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Leaving a Legacy:

Charles Willard "Knobby" Mauro
(1925-2019)

Dear AA Alumni,

The 2019-20 school year is now more than halfway done. As I walked through the halls of Andrews Academy at the beginning of the school year, I was excited by the student energy all around me. I saw returning students stopping to help a freshman open a locker; I heard laughter floating down the corridors, and cheerful greetings exchanged between students and teachers. A new school year is a time for reconnection, a time for hope and change, and a time for growth and reflection.

When we start a new school year, each fresh face is a repeated reminder that God is so good. Our enrollment is holding steady. We have seen a continued growth over the past few years, and while we have prepared for some decrease in numbers, God continues to bless us with students. This year we've had between 260-264 students enrolled. We ended last year at 265.

I am also reminded that another of God's rich blessings to this school is the wonderfully diverse, talented, generous, and devoted AA alumni, parents, and community supporters who make up our extended academy family. YOU are each a blessing to this school in your unique way, and I love hearing from you! You come in with your stories of the days of Dr. Orrison or Dr. Nash. You talk to me and tell me stories about chapel choirs, and you remind me of how important it is for you to see the traditions you relished continuing on in the present. Some, like Hodge Podge, have been reinvented several times over the years, while others look and sound exactly the same. I hope you're warming up your vocal cords for a rousing rendition of the school song on alumni weekend!

We hope that this *Continuum* finds you and your family well, and that you are already making plans to return "home" on October 16-17, 2020, for another alumni weekend. We think you'll be pleased with some welcome changes we've made to the school facility, and trust you'll find the same familiar friendly spirit of days gone by. If you cannot personally make it here for the activities of Alumni Weekend, let me encourage you to follow along on our Facebook page. In addition to the main Academy home page, we are creating class Facebook pages for each of you so that you can connect directly with your class. Please keep us posted on the events in your life. We want to hear about births, weddings, graduations, whatever it is that you want to share. We are here to serve you.

Thank you for your continued support. Please keep Andrews Academy in your prayers, as we keep you in ours.

Looking forward,



Jeannie Leiterman, Principal



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*Thank you for
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Looking back at teenage years can lead to some very interesting memories. Some may remember doing something so bold that the class and the classes that came after were talking about it for years. For others, you may remember fighting against a policy you did not like, or fighting for something you may have felt the school needed. Or maybe you are thinking how you believe you were not legendary in high school and could not possibly have done anything memorable. It is natural to have a lot of emotions attached to the high school you attended: happiness, joy, anger, contempt, frustration, sweetness, peace, even possibly that warmth you get in your heart when you think of some of your dearest moments. Still, a building alone can not evoke such strong emotions from a human. What causes those emotions are the people and memories attached to that building. Because of this, your simple attendance, being there and interacting or not interacting, affected those also in the building. This is how you leave a legacy.

When people hear the word legacy, they may think they have to do some large, heroic gesture in order for them to be remembered. However, I read something the other day about being famous, which often falls along the same line of leaving a legacy. What I read said everyone is famous for something. You can be famous for your smile, your attitude, or even for how quiet you were. I think this is the same as a legacy—what imprint did you leave on those around you?

For me, Pastor Manny Vitug (Faculty '93-'97) was that legacy. He taught me in the face of defeat that God had a better plan for me. I ran for SA President, and things did not work out, but God had a plan for me to be a youth leader at my local church. In that position I continued to be mentored by Pastor Vitug, and continued to mentor others. He taught me to always be resilient, and to always keep my eyes on God. How about your legacy, do you think it was positive or negative? If it was negative, remember that legacies are something we constantly work at and change. We cannot change the past but can work towards a better future. As this school year starts, let us work towards that better future. You have already graduated but you can influence the younger generation in a positive way and help them leave positive legacies, just like former Principal "Knobby" Mauro. He will be missed, but his legacy continues. I challenge you to encourage those around you and help them to keep working towards healthy goals.

Fares Magesa, '97—Chair, Andrews Academy Board

Academy Highlights

Say Hello to...

Marcelo Martins:

At the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year, we were pleased to welcome Marcelo Martins as Andrews Academy's new chorale, Silhouettes, and bells conductor. A native of Brazil, Marcelo received his undergraduate degree in Piano Performance from University of Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil. He then received his Master's of Music in Choral Conducting from Andrews University.

Marcelo has conducted various choirs while at University of Sao Paulo during his twenty years there and while in the United States, including university, academy and children's choirs. Besides traveling in Brazil, his music groups have toured to Argentina, Buenos Aires, and to the General Conference in Texas. He has composed numerous compositions. As a professional musician, his motto is "to share the passion for music with students for the glory of God." Marcelo strongly believes that music is a powerful instrument able to contribute immensely for the whole development of whoever experiences it.

Marcelo enjoys travelling the world, playing tennis, cooking, and being surrounded by friends and family. He is married to Regina, and they have a daughter, Beatriz, and a son Leo, both of whom are students at AA.

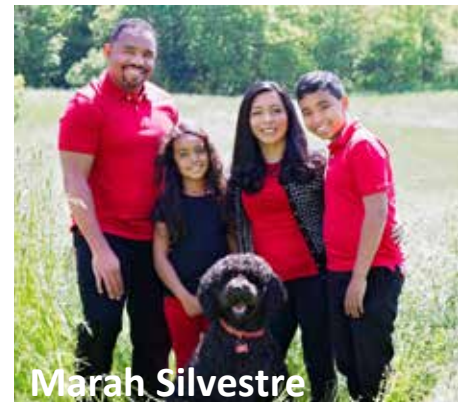
Pastor Lindsey Pratt:

Welcome to Pastor Lindsey Pratt, who started in September 2019 as the new youth pastor at Pioneer Memorial Church (PMC). As youth pastor, she also works with the students at Andrews Academy. She grew up in Central California, graduated from Andrews University in 2012 with a degree in theology, and completed her M.Div. at AU in 2017. She has worked as a youth pastor and as a youth evangelism director. A single parent to adopted daughter, Ellie, Pastor Pratt is enjoying this new chapter of her life with the youth of PMC and Andrews Academy.

Marah Silvestre:

María Silvestre, called Marah by her friends, is our contract Spanish and Yearbook teacher for 2019-20. She is from Buenos Aires, Argentina. She met her husband, Carlos Silvestre, a Dominican, while attending school in Collonges, France. They have two children, Eliel and Elianna, who attend Ruth Murdoch Elementary School.

When Marah is not in the classroom, she enjoys camping with family and friends, reading, traveling and learning about different cultures, photography, painting, baking, and doing crafts.



Say Goodbye to...

Hector Flores:

At the end of April 2018, Héctor Flores announced to the Academy family that he had accepted an invitation to teach music at North Dallas Adventist Academy. This call happened quickly and unexpectedly. He told the school family, "It's with sadness that I need to tell you that this will be my last year at Andrews Academy." For various family reasons, he is glad to be able to work in the Dallas area. His ailing father lives nearby.

The Academy family misses Héctor and his influence on the school and the music program. During his eight-year tenure here, he established a number of what we now consider AA traditions. When he started teaching, he began Concerto Night, an opportunity for advanced music students to perform publicly while accompanied by an orchestra, with forty-five student soloists participating over the seven years. He also began the Easter season tradition of presenting *The Seven Last Words of Christ* or *Elijah*. Partnering with Byron Graves, they began the Christmas Pops Concert each Christmas. He began the biannual music mission trip to international locations such as Guatemala, Thailand, and most recently Chile. He also continued the biannual international SOW Safari service mission trip of the Academy, which was started by Mr. Nash in 1986.

Keila Sanchez:

In July 2019, our Spanish and art teacher, Keila Sánchez, resigned from her position at AA to focus on her KOZYSAILA scarf business full-time. We are very sorry to lose her, as Señora Sánchez brought great passion, commitment, and creativity to Spanish and art classes, to the yearbook as sponsor, and to many other facets of the school. We are all better for her service during the thirteen years that she was with us at Andrews Academy.



Academy Highlights: Recent Updates

Office Renovation: An extensive front office renovation project began at the beginning of Summer 2018 and was completed near mid-summer. After 40 years and some minor renovations, the office underwent major renovations. Mr. Chris Steeves and his summer custodial team began tearing the office apart on June 3, 2018. Yellow walls and dark orange/brown carpet were found when tearing out the original cabinets and counter, which were the original colors of the walls and carpet when the school was built in 1978. Mr. Steeves and his crew of student workers did most of the office renovation work: tearing out old office cabinets, removing the carpet, scraping the floors to remove old carpet glue, patching the walls to prep for painting, and then most of the painting. Contractors were used to install the new ceiling, flooring, and electrical work.

