

Welcome Think Deeply...Live Fully...Serve Unselfishly...Honor God Completely...

elcome, Andrews Academy alumni, students, and friends! We are truly delighted to welcome you back to campus for Alumni Weekend—a cherished time to reconnect, reflect, and rejoice together. Whether you graduated many years ago or just recently, your presence is a beautiful testament to your lasting connection and commitment to Andrews Academy.

As you walk these familiar halls, you may see new faces and notice a few changes along the way—but the heart of Andrews Academy remains the same. Our mission continues to guide us: to nurture young people in a Christ-centered environment, helping them grow in faith and discover God's unique purpose for their lives.

May this weekend be filled with warm fellowship, joyful memories, and renewed inspiration. As we laugh, reminisce, and celebrate together, may we be reminded that Andrews Academy is more than a school—it is a community, a ministry, and a family united in Christ.

Welcome home, dear family!

Rubén A. Pérez-Schulz

Principal | Andrews Academy



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Events at a Glance

All alumni weekend functions will be held at Andrews Academy, unless otherwise indicated.

Friday, October 17

8–8:55 AM Alumni Convocation—Joy Ngugi ('15)

9-11:00 AM Career Seminars & Career Fair

6:00 PM Registration (Commons)

7:00 PM Vespers—Michael Nixon ('05)

8:00 PM After Vespers—s'mores by the campfire (outside of Sunshine Hall -

weather permitting)

Sabbath, October 18

9:00 AM Registration (Commons)

10:00 AM Tribute Sabbath School & Alumni Proceedings

11:30 AM Alumni Worship Convocation—Raewyn (Hankins) Orlich ('00)

12:45 PM Honor Class Photographs

12:45 PM Alumni Lunch (Gym/Honor Classes in Classrooms, etc.)

8:00 PM Shydepoke—AU Andreasen Center for Wellness Gym (basketball games)

The lobby of the Andreasen Center will be available for visiting.

Sunday, October 19

9:00 AM Sharon Russell Memorial Walk (Meet at AA Parking Lot)

10:00-12:00 Pickleball (Berrien Springs High School) - jamisonrbennett@gmail.com

(Both events are weather permitting.)

Alumni Convocation

8:00 AM

Song Service	Class of 2026
The Pledge of Allegiance	AA Students
The School Song	Class of 2026
Prayer & Welcome	Rubén Pérez-Schulz, Principal
Introduction of Speaker	Steven Atkins, Faculty
Address	Joy Ngugi ('15)
Closing Prayer	Lily Murphy ('26)
Introduction of Career Seminar Speakers	. Tonya (Hippler) Snyder ('96)

Career Seminars

9:00 AM

An important component of a complete education is helping students to develop a clear vision of service to humanity through their chosen profession. Andrews Academy is committed to providing opportunities for career exploration. The strongest motivation for career development is for students to see professionals who have graduated from their school return and talk about their journey. We are grateful to each of those who have returned to pass on their career experiences to our current students. The Alumni Career Seminars begin immediately following the conclusion of the Convocation. Sincere appreciation is expressed to the following alumni seminar presenters:

Claire (Covrig) Burrill ('15)
Martha (Macey) Daggett ('95)
Katherine Koudele ('75)
Elisha Luyeho ('00)
Joy Ngugi ('15)
Raewyn (Hankins) Orlich ('95)
Meline Ponniah ('00)
Kim (Smith) Shumaker ('00)
Kimberly (Weber) Spare ('00)
Eileen (Vega) Spruill ('00)
Doug Taylor ('98)
Ivette (Ruban) Williams ('15)

Optometrist
Mental Health Professional
Animal Science
Aviation – Airport Accessibility Compliance
Film Producer/Casting Lead
Associate Pastor
OB/GYN
Grades 7/8 Teacher
Business
Medical Technology
Graphic Design Professor
Speech-Language Pathology

7:00 PM

Vespers

PRESENTED BY THE CLASS OF 2005

Song Service Jeffery Habenicht, Elliscent Chuah, Michael Nixon, and Seth Kissinger
Speaker Michael Nixor
Pianist
After vespers, join us for s'mores outside of Sunshine Hall (weather permittina)!

