



Andrews University Commencement Weekend

Andreasen Center for Wellness
Berrien Springs, Michigan
July 31–Aug. 2, 2026

Inclusion of a candidate's name in this Commencement booklet may not be used as evidence of having completed the requirements for the degree for which he/she is listed.

An official list of graduates will be posted on the Andrews University website.

PRESIDENT'S CHARGE

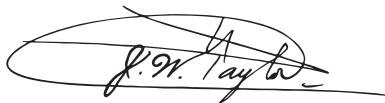
Andrews graduates, this moment marks a significant milestone in your journey, one that represents your determination and a deep commitment to God and His plans for your lives.

Today we are gathered at the crossroads of the past and the future. You have embarked on a transforming experience during your time at Andrews University. Through the corridors of this institution, and through study opportunities and service beyond, you have pursued God-inspired paths that have equipped you with knowledge, skills and values. Here, you have encountered a community that has challenged you to place God at the center of your life and learning.

As you move beyond these halls, I invite you to embrace the opportunities and challenges ahead with unwavering enthusiasm. Remember that you are not alone. Draw strength from the support you have found in your Andrews University family, and above all, place your trust firmly in the guiding presence of God. Your faith has been forged and fortified within these walls. Carry that faith with you, illuminating the path of a purposeful and meaningful life.

Today I charge you, graduating class of Andrews University, to go forth as powerful channels of God's love, wisdom and grace. Be the leaders, innovators and World Changers that this world so desperately needs—committed to overcoming obstacles, surmounting challenges and leaving an indelible mark for God on this world.

May your journey ahead be filled with purpose, fulfillment and unparalleled success, accompanied by divine blessing, abundant joy and unwavering faith.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. W. Taylor", is written over a large, light-colored oval shape.

VESPERS
Faith That Moves the World
Class of 2026

July 31, 2026, 8 p.m.
Pioneer Memorial Church

Prelude

Scripture & Prayer

David Gonzalez Correa

Welcome to Parents and Guests

Jonathan Fetrick
University Chaplain

Tribute to University (Class Gift Presentation)

Class of 2026

Student Reflections

Special Music

“He is Exalted”
Ricardo Navarro, MA, guitar

Twila Paris
Arr. Ricardo Navarro

Presentation of Stoles

Esther Knott
Interim Assistant to the President for
Mission & Culture

Dedication

John Wesley Taylor V
President

Postlude

BACCALAUREATE

Aug. 1, 2026, 11:45 a.m.
Pioneer Memorial Church

Opening Music	“O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing”	Healey Willan
Processional	“Lift High the Cross”	Donald Busarow
Welcome		John Wesley Taylor V President
Hymn of Praise	“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”	No. 27
Congregational Prayer		Bordes Henry Saturné Vice President for Strategic Enrollment, Marketing & Communication
Worship in Music	“Sweet Hour of Prayer” Ricardo Navarro, MA, guitar	William B. Bradbury Arr. Ricardo Navarro
Tithe & Offerings		Prescott Khair Associate Chaplain
Offertory	“Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart”	Kenneth Logan
Scripture	John 1:1–5, 14 (<i>New King James Version</i>)	Cristina Wilson Admissions Coordinator, School of Rehabilitation Sciences
Hymn of Meditation	“Be Thou My Vision”	No. 547
Introduction of Speaker		Artur Stele Andrews University Board Chair
Baccalaureate Sermon	“The Balance of Christ”	Erton Köhler President of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
Hymn of Commissioning	“Go Forth, Go Forth With Christ”	No. 377
Benediction		Ronald Knott Andrews University Alumnus
Recessional	“Dialogue”	Gilbert Martin
Closing Music	“Choral Song”	Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Organist: Kenneth D. Logan, Adjunct Professor of Music
Marshal: Brendan Cross, Associate Professor of Physics

COMMENCEMENT
College of Arts & Sciences
College of Health & Human Services
College of Professions

Aug. 2, 2026, 8:30 a.m.
Andreasen Center for Wellness

Opening Voluntary	"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" "Prelude"	Max Reger Fanny Mendelssohn
Processional	"Crown Imperial" The Marshal for the Colleges and Schools The Candidates for Degrees and Diplomas: College of Arts & Sciences College of Health & Human Services College of Professions The Grand Marshal The Faculties of the University The President and His Party	William Walton
Invocation		Khonnah Weithers Assistant Professor of Nursing
Welcome		Anthony Bosman Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences Emmanuel Rudatsikira Dean of the College of Health & Human Services Carmelita Troy Associate Professor of Accounting
Scripture	John 14:12 (<i>New Living Translation</i>)	Carey Carscallen Professor Emeritus of Architecture
Musical Selection	"Mazurka, Op. 81, No. 1" Carla Trynchuk, Professor of Music, violin Kenneth Logan, Adjunct Professor of Music, piano	Jean Sibelius
Conferring of Honors and Awards		John Wesley Taylor V President Artur Stele Andrews University Board Chair
Commencement Address	"Greater Works"	Monica Reed Regional President & CEO for AdventHealth Great Lakes Region and President & CEO of UChicago Medicine AdventHealth

Conferring of Degrees

The President Presiding
Wagner Kuhn
Chief Academic Officer

Presentation of Diplomas

Anthony Bosman
Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences
Emmanuel Rudatsikira
Dean of the College of Health & Human Services
Carmelita Troy
Associate Professor of Accounting
Aimee Vitangcol Regoso
Registrar

President's Charge

John Wesley Taylor V

Welcome to Alumni

Jeana Wallin
Director of Alumni Services

School Song

"Our Andrews U."

I.A. Steinel

J.N. Andrews Prayer of Commitment

Said Kas-Danouche
Professor of Mathematics

***Recessional**

"Voluntary: Adagio"

attr. Henry Purcell

Closing Voluntary

"Allegro Maestoso e vivace"

Felix Mendelssohn

Organist: Kenneth D. Logan, Adjunct Professor of Music
Grand Marshal: Kimberly Ferreira, Professor of Physical Therapy
Marshal: Karen A. Reiner, Associate Professor of Medical Laboratory Sciences
Marshal's Assistant: Daniela Ortiz, Assistant Professor of Intensive English
Marshal of the Bell: Letrishia Stallard, Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy

*The audience will be seated during the academic recessional.

J.N. Andrews Prayer of Commitment

And now, as we set forth, we commit ourselves to the merciful protection of God,
and we especially ask the prayers of the people of God
that His blessing may attend us in this sacred work.

—J.N. Andrews

September 15, 1874

COMMENCEMENT

College of Education & International Services Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary

Aug. 2, 2026, 11:30 a.m.
Andreasen Center for Wellness

Opening Voluntary

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”
“Prelude”

Max Reger
Fanny Mendelssohn

Processional

“Crown Imperial”

William Walton

The Marshal for the Colleges and Schools
The Candidates for Degrees and Diplomas:
The College of Education & International Services
The Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary
The Grand Marshal
The Faculties of the University
The President and His Party

Invocation

Jasmine Fraser
Associate Professor of Religious Education

Welcome

Janine Lim
Associate Dean of the College of Education & International Services
Jiri Moskala
Dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary

Scripture

1 Corinthians 15:58 (*New International Version*)

Nadine Isaac-Dennis
Assistant Professor of
Counselor Education

Musical Selection

“Mazurka, Op. 81, No. 1”
Carla Trynchuk, Professor of Music, violin
Kenneth Logan, Adjunct Professor of Music, piano

Jean Sibelius

Conferring of Honors and Awards

John Wesley Taylor V
President
Artur Stele
Andrews University Board Chair

Commencement Address

“Footprints Beyond Today”

Audrey Andersson
Vice President of the General Conference of
Seventh-day Adventists

Conferring of Degrees

The President Presiding
Wagner Kuhn
Chief Academic Officer

Presentation of Diplomas

Janine Lim
Associate Dean of the College of Education & International Services

Jiří Moskala
Dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary

Aimee Vitangcol Regoso
Registrar

President's Charge

John Wesley Taylor V

Welcome to Alumni

Jeana Wallin
Director of Alumni Services

School Song

"Our Andrews U."