Music Storage Room: Dr. Elsy Gallardo-Díaz worked hard during the summer of 2018, helping to renovate the instrument storage rooms beside the main music practice rooms. She, along with Mr. Chris Steeves, redesigned a number of the storage shelves. She also painted and carpeted each shelf to make the storage room a more efficient place for students to quickly store and pick up their instruments.

Project Chapel—Phase 1: New wooden panels were installed on the walls of the stage. This completes phase 1 of the chapel renovation, which also included new lighting, a new sound system, and a door behind the lighted cross to allow a backstage for performers.

New Digital Sign: If you were here for alumni in October 2019, you saw the new digital sign in front of the school. Thank you to the Class of 2017 (and others) for this gift!

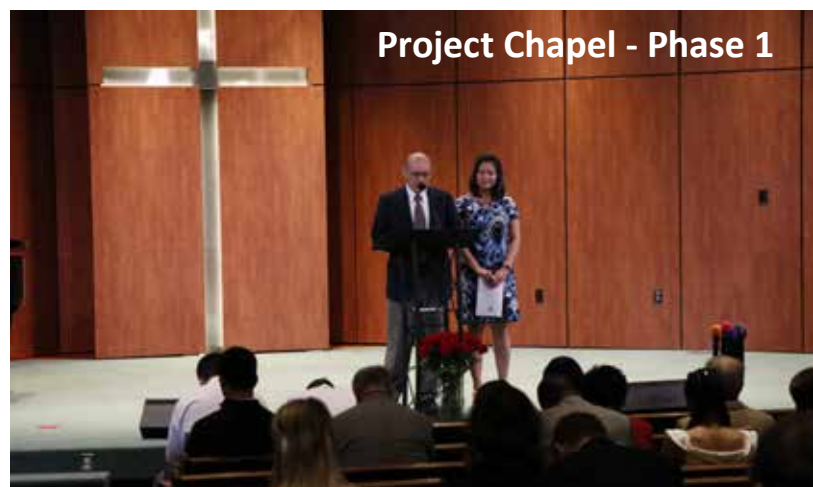
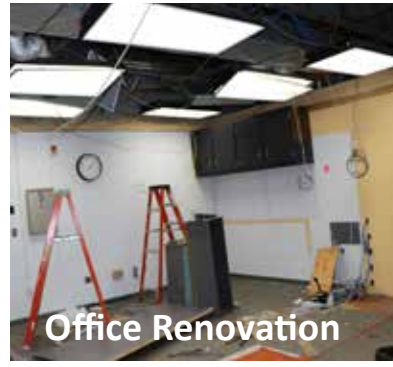
New HVAC Cooling Tower: A new cooling tower was installed in October 2019. The original HVAC was built in 1979, when the school was built and has well outlived its life expectancy of 20 - 25 years. For the last 15 years, the school has been patching up portions that have rusted out or broken.

Current Projects and Needs

Project Chapel - Phase 2: New pews, carpet, and stage update

Facelift to Our Science Classrooms: Including a raised ceiling to accommodate science “explosions,” better ventilation for chemical fumes to escape, standing desks, more storage, and general upkeep.

Please consider giving to our renovation projects!



Check out ways to give on page 30:

Alumni and friends may support Andrews Academy's continuing quest to offer an exemplary Seventh-day Adventist Christian education program in a variety of ways. You are invited to select from the options on page 30.

Academy Highlights: School Musical

Hello, Dolly! Presented by Andrews Academy

From December 1-3, 2018, an Andrews Academy tradition continued with the production of *Hello, Dolly!* This musical was part of the Literary Interpretation - Musical class. The students delighted sold-out crowds with this exciting and entertaining show adapted from Thornton Wilder's play *The Matchmaker*.

Meddlesome and smooth-talking matchmaker Dolly Gallagher Levi, played by sophomore Ryleigh Snow, decides she's arranged things for others long enough, and the time has come to arrange her own match to Mr.



PHOTOS:

Andrews Academy students delighted sold-out crowds with their adaptation of *Hello, Dolly!*

own NY adventure and bump into two lovely ladies, millineress Irene Molloy (Grace Dockerty) and her assistant Minnie Fay (Einra Baker). Hilarity ensues with the adventures of these main characters.

Many other students acted as band members, customers, waiters, and more. The musical was directed by David & Carrie VanDenburgh, who with the help of students, parents, and numerous volunteers, built the set, prepared costuming (with Susan Roth), makeup, choreography, and other numerous details that made this production possible. The AA orchestra performed the music, with Jill Garcia on the piano.

Hello, Dolly! was enjoyed by all who came to support our students. Keep your eyes out for more productions put on by Andrews Academy students.

Horace Vandergelder, played by senior Ryano Masengi, the town of Yonker's "well-known half a millionaire." As Vandergelder sets out on a matchmaking quest of his own in the big city of New York, his two clerks, Cornelius Hackl (Giovanni Leonor) and Barnaby Tucker (Jaden Leiterman), secretly decide to embark on their



Academy Highlights: Education Tour

New England Education Tour

Last school year's educational tour was to New England from April 28 - May 3, 2019. Students and sponsors, including AA history teacher, David Sherman, left the Andrews Academy parking lot before first light Sunday morning and headed East on the toll road. Thirteen hours later they arrived safely at their hotel in West Springfield, Massachusetts. One can read and see the pictures in textbooks of the historic events of American history, however to quote AA's principal, "No better way to school than to stand at the exact spot of the battle of Lexington & Concord."

Monday: Students enjoyed the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame that has over 40,000 square feet of basketball history. Next was the Touro Synagogue, which is the

Tuesday: This morning the students were able to appreciate the way things were back in the old days at Plymouth Plantation, a 17th Century English Village, which is a historic reproduction of Plymouth Colony. The Wampanoag Homesite is the only living history exhibit in the world where guests see, touch, and experience Wampanoag history from the Native perspective. In the afternoon, the group had a guided tour of Lexington and Concord, the location where the first military engagements of the American Revolutionary War took place in April 1775. They enjoyed their dinner at Longfellow's Wayside Inn, the oldest operating inn in the USA since 1716.

Wednesday: Boston's iconic 2.5 mile Freedom Trail connects sixteen nationally significant historic sites, which the students were able to explore. Boston is truly unique as one of the few places in America to experience the actual sites and learn the story they tell while walking through modern city streets. Some sites included Old North Church, Paul Revere's home and Statue, USS Constitution Tour, and much more. In the afternoon they enjoyed the Boston Red Sox vs Oakland A's game at Fenway Park, one of the Major Leagues Baseball's most historic stadiums in the USA!

Thursday: Next on the agenda was the Norman Rockwell Museum, which is dedicated to the work of one of the most famous painters and illustrators in the USA. Rockwell is most famous for the cover illustrations of everyday life he created for the Saturday Evening Post magazine for nearly five decades. In the afternoon they did the Chesterwood tour. Chesterwood is the home, studio, and gardens of America's foremost public sculptor, Daniel Chester French. Two of his more famous works include the Minuteman statue in Lexington, and the Lincoln Memorial located in Washington, D.C. They then drove to Niagara Falls, NY.

Friday: Students viewed the Falls in daylight hours, although they were covered in a haze of fog and clouds, and then drove back to beautiful Berrien Springs, arriving late in the afternoon.



PHOTO:

Students and sponsors gather for a group photo in front of Paul Revere's statue.

oldest synagogue in the USA. George Washington visited this synagogue, and upon leaving, he wrote a letter back promising/extolling the principle of religious freedom and separation of church and state. A tour of Breakers Mansion happened late afternoon. This is the famous Vanderbilt family's summer "cottage."

Academy Highlights: SOW Safari

SOW Safari 2018: Cuba

SOW Safari, Andrews Academy's biennial two-week mission trip, has been an important part of Andrews Academy's mission since 1986. The name, SOW Safari, speaks to the reason for these trips: **S**ervice through construction on a church or school building, **O**utreach through Vacation Bible Schools, and **W**itness through evangelistic efforts. To date, several hundred people have been baptized through the evangelistic component of these trips, including some of the students themselves! SOW is now a Bible class where much time is spent writing sermons, preparing VBS materials, and learning about the people and culture of the country the class will be visiting.

From December 25, 2018, to January 7, 2019, a group of 63 AA students and sponsors had an amazing opportunity to serve in Cuba. If you reflect back a few decades, who would have thought that a church school group of students from the USA would be participating in a mission trip to Cuba!