Tribute Sabbath School & Alumni Proceedings

10:00 AM

Prelude
Welcome & Prayer Fares Magesa ('97), Chairman of the Governing Board
Tribute William Crawford ('90)
Special Music
Tribute
PFE Program Joelle (Perry) Ashley ('88), Alice Zappia, & AA Students
Tributes Alumnae of the Year - Katherine Koudele & Ellen (Munar) Tambunan ('75)
Presented by: Katherine Koudele to Tambunan and Evelyn Hainey to Koudele
SOW Safari Gina Pellegrini (Faculty)
Tribute Honoring the Golden Class Bruce Brantley & Jean (Edminster) Granum ('75)
Roll Call
Jeannie Leiterman, Former Principals
Benediction

For your convenience, there is a Mother's Room located in A-45 (off the library).

Beginning at 11:30 AM, there will be **Children's Church** for kids ages 4-10 led by Gina Pellegrini, Gabriel Johnson, & Steven Toscano, located in the library.

Alumni Worship Convocation

PRESENTED BY THE CLASS OF 2000

11:30 AM

Prelude
Call to WorshipRubén Pérez-Schulz, Principal
Invocation Richard Parke
Opening Hymn Praise to the Lord Hymn #1
Call for Offering
Sharon Russell Worthy Student Fund
Offertory Sarah (Woolf) Canada & Kimberly (Weber) Spare
Scripture Reading Hebrews 12:1-2 Michael Bell
Pastoral Prayer
Special Music When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Silhouettes & Alumni
Sermon
Closing Hymn
Closing Announcements
Closing Prayer Elisha Luyeho
Response
Postlude

Silhouettes Director: Daniel Cerna, Faculty

Photo Schedule

12:45 PM

Photos will be taken immediately after the church service in the Orrison Chapel or at the Theme Wall. Please read the following schedule and make note of your time and location.

Teacher Legacy Award Recipient* (12:45), Convocation Speaker (12:50), Alumnae of the Year (12:55), Classes of 1955 (1:00), 1965 (1:10), 1975 (1:20), 1985 (1:30), 1995 (1:40), 2005 (1:50), 2015 (1:55):

Your photo will be taken in the **Richard T. Orrison Chapel**. Please come to the chapel at **least 5 minutes** before your scheduled picture time so you will be ready for your picture. *If you were an AA colleague with the Teacher Legacy Award Recipient, please join us for this picture.

Classes of 1950 (12:45), 1960 (12:50), 1970 (12:55), 1980 (1:00), 1990 (1:10), 2000 (1:20), 2010 (1:30), 2020 (1:40):

Your photo will be taken at the **Theme Wall** in the Commons. Please come to the wall at **least 5 minutes** before your scheduled picture time so you will be ready for your picture.

Lunch

12:45 PM

Serving will begin at 12:45 PM (or directly after the worship service). **General seating is located in the Gymnasium.** Please respect the designated areas reserved for the following honor classes in these locations (see school map in display case):

^{*} Food provided in library.



Teacher Legacy Award

PATRICIA BANKS '03-'12

atricia Hays Banks is a proud native of Michigan. She attended Grand Rapids Junior Academy, graduated from Cedar Lake Academy in 1968, and earned degrees in Physical Education and Home Economics from Andrews

University in 1972. That same year, she married John Banks, beginning a journey marked by family, service, and a lifelong commitment to education.

Pat began her teaching career with three years at the Norwood School in Buffalo, New York, teaching grades 1–4, followed by six years at Adelphian Academy in Holly, Michigan. In the early 1980s, Pat and John moved to Loma Linda, CA, for John to pursue a PhD in Anatomy. Here, she balanced full-time work as campus cafeteria director while earning her Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction.

In 1984, the family returned to Berrien Springs when John joined the new physical therapy program at Andrews University. While initially disappointed by a lack of teaching opportunities, Pat pursued certification in Elementary Education, completing her student teaching with Mrs. Anne Marie Liske's kindergarten class. Her path soon led her into the classroom at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School, where she would spend many of her most meaningful years as a teacher.