I.A. Steinel

J.N. Andrews Prayer of Commitment

Michael Gayle
Associate Professor of Education

*Recessional

"Voluntary: Adagio"

attr. Henry Purcell

Closing Voluntary

"Allegro Maestoso e vivace"

Felix Mendelssohn

Organist: Kenneth D. Logan, Adjunct Professor of Music
Grand Marshal: Kimberly Ferreira, Professor of Physical Therapy
Marshal: Janet Ledesma, Adjunct Professor of Leadership and Educational Administration
Marshal's Assistant: Denis Fortin, Professor of Theology & Christian Philosophy
Marshal of the Bell: Ronald Knott, Andrews University Alumnus

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HONORARY DEGREE—AUGUST 2026

H. Melvin Ming

Candidate for Honorary Degree **Doctor of Business Administration**

For over four decades, Melvin Ming has dedicated his expertise, leadership and energy toward advancing children's development, strengthening organizations and supporting the communities that help young people thrive.

Ming graduated from Temple University in 1967 and joined the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne Division, attaining the rank of staff sergeant. In 1970, he joined Coopers & Lybrand (now PricewaterhouseCoopers) and became the seventh African American to achieve the professional standing of Certified Public Accountant in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. During twelve years with the firm, he audited and advised financial services companies, governmental agencies and religious organizations.

In 1979, he became assistant director of East of the River Health Association. That same year—through the influence of his wife Diana—he was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church, beginning a lifetime of faithful service and ministry.

Ming went on to become vice president of finance and administration for the National Urban Coalition in 1981. Two years later, he joined National Public Radio during a critical organizational restructuring, where he designed and implemented a financial reorganization plan that continues to shape the organization today.

This transition to the media sector shaped the rest of Ming's career and led to executive leadership roles across public media, including Educational Broadcasting Corporation, Thirteen/WNET-TV, QED Communications and the Museum of Television & Radio.

In 1999, Ming joined Sesame Workshop as executive vice president and chief financial officer. Three years later, he became chief operating officer of the organization, and in 2011, he took on the responsibility of president and chief executive officer. During his tenure, he guided the organization in creating innovative, engaging content that maximized the educational power of media to help children reach their highest potential. He officially retired in 2014, leaving a legacy of stewardship, excellence and team building.

Throughout his career, Ming has shared his gifts in service to nonprofit, corporate and denominational organizations, providing wise financial leadership and strategic counsel. Within the Seventh-day Adventist Church, he has served conferences, committees and institutions in trusted advisory roles, particularly in finance. He has also invested in the next generation of leaders, modeling integrity, generosity and servant leadership. Guided by his love for Christ and his commitment to faithful stewardship, Ming has consistently strengthened the organizations and communities he has served.

For his distinguished leadership in business, unwavering commitment to children's education and development, and faithful service to the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Andrews University takes great pleasure in honoring Melvin Ming with the degree Doctor of Business Administration, *honoris causa*.

HONORARY DEGREE—AUGUST 2026

Audrey Andersson

Candidate for Honorary Degree **Doctor of Humane Letters**

Audrey Andersson, general vice president for the Seventh-day Adventist World Church, has devoted her career to advancing Christian leadership, effective communication and global mission. Her career began with a successful tenure in journalism and communications before she transitioned into denominational leadership.

Born in Dublin, Ireland, Andersson was raised in a pastor's family and spent her early years moving around the world. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in theology from Newbold College. After graduating, she began working at Estates Gazette, a prestigious English real estate journal, where she eventually became legal editor. Early in her career, she helped develop an award-winning daily online news service from the High Court.

After marrying her late husband Lars Eric Andersson, she moved to Sweden, where she established a communications consulting firm. In this role, she worked for a variety of clients, including Ericsson, Örebro University and IT startups. She was also involved in the development, writing and editing of the Gracelink Sabbath School Curriculum.

In 2003, she was called to serve as executive secretary of the Swedish Union of Churches Conference, and she became a commissioned pastor in 2007. Three years later, in 2010, she became executive secretary of the Trans-European Division and, that same year, she earned her master's degree in pastoral ministry.

As executive secretary, Andersson emphasized the importance of maintaining a distinctly Adventist identity while embracing a balanced, culturally-relevant approach to mission work. She developed and managed multiple summer festivals and other missional outreaches throughout the division.

In 2016, Andersson received the General Conference Woman of Excellence Award, and in 2020, she was honored with the British Union Conference Women in Leadership Award. Throughout her ministry, Andersson has strengthened organizational effectiveness, developed new initiatives and fostered collaborative leadership across cultures. Her commitment to people, combined with her broad international experience, has made her a trusted and respected leader throughout the global church.

At the 2022 General Conference Session in St. Louis, Missouri, Andersson was elected as a general vice president for the Seventh-day Adventist World Church. She was reaffirmed in this position at the 2025 session. Her election marked a historic milestone, making her the second woman—and the first European woman—to serve as a general vice president of the world church.

For her distinguished leadership in the global Seventh-day Adventist Church, her lifelong commitment to Christian communication and mission, and her faithful service across cultures, Andrews University takes great pleasure in honoring Audrey Andersson with the degree Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*.

Commencement

Aug. 2, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

College of Arts & Sciences

Established 1874

Anthony Bosman, Dean

Undergraduate Students

- §*Ka Wai Jaira Dee Chan, BS Psychology
Melannie Ferreira, BA Spanish/Language, Literature & Culture
Demetrius Armand Hill, BS Graphic Design
*James Arnold Hopkins, CERTCD Christian Discipleship
Jeremiah Janvier, BA Theology/Pastoral Ministry
§*Chi Ho Kwok, BS Psychology
Gabriela Lapoterie, BA Sociology
*David Stenio Lubrun, BA Religion
Julian Antonio Mariscal, BA Religion, *Magna Cum Laude*
*Garrett Douglas Martin, BA Religion, *Cum Laude*
*Malachi Petitdos, BSW Social Work
§*Prajwol Rai, BS Psychology
Sergio Armando Rodriguez, BA Theology/Pastoral Ministry
Cielo Miriely Sandoval Castro, BA Spanish/Translation & Interpretation
Fredrick Elijah Simatupang, BS General Studies
Focus: Aviation Studies
§*Jasmine Maria Concha Singco, BS Psychology, *Cum Laude*
Colleen Diane St Clair, BS General Studies
Focus: Population Health Research
*Ghislain Monique Stojanov, BA Religion
Elena Isabelle Weiss Segui, BA Spanish/Translation & Interpretation
*Derek Austin Wonenberg, BA Theology/Pastoral Ministry
Luis Iram Zenteno Mauricio, BA Theology/Pastoral Ministry, *Cum Laude*

Graduate Students

- +Amos Appiah, MSW Social Work
Porshai Campbell, MSW Social Work
+Edson Canqui Valda, MSCID Community & International Development
Thesis: From Stakeholder Salience to Stakeholder Voice: A Comparative Narrative Analysis of Gospel Encounters and Faith-Based Nonprofit Accountability
Chair: Joel Raveloharimisy

- Elaine Sant'Anna Cruz, MSW Social Work
Adrehana Duval, MSW Social Work
+Peter Alexander Flores, MSW Social Work
Nickleotte Lawrence, MSW Social Work
Sommer Manrique, MSW Social Work
Tara Sheshanna Mehta, MSW Social Work
Hope Morara, MSW Social Work
*Kediesha Kishara Mowatt-Grant, MSW Social Work
Ricardo Andrés Navarro, MA Music
Nomathemba Nhoru, MSW Social Work
Julia Elizabeth O'Carey, MSW Social Work
Ian Mordekai Ochieng, MSCID Community & International Development
Thesis: Global Dreams Academy X Andrews University
Athletics: Multi-Sport Training and Whole-Person Development for Berrien County Youth
Chair: Joel Raveloharimisy
Ruben Pechero-Loewen, MSW Social Work
Nemonia Pinnock, MSW Social Work
Salena Rodgers, MSW Social Work
Carolina Teixeira de Souza dos Santos, MSW Social Work