While there, the group worked at three different sites. One site they worked on was at the conference office in the city center, where they built a kitchen and cafeteria facility. Another group helped build some buildings at Cuba's first Adventist youth camp where land was recently acquired. The third group built a home church

building at one of the church member's home. Church members had been meeting in someone's home, which the church outgrew. They cannot build a church on property owned by the church; however they were able to build one in the back yard of privately owned land. Andrews Academy students helped build the two story structure which will be a place of worship for this growing congregation.



PHOTO:

SOW Safari has been an important part of Andrews Academy's mission since 1986, allowing students to evangelize and witness to those around the world.

These young people put on both an evangelistic series for the adults and a VBS for the children. As some students summoned up the courage to tell Bible stories for the first time for groups of children, others preached their first-ever sermon. Vacation Bible School programs included singing, Bible stories, crafts, and playing games with the children. The supplies for the VBS program were left with the children there so that they could continue to participate in the VBS experience.

The people in Cuba were incredibly warm and hospitable, and the SOW participants had an amazing experience there. God blessed during this trip. We thank Him for the life changing experiences of this trip, not only on the children in Cuba, but also in the changed lives of those who served. Your continued prayers are appreciated.



SOW Safari is next scheduled for December 2021. Donations for our mission trips are always helpful and appreciated. For ways to give, go to www.andrews.edu/aa, under Quick Links, click on Support AA, then Ways to Give. You can also send a check made out to Andrews Academy, with SOW Safari in the memo line. Thank you!

Academy Highlights: Running Tour

Running Tour

BY: Samantha Mills

For many years, backpacking and mountain biking tours to Tennessee have alternated every other year. This year a running tour was offered as part of the outdoor education tours, thought of and organized by Mrs. Samantha Mills, PE Teacher. She, along with a group of students and sponsors, traveled to Cincinnati, Ohio, for a half marathon race that occurred on Sunday, May 5, 2019. Students in this class ran a lot to prepare for this half marathon.

Day 1 (Thursday, May 2): We had a wonderful day full of laughs. We visited the Creation Museum and then settled into the "Welcome House," where we were staying each night.

Day 2 (Friday, May 3): We started out at the Welcome House in Covington, Kentucky. This organization's mission is to help eradicate poverty and homelessness on the northern Kentucky border, one family at a time. The marketing director, Sarah, spent some time in the beginning describing some of the major challenges and hurdles that people have to go through in order to live. She explained how their organization helps the homeless find homes, find and sustain a job, provides a bed at a woman's shelter they run, and aids the clients by providing food and other daily necessities. Currently, they have 110 families in their care and are looking to expand by having a men's shelter, which currently does

not exist in northern Kentucky. Our group was more than happy to help by organizing and sifting through the donations to allow the social workers ease of access to the items. Welcome House accepts new donations to show the respect and keep dignity intact for their clients. Sarah recommended that those who want to donate to organizations should call ahead and find out what the need is. Their specific need at the time was air mattresses, and most donors don't think of that. If

you would like to know more about this awesome organization or to donate, go to their website at www.welcomehouseky.org.

The second part of the day started at an amazing park that overlooked Cincinnati, and then we headed to Duke Energy Center to pick up our race paraphernalia as well as some freebies and other race vendor items. It was very

enjoyable to be surrounded by people that share a common interest and passion for running. We were able to meet the very first registered runner to the race, which took place 21 years ago.

We concluded the day with a wonderful and vibrant song service and worship. Our worship always includes testimonials from each person reflecting on their day and what made an impact on them. I would consider today to be a very successful day on the tour.



PHOTO: Students and sponsors gather for a group photo post race!

Day 3 (Sabbath, May 4): We began the day with a scrumptious breakfast, song service, and worship. We then made our way to The Ark Encounter in Kentucky, where we were able to get the full experience of the flood as it rained for the third day. The physical ark is awesome in size and detail through the woodwork and the exhibits. After lunch, there was an interactive worship experience where the students were placed in groups and answered questions based on the different exhibits.

We left the ark and headed back into Cincinnati to the pasta dinner hosted by race organizers, *The Flying Pig*. The students ate their fill of carbs in preparation for the race, but they were anxious to return to the house to relax and prepare for the next day's activities. We concluded the day with a wonderful worship of song and a presentation from one of the groups of students in which their subject was, "The relevance of the Bible." Overall, we had a fun and rich day of blessings with more time spent together creating memories.

Day 4 (Sunday, May 5): The day started at 3:45 AM. The students grabbed a quick bite to eat and their belongings for the day, and we left the house at 4:30 AM in order to find parking. Although it was early, we were all awake with excitement and anticipation for the race. This was the first half-marathon for all the students and expectations were a part of the unknown, but that only fueled their excitement. We said our goodbyes until the end of the race and made way to our "pig pens" or corrals. Throughout the race, there was an abundance of people cheering us on

with high fives, signs, noise makers, and smiles. Every student successfully persevered to the "Finish Swine," where they were greeted with their medals, food, and freebies. According to *The Flying Pig* website, there were 43,691 participants making for the largest race in its 21-year history. Months of preparation led to a successful race day. Congratulations to all the students and sponsors for completing their race!



PHOTO: Students and sponsors at Duke Energy Center to pick up race packets and paraphernalia.

Following the race, we made our way back to the house, where most students napped away the afternoon. The evening concluded with a celebratory dinner at Olive Garden and the second group of students presented their interactive worship on "The Flood."

Day 5 (Monday, May 6): Time to go home! The last day started with cleaning the beautiful house we

stayed in and having worship on the sunny front step. We appreciated some nice weather just in time to drive four hours back to Berrien Springs. At 4:45 PM, we returned with thirteen tired students and chaperones in time to go home and get some more sleep, and get back to school.



Academy Highlights: Music Tours

Silhouettes and Orion Strings Tour to Canada

Two Andrews Academy music groups, Silhouettes (select touring choir) and Orion Strings, toured to Canada the long weekend of February 21-24, 2019. Their first stop was at Grandview Academy, Mount Hope, Ontario. Following the concert, the students traveled to Niagara Falls, where they enjoyed the sights of the Falls, and had a great time at the Fallsview Indoor Waterpark.

The next morning they presented a concert at Crawford Academy, and then our students traveled to downtown Toronto to the base of the CN (Canadian National) Tower and visited the Ripley Aquarium.

After seeing the sights of Toronto, they traveled eastward to Kingsway College in Oshawa. There they presented a concert to the Kingsway students in their chapel, and shared testimonies about the Cuba SOW Safari trip. On Sabbath morning, Orion Strings and Silhouettes participated in the worship service at College Park church in Oshawa, on the campus of Kingsway College. The music groups took charge of all of the music for the service, including a 15-minute prelude, special music, offertory, and postlude. Additionally, Orion Strings accompanied the congregational hymns, and our own student-organized praise team led the

congregation during praise service. That afternoon, the music groups traveled back to Toronto and presented a final concert at Downsview Adventist Church.

Senior Genna Prouty expressed her thoughts about the trip this way: *On Friday night of our trip in Canada, we stayed at Kingsway College, in their gym, crowded together on their gymnics mats, all breathing the same slightly musty air. You could hear everything. It was sort of endearing, being that close to everyone, experiencing the same things, being together with really nothing*

between us all. That was the atmosphere of the whole trip, at least for me. Us all being together. It's not something I want to forget.

We are thankful to Dr. Elsy Gallardo-Díaz & Mr. Marcelo Martins for their many hours of practice and teamwork

building as they worked with the students to make such beautiful music and to create such a nice tour for the students to experience as they shared Jesus through music.



Students and faculty tour the sights of Toronto, Canada, and Niagara Falls.

PHOTOS:



Wind Ensemble and Resound Groups Tour to Washington, DC, and New York City

From March 14-21, 2019, the Wind Ensemble and Resound (handbell choir) toured to Washington, DC, and New York City. Under the direction of Dr. Elsy Gallardo-Díaz, they performed at Highland View Academy, Southern Asian Adventist Church, both services at Spencerville Adventist Church, Washington Spanish Adventist Church, and a joint concert at Ephesus Adventist Church in Harlem, NY.

In addition to some very fine music-making, the students had the chance to view some of the sights of our nation's capital accompanied by sponsors, including touring the US Capitol and Senate Gallery, walking around the monuments, visiting some of the Smithsonian museums around the National Mall, exploring the National Zoo, and enjoying some of the top shopping malls in the area. They also

experienced a tour of the headquarters of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists.

