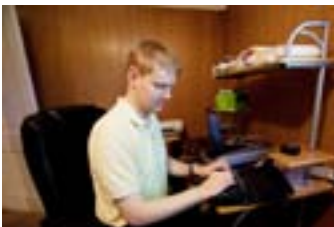


First Blind PhD Graduates from the Seminary

Ray McAllister of Berrien Springs, Mich., has become the first completely blind student to graduate with a PhD in Religion from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. What's more, according to the Society of Biblical Literature and National Federation for the Blind, Ray may be the first blind doctoral student to ever tackle a degree so heavily dependent upon Biblical languages including Akkadian, Hebrew, Greek and even Cuneiform.



Ray was born in 1975 with a degenerative eye condition known as Peter's Anomaly. At the age of five, one eye was removed. Then, at the age of 12, his one "good" eye finally died, resulting in total blindness. He had a passion for education, eventually graduating from a mainstream high school and earning three higher education degrees: a Bachelor of Theology, a Master of Divinity and a PhD in Religion.

It was in the spring of the year 2000, Ray decided to pursue a doctorate. Ten years later, on August 1, 2010, Ray walked across the stage to receive his diploma, making history for himself, Andrews University and for the blind community.

To read more about Ray McAllister visit andrews.edu/news/2010/08/ray_mcallister.html

Pacific Press® Convenes Constituency Meeting

Pacific Press® Publishing Association constituency members convened for their quinquennial meeting August 12. During chapel, board chair Lowell Cooper brought greetings to the management and staff from Elder Ted Wilson, president of the world church of Seventh-day Adventists, in which Elder Wilson reinforced his commitment to the publishing work.

The management report detailed four areas in which Pacific Press® has focused its best efforts since the previous constituency meeting. This report also noted several significant statistics.

The constituency voted in a 28-member board, with emphasis given to including strong representation from among the laity, specifically drawing on individuals with expertise in business or related publishing fields. It also voted to reappoint the management team which consists of Dale Galusha, president; Don Upson, vice president of finance; Chuck Bobst, vice president production; Doug Church, vice president marketing and sales; and Jerry D. Thomas, vice president product development.

To read more information about this constituency meeting visit tinyurl.com/2bo9not

150th Anniversary of "Seventh-day Adventist"

October 2

For more information visit
www.150SDA.org

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The annual Society of Adventist Communicators convention set for October 14 -16 will be in Rochester, New York.
adventistcommunicator.org

Arminianism & Adventism

Celebrating Our Soteriological Heritage
October 14-17, 2010.
Information & registration:
www.andrews.edu/arminianism

Andrews Only Adventist Institution on Forbes 2010 America's Best Colleges

Forbes.com's 2010 list of "America's Best Colleges" has ranked Andrews University as No. 446 out of 610 of "the best public and private colleges and universities – from the student's point of view." Andrews is the only Seventh-day Adventist institution to make the list. This also puts Andrews among the top seven percent nationally of all accredited higher education institutions.



This is the third annual ranking compilation of "America's Best Colleges" by Forbes and the Center for College Affordability and Productivity. A select group of more than 600 undergraduate institutions are evaluated based on the quality of the education they provide, the experience of the students and how much they achieve. More than ten factors were used in compiling and creating the rankings including student satisfaction, postgraduate success, student debt, four-year graduation rate, and competitive awards.

Schools in Fierce Contention for \$500,000 Grant

In celebration of Kohl's Cares® 10th anniversary, Kohls is donating \$500,000 to 20 schools each for a total of \$10 million. To cast your vote for an Adventist school, go to apps.facebook.com/KohlsCares/ <<http://apps.facebook.com/KohlsCares/>> .

Two Adventist schools are in the top 100: Mount Ellis Academy (Bozeman, MT) and Upper Columbia Academy (Spangle, WA).

Annual Abuse Prevention Emphasis Day (APED) August 28

This year for the annual APED, Women's Ministries is collaborating with ADRA's **enditnow** campaign to end violence against women and girls. The initial goal of **enditnow** is to collect 1 million signatures to present to the United Nations in October, to make it clear that Adventists want the violence to end now.

To download a suggested Sabbath program with sermon, children's story, and PowerPoint presentation entitled, "God's Holy Temple: To Protect and Respect," visit nadwm.org/article.php?id=39

In addition, you can go to www.enditnow.org to download the **enditnow** petition forms, a sample video trailer and other resources. Petition signatures could be collected in the foyer of the church, especially on APED, or in the community at any time.

For Ministry Professionals

The city of Chicago provides the backdrop for the 2011 Urban Ministry Cohort in the Doctor of Ministry program. A short distance from the Andrews campus, this thriving dynamic and complex city offers the resources for the intended transformational learning experience. Participants will engage in an immersion in the life of the city. The biannual conference of the Chicago-based Seminary Consortium for Urban Pastoral Education will provide enrichment to the intensive experience. Apply before December 1! Call 1-888-717-6244 or email dmin@andrews.edu

Crossroads of Peril and Promise a National Summit on Adventist Education
October 20-23 to register visit www.lasierra.edu/NationalSummit or call 951.785.2266

Celebration of Creation
October 22-23
Andrews University's Pioneer Memorial Church.
For more information visit fcsda.org or contact info@grisda.org

Youth Leadership Development Summit
October 22-24
in Andrews University
Sponsored by The Center for Youth Evangelism
www.adventistyouth.org/yld/