+ dual degree § off-campus * in absentia

Commencement

Aug. 2, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

College of Health & Human Services

Established 2012

Emmanuel Rudatsikira, Dean

Undergraduate Students

- +Priscilla Intan Boyd, BSMLS Medical Laboratory Science, CERTML Medical Laboratory Science
- Arleigh Esme De La Pena, BHS Wellness/Fitness
- §*Terisa Ghale, BHS Wellness/Fitness
- +Dersanys A. Holguin Arroyo, BSMLS Medical Laboratory Science, CERTML Medical Laboratory Science
- +Elise Mone Inae, BSMLS Medical Laboratory Science, CERTML Medical Laboratory Science, *Summa Cum Laude* and *JN Andrews Honors Scholar*
Effects of PAMAM Dendrimer Size on Antimicrobial Activity for Acne Treatment
- +*Gaeun Kim, BSMLS Medical Laboratory Science, CERTML Medical Laboratory Science, *Magna Cum Laude*
- +Sumin Lee, BSMLS Medical Laboratory Science, CERTML Medical Laboratory Science, *Summa Cum Laude*
- §*Siu Nam Leung, BHS Wellness/Fitness, *Magna Cum Laude*
- +Qian Li, BS Medical Laboratory Science (pre-clinical), CERTML Medical Laboratory Science
- +Beaula Rosina Mangundah, BSMLS Medical Laboratory Science, CERTML Medical Laboratory Science, *Cum Laude* and *JN Andrews Honors Scholar*
Design, Synthesis and Biological Properties of Novel N-Substituted Phthalimide Derivative
- +Jonela McLean, BSMLS Medical Laboratory Science, CERTML Medical Laboratory Science
- +Rod Albert Casinillo Olofernes, BSMLS Medical Laboratory Science, CERTML Medical Laboratory Science, *Cum Laude* and *JN Andrews Honors Scholar*
Green Synthesis of and Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing of (2Z)-2-[(4-fluorophenyl)methylidene]-1-benzofuran-3-one
- Edgar Gabriel Pastran, BSPH Public Health/Environmental Public Health, *Cum Laude*
- +Addy Karelly Rodriguez, BSMLS Medical Laboratory Science, CERTML Medical Laboratory Science
Assessing A Possible Effect of Males' Pheromones in the Phonotaxis of Female Acheta Domesticus
- +Heidi K Supit, BS Medical Laboratory Science (pre-clinical), CERTML Medical Laboratory Science

- +Shaheene Dahaylee Tillett, BSMLS Medical Laboratory Science, CERTML Medical Laboratory Science
- +Jakob VanDenburgh, BSMLS Medical Laboratory Science, CERTML Medical Laboratory Science, *Magna Cum Laude*
- *Vincent Vuong, CERTML Medical Laboratory Science
- +Gabriel Q Wilson, BSMLS Medical Laboratory Science, CERTML Medical Laboratory Science

Graduate Students

- Carolina Albano Spalato, MS Speech-Language Pathology
- Alyssa Jordan Batey, MS Speech-Language Pathology
- Zakeera Bholat, MS Speech-Language Pathology
- Jerricka Boone, MS Nutrition & Wellness
- Vany Gisselle Carballo, MS Speech-Language Pathology
- *YanJun Chen, GRCNUD Nutrition and Dietetics
- McKinlee Grace Codron, MS Speech-Language Pathology
- +Summer Joy Edwards, MS Nutrition & Wellness, GRCNUD Nutrition and Dietetics
- Ceiry Nicoll Flores, MS Speech-Language Pathology
- Sydney Elizabeth Fritz, MS Speech-Language Pathology
- Bethany Dawn Grant, MS Speech-Language Pathology
- Darysa Gregory Naranjo, MS Speech-Language Pathology
- Lillian Grace Haskins, MS Speech-Language Pathology
- Cesia Elizabeth Herrera Soto, MS Speech-Language Pathology
- Erica Lauren Howell, MS Speech-Language Pathology
- Yaneisy Arissai Ledezma, MS Speech-Language Pathology
- Lauren Haiyoung Lee, MS Speech-Language Pathology
- Joshua Loctar, MS Speech-Language Pathology
- Kellyn Lopez, MS Speech-Language Pathology
- Destiny Jasenda Nunez, MS Speech-Language Pathology
- Everline Moraa Ondieki, MS Speech-Language Pathology
- Elvira Puga-Garcia, MS Speech-Language Pathology
- Erin Michelle Slikkers, MS Speech-Language Pathology
- Glenielle Cordial Sta Ana, MS Speech-Language Pathology
- Kayleigh Mckenzie Swackhamer, MS Speech-Language Pathology
- +Olivia Grace Torres, MS Nutrition & Wellness, GRCNUD Nutrition and Dietetics
- Natalee Susan Townsend, MS Speech-Language Pathology
- Savannah Jewel Tyler, MS Speech-Language Pathology

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Doctor of Nursing Practice

Areli Mendez, DNP Adv Practice Registered Nurse/Family Nurse Practitioner

Project: Promoting Maternal Health Through Community-Based Education: A Quality Improvement Initiative on Hypertension and Pregnancy Complications in an Outpatient Setting

Chair: Dr. Miriam Morgan-Skinner

Verneita Leonora Mun, DNP Adv Practice Registered Nurse/Family Nurse Practitioner

Project: Increasing Efficiency and Flow in Primary Care Clinics Using the Triage Protocols Base on the Donbedian Model

Chair: Dr. Carol Rossman

Sukhvir Kaur Walia, DNP Adv Practice Registered Nurse/Family Nurse Practitioner

Project: Discharge Process Improvement Initiative Using an N-By-T Strategy in a Progressive Care Unit in an Acute Care Setting

Chair: Dr. Sara Kim

Doctor of Physical Therapy

Allison Joy Bradley, DPT Physical Therapy

Project: The Influence of Music on VO2 Max Performance and Emotional Response Towards Events

Chair: Sozina Katuli

Dave Varona Cosejo, DPT Physical Therapy

Project: The Influence of Music on VO2 Max Performance and Emotional Response Towards Events

Chair: Sozina Katuli

Kirsti Harrison Costigan, DPT Physical Therapy

Project: Descriptive Analysis of Performance Outcomes on the Timed Back Functional Test (TBaFT)

Chair: Michelle Allyn

Andre Lamar Crayton, DPT Physical Therapy

Project: The Effect of Sleep Quality and Hygiene on Physical Rehabilitation Outcomes in Patients With Lower Back and Joint Pain

Chair: Nathan Hess

Kathryn Elizabeth Donaldson, DPT Physical Therapy

Project: The Effect of Blood Flow Restriction on Balance, Function, and Strength in the Geriatric Population: A Pilot Study

Chair: Letrisha Stallard & Elizabeth Oakley

Noah Randall Elloway, DPT Physical Therapy

Project: Student Physical Therapist Clinical Reasoning Self-Efficacy: Relating Student Orientation to Feedback and the Feedback Environment

Chair: Ryan Orrison

Vanessa Garcilazo, DPT Physical Therapy

Project: The Effect of Formative Feedback on Student Self-Efficacy in Physical Therapy Students in a Clinical Setting

Chair: William Scott

Gillian Renae Holly, DPT Physical Therapy

Project: Descriptive Analysis of Performance Outcomes on the Timed Back Functional Test (TBaFT)