In New York City, students and sponsors explored and enjoyed the views of sites such as Empire State Building, Times Square, Radio City Hall, Rockefeller

Center, Central Park, Carnegie Hall, Juilliard School, Lincoln Square (home of the Met Opera, New York Phil, New York Ballet), St. Patrick's Cathedral, Staten Island Ferry, the Brooklyn Bridge, the 9/11 Memorial, and amazing views from the top of the One World Observatory.

Jaden Leiterman, a junior, shared, *I had so much fun on this trip. Not only did I get to sightsee and travel with my friends, but it was also pretty awesome to see all of our hard work pay off as we performed for different audiences.*



PHOTO: Wind Ensemble and Resound (handbell choir) touring to Washington, DC, and New York City.



Andrews Academy students are fortunate to have opportunities each year to travel around the United States as well as to other countries, whether it's part of a class or part of a program at Andrews University. Many pictures from these trips are on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/andrewsacademyaa.

A Farm Takes Root

What one couple learned about the earth and stewardship

By Jessica Stotz

In the rolling landscape of Michigan's St. Joseph River valley, Paul and Shelli Meulemans are carving out a healthy lifestyle, one vegetable at a time.

It all started with planting more raspberries than they could eat. "The rest is history," says Paul, recalling his father's ambitious Wisconsin backyard growing operation — a source of inspiration for Paul's dream of someday having his own farm. The proverbial seed of this dream was further nurtured by watching his grandparents run a small-scale market vegetable operation, which grew from a simple hobby into a source of supplemental retirement income. Paul muses: "The idea that one could simply grow things in the earth, then sell what grows, was a cool idea."

Shelli (Nash) Meulemans ('07) didn't grow up with an overabundance of raspberries but was exposed early to growing food in a large family garden, preserving the harvest for healthy meal options throughout the year. This influenced Shelli in her pursuit of education and licensure as a dietitian, studying at Andrews University, where she met Paul. Married in 2011, their family has grown from two to more. First, the additions of four furry friends — Nacho, Kona, Zyla, and Maple; more recently, little Bria joined as the newest farmhand.

Although the Meulemans have had a family garden for multiple years, the dream of a farm didn't move into actionable stages until 2017. They worked hard to conduct market research and determine crop profitability, plotting potential planting carefully and intentionally, finally moving into full-time farming this summer: growing a variety of fruits, vegetables and greens, all as a certified naturally grown farm, avoiding

the use of synthetic herbicides, pesticides, fertilizers and genetically modified organisms (GMOs).

A specific niche is the production of leafy greens. Paul states that the vast majority of greens are grown in California and southwestern United States, negatively impacting the cost and quality of greens reaching consumers in the Midwest. "[By] growing these crops locally for people in the area, we deliver a superior product due to the short supply chain," says Paul. Transitioning to a full-scale farm hasn't been all

What is your passion? What niche are you cultivating as you take your place among God's stewards?

roses and raspberries. The Meulemans cite extensive damage by four-legged, green-chomping, cotton-tailed pests, and poor experiences with weed control. They struggled with doubt and discouragement after substantial crop failures, poor market returns, and seemingly impenetrable failures. Their motivation to keep going and growing comes from customers who share a deep appreciation for the farm's produce and ethos. Paul draws advice from one of the harder lessons in the school of farm life: "Don't be afraid to start over. In our line of work, it can be very disheartening to destroy a crop and replace it, but if you see that failure is inevitable, it is better to destroy it than wait and have it taking space and cluttering your life."

Paul and Shelli's passion for responsible farming practices extends beyond their home. They have a passion for good nutrition, and a burden to share it with the community through food stands, farmers markets,

community-supported agriculture (CSA), and wholesale product supply to local grocers. As largely self-taught organic farmers, they have taken the responsibility to share their knowledge of sustainably caring for God's Creation. They also find that caring for themselves includes observing a weekly day of rest from the frenetic farm life — a treasured Sabbath to recover physically and mentally, to step back and reflect on the past week.



Q & A WITH THE MEULEMANS

Is buying organic produce really worth it? What difference does it make?

There are three basic arguments that can be made in favor of choosing organically grown products. The reduced environmental impact; the quality, flavor and nutritive value; and the reduced toxin load in our bodies. Conventional agriculture relies on chemicals — fumigants, herbicides, fungicides and pesticides. Sustainable agriculture relies on farm management techniques such as fertilization techniques, crop rotations, animal feeding and waste management. It's good to remember that by choosing organic produce, you are reducing the toxin load for you and your family.

I'm on a tight budget and can't afford to make the switch to an entirely organic pantry. Is it true that some produce is "safer" than others to buy non-organic?

Chemicals are compounding in our body. While we cannot totally eliminate them, by reducing the toxin load we can bring them down to a level manageable by our body's systems. The Environmental Working Group (EWG) puts out lists of the "Dirty Dozen." (<https://www.ewg.org/foodnews/dirty-dozen.php>) and the "Clean Fifteen" (<https://www.ewg.org/foodnews/clean-fifteen.php>). You should avoid non-organic produce from the Dirty Dozen list, and the Clean Fifteen are examples of produce that can be conventionally purchased when organic is prohibitively priced or unavailable. Bear in mind that this response is purely based on your personal health, not the health of the planet.

Any tips on how to make my garden grow?

Get a soil test. It takes time and effort to make soil that will truly meet the needs of your crops, so be patient and test yearly. Providing soil microbes with a level of organic matter will be critical to success. Aim for 5 to 7 percent. Focus on weed prevention. At the farm, we make a clean and 'stale' bed by leaving it covered with plastic until the weeds germinate, then die. Then, don't till! Tilling disrupts the soil microbes and causes soil compaction, ultimately bringing up more weed seeds.

Veggie recommendations for the young sprouts in my household?

Kids will find Hokkaido turnips absolutely delicious. They are sweet and crisp.

What oft-overlooked produce do you recommend adding to my grocery list?

Kohlrabi. Get it fresh at a farm; I have never had good-tasting kohlrabi from a grocery store. Peel it, cut it into chunks, and eat fresh on a salad, in a stir fry, baked with potatoes, or creamed on toast — enjoy it!

Truly, the Meulemans have responded to the commission God has given each of us — to care for the earth He created and everything in it. What is your passion? What niche are you cultivating as you take your place among God's stewards?

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Tribute to Knobby Mauro.

BY: Jeannie Leiterman

It is truly an honor for me to be included in the number of those who have been asked to pay tribute to Knobby today.

From my very first days as an administrator at the Academy, Knobby distinguished himself as a kind and supportive ally—he constantly affirmed me and made me feel as though I could face the monumental task of being a principal. Knobby was one of Andrews Academy’s biggest supporters, and his love for the

often the grateful recipient of checks he wrote to support student enrollment and academy programs—as recently as December 19, 2018, Knobby was in my office to discuss how we could raise even more funds to get more students into the school.

If the measure of an individual’s legacy is the impact they have had on others, then Knobby was truly the top of the class, and class personified. In the wake of his death, so many comments and remembrances have

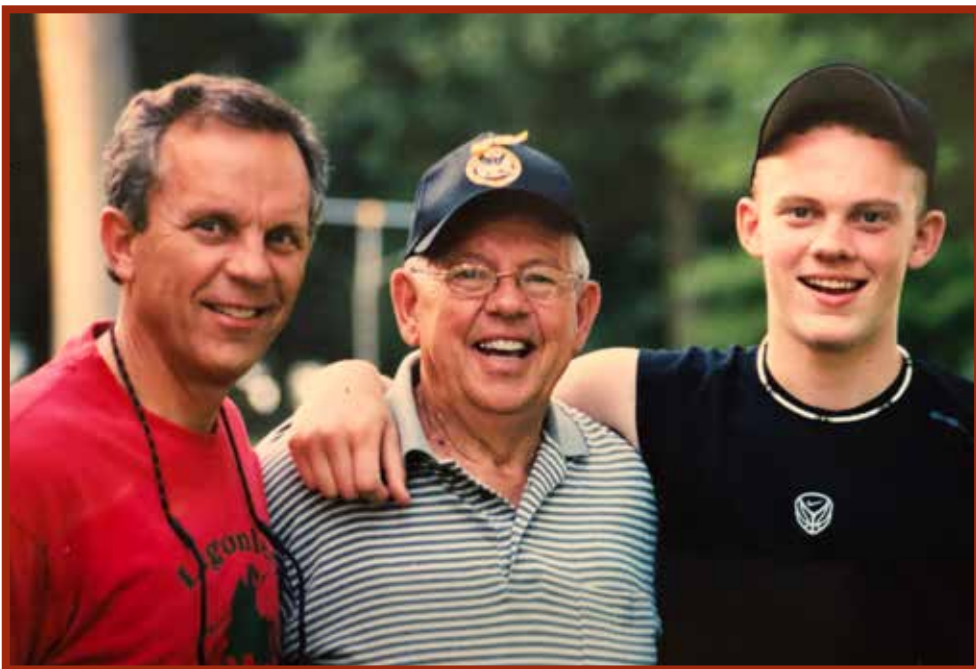
come pouring in from former students, teachers, friends, and community members, all testifying to their profound gratitude for the way Knobby touched their lives:

As part of an Alumni Weekend 2018 Tribute to Knobby, Ed Vitrano ('69) reminisced about Mr. Mauro’s deep devotion to programs and activities that would enrich student life, whether academic or athletic, saying, “I appreciated immensely his support and participation...the way he supported us and fought for us was admirable. I never saw him shy away from a tough circumstance or from doing the right thing...he knew that sometimes teaching a lesson was more important than being a friend...[but] he also understood that the high school years

are as much about social learning and self-esteem as they are about book learning.”