Pat taught kindergarten at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School for eight years, continuing the strong program Mrs. Liske had built and establishing the now-annual kindergarten patriotic program. She later taught a fifth and sixth grade combination class, then settled into fifth grade for another seven years. Always seeking to enrich her students' experiences, she partnered with the Andrews University School of Education to make outdoor education at

Camp Au Sable a reality for RMES students.

In 2003, Pat transitioned to Andrews Academy, where she returned to her roots in physical education and home economics. During her eight years at AA, she relished opportunities to mentor students, whether through SA events like Penny Arcade and SA Campout, or guiding them in the classroom as they learned to sew and bake. Having taught at three levels (elementary, middle school, and academy), she enjoyed the unique experience of teaching some students multiple times over the span of their education.

Family has always been central to Pat's life. She and John have two daughters, who are both carrying on the family trade as educators:

Erin Elizabeth (AA '98) serves as Director of General Education and Assistant Professor of English at Loma Linda University. She and her husband, Mikael Kirkham, a wound-ostomy nurse at Loma Linda Medical Center, are parents to Emilia June (12) and Finnegan John (7).

Kirsten Kathleen (AA '04) teaches fourth grade at Loma Linda Academy. She and her husband, Brent Wild, a physical therapist and owner of Citrus Valley PT in Redlands, are parents to Violet Drew (3).

In January 2012, Pat retired as John began a new chapter in the Anatomy Division at Loma Linda University. They now live in Redlands, California, within walking distance from both their daughters and three grandchildren. Pat fills her days supporting her family - driving the kids to activities, baking her signature treats, or enjoying the company of her dog, Luna. Pat and John also set a goal of visiting all 50 states, a dream they fulfilled with recent trips to Hawaii and South Carolina.

Through her decades of teaching and mentoring, Pat has left a lasting mark on countless students and colleagues. Her career reflects dedication, creativity, and a heart for education that continues to ripple outward through the lives she has touched.

A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops. — Henry Adams

Alumna of the Year

KATHERINE KOUDELE '75



atherine Koudele, "Kathy," came to SW Michigan when she was 6 months old. She is the product of 19 years of Adventist education and the proud graduate of Glenwood Union Adventist School, Andrews (University) Academy, and Andrews University (bachelors and masters degrees). She earned a doctorate in Animal Science from Michigan State University in 1988.

While at Andrews Academy, she was part of The Silhouette yearbook team, was a member of the Alma Campbell chapter of the National Honor Society, was the class treasurer during junior and senior years, worked as a grader for Mr. Anderson's shop classes, and helped Mrs. Christoffel in the school office. One of her favorite memories is of Mrs. Wills playing the ukulele and singing "Drink to me only with thine eyes, and I will pledge with mine" in English class illustrating period music while they studied literature from that time

including Sohrab and Rustum. She also remembers being excited when it was her turn to get to use a Selectric typewriter in Mrs. Vitrano's typing class. She recalls racing with Stony Hilderbrant to get the most words per minute with the fewest mistakes, but she was never able to beat him. She enjoyed the year-long drivers' training class from Mr. Swensen and the challenge of steering through the driving course set-up in the PMC parking lot. Not so fun was the horror movie of grisly accidents he showed in class to keep them driving defensively. She fears she gave Mrs. Butler writer's cramp from all the pink slips she wrote on her talking too much in the library. She was surprised to find out during Senior Class night just before graduation that oddly she had won the "Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow" award scholarship based on a written test score despite the fact that she got her one and only "C" grade in Miss Grubbs' Home Ec class. Struggling to sew double-knit fabrics didn't help with that grade.

Other AUA memories include the junior class trip to Springfield, IL, and staying in the girls' barracks at the Illinois State Fairgrounds. When the girls were taking showers in the group shower area, they discovered that the boys from the class had figured out how to stand on chairs, etc., and were peering over a wall that did not go to the ceiling into the girls' shower area. The girls started yelling and throwing bars of soap, wash cloths, and shampoo bottles at the boys, who quickly retreated. Then there was a class camping trip along the shores of Lake Michigan. It got quite cold at night so Lora Reiss, Jeannie Moon, and Kathy zipped their sleeping bags together and huddle in the united bags to keep warm. Jean was the smallest, so Lora and

Kathy thought that Jean should be in the middle, and although she was likely warmer than the others were, it was still a long, cold, sleepless night for all. After graduation, a bunch of girls (who shall remain nameless) went skinny-dipping in Lake Michigan to celebrate. The water was still pretty cold then, too.

