographs

12:30 p.m. Alumni Fellowship luncheons

8 p.m. Shydepoke—Sylvester Field

JOIN US FOR A FELLOWSHIP DINNER ›

Local alumni are asked to provide two generous dishes that serve 12 guests each. Drop them off when you arrive Sabbath morning, October 15. Alumni with last names A-L bring entrée/vegetable; M-Z bring entrée/dessert.

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