Mary (Maletin) McNeily ('70) remembers, “[Knobby] was such a blessing to me as a high school teenager, and others like me who were trying to figure out the rules of life. He listened as if he was taking my silly teenage complaints seriously, and maybe he was, because he gave such excellent advice. So kind. So wise. Heaven will certainly welcome him.”

school has significantly inspired my own vision for the way in which an exceptional place can become even better. Students and staff alike responded to his warmth and humor—his kindness was contagious. Every year, Knobby would ask for a yearbook so that he could learn the names of the students as a way of better connecting with them. He was always smiling. He was passionate about student success, working tirelessly to make the Andrews Academy experience accessible to as many young people as possible. I was



Former AA Principal

And Phil Umek ('68) recalls, "I consider myself fortunate to have known Knobby and to have attended high school with him as principal. He was involved, fun, tough, fair, and consistent...we truly had something special at AUA. We made friends for life—Knobby was a big part of the reason for that. I am happy that I had the chance to thank him for all he did for me...as well as many, many other students. We all have our stories, some funny, some personal, but all important. I'm sorry we have lost you, Knobby. I am blessed to have known you—thank you, Sir!"

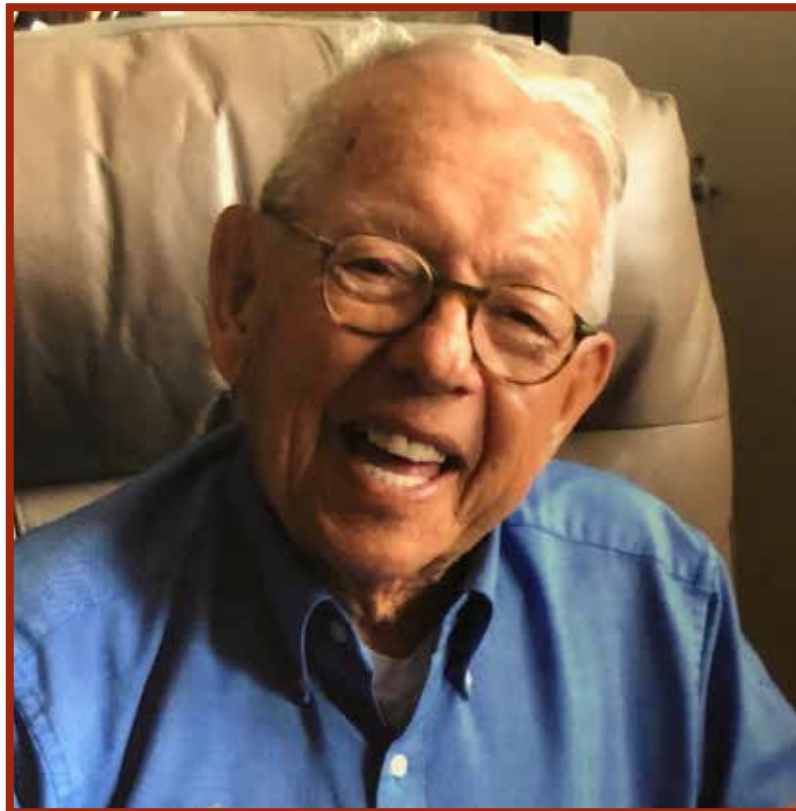
Former student and faculty member Becky (Snyder) Becker ('73) wrote, "So many of my memories, both growing up and as an adult, include him. He was a very special man who loved young people—he will be greatly missed!"

And former student Beth (Tidwell) Helm ('04) affirmed that sentiment with her own very special tribute to Knobby:

I'm heartbroken to hear of the passing of one of my favorite people on earth...since early elementary school he has been one of my greatest cheerleaders and advocates. He often referred to himself as my great admirer and encouraged me to beat the boys at everything possible, even into adulthood (Herbie would assure him that I was!). To a girl who struggled with self-worth, Mr. Mauro's unwavering faith in me was such a blessing. He was always quick to smile, offer praise and support, and to remind all of us how loved we were. I only hope to be as encouraging to those around me. While I'm sad I didn't get a chance to say goodbye, I have faith I will someday soon be able to say hello. And I think he will like that much better anyway.

Reflecting on the last years of life, British anthropologist Ashley Montague is purported to have mused, "The idea is to die young as late as possible." It seems to me that Knobby managed to accomplish that amazing

feat—his life was long, and full of years, but his heart retained a joyful, youthful spirit that delighted and inspired so many of us right to the very end. What a privilege to know this "good and faithful servant"—may we endeavor to fulfill the mission set before us with the same faith, hope, and love he demonstrated daily, so that with Beth and so many others, we can say that eternal "hello!"



Adapted from a tribute to Charles Willard "Knobby" Mauro by current AA Principal Jeannie Leiterman at his Celebration of Life on February 2, 2019. Knobby was the principal at AA from 1959 - 1969. He passed away on January 8, 2019, at the age of 93. His obituary can be found at www.palmerfuneralhomes.com/notices/Charles-Mauro.

2018 Alumni Reunion

Reuniting, Remembering, and Reconnecting at Alumni

October 19-20, 2018, was alumni weekend at Andrews Academy. Honor classes were those that ended in 4's and 9's. Hundreds of alumni returned to remember the fun times at AA and to renew friendships, and deepen their friendship with Jesus. Ed Vitrano ('69) was the speaker for Friday morning's Convocation for current AA students. The class of 1999 and friends led a "Favorite Songs of AA Sing-along" for vespers on Friday night. At Sabbath School, Teacher of the Year Dean Boward conducted the Academy band who were joined by some past AA band members. Also during Sabbath School, Ed Vitrano ('69) was honored as *Alumnus of the Year*. Then former principal and huge AA supporter, Knobby Mauro, was honored with a plaque that is now hung in the Commons, marking a section of it as "Knobby's Lobby."

During the church service, current Silhouettes invited Silhouette alumni to join them for special music and sang *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*. Pastor Renee Stepp ('94) was the speaker for church. Other alumni gave tributes and were involved with special music for Sabbath School and church.

Honor class photos and a haystack potluck followed the church service. The alumni enjoyed catching up with classmates and former faculty during lunch, as well as the afternoon and evening. Some honor classes also enjoyed brunch together on Sunday.

On Friday morning, twenty honor class alumni presented Career Seminars to AA students. A Career Fair was held in the gym concurrently with the Career Seminars.

Thank you to the following Career Seminar Presenters:

Donna Kriley Becker ('69)
Bruce Cameron ('69)

Lily Chung ('89)
Garren Dent ('84)
Timothy Dockerty ('94)
Nicole Case Duquette ('04)
Melody Freeman Durham ('69)
Melphine Ponniah Harriott ('94)
Beth Tidwell Helm ('04)
Allison Nowack Ibanez ('04)
Gretchen Kunitz Layman ('99)
Christine Tedjasukmana Lee ('99)
Kevin Lehmann ('99)
Marla Nash Norton ('69)
Cyrus Oster ('69)
Marvin Puymon ('89)
Mark Regazzi ('94)
Renee Stepp ('94)
Andrea Vajdic-Pena ('99)
Ben Weakley ('09)



PHOTO:
Students at the Career Fair



Find out more about the Andrews Academy's Alumni Reunions on Andrews Academy **Facebook page** at www.facebook.com/andrewsacademyaa, or on the **web** at www.andrews.edu/aa/alumni.