Aside from the adolescent hijinks, Kathy feels very blessed to be able to have had such a good education overall at AA, and feels that she was well-prepared for college and beyond. She has been teaching Animal Science at Andrews University since 1995. Her two children, Beth and Mark Joslin, are also graduates of AA and AU.

She is honored to have been selected for this award and wants to thank all those involved in giving it.



Andrews Academy Family 2025-26



Alumna of the Year

ELLEN (MUNAR) TAMBUNAN '75



llen (Munar) Tambunan was born in Molokai, Hawaii, in 1957 and moved to Berrien Springs, MI, with her family in 1964. She attended Village Adventist Church, Ruth Murdoch Elementary School, and Andrews Academy.

While at Andrews Academy, Ellen was the pianist for Silhouettes, one of the choir groups. She enjoyed performing with the group at Pioneer Memorial Church and other local churches in the area. Ellen was also involved with the Honor Society, school yearbook, and served as the class secretary during her senior year.

After graduating from Andrews Academy, Ellen went on to Andrews University completing a degree in Clinical Lab Science. In college she met her husband Timbul, and they were married at the Village

Church. They were blessed with a daughter, Rachel (AA class of 2003), who is their greatest joy.

Ellen went on to graduate from Manila Central University School of Medicine. She completed a family medicine residency at St. John Hospital in Detroit and became board certified in Family Medicine. Ellen became affiliated with Lakeland Medical Center in Niles, MI, seeing patients at their Cass and Niles clinics. Later the Tambunan family moved to Redlands, CA, to be closer to their daughter. Ellen joined the Loma Linda University Medical Faculty Group as an Assistant Professor of Medicine seeing patients at their outpatient clinics. She is currently working at Redlands VA Ambulatory Care Center.

While living in Berrien Springs, Ellen and Timbul were both active members of Pioneer Memorial Church, serving as deaconess/deacon and elders. Now in California, Ellen enjoys accompanying different singing groups in different local churches. She especially enjoys playing for her granddaughter's Sabbath School class and Adventurer Club events.

Over the years, Ellen and Timbul have donated to different projects at AA, AU, and different Adventist universities overseas. They sponsor a yearly Tambunan Leadership Luncheon during AU's alumni weekend, providing an opportunity for students to learn from and network with alumni professionals. They are both members of the Andrews University President's Council.

Psalm 107:1: "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." Ellen is forever thankful to God for all of His many blessings and in return wants to share them with others.

Convocation Speaker

RAEWYN (HANKINS) ORLICH '00

aewyn (Hankins) Orlich was born in Cape Town, South Africa, as a fifth-generation Seventh-day Adventist on four (Hankins, Webster, Hurlow, and Staples). Her family immigrated to Berrien Springs, Michigan, when she was six years old. Her mother, Gillian Webster Howard, taught piano for many years at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School and is now a full-time chaplain at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center. Raewyn's younger sister and brother-inlaw, Deirdre and Kevin Solomon, are pastors in the



Nevada-Utah Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Andrews Academy holds a special place in Raewyn's heart and life-story. It was here, from 1996-2000, that she got her first job inputting attendance records in the office, was encouraged to walk fast by Mr. Anderson, learned to cook and care for kids from Mrs. Russell, was first encouraged to speak by Pastor Russell and Pastor Archer, first took on the role as "pastor" for the National Honor Society and her class, and explored so much more about what it means to be a person of faith and integrity.

In 2004, she graduated with a Religious Studies, Pre-Seminary degree from La Sierra University in Riverside, CA. La Sierra challenged her to think about how her faith is lived out in society, emphasizing a God that is on the move and Adventist reformers who believed present truth calls us to work towards that for which we wait, living out Jesus' kingdom values today.

Called by the Southeastern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists to be part of their pastoral team, she first served at the Chula Vista Seventh-day Adventist Church, then was excited to be sponsored to come home to the Andrews Theological Seminary to get her Master of Divinity degree. The seminary was an enriching experience, mingling with ministers from around the world and learning from kind and experienced professors.