Chair: Michelle Allyn

Melyse Blandine Ishimwe, DPT Physical Therapy

Project: The Effect of Cervical Strain-Counter Strain for Treatment of Temporal Mandibular Dysfunction

Chair: Greg Almeter

Brandon Rafi Kada, DPT Physical Therapy

Project: Student Physical Therapist Clinical Reasoning Self-Efficacy: Relating Student Orientation to Feedback and the Feedback Environment

Chair: Ryan Orrison

Amany Eliz Lorino, DPT Physical Therapy

Project: Factors Contributing to Chronic Low Back Pain Among the Rice Field Workers in Tanzania

Chair: Gerson De Leon & Sozina Katuli

Ryan Scott Lorino, DPT Physical Therapy

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Allisa Victoria Marriott, DPT Physical Therapy

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Jordyn Elizabeth McLean, DPT Physical Therapy

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Don Igor Noval, DPT Physical Therapy

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Chair: Gerson De Leon & Sozina Katuli

Jacob A Perez, DPT Physical Therapy

Project: Effects of Audio/Visual Stimulation on Adherence to an Aerobic Program

Chair: Sozina Katuli

Gabriel Almeida Pontes, DPT Physical Therapy

Project: The Influence of Music on VO2 Max Performance and Emotional Response Towards Events

Chair: Sozina Katuli

Ashley Elizabeth Ramos, DPT Physical Therapy

Project: The Effect of Formative Feedback on Student Self-Efficacy in Physical Therapy Students in a Clinical Setting

Chair: William Scott

Eros Renzo Ramos, DPT Physical Therapy

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Alyssa Michelle Reyes, DPT Physical Therapy

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Rachel Marion Stubbett, DPT Physical Therapy

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Chair: Greg Almeter

Arek Zhavier Taylor, DPT Physical Therapy

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Chair: Letrisha Stallard & Elizabeth Oakley

Serina Lydia Thomson, DPT Physical Therapy

Project: Descriptive Analysis of Performance Outcomes on the Timed Back Functional Test (TBaFT)

Chair: Michelle Allyn

Natasha Weber, DPT Physical Therapy

Project: The Effect of Blood Flow Restriction on Balance, Function, and Strength in the Geriatric Population: A Pilot Study

Chair: Letrisha Stallard & Elizabeth Oakley

Doctor of Science in Physical Therapy

Joseph Hribick, DScPT Physical Therapy

Project: The Immediate Effects of First Rib Mobilization on Pain and Range of Motion in Patients With Shoulder Pain

Chair: Elizabeth Oakley & Michael Fink

*Alexandra Kopelovich, DScPT Physical Therapy/Orthopedic Manual Therapy

Project: Kinetic and Kinematic Data of Rumba Dance in High-Level Amateur and Professional Ballroom

Dancers: A Scoping Review

Chair: Sozina Katuli & Elizabeth Oakley

*Sandra Olivia Martin-Hatch, DScPT Physical Therapy/Orthopedic Manual Therapy

Project: Is There an Association Between Chronic Non-Traumatic Shoulder Pain and Cervical Dysfunction?

Chair: Elizabeth Oakley

*Kevin Louis OBrien, DScPT Physical Therapy/Higher Education Teaching

Project: The Effect of Thoracolumbar High Velocity Low Amplitude Spinal Manipulation on Golf Performance Metrics

Chair: Elizabeth Oakley, Sara Centeno & Nathan Hess

Commencement

Aug. 2, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

College of Professions

Established 2019

Kimberly Pichot, Dean

Undergraduate Students

- §*Amy Nicolas Aramouni, BBA Management
- §*Eugene Kofi Asomaning, AS General Business
- *Shane Nico Chung, BS Computing/Information Technology
- Jeimster Renz Casimiro Cruzata, BT Aviation/Flight,
Cum Laude
- §*Jaudiel Ismael Dominguez Ramirez, AS General Business
- Richard Guzman Quinteros, BS Computing/Applied
Computer Science
- Amelia Noelle Hess, AT Aviation/Maintenance
- Liseti Leilani Gardenia Hola, BT Aviation/Flight &
Maintenance
- §*Sewomini Daksika Jayakodi, AS General Business
- *Evelyn Lujan, BSA Architecture
- Ethan Mwalija, BSA Architecture
- Hudson Rottschafer, BS Architectural Studies

Graduate Students

- Rabih Al Khatib, MBA General/Accounting and Finance
- *Leon Howard, MBA General/Accounting and Finance
- Brian Karanja Mwangi, MBA General/Accounting and Finance
- Nashe Nyaruviro, MBA General/Accounting and Finance
- Francky Malalaniaina Rakotoarimanga, MBA General/
Accounting and Finance
- Kailiang Yang, MBA General/Accounting & Finance

Commencement

Aug. 2, 2026, 11:30 a.m.

College of Education & International Services

Established 2019

Janine Lim, Associate Dean

Graduate Students

*Gabrielle Agwu, GRCEDL Educational Leadership/Principal
Kaiyue Chai, MA Educational Psychology/Developmental
Psychology

§Claudia Cruz, MA Leadership

Joseph Duodu, MS Special Education

Thesis: A Review of Literature on Methods and Strategies
used for Mathematics Remediation and Intervention at
the Secondary Level

Chair: Luana Greulich

Karen Lucille Glassford, MA Leadership/Organizational
Leadership

Eunice Jahn, MS Special Education

Thesis: A Look into Play-based Learning and Mild
Mental Disabilities

Chair: Luana Greulich

*Newton Joseph, GRCLEA Leadership

Wisdom Harrington Kaunda, MS Special Education

*Dovison Kereri, PMCCUT College & University Teaching
Joelle Eunbee Kim, MA Teaching English to Speakers of
Other Languages

Joyce Mbonea, MA Clinical Mental Health Counsel

Kinyashi Redson Mnyone, MA Clinical Mental Health
Counsel

Josue R Nico, MA Educational Psychology/General

*Ashley Corneil Reddy, PMCERT Couple & Family Therapy
Ronald David Sandoval Suñé, MA Clinical Mental Health
Counsel

Samantha Elise Silva, MA Learning Technologies

Xiaoying Song, MS Special Education

Christine Vernon, MS Special Education

Thesis: Defining Limited English Proficiency (LEP):
Implications for Assessment and Special Education
Placement Decisions

Chair: Luana Greulich

Jennella Roshanna Watson, MA Educational Psychology/
Developmental Psychology

Doctor of Leadership

§Teresa Cristina Fernandes Pinto Calligaris, DLead
Leadership

Project: Leader Self-Perception in Transformational
Leadership and Trust Building

Chair: Wellington Schmidt

§Carlos Ferri, DLead Leadership

Project: Adventist Boarding Schools: The Governance
Paradox

Chair: Douglas Menslin

§Denilson Frederico Franco, DLead Leadership

Project: The Relationship Between Spirituality, Trans-
formational Leadership, and Ministerial Job Satisfaction
Among Volunteer Leaders at the Maringa Central Sda
Church

Chair: Vanessa Meira

§Ramiro Hebo, DLead Leadership

Project: Leadership and Engagement in the Study of the
Sabbath School Lesson in the Northeast Angola Union
Chair: Moises Sanches

Lude Lamour-Michel, DLead Leadership

Project: Fostering Haitian Creole Focused-Oriented
Learning: Integrating the Immigrant Narrative Model
of Cultivating Haitian Adolescent Girls' Identity, Faith,
Inspiration, and Resilience Through Culturally Rooted
T.I.E.I. (Timoun, Identite, Fwa, Inspira) Empowerment
Program

Chair: Diana Ming

§Romualdo Larroca, DLead Leadership

Project: Crisis management strategies in the Seventh-day
Adventist Church: A protocol for managing crises on
social media

Chair: Vanessa Meira

§Manuel Lutango, DLead Leadership

Project: Perception of the Civil Protection System in
Angola Regarding Stakeholder Involvement in Disaster
Reduction