Teacher of the Year—Dean Boward '91-'11

Dean Boward taught at Andrews Academy for twenty years, from 1991 to 2011. He taught music for a total of forty years, including his time at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School, Broadview Academy, Hinsdale Academy, and Pine Tree Academy. Many of his former students feel music was a memorable part of their educational experience.

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

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

During his time at AA, Boward directed orchestra, band, handbells, men's and women's chorus, chorale, and Silhouettes, the Andrews Academy performing choir. His groups traveled far afield, visiting such destinations as St. Louis; Philadelphia; Washington, D.C.; and the Chicago area. One of his fondest career recollections was playing twice at the U.S. Capitol Building.

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

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

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



PHOTO: Dean Boward directing the AA and alumni band at Alumni 2018.

Boward's love for the students is evident in his return to AA as a study hall supervisor for two years after retirement. He just wasn't able to leave school completely.

With a little more time to call his own, Boward has done some traveling with his wife Dorothy. They have been to

Alaska; Cozumel; Puerto Vallarta and Huatulco, Mexico; Costa Rica; Columbia; Nicaragua; Aruba; and a fascinating trip through the Panama Canal.

In October 2018, Boward and his wife moved to Fort Collins, Colorado, close to their eldest son and family.

Alumnus of the Year: Ed Vitrano '69



PHOTO: Ed Vitrano, Class of 1969

A year after Edwin Justus Vitrano was born, his parents took a call to be missionaries to India, where he lived until he was six-years-old. In 1957, his father received an invitation from then Emmanuel Missionary College to join its faculty, and the family moved to Berrien Springs. While Ed hid behind his mother's skirts when first introduced to his new second grade classmates in Miss Christian's room, he was lured by the sight of a guinea pig . . . and his roots took hold. For the next fifteen years, his educational life was spent on the campus of Andrews University, with his fondest memories spent at Andrews University Academy, complete with academics, intramurals/sports, Bible & Winter Camps, schoolmates . . . the list is endless.

To say that his roots run deep at Andrews Academy would be an understatement. Both Ed's uncle and mother spent their careers as teachers at the Academy: C. Roy Smith, Jr. graduated from then EMCA, and Charlene Vitrano established the first homecoming weekend in 1965. Indeed, a wing of the school is named for the brother/sister team as Smith/Vitrano hall. Ed's love of this school was set in the dedication he saw in his family to the school. One of his most cherished memories is that he

and his brother, Roger, are one of two sets of brothers to be awarded the Thomas A. Umek Memorial Award (Acumen Award) given for athletics, leadership, integrity, and academics.

With teaching in his blood, Ed set his sights on being a teacher as well, graduating in 1973 from Andrews with a BS in Physical Education and a minor in Behavioral Science. His goal was to teach students under his tutelage how to stay in shape and "train them up" as a dean of students. That Christmas, he was asked to take the place of a teacher who had resigned at a semester break, and he and his bride of six months, Dora Schmidt ('72), moved to California. There he spent almost ten years at San Gabriel Academy, where he taught Physical Education and Health. His greatest joy was developing a program for the masses, not just for the athletically gifted, and he was also the sponsor of numerous sports clubs, including snow skiing and backpacking. Some of his fondest memories were talking and counseling with students around campfires in such places as Little Yosemite Valley in preparation for climbing Half Dome, and riding gondolas and chairlifts in such places as Mammoth and Snowbird. Astounded at the number of students who contacted him from year to year, he helped establish an Alumni Association at SGA in the image of what he learned in his time matriculating at AA.

Loma Linda University lured him away from his beloved SGA to become the Facilities and Intramural Director in 1982, and he worked there for four years until he became intrigued to try his hand in a partnership in private business. He realized immediately that it was not what he expected, so he took a job as a Recreation Director for a Community Association. A new career was born as he then took on more challenges as General Manager of several large-scale, gated communities with golf courses, boating lakes, and clubhouses. Never one to turn his back on his fondness for physical activity, he was involved in the establishment of triathlons, personal training, and group exercise programs for all ages at the communities he's managed.

Leadership has always come naturally to Ed. He served on the California Association of Community Manager's Board of Directors for eleven years, five on the Executive Committee, and on Community Association Institute's Large-Scale Committee for fifteen years, four of them as

Chair. He has been honored for his endeavors on the part of his profession by being awarded Excellence in Service both in California and nationally.

Ed has been married to his high-school sweetheart for 45 years and is the proud father of twin boys, David and Douglas, now 24-years-old. Based on what their father told them, they always envisioned attending his alma mater, but it was not to be. Ed not only served as a substitute teacher at their academy, but he was instrumental in leading an effort to lessen bullying on the campus.

It is his dedication to Andrews Academy, and the class of 1969 to a lesser extent, which is the basis of his being chosen as this year's Alumnus of the Year. He has been an unabashed supporter of the social, physical, and academic excellence of the school, even from far away in California. While always a part of planning

Homecoming Weekend, he is a founding Member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, helped establish its bylaws, and served on it for five years as the Vice President. Whether promoting a reconstruction project, fundraising, establishing recognition of faculty, or setting other traditions, he is adamant that the Academy, as touted in its initial fight song, is "the finest school that leads the way."



PHOTO:
Alumni is a great time to reconnect!



The traditional Shydepoke flag football games of alumni weekend occurred on a cold, blustery Saturday night (October 20, 2018). The games were played at Andrews University rather than at the Berrien Springs High School due to a power outage. The female alumni vs the students (Lady Acumen) game was won 12 to 7 by AA. The male alumni vs the male students (Acumen) game was won by AA, 30 to 8. Despite the weather, everyone had a lot of fun.

2018 Reunion Class Photos



Alumnus of the Year

Ed Vitrano with Principal Jeannie Leiterman



Teacher of the Year

Dean Boward (center) surrounded by present and former faculty at AA



Class of 1954 - 65 years

First Row (L-R): Verna Vance; Eldon Collier; Larry Davis; Ann Minier Hoffman; Richard Stern; Rene Hutchings.



Class of 1959 - 60 years

First Row (L-R): Janice Taylor Winter; Lois Stapel Grimm; John Eggers; Marjorie McClure Eggers

Class of 1964 - 55 years

First Row (L-R): Lynnece Snell Abel;
Lee Stapel; Linda Councell Bauer;
Linda Roosenberg Groenhof.



Class of 1969 - 50 years

Front Row (L-R): Donna Kriley Becker; Zoe Collard Regal; Renate Kissinger Snyder; Julie Johnson Smith; Marcia Kinney Palus; Delores Gretton Mitchell; Carole Trombetta Thoreson; Tina Salee Miller; Janet Miller Moore; Melody Freeman Durham; Marcia Opstad Haluska.

Second Row (L-R): Jean Seidel Graham; Nancy Johnson Paige; Carol Robinson Blehm; Holly Hopkins Roy; Dena Umek; Marla Nash Norton; Beverly Ringer Jenkins; Gerrie Ann Rusk; Waunita Bonjour Dennis.

Third Row (L-R): Steve Keiser; Bruce Cameron; Alan Winston; Tom Burgdorff; Noel Schneider; Hernan Schmidt.

Fourth Row (L-R): Larry Smith; Randy Register; Ed Vitrano; Bob Berlin; Jeff Yost; James Galbraith.

Not Pictured: Cy Oster;
Ruth Middaugh Goodsite; Dan Knoch.



Class of 1974 - 45 years

First Row (L-R): Leny Souza; Gyl Moon Bateman; Cheryl Johnson; Denise Schaller Curnutt; Brian Moore.

Second Row (L-R): Janet Hainey; Sylvia Stickney; Christel Schulz; Sheila Nelsen Sprung; Deborah Peshka; Brad McClellan.

Third Row (L-R): Robert Nelson; Michael Sloan; Jeff Erhard; Calvin Kubo; Dan Augsburg; Reid Register.



2018 Reunion Class Photos



Class of 1979 - 40 years

First Row (L-R): Sandra Keller Johnson; Cheryl Oetman Dratz; Rand Rusher; Jan Greenidge Pickett; Cheryl Macri; Minde Boothby Smith; Lorena Kingman Bidwell.

Second Row (L-R): Patrice Thomas Conwell; Karl Burgess; Mark Edquid; Shelly Vallieres Erhard; Karen Jones Thomas; Dianne Vallieres Schneider; Denise Vallieres Rose; Steph Byrd Register; Candy Davis Reichert.

Third Row (L-R): John Davidson; Howard Johnson; Jaycee Palmer Robinson; Shayne Ward; Brian Leadbetter; Scott Kuhlman; Reginald Swensen; Robin Chamness; Barry Allison; Jim Tiffany; Jeffrey Johnston.