After seminary, Raewyn served as Associate Pastor for Children, Youth, and Family Ministry at the Yucaipa Seventh-day Adventist Church and was ordained-commissioned as a pastor on June 18, 2011.

Raewyn served as Lead Pastor for the Victorville Seventh-day Adventist Church from 2013-2019 and deeply values the people and mission in the High Desert. For the last six years, she has served as Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Nurture at the La Sierra University Church.

In 2016, Raewyn married Dr. Michael Orlich - a physician specializing in preventive, family, and obesity medicine with his PhD in epidemiology, who works for Loma Linda University and enjoys writing poetry, running, and baking - and they have three members of the alpha generation, Eleanor (7), Eric (5), and Desmond (3).

In 2024 she published her first book, *In Grandpa's Shoes: An Invitation to Intergenerational Connection*, about her runner, pastor grandfather, Eric Webster, and how we can each connect with different generations. She is also one of the authors of *Nine Practices for Being Well*, a baptismal guide with Adult, Youth, and Children's Editions, available from AdventSource.

Class Gatherings

1965 (Margaret (Conard) Poole)

- Friday evening, 5:30 PM Fellowship and supper at Wanda Poole Ferguson's home
- Sabbath, 4:00 PM Fellowship and 6:00 PM buffet dinner at Margaret Poole's home

1975 (Stony Hilderbrandt)

- Friday evening, 7:00 PM Visit and snacks at Stony & Jackie's
- Saturday evening, 5:30-10:00 PM Visit and pizza at Sutherland House (8360 W Campus Circle Dr)
- Sunday morning, 10:00 AM Brunch at Planks on the Water, restaurant located inside The Inn at Harbor Shores (800 Whitwam Dr, St. Joseph)

1980 (Dawn (Warren) Mutz)

 Saturday evening, 5:30-8:30 PM – Food, fun, and friends at Love Creek Nature Center (9292 Huckleberry Rd, Berrien Center)

2000 (Richard Parke)

Friday evening, 5:30-8:30 PM – Food and gathering at the Dalson Home

2005 (Jeff Habenicht)

Saturday, 5:30–8:30 PM – Dinner and snacks. +1 and families welcome. For more info, contact jhabenicht@gmail.com.

Alumnus of the Year Criteria

An alumnus (graduate or attendee of EMCA/AUA/AA) is selected each year to be honored at alumni weekend as Alumnus of the Year. A candidate for this award may be nominated by any Andrews Academy alumnus, current faculty member, or former faculty member, but all nominees should be in an honor class. Often a member of the fifty-year class is recognized.

Award Criteria

The nominee's life must demonstrate the philosophy and vision of the school. The philosophy is best described by the quote on the theme wall: "To restore in man the image of the Maker is the object of education." The vision statement of the school is, "As a Seventh-day Adventist secondary school, Andrews Academy seeks to inspire its students to think deeply, live fully, serve unselfishly, and honor God completely"—which has been expanded upon for the purpose of this award. To be considered for this award, a candidate must exemplify the criteria below:

- *To Think Deeply:* The individual has achieved success in his or her profession.
- To Live Fully: The individual has lived a life filled with meaning and balance.
- To Serve Unselfishly: The individual has modeled outstanding service to society and/or the church.
- To Honor God Completely: The individual exemplifies Jesus in his or her daily life.

The Alumni Advisory Council recognizes that evidence of successful personal application of the philosophy in one's relationship to God is impossible to truly ascertain. However, evidences of outstanding contributions to one's environment, family, church, community, or workplace can be more readily assessed and will be considered. In keeping with Christ's story of the widow and the mite, it will be remembered that at times one who lives a quiet and steadfast life may be the most worthy recipient of this award.

Nomination Process

All nominations must be submitted in writing to the Andrews Academy Alumni Coordinator. Nominations will be received for the following year starting the Monday after alumni and will close on <u>June 1</u>. Anyone may nominate a classmate from an honored class by answering the questions below and providing the information requested. The nominees may be contacted by the Alumni Coordinator for further information and clarification. Selection of the award recipients will be determined by the Alumni Advisory Council by mid-summer. This council consists of the alumni coordinator, principal, a faculty member, and representatives of the honored classes.