Chair: Afonso Cardoso

§Maria Manuel, DLead Leadership

Project: Self-Perceived Leadership and Psychosocial
Indicators Among Leaders and Trainers of the Angolan
Migration and Foreigners Service

Chair: Lanny Soares

§ off-campus * in absentia

§Francisco Quitumba, DLead Leadership
Project: Contemporary political leadership in Angola and the consolidation of democracy in the country
Chair: Afonso Cardoso

§Elieser Ramos, DLead Leadership
Project: Purpose and Meaningful Work as Sources of Engagement and Satisfaction in Pastoral Ministry From the Perspective of Transformational Leadership
Chair: Silvio Dobelin

§Joao Sonhi, DLead Leadership
Project: Discipleship, Follower-Leadership, and Evangelistic Projects Regarding Member Retention at the Central Seventh-day Adventist Church in Luanda, Angola
Chair: Dayse Sousa

Doctor of Philosophy

§*Paula Edwards-Sealey, PhD School Psychology
Dissertation: Teacher Self-Efficacy Perceptions for Technology Integration and Social Media Use as Instructional Tools: Future Implications for Pedagogy in Trinidad and Tobago
Chair: Rudolph Bailey

Sharon Ann Hamel, PhD Leadership
Dissertation: The Connection Between Kodály and Joyful Learning in the Music Classroom
Chair: David Williams

Karen Joy Holland, PhD Leadership
Dissertation: Validation of the Touch/Bonding Sense of the Five Senses Model of Intimacy as a Spiritually Based Whole-Person Lifestyle Approach to Intimacy in Dating and Marital Relationships
Chair: Jay Brand

Mindy Sue Kissinger, PhD Counseling Psychology
Dissertation: The Impact of Demographic, Perinatal, Health, and Support Factors on Postpartum Anxiety for Mothers in the United States
Chair: Carole Woolford-Hunt

*Shad Jeremy Lehmann, PhD Educational Leadership
Dissertation: A Phenomenological Qualitative Study of the Experiences of Board Chairs Toward Governance in Seventh-day Adventist Schools Across Canada
Chair: Janet Ledesma

Damson Anim Oppong, PhD Leadership
Dissertation: Associating Emotional Intelligence, Cultural Intelligence, and Inclusive Leadership: A Correlational Study of Seventh-day Adventist Pastors and Church Leaders in Canada
Chair: Jay Brand

Nestor A Osorio, PhD Leadership
Dissertation: Emotional Intelligence and Self-Efficacy in Relation to Turnover Intention: The Mediating Role of Job Satisfaction and Organizational Commitment in Faith-Based K–12 Education
Chair: Gustavo Gregorutti

Maureen Sakshi Pakalapati, PhD Higher Education Administration
Dissertation: Shattering the Glass Ceiling, Navigating The Glass Cliffs: A Case Study of Andrea Luxton As the First Woman President Of Andrews University (2016-2023)
Chair: Bordes Henry-Saturne

Rita Maria Seay, PhD Educational Leadership
Dissertation: A Qualitative Multiple Case Study Exploring Shifts in Thinking Of Principals Through Initiatives to Foster Relational Leadership Conducive to Retaining Teachers In High-Minority, High-Poverty Public Schools
Chair: Diana Ming

*Angela Silva, PDCERT Leadership
Robert Baptiste' Thompson, PhD Counseling Psychology
Dissertation: The Influence of Black African American Fathers' Parenting Styles on Young Adult Children's Attachment Styles: The Roles of Gender And Fathers' Residence
Chair: Harvey Burnett

Carla Anita Thrower, PhD Educational Leadership
Dissertation: The Impact of Culturally Diverse Student Populations on High School Mathematics Teachers' Preparations and Practices in Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
Chair: Diana Ming

Gary Frank Thurber, PhD Leadership
Dissertation: Called to Lead: Leadership Journeys and Workplace Experiences of Women Presidents in Seventh-day Adventist Institutions
Chair: Erich Baumgartner

Commencement

Aug. 2, 2026, 11:30 a.m.

Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary

Established 1934

Jifri Moskala, Dean

Graduate Students

Modesto Grayson Abaya, MDiv Divinity
Horacio Damian Aguilar, MA Youth & Young Adult Ministry
§*John Nevin Piseo Agustin, MA Religion
Pedro Alberteris, MDiv Divinity
Arisleyda Almanzar De Polanco, MAPM Pastoral Ministry
Cleuber Almeida Castro, MDiv Divinity
Daniel Amich, MDiv Divinity
+Amos Appiah, MDiv Divinity/Chaplaincy
Rodny Aquino, MDiv Divinity
*Miguel Archibeque, MDiv Divinity/Chaplaincy
Yahaira Batista, MAPM Pastoral Ministry
Sisay Bekuto, MAPM Pastoral Ministry
Taniesha Nichole Bellamy, MDiv Divinity
Roberto Jesus Blanco, MDiv Divinity
Cathiana Brantley, MAPM Pastoral Ministry
David Charles Daniel Brown, MAPM Pastoral Ministry
Eric Byiringiro, MDiv Divinity
Jarold Josue Camarena Corella, MDiv Divinity
+Edson Canqui Valda, MDiv Divinity
Romando Carey, MDiv Divinity
Christian Castellanos, MAPM Pastoral Ministry
Vladimir Castillo, MDiv Divinity
Jean Rene Cineus, MAPM Pastoral Ministry
Ivan Roel Cruz Rodriguez, MDiv Divinity
Michael Cuke, MDiv Divinity
Saulo De Oliveira Cantanhede, MDiv Divinity
Thesis: Coding the Greek New Testament in the Text-Fabric
Open Source Environment
Chair: Oliver Glanz
Edwin Francisco De Paula Adon, MDiv Divinity
§*Thomas Eissner, GRCEAS Ellen G. White & Adventist Studies
Emily Renee Ellis, MDiv Divinity
Eliangel Fermin Carrizalez, MAPM Pastoral Ministry
+Peter Alexander Flores, MDiv Divinity
Martin Andres Forbes Wilson, MDiv Divinity
Guimel Obed Gonzalez Hernandez, MAPM Pastoral Ministry
Gustavo Pereira Governo, MDiv Divinity/Urban Ministry
Joshley Hinds, MDiv Divinity
Paulet Howard, MAPM Pastoral Ministry
Kevon Timothy James, MDiv Divinity

*Jason Daniel-Wayne Johnson, MAPM Pastoral Ministry,
§*Gabriel Kadar-Matei, MA Religion
Thesis: The Role of Prayer in the Life of the Church: An
Investigation of the Role of the Spiritual Discipline of Prayer
in the Congregational Missional Mindset and Its Impact in
the Congregational Growth and Development
Chair: Laurentiu Florentin Mot
Chamberlain Kinsiano, MDiv Divinity
Stefania Micaela Laime Huanca, MDiv Divinity
Martin Lalnunsanga, MDiv Divinity
Philadelphia Samuel Latu, MDiv Divinity
Heber Lopez, MDiv Divinity
Miguel Martinez, MDiv Divinity
Kleber Alvim Mattos, MDiv Divinity
Henry Edward McNeily III, MAPM Pastoral Ministry
Sebastian Montalvo, MDiv Divinity
Pedro Hernando Morales, MAPM Pastoral Ministry
Garhett James Morgan, MAPM Pastoral Ministry
Roldnardy Herold Norelus, MDiv Divinity
Brian Leken Nthengu, MDiv Divinity/Chaplaincy
Seth Gyedu Osei, MDiv Divinity/Chaplaincy
Tomas Polanco, MAPM Pastoral Ministry
Mark Andrew Renteria, MDiv Divinity
Abiezer Rodriguez, MDiv Divinity
Rolando Rodriguez, MDiv Divinity
Tony Vincent Rydland, MDiv Divinity
Lucanes Saintil, MAPM Pastoral Ministry
Jeremiah Samuel, MDiv Divinity
Rene Sanchez, MDiv Divinity
Reymer Rene Sanchez, MDiv Divinity
Audrey Schrader, MDiv Divinity
*SeKwang Seo, MDiv Divinity
Alina Simmons, MDiv Divinity
§*Thang Suan Sum, GRCEAS Ellen G. White & Adventist
Studies
*Gatra Suhari, MDiv Divinity
Fredy Supo Jinez, MDiv Divinity
Ramon Triguero, MAPM Pastoral Ministry
Jones Tuufuli, MAPM Pastoral Ministry
Alex Van Saint Phat, MAPM Pastoral Ministry