Class of 1984 - 35 years

First Row (L-R): Kim Medina Knowlton; Vicki Eighme Wiley.

Second Row (L-R): Sharon Russell (Sponsor); Perri Baerg Lowe; Sharon Barnaby Shinn; Yazmin Hernandez Fernandez; Lois Myers; Troy Storfjell; Alan Anderson (Sponsor).

Third Row (L-R): Steve Lowe; Larry Hack; Garren Dent; Brett Hutchinson; Tom Baker (Sponsor).



Class of 1989 - 30 years

First Row (L-R): Mary St Claire Moore; Lily Chung; Sarena Joy Soler Borton; Pearl Kim Reardon; Rhonda Medina Nunnery; Jenny Kim Jin; Julie Lee Yang; Molly Shuler Pate.

Second Row (L-R): Edward Woods III; Marvin Puymon; James Myers; Josh Baltazar; Daniel Borton; Dan Thomas.

Third Row (L-R): Jim Kosinski; John Dronen; Bjorn Clouten; Curt Johnson; Brian Squier; Salim Serrano.

Class of 1994 - 25 years

First Row (L-R): James Lee III; Emily Nelson; Rehema Magesa Feleke; Janelle Burghart Randall; Licia Roethermel; Melphine Ponniah Harriott; Ramona Medina Kim.

Second Row (L-R): Cherish Griffin Bolhuis; Renee Stepp; Deanna Show Charriere; Mark Regazzi; Jessica Clayton Sanford; Denise Peters Josiah; Kristin Lockwitz Ingersoll.

Third Row (L-R): Sheila Mack Penrod; Kim Chilson Taylor; Jennifer Wagtowicz; Mark Leak; Lawson Sutherland; Allen Wong.

Fourth Row (L-R): Terry Hess; Mark Boward; Marcus Nelson; Timothy Dockerty.



Class of 1999 - 20 years

First Row (L-R): Rachel Kvanli Maldonado; Tammy Bojoh Luntungan; Krista Tumarante; Christine Tedjasukmana Lee; Suzanne Patterson Sutherland; Andrea Vajdic-Pena; Wendy Mann Halder.

Second Row (L-R): Sharon Russell (Sponsor); Lauren Spruill Li; Cenella Harris Crandon; Janelle Krantz Rogers; Linea Chilson Lehmann; Judith Bukenya; Morgan Minisee.

Third Row (L-R): Karmin Lockwitz Orsburn; Melissa Offenback Brodie; Tim Geisler; Teddy Jones; Hernalyn Labro Jose; Gretchen Kunitz Layman.

Fourth Row (L-R): Leon Saverus; Eric Halder; Calvin Murmu; LynRoy Palmer-Coleman; Kevin Lehmann; Aaron Kalynko; Andrew Bueno.



Class of 2004 - 15 years

First Row (L-R): Jessica Wilson Larson; Allison Nowack Ibanez; Beth Tidwell Helm; Mateja Horonic-Kidder; Adrienne Osano.

Second Row (L-R): Steven Atkins (Sponsor); James Hood; Samuel Manley Miot; Dawn Edgar Hood; Gina Pellegrini (Sponsor); Tom Baker (Sponsor).



2018 Reunion Class Photos



Class of 2009 - 10 years

First Row (L-R): Janna DeWind Quetz; Sarah Smith White; Ryan Atkins; Chikondi Kamvazaana.

Second Row (L-R): Ethan Catron; Mark Bateman; Benjamin Quartey; Gennifer Milliken; Ellen Mbungu.



Class of 2014 - 5 years

First Row (L-R): David Sherman (Sponsor); Robert Benjamin; Anna Rorabeck; Jacqueline Weiss; Bethany Goodwin; Michael Bryson; Keila Sanchez (Sponsor).



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Current academy news can be found in the *E-Sanjo* at www.andrews.edu/aa, then click on Quick Links, Parents, *E-Sanjo*.

Class News

BIRTHS

Adelia Oriana Marie Burton was born to Sarah (Gane) Burton ('09) and Kevin Burton on June 24, 2017. The Burtons reside in the Collegedale, TN, area.

Mikaël David Ratsara was born on July 11, 2017, to Amy (Sheppard) Ratsara ('03) and her husband, Moise Ratsara. Amy works at the Kalamazoo County Prosecutor's Office after having served at the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office for five and a half years. Her husband pastors the Kalamazoo, MI, Seventh-day Adventist Church.

On October 6, 2017, Austin Herbert Helm was born to Herbie Helm III ('05) and Beth (Tidwell) Helm ('04). He joined big sisters Kathryn Taylor Helm (born September 6, 2012) and Kara Victoria Helm (born September 3, 2014). The Helms, who were married on May 18, 2008, live in Berrien Springs, MI. After being a School Psychologist for four years at Berrien RESA, Beth accepted the position of Transition Coordinator there in 2018. Herbie is self-employed at Helm Home Builders, LLC.

Susanna Mae Spare was born on June 28, 2019, to proud parents Jason & Kimberly (Weber) Spare ('00) and siblings Samantha (10) and Kaden (9). She weighed 10 lbs. 6 oz. and was 20.5 inches long. The family lives in Eau Claire, MI.

MARRIAGES

Lauren Bell ('15) & Mario Adrian Astudillo were married on May 6, 2017. They live in Buchanan, MI. Lauren is in nursing school, and Adrian works in business and marketing.

High school sweethearts, Jason Kidder ('03) & Mateja Horonic ('04) were married on March 20, 2018, at the Terrace Room at New Buffalo, MI. They honeymooned in Seattle, Washington. They live in Berrien Springs, MI, where Jason is the head chef for Compass Group, which runs all the food for Andrews, AA, and the daycare. Mateja is an architect at McCollum Architects.

On June 3, 2018, Janessa Howell ('11) & Aaron Garman were married in Dowagiac, MI. Toledo, OH, is their new home town, where Janessa is an elementary school teacher, and Aaron is an IT help desk representative.

Valerie Curtis ('16) & Zachariah Swerdlow ('14) were married on July 29, 2018, at The Vineland Center in St. Joseph, MI. After a honeymoon in Italy, they moved to Texas and then to Tennessee, where they are both students.

Melody (Collins) and John Henri Rorabeck, both graduates of the class of 2012, were married on April 7, 2019, in Berrien Springs, MI. They honeymooned in Asheville, NC, and currently live in Columbia, MD. Melody is a medical laboratory scientist in a pathology lab, and John Henri runs a science education program for elementary school students.

Mayu Kuramochi ('11) and Matthew Nash ('10) were married in Cancun, Mexico, on May 12, 2019. The newlyweds honeymooned in Tulum, Mexico, and currently live in Hudsonville, MI. Mayu is a speech language pathologist, and Matthew is the owner/manager of Nash Motors.

GRADUATIONS

Kourtney Smith ('10) graduated with her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from Loma Linda University on June 10, 2018.

William "Monte" Bermeo ('08) graduated on May 10, 2019, from Western Michigan University's Homer Stryker M. D. School of Medicine with a Doctor of Medicine degree. He is doing his medical residency in Family Medicine in Loma Linda, CA.



Adelia Oriana Marie Burton



Helm Family



Lauren Bell ('15) & Mario "Adrian" Astudillo



Jason Kidder ('03) & Mateja Horonic ('04)



Janessa Howell ('11) & Aaron Garman

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Have you recently graduated, gotten married, had a baby, changed jobs/got a promotion, published a book, or know of an AA attendee/graduate/former staff that has passed away? Please share your news with us, including a picture if you would like, for inclusion (as space permits) in the *Continuum*. We welcome changes in contact information also! Please email news and contact updates to aaalumni@andrews.edu.



Valerie Curtis ('16) & Zachariah Swerdlow ('14)



Melody Collins ('12) and John Henri Rorabeck ('12)



Mayu Kuramochi ('11) & Matthew Nash ('10)



William "Monte" Bermeo ('08)

LEGACY FAMILY

1930s – Thomas Steen was president of EMC (now AU)

1950s – Thomas Steen's grandson, Tom Kuhlman, and his future wife, Delcy Gustin, were students at EMCA (now AA).

1970s – Tom & Delcy's daughter, Kathy Kuhlman, and her future husband, Barry Freeman, were students at AA.

1990s – Kathy and Barry's son Todd Freeman, and his future wife Denise Norton, were students at AA.

2019/20 – Todd & Denise's son Ian Freeman is a sophomore at AA.

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Linda (Councill) Bauer ('64) & Bruce Bauer celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2018.