See www.andrews.edu/aa/alumni for the full Alumnus of the Year nomination process as well as the **Teacher Legacy Award criteria and nomination process**.

All nomination submissions for both the Alumnus of the Year and the Teacher Legacy Award are to be mailed or emailed directly to the following address:

Alumni Office Andrews Academy 8833 Garland Avenue Berrien Springs, MI 49104-0560 aaalumni@andrews.edu

A Step in the Right Direction

You are invited to be a part of the community of Andrews Academy Alumni and Friends who invest in our school's continuing quest to offer an exemplary Seventh-day Adventist Christian education. In a typical year, 80 percent of our students receive some form of aid, including worthy student, work study, scholarships, and/or tuition assistance. No matter what the aid is called, the need is great. To learn more about how you can help, go to www.andrews.edu/aa/support.

Annual Fund

Gifts to the Annual Fund are the most valuable to the operation of the school in that they may be applied where the need is greatest. These gifts contribute to the security and stability of the school program.

Worthy Student Fund / Sharon Russell Worthy Student Fund

Each year approximately 20% of the students enrolled receive tuition assistance from the Worthy Student Fund. Without the gifts regularly made by alumni and friends, these tuition supplements would not be possible.

Gifts-In-Kind

Significant contributions to school operations may be made through gifts-in-kind, which carry tax benefits. These are material gifts of value, such as antiques, collections, equipment, vehicles, and real property that can enrich the curricular or co-curricular programs.

Planned Giving

This giving opportunity provides donors with an opportunity to give that integrates sound personal, financial, and estate-planning concepts with plans for lifetime or testamentary giving. A planned gift has tax implications and is often transmitted through a legal document, such as a will or a trust.

Special Projects

Often donors have a special interest in a specific aspect of the curriculum such as music, art, science, humanities, physical education, or technology. Gifts to these funds enrich the quality of these programs. If a class or individual would like to replace the **baseball diamond backstop**, the estimated cost is around \$10,000.

Renovation Projects

Andrews Academy always has renovation projects that need funding, such as finishing our chapel renovations. Contact us (269-471-3138) for more information.

Endowed Funds

Endowment gifts are a major contribution to the school's future stability. These gifts are invested in interest-earning accounts, and the income is used annually for the purpose that the endowment designates. Our endowments include the following:

Andrews Academy Endowed Fund for Worthy Students Class of 1961 Endowment

Class of 2005 Endowment for Spiritual Activities

Arthur E. Axelson Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund

Virgil & Frances Bartlett Endowment Fund

C. Randall Bauer Memorial Endowed Fund

Helen Burbank Ipes Endowed Scholarship Fund

Clementina S. Nicolas Davis Endowed Scholarship Fund

Teresita DelaCruz Endowed Scholarship Fund

Kimberly K. Keller Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund

Kenneth W. & Helen M. Kilgore Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund

James R. Nash Andrews Academy Operating Endowment Fund

Douglas R. Newberry Endowed Scholarship Fund

Richard T. Orrison Endowed Scholarship Fund

Charles & Florence Mauro Endowed Scholarship Fund

Steve & Mary Elizabeth Mauro Endowed Scholarship Fund

Paul Root Memorial Endowment

Rorabeck Family Endowed Scholarship Fund

C. Roy Smith-Charlene Vitrano Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund

Andrew J. and Julia T. Snyder Endowed Scholarship Fund

Luke Tkachuck Memorial Endowment Fund

Thomas A. & Eleanor Umek Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund

Vitrano Alumni Advancement Endowed Fund

Camille R. Warren Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund

Londa Zimmerman Sweezey Endowed Scholarship Fund

Alumni Campaign

Funds raised for the alumni campaign are used to advance the religious, educational, financial, recruitment, and development interests of Andrews Academy and its students, and to foster a relationship with both current students and alumni.

For this year's alumni campaign, we encourage each of you to consider either our "Worthy Student Fund," a continuing need which enables students to attend AA who otherwise could not afford it, or "Project Chapel - Phase 2" as described on page 19 of this program. Thank you for prayerfully considering these projects.