Doctor of Intercultural Studies

Isaac Andrew, DIS Intercultural Studies

Dissertation: A Theological and Missiological Strategy and Model to Facilitate the Conversion and Discipleship of Rastafarians to Christ in the SDA Church in Trench Town, St. Andrew, Kingston, Jamaica
Chair: Bruce Bauer

Ignacio Goya Rozas, DIS Intercultural Studies

Dissertation: Evaluating the Effectiveness of the “Student Missions Orientation Course” in Preparing Short-Term Missionaries at Southern Adventist University and Walla Walla University
Chair: Boubakar Sanou

Gabriela Florencia Phillips, DIS Intercultural Studies

Dissertation: Following the Messiah of Honor and the Lord of the Unseen: A Day in the Lives of Bengali Sufi-Folk Background Disciplemakers
Chair: Lester Merklin

Gustavo Emanuel Pacheco Portes, DIS Intercultural Studies

Dissertation: Xuanjiao de Zhong Guo (Missionary China): Missiological Implications From the Engagement of Chinese Adventist Missionaries in Mission to Diaspora Chinese Overseas on an Ethnographic Perspective
Chair: Bruce Bauer

Kenneth Rigobert, DIS Intercultural Studies

Dissertation: Towards a Missiological Model for Reaching East Indian Muslims for Christ in Kwatta of Suriname
Chair: Andrew Tompkins

Doctor of Ministry

Vinicius Antonio Miranda, DMin Ministry/Leadership

Dissertation: Bible Teaching in the Digital Age: An Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Digital and In-Person Bible Studies
Chair: Gerardo Oudri

Gilbert Eustace Barr-Dixon, DMin Ministry/Chaplaincy

Dissertation: Clarifying the Chaplain’s Capabilities and Role at Children’s Hospital Central California
Chair: Johnny Ramirez-Johnson

Carlos Humberto Campitelli, DMin Ministry/Leadership

Dissertation: Implementation of the Maranata Youth Discipleship Plan With the Leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Ceilândia Norte, Brasília
Chair: Gerardo Oudri

§*Pg Gaiphun, DMin Ministry/Global Mission Leadership

Dissertation: Using Badminton to Evangelize Non-Christians in Pune, India
Chair: Bruce Bauer

§Irvine Gwatiringa, DMin Ministry/Chaplaincy

Dissertation: Training Local Pastors for Effective Hospital Chaplaincy in the East Zimbabwe Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church
Chair: Victoria Aja

Darryl L Howard, DMin Ministry/Leadership

Dissertation: A Relational Strategy to Increase Participation in Young Adult Sabbath School in One Church in the South Atlantic Conference
Chair: Sylvan Lashley

§Erton Carlos Kohler, DMin Ministry/Leading Growth & Church Multiplication

Dissertation: Mission Refocus: A Strategic Realignment of the Seventh-day Adventist Worldwide Mission Effort in the Context of the Three Mission Refocus Windows
Chair: Bruce Bauer

§Martin Kuhn, DMin Ministry/Leading Growth & Church Multiplication

Dissertation: The Paradox of Integration: A Qualitative Analysis of UNASPs Integrated Management Model From the Perspective of Institutional Effectiveness
Chair: Erlo Braun

Armando Miranda, DMin Ministry/Leadership

Dissertation: Youth Ministry Leadership Development for Conference Transitions in the North American Division
Chair: Skip Bell

Ludwing Morales, DMin Ministry/Urban Ministry

Dissertation: Development and Implementation of a Digital Missionary Training Seminar in the Upper Magdalena Conference
Chair: José Mercedes Espinoza

Abel Morrobel, DMin Ministry/Urban Ministry

Dissertation: A Social Justice Strategy to Engage the Lake Buena Vista Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church with Its Surrounding Community for Better Fulfillment of Its Mission
Chair: Ricardo Bain

Esteb Pierre, DMin Ministry/Preaching

Dissertation: Evangelistic Strategy for the Agape Haitian Seventh-day Adventist Church to Minister to the Needs of Haitian Voodoo Practitioners in Aurora, Colorado
Chair: Kenley Hall

Robert Orlando Va’atausili Pule, DMin Ministry/Leadership

Dissertation: Restorative Justice as the Biblical Foundation for Community Engagement and Advocacy Work at the College Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church in Lacombe, Alberta
Chair: Sung Kwon

Leroy Everton Ainsworth Sewell, DMin Ministry/Leadership
Dissertation: Equipping the Church Board to Address Abuse
of Power by a Church Officer at the Atlanta Pillars of Faith
Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Georgia-Cumberland
Conference

Chair: Jeffrey Brown

Raimundo Goncalves Silva, DMin Ministry/Discipleship
Dissertation: The Discipleship Process as a Basis for Public
Evangelism in the Jundiá Residential Park Pastoral District

Chair: Bruno Alberto Raso

Edward Alexander Smith Charles, DMin Ministry/Leadership
Dissertation: Program for Training Youth Leaders in the
Hispanic Seventh-day Adventist Church of Fresno

Chair: Elvis Díaz

David Uribe, DMin Ministry/Leadership
Dissertation: Program to Help the Youth of the Central
Quisqueya Seventh-day Adventist Church Understand the
Pillars of Adventism

Chair: Ronald Rojas

Doctor of Philosophy

*Rodrigo de Galiza Barbosa, PhD Religion/Church History
Dissertation: The Desecration of Sacred Spaces in the Dead
Sea Scrolls and Pre-Nicene Latin Christianity: A History of
Interpretation of the Eschatological Motif of the Defiling
Enemy in Apocalypticism

Chair: John W. Reeve

*Christopher Randall Chadwick, PhD Biblical & Near Eastern
Archaeology

Dissertation: Mansiones: A New Look at Mansio Archae-
ology in Light of San Miceli and Household Archaeology

Chair: Randall Younker

Daniel Max Gordan, PhD Religion/Old Testament
Dissertation: The Symphony of Justice: An Intertextual
Study of Social Justice Material Between the Torah and
the Psalms

Chair: Roy E. Gane

Doctor of Theology

Joseph Alan Nesbit, ThD Theological Studies/Systematic
Theology

Dissertation: Continuity and Development in the
Eschatological Sabbath: Themes in Seventh-day
Adventist Thought (1842–2020)

Chair: Denis Fortin

Academic Regalia

Andrews University adheres to the academic costume code for universities in the United States, initially drafted in 1885 and revised in 1932. A committee on Academic Costumes and Ceremonies, appointed by the American Council on Education, has, on different occasions, reviewed the costume and made several significant changes.

The gown for the associate degree is gray in color and styled the same as a bachelor's degree gown. The gown for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves. It is designed to be worn closed. The gown for the master's degree has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist. The gown is designed to be worn open or closed. The gown for the doctoral degree has bell-shaped sleeves. It is designed to be worn open or closed. These gowns are usually black, but the Andrews University doctoral gown is dark blue and trimmed in black velvet with the University seal on the left lapel near the top.

The length of the hood worn for the bachelor's degree, if one is used, is three feet; for the master's degree, three and one-half feet; and for the doctoral degree, four feet. The hoods are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university conferring the degree. The Andrews University hood is lined with dark blue and gold. Inasmuch as members of the Andrews University faculties hold degrees from a large number of colleges and universities, space does not permit identification of each.