65TH ANNIVERSARY

Delcy (Gustin) Kuhlman ('56) & Tom Kuhlman ('55) celebrated their 65th anniversary in 2020.

JOB TRANSITIONS

Arne Nielsen ('78) – Vice President for Education at North American Division – Jan 1, 2019

PUBLISHED

The Autoimmune Plant Based Cookbook by Mercy Ballard & Joyce Choe ('90)

7 Things God Doesn't Know by Jonathan Bilima ('95)

Eric, Adam, and the Big Hole in the Ground by Judy (Van Duinen) Shull ('78)

Kyla (Marden) Steinkraus ('00) has written more than fifty books and writes a monthly story for *Guide Magazine*, as well as the weekly *Guide FACTory* column.

LAID TO REST

Donald Alspaugh ('50) - 9/23/2018

Paul Wayne Anderson ('47) – 5/9/19

George Cameron Baker ('73) – 11/9/2017

Roy Ronald Carley ('67) – 2/21/2018

Bruce Fredrick Garrett ('55) – 10/26/2019

Raewyn Grace (Schlunt) Chang ('95) – 11/14/2017

Carol Jean Gatewood ('71) – 7/23/2016

Todd Robert Harrington ('05) – 9/15/2018

Joel R. Hoover ('55) – 10/28/2019

William Earl Knecht ('55) – 8/28/18

Bradley Yu Tong Liu ('17) – 9/4/2018

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Robert Perry Loudin ('80) - 9/7/2019

Donald Vernon Mason ('47) – 3/21/2019

Lauren Rae Matacio ('67) – 7/30/18

Charles Willard “Knobby” Mauro (Principal from '59-'69) – 1/8/2019 *(see page 16 for tribute)*

Valeri Dian Lake-Mayne ('77) - 9/21/2019

Sean Richard Nogle ('09) – 6/21/2019

Robert David Patterson ('65) – 11/21/2018

David William John Robinson ('81) – 10/13/2018

Michelle (Adame) Rodriguez ('07) – 1/2/2019

Joyce Arlene (Allred Durham) Rosen ('39) – 6/24/2018

Roberta “Bobbi” (Sallee) Shearer ('71) – 2/7/2019

Ruthi (Radostis) Sundin ('66) – 6/18/2018

David Spicer ('68) - 1/18/2019



**Spare Family with baby
Susanna** *(see pg. 27)*

2019 Gymnasium Floor Renovation

During the polar vortex of January and February 2019, when AA had a full week of snow/cold days, one of the pipes in the gym froze and then broke, flooding the gym’s floor and damaging it. Various attempts were made to dry the floor out, but to no avail. It was determined that the gym floor was a total loss, and it needed to be replaced. The original floor was installed in 1978 and did well for forty-one years. PE teacher Mrs. Mills had to get creative since the gym was unusable for the rest of the semester. Gym classes met in the Commons (where nets and ping pong tables were set up), as well as at Andrews University and neighboring workout facilities.



On April 1, 2019, the tearing out of the old damaged floor of the gymnasium began. It was difficult to see the saws cut the maple floor into about six foot pieces so that machinery could pull chunks of the floor up. The new floor is a floating floor so that air can get between the boards and the cement floor to keep it drier. Thankfully insurance covered most of the cost of replacing the floor, except for the deductible. The new floor gave us the opportunity to paint more lines so that additional sports, such as pickle ball and indoor soccer, can be enjoyed year-round.



How You Can Give Back to AA

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 are especially important because they contribute to the security and stability of the school program. This fund helps the school weather the ebbs and flows resulting from the fluctuation of enrollment from year to year.

Worthy Student Fund

Without the gifts regularly made by Alumni and Friends, tuition supplements would not be possible. Currently 11% of the students at AA receive tuition assistance from this fund. That's about 28+ students. Without this fund, the enrollment would likely be much less than the 260 who are currently members of the Andrews Academy family. Gifts are applied directly to worthy students' tuition accounts. The call on this account is perpetual, especially in these financially difficult times.

Renovation Projects

Andrews Academy always has renovation projects that need funding, such as finishing our chapel renovations or the gym locker rooms. Contact AA Development (269-471-6140) to learn more about the current project.

Friends of AA

In the summer of 2012, some of the members of the Berrien Springs Spanish Church were impressed with the need to provide financial assistance to the members of their church who wanted to attend Andrews Academy but were unable to. Thanks to Jaime Jorge, who gave a benefit concert for this purpose, the Friends of AA Scholarship was established. Another benefit concert by Jaime Jorge was held in August 2019 to help grow this fund as well as the Worthy Student Fund.

Gifts-In-Kind

Significant contributions to the 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

Planned Giving provides donors with a means 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, physical education or technology. Special funds are established for each area, and gifts to these funds enrich the quality of these programs.

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. Currently, Andrews Academy holds 24 endowment funds. The present endowments include the following:

- *The Andrews Academy Class of 1961 Endowment Fund*
- *The Andrews Academy Class of 1983 Endowed Scholarship Fund*
- *The Andrews Academy Endowed Scholarship Fund*
- *The Andrews Academy Operating Endowment Fund*
- *The AA Class of 2005 Endowment for Spiritual Activities*
- *The Arthur E. Axelson Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund*
- *The Virgil L. and Frances Bartlett Endowment Fund*
- *The C. Randall Bauer Memorial Endowed Fund*
- *The Clementina S. Nicolas Davis Endowed Scholarship Fund*
- *The Kimberly K. Keller Memorial Endowed Fund*
- *The Kenneth W. and Helen M. Kilgore Endowed Scholarship Fund*
- *The Charles and Florence Mauro Endowed Scholarship Fund*
- *The Steve and Mary Elizabeth Mauro Endowed Scholarship Fund*
- *The James R. Nash Andrews Academy Operating Endowment Fund*
- *The Douglas R. Newberry Endowed Scholarship Fund*
- *The Richard T. Orrison Endowed Scholarship Fund*
- *The Rorabeck Family Endowed Scholarship Fund*
- *The Smith-Vitrano Memorial Endowment Fund*
- *The Andrew J. and Julia T. Snyder Endowed Scholarship Fund*
- *The Luke Tkachuck Memorial Endowment Fund*
- *The Thomas A. & Eleanor G. Umek Memorial Endowment Fund*
- *The Vitrano Alumni Advancement Endowed Fund*
- *The Camille R. Warren Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund*
- *The Londa Zimmerman-Sweezey Endowed Scholarship Fund*

How to Give

Donors who prefer to give funds **online** may do so on the Academy website (www.andrews.edu/aa). Under Quick Links tab, click on Support AA, and then select Give Online. Select the fund(s) you would like to give to and add them to your cart.

You can also send a **check** to Andrews Academy, specifying which fund you wish to support.

To use a **credit card**, call the Andrews University Development Office (269-471-3124). Be sure to specify which Andrews Academy fund you would like to support.

Thank you for your continued support of Andrews Academy!

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST ALUMNI—THE CLASS OF 2019!



Class of 2019

First Row (L-R): John Kent, Jared Goolsby, Edrik Palmero, Justin Flores, Jihoo Choi, Julia Almeter, Delilah Drew, Emma VanderWaal, Simei Munoz, Esmirna Munoz, Adasa Munoz, Anna Lonto, Natalia Fuentes, Elsie Getahun, Emma Nelson, Nathan Mangena, Ellis Santiago, Nigel Maxwell, Christopher Morant, Jack Proctor.

Second Row (L-R): Joshua Keough, Matthew Baltazar, Harrison Dent Krick, Nathan Allyn, Grant Lubbert, Madeleine Reeves, Genna Prouty, Katie Clayton, Abigail Crownover, Maia Hamstra, Megan Case, Brittney Gaban, Kelli Coffen, Olivia Geiger, Bethany Shelley, Melissa Buck, Seth Coleman, Mark Jo, Terry Bokombe Bokefele, Nicholas Radivojevic, Connor Scott.

Third Row (L-R): Tyler Ronto, William Yoong, Justin Liebelt, Max Dronen, Abiah Newton, Kristijan Milovanovic, Grant Sadjak, Danielle Atangana, MinSeo Kang, Jiyeon (Jeniffer) Lee, Katie Byrd, Taylor Humphrey, Julia Randall, Ashley Jankiewicz, Leah Savona, Ailun (Ellen) Zhang, Yuyao (Anita) Li, Jemila Greenidge, Ryano Masengi, Hyunwoo (Harry) Baek, Russell Harrison, Joshua Huslin, Adam-Elia Manke, Jonathan Woolford-Hunt, Nathan Church.



2019 Legacy Families - graduates with their alumni parents



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