The Andrews Academy Partnering for Eternity (PFE) Program

PFE exists to reveal God's love through service in our community and to support Adventist education through tuition assistance for students. To accomplish this goal, students regularly visit older adults in the community, providing help with house and yard work, as well as companionship. In return, the community members work with the students, encourage them, share their life stories, and lovingly mentor them by word and example. This program is free to the mentors; however, students receive tuition assistance of \$800 per semester for their 2-hour, once per week service.

Your support is vital to this amazing program because your gift is combined with matching funds from a grant that provides 70% of the scholarship!

Your Gift – 30%	Matching Grant – 70%	Scholarship
\$240	\$560	\$800
\$480	\$1,120	\$1,600
\$960	\$2,240	\$3,200

By raising \$13,000, PFE will offset tuition costs for 26 students by a total of \$41,600. Additional funds raised are added to a PFE Endowment, the interest of which ensures the continuity of the program for future generations. With your support, we can continue to teach civic responsibility, accountability, and develop intergenerational relationships for eternity. Please give today to support students who are willing to work for their tuition needs and serve as Jesus served.

Make your tax-deductible donation now by using the QR code or sending a check made out to "Andrews Academy" with "PFE" in the memo line to the following address:

Development Office Andrews Academy 8833 Garland Ave Berrien Springs, MI 49104

Thank you in advance for your generous financial support! Discover additional details at www.aapfe.org. Contact: Alice Zappia at zappiaa@andrews.edu.



Worthy Student & Sharon Russell Funds

We are pleased to report that we have 238 students this 2025-26 school year! Many families are unable to afford the tuition that a private Christian school requires to cover the costs of its program. We continually assist families who are experiencing difficult financial times but who want their children at Andrews Academy.

In an overwhelming demonstration of generosity and support, alumni and other donors continue to respond to this challenge with contributions to help families afford tuition costs. We are so grateful to God and our donors for the generosity that we've received. However, the need is ongoing and great. See page 11 for a QR code that links to our Worthy Student fund. The Sharon Russell non-endowed fund also supports our worthy students. Thank you!

We continue to solicit your prayers for Andrews Academy staff and students, that they have a successful year, and that each will incorporate this year's school theme into their lives, "Called to Proclaim." The theme is based on Isaiah 43:21.

Project Chapel - Phase 2

Thank you for those who have donated to Andrews Academy's fundraising projects. During Phase 1 of our chapel renovation, we put in new, higher quality video wiring in the projection system, and in the chapel ceiling, two TV monitors that are used by the song leaders. We also put in a new audio system and LED lighting in the chapel. A new feature wall that hides the "backstage" was also included for programming feature purposes. The backstage door opens up to C Wing. Two large TV screens were added on each side for projection purposes.

Phase 2 of our chapel renovation will include new pews, carpet, and an extended stage to accommodate music and other productions, such as our sold out play, *Radium Girls*, in 2024. Please consider marking the donation envelope "Project Chapel" with your tax-deductible donation.





A special thank you to the following people!

Rubén Pérez-Schulz, Principal

Steven Atkins, Faculty

Jamie Bennett ('98)

Seth Freeman ('26)

Gracie Gaytan, Business Manager

Ayodele Greenidge & AA Students, A/V

Fares Magesa ('97), Chairman of the Governing Board

Gina Meekma, Administrative Assistant

Mitchell Meekma ('22) & Victoria Meekma

Jan (Greenidge) Pickett ('79)

Christopher Snyder ('96)

Tonya (Hippler) Snyder ('96), Alumni Liaison

Doug Taylor ('98)

Ella Taylor ('26)

Michael Taylor ('24)

And to the faculty and staff, as well as the countless number of students and parents, who have helped with planning, set up, tear down, and lunch.

If you know someone from the honored classes ending in 1 and 6 who may be interested helping to plan Alumni Weekend next year, please have them call the Academy at 269-471-3138 or email AAalumni@andrews.edu.



Visit our Facebook page for pictures of Alumni Weekend and other school events! While there, please "like" our page!

https://www.facebook.com/
andrewsacademyaa

Instagram:

https://www.instagram.com/andrews_ academy

Hope to see you at our next reunion!

OCTOBER 16-17, 2026

Honor classes end in 1 & 6.

REUNITE REMBER RECONNECT



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