The colors of the velvet borders associated with the different fields of learning for degrees and adopted by Andrews University are as follows:

Administration, Development	Peacock Blue	Music	Pink
Architecture	Blue Violet	Nursing	Apricot
Arts	White	Philosophy	Blue
Business	Drab	Physical Education	Sage Green
Education, Leadership	Light Blue	Physical Therapy	Teal
Engineering	Orange	Public Health	Salmon Pink
Fine Arts	Brown	Science	Gold
Health Science	Teal	Social Work	Citron
Interior Design	Maroon	Technology	Maize
Library Science	Lemon	Theology, Ministry	Scarlet
Occupational Therapy	Slate Blue		

At Andrews University, undergraduate candidates wear hoods. They also wear cords or medallions signifying that they are members of a National Honor Society and graduating with honors. The identifying colors are as follows:

Graduating with Honors	Gold, blue and white cord
Graduating with a Cumulative GPA of 3.50 or Better	White cord
Member of a Departmental National Honor Society	Red cord
Member of Phi Kappa Phi	Medallion on blue ribbon

The designation "J.N. Andrews Honors Scholar" signifies completion of the J.N. Andrews Honors Program's Scholars' Alternative General Education Studies curriculum, submission of a senior Honors Thesis and achievement of a 3.50 overall GPA.

Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude or Cum Laude means an undergraduate student has the following minimum overall GPA earned on the A, B, C, D, F scale (A=4).

Summa Cum Laude	3.90–4.00
Magna Cum Laude	3.75–3.89
Cum Laude	3.50–3.74

Additional cords, medallions and stoles worn at Andrews University ceremonies are as follows:

Andrews University student missionary/task force workers	Silver cord
Military service	Red, white and blue cord
Undergraduate Leadership certificate and minor graduates	Randall Leadership Medallion
University-approved cultural stoles	See page 23 for a complete list
Senior Philanthropy Medallion for philanthropic contribution to the class gift	University seal medallion

Glossary of Degrees

AA	Associate of Arts	EdD	Doctor of Education
AS	Associate of Science	EdS	Specialist in Education
AT	Associate of Technology	GRCEAS	Graduate Certificate in Ellen G White & Adventist Studies
BA	Bachelor of Arts	GRCEDL	Graduate Certificate in Educational Leadership
BBA	Bachelor of Business Administration	GRCFLE	Graduate Certificate in Family Life Education
BFA	Bachelor of Fine Arts	GRCLEA	Graduate Certificate in Leadership
BHS	Bachelor of Health Science	GRCNUD	Graduate Certificate in Nutrition & Dietetics
BID	Bachelor of Interior Design	GRCTSL	Graduate Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language
BMus	Bachelor of Music	LICEN	Licence in Theology
BS	Bachelor of Science	MA	Master of Arts
BSA	Bachelor of Science in Architecture	MAPM	Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry
BSCM	Bachelor of Science in Construction Management	MArch	Master of Architecture
BSE	Bachelor of Science in Engineering	MAT	Master of Arts in Teaching
BSELED	Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education	MAYYAM	Master of Arts in Youth & Young Adult Ministry
BSM	Bachelor of Science in Music	MBA	Master of Business Administration
BSMLS	Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science	MDiv	Master of Divinity
BSN	Bachelor of Science in Nursing	MMus	Master of Music
BSPH	Bachelor of Science in Public Health	MPH	Master of Public Health
BSW	Bachelor of Social Work	MS	Master of Science
BT	Bachelor of Technology	MSA	Master of Science in Administration
CERTAF	Certificate in Aviation Flight	MSCID	Master of Science in Community & International Development
CERTAM	Certificate in Aircraft Maintenance	MSMLS	Master of Science in Medical Laboratory Science
CERTCD	Certificate in Christian Discipleship	MSW	Master of Social Work
CERTH	Certificate in Horticulture	PDCERT	Post-Doctoral Certificate
CERTMG	Certificate in Mission & Global Awareness	PhD	Doctor of Philosophy
CERTML	Certificate in Medical Laboratory Science	PMCCUT	Post-Masters Certificate in College and University Teaching
CERTMS	Certificate in Ministry, Spanish	PMCERT	Post-Masters Certificate
DLead	Doctor of Leadership	tDPT	Doctor of Physical Therapy
DMin	Doctor of Ministry	ThD	Doctor of Theology
DMiss	Doctor of Missiology		
DNP	Doctor of Nursing Practice		
DPT	Doctor of Physical Therapy		
DScPT	Doctor of Science in Physical Therapy		

Cultural Stoles

Andrews University supports the wearing of University-approved stoles to celebrate the rich cultural diversity of our campus. The University-approved stoles are:

Adventist Colleges Abroad (ACA) Stole	AU Myanmar Students	AU Pacific Islanders Pasefika Stole
Andrews University Latino	Association (AUMSA) Maha Stole	Indonesian Batik Stole
Association (AULA) Stole	Eastern Asian Heritage Stole	Kente Stole
	Filipino Bayani Stole	Southern Asia Cultural Stole



Descriptions of these stoles can be found at andrews.edu/graduation/distinctions.

The Society of Andrews Scholars Undergraduate Honors Program

Membership in the Society of Andrews Scholars requires a minimum grade point average of 3.33, completion of the J.N. Andrews Honors Program's Scholars' Alternative General Education Studies curriculum and submission of a senior Honors Thesis. Those students who meet the previous criteria and attain an overall GPA of 3.5 earn the additional designation "J.N. Andrews Honors Scholar." The designation "J.N. Andrews Honors Scholar" reflects an undergraduate student's dedication to independent scholarship, interdisciplinary study, the integration of faith and learning, and abiding intellectual curiosity. Each scholar is expected to display the same pioneering spirit as John Nevins Andrews (1829–1883)—scholar, theologian, missionary and third president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists—who provided the name for this university and the ethos invigorating its mission. A statue of Andrews and his family stands just outside Pioneer Memorial Church.

*Elise Mone Inae

*Rod Albert Casinillo Olofernes

*Beaula Rosina Mangundah

*Indicates J.N. Andrews Honors Scholar

Undergraduate Leadership Certificate and Minor

Undergraduate Leadership helps students identify their unique strengths and hone their abilities to make a difference. The certificate is a concentrated curriculum that allows students to clarify their contribution to the community. The minor builds on the certificate by diving deeper into the mechanics of leadership. Students engage in a leadership practicum, receiving mentoring, accumulating a knowledge base and designing a growth plan. With a change project and portfolio in hand, they enter the workforce with the confidence and skills to contribute to the "legacy of leadership" of J.N. Andrews.

The Randall Leadership Medallion is awarded to students who have completed the academic requirements and embody the characteristics represented by the symbols on the medallion.

The Lion and the Lamb—*Spiritual Leadership, Courage, Servanthood*

The Spyglass—*Intentionality, Vision, Leadership Capacities*

The Oak Tree—*Continual Growth of Character, Legacy*

Shaking Hands—*Relationships, Teamwork, Collaboration*

Members of National & International Honors Societies

Alpha Mu Gamma (International Language Studies)

Vany Gisselle Carballo	Hope Morara
Melannie Ferreira	Cielo Miriely Sandoval Castro
Yaneisy Arissai Ledezma	

Phi Alpha (Social Work)

Adrehana Duval	Kediesha Kishara Mowatt-Grant
Nickolette Lawrence	Julia Elizabeth O'Carey
Sommer Manrique	Nemonia Judaine Pinnock
Tara Sheshanna Mehta	Ashley Corneil Reddy
Hope Morara	Salena Rodgers

Phi Kappa Phi

Horacio Damian Aguilar	Leon Howard
Christopher Randall Chadwick	Tony Vincent Rydland
Saulo De Oliveira Cantanhede	SeKwang Seo
Cesia Elizabeth Herrera Soto	

Psi Chi (Behavioral Sciences)

Ronald David Sandoval Suñé

Sigma Theta Tau (Nursing)

Cielo Miriely Sandoval Castro

Theta Alpha Kappa (Religion)

Elaine Sant'Anna Cruz	Marie Anne Elodie Jean-Baptiste
Michael Cuke	Maureen Sakshi Pakalapati
Leon Howard	Ronald David Sandoval Suñé
Jeremiah Janvier	

Countries Represented by the 2026 Graduates

Angola	Ecuador	Lebanon	Spain
Argentina	Germany	Madagascar	Tanzania
Bolivia	Ghana	Malawi	Trinidad and Tobago
Brazil	Grenada	Mexico	Ukraine
Canada	Guatemala	Myanmar	United States of America
Cayman Islands	Guyana	Norway	Venezuela
Chile	Haiti	Palau	Zimbabwe
China	India	Peru	
Colombia	Indonesia	Philippines	
Costa Rica	Jamaica	Romania	
Cuba	Kenya	Saint Lucia	
Dominican Republic	Korea (Republic) (S)	South Africa	

Student Missionaries and Taskforce Workers

Andrews University is pleased its legacy instills the value of service in the current generation. These young people are not content with the status quo and believe change can occur through the courage and hard work of an individual. Many students are now planning a gap year of service as part of their college education. They are called “student missionaries” or “taskforce workers,” but ultimately they are volunteers following a higher calling. Taking a year off, putting their academic program, social life, career plans and relationships all on hold is not an easy choice or one to be taken lightly. This is a path paved with character-building challenges.

We wish to thank them for their spirit of service and know that those moments have changed not only their own lives but the lives of those they served. (Volunteers are wearing silver cords.)

May the LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26 (NKJV)

Vany Gisselle Carballo
Karen Joy Holland
Yaneisy Arissai Ledezma
Julia Elizabeth O’Carey

Gabriel Almeida Pontes
Ashley Elizabeth Ramos
Ghislain Monique Stojanov

Senior Class Officers 2025–2026

Samuel St Aubin Benjamin Martin, President
Colin Mackinley Browne Jr, Vice President
Anna Rae Elizabeth Williams, Social Vice President
Jalen Andrew Watson, Treasurer
Jimin Kim, Secretary
Rochelle Daughma, Sponsor

Andrews University Student Association Officers 2026 Graduates

Alyssa Caruthers, President
Jhoana Mortera, Vice President of Public Relations
Darius Bridges, Sponsor
Patricia Fitting, Sponsor

PHOTOGRAPHY/DRONES

Andrews University works with GradImages for official graduation ceremony pictures. Families may use their personal devices to take pictures from their seats, but no other hired photographers will be allowed in the graduation ceremony. All unmanned aircraft, including drones, are prohibited from operation on the campus.

We invite you to include a picture with the iconic Battle Creek College Bell, located just outside the Pioneer Memorial Church, in your graduation photos.

LIVE STREAM & VIDEO



Family and friends who are not able to attend the main graduation services can watch live at andrews.edu/livestream.



Professionally produced videos of each service will also be available on the Andrews University YouTube channel when they are complete: andrews.edu/go/youtube.

GRADUATION DECORUM

We request your cooperation in keeping your applause to a minimum until all diplomas have been granted.

Class Gift 2026

With heartfelt gratitude for the memories we have made, the lessons we have learned and the friendships that have shaped us, the Class of 2026 is honored to present our senior gift to Andrews University, the place we have proudly called home. Our time here has been filled with moments of growth, challenge, laughter and reflection. This campus has not only educated us, but it has also supported us, inspired us and brought us into a community that we will carry with us long after graduation.

In recognition of the impact this community has had on our lives, we are excited to contribute a covered seating area in the form of a gazebo. We imagine this space as more than just a place to sit. It is a place where students can gather between classes, study with friends, take a quiet moment to reset or simply enjoy being outside. Whether it becomes a go-to study spot, a meeting place or a place to pause during a busy day, we hope it brings both comfort and connection to everyone who uses it.

This gift reflects the values that have shaped our experience here, including community, support and meaningful connection. We wanted to leave something behind that continues to bring people together. A space where conversations happen, laughter is shared and even the smallest moments can feel special. It is our hope that this gazebo becomes a familiar and welcoming part of campus life for years to come.

As we prepare to step into the next chapter of our lives, we do so with full hearts and deep gratitude. While we may be leaving campus, a part of us will always remain here in the friendships we have built, the experiences we have shared and now in this space we leave behind. We hope this gift continues to serve and welcome future students and that it stands as a lasting reminder of the Class of 2026 and the community we were proud to be a part of.

Off-Campus Locations

Centro Universitario Adventista de Sao Paulo
East Sahel Union Mission
Hong Kong Adventist College
Middle East University
National Economics University
Newbold College
Polish Senior College of Theology & Humanities

Taiwan Adventist College
Universitatea Adventus din Cernica
University of Southern Caribbean
Ukrainian Adventist Center of Higher Education
University of Eastern Africa
Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City
Zaokski Theological Seminary

Pinning and Dedication Ceremonies

Friday, July 31, 1 p.m.

School of Communication Sciences & Disorders White Coat Ceremony
Andrews Academy

Friday, July 31, 5:30 p.m.

School of Social Work Recognition Service, Newbold Auditorium, Buller Hall

Saturday, Aug. 1, 3:30 p.m.

School of Rehabilitation Sciences Dedication & White Coat Ceremony
Howard Performing Arts Center

Saturday, Aug. 1, 4 p.m.

Seminary Dedication Service, Seminary Chapel

Saturday, Aug. 1, 5 p.m.

Medical Laboratory Sciences Dedication & Certificate Ceremony
Anthony Castelbuono Youth Chapel, Pioneer Memorial Church

STATEMENT OF MISSION

Andrews University, a distinctive Seventh-day Adventist Christian institution, transforms its students by educating them to seek knowledge and affirm faith in order to change the world.

Andrews University students will:

SEEK KNOWLEDGE as they

- Engage in intellectual discovery and inquiry
- Demonstrate the ability to think clearly and critically
- Communicate effectively
- Understand life, learning and civic responsibility from a Christian point of view
- Demonstrate competence in their chosen disciplines and professions

AFFIRM FAITH as they

- Develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- Deepen their faith commitment and practice
- Demonstrate personal and moral integrity
- Embrace a balanced lifestyle, including time for intellectual, social, spiritual and physical development
- Apply understanding of cultural differences in diverse environments

CHANGE THE WORLD as they go forth to

- Engage in creative problem-solving and innovation
- Engage in generous service to meet human needs
- Apply collaborative leadership to foster growth and promote change
- Engage in activities consistent with the worldwide mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

Our Andrews U.

I.A. Steinel

Adapt. by Willie Hucks

I. A. Steinel

Arr. by Charles J. Hall

1. From North and South, from East and West, we come to you,
2. We thank you for warm friend - ships here we owe to you,

The first system of the musical score is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It features a piano accompaniment with a steady bass line and a melody in the treble clef. The lyrics are written below the staff.

From far - off land, from sun - ny isle a - cross the blue.
For mem - 'ries that will warm our hearts for long years through.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staff.

Our souls you kin - dle with God's fire, A loft - y pur - pose you in - spire,
God's Word in us we here re - new for goals and aims of faith so true,

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staff.

You help us reach our heart's de - sire, Our
It's cor - pus, mens, and spi - ri - tus at An - drews U.

The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staff.

Refrain
Our hearts beat high with love and loy - al - ty, We pledge our - selves to

The fifth system is the beginning of the refrain. The lyrics are written below the staff.

you, For ser - vice grand in eve - ry land, Our An - drews U.

The sixth system continues the refrain. The lyrics are written below the staff.