

# Andrews Academy Alumni Weekend Awards

## Alumnus of the Year Award

An alumnus (graduate or attendee of ECA/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 **April 1**. 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.

***Please follow the outline below in preparing the nomination for Alumnus of the Year:***

### **Information about the nominee to be submitted:**

- Full Name
- Year Graduated or Attended
- Full Mailing Address
- Day and Evening Phone numbers
- A general statement (2-3 sentences) why you are nominating this individual.
- Describe how this individual has demonstrated leadership:
  - Personally
  - Professionally
  - Spiritually
- Describe how this individual has lived a full, meaningful, and balanced life
- Explain how this individual has given their time and talents to their community and to the church.
- Describe how this individual has honored God in his or her daily life.
- List public recognition, professional achievements, and or awards this individual has received.
- Nomination Submitted by (include name and phone)

## **Teacher Legacy Award**

Honored classes and AA faculty have the privilege of nominating an Andrews Academy (AA) staff member (past, current, or posthumously) for the Teacher Legacy Award. Recipients of the award should be individuals who have had a broad ranging and significant impact on the lives of AA students through the years.

### ***Award Criteria***

- The staff member must have worked at AA for at least four years.
- The staff member must have exhibited Christ-like characteristics and shown professionalism and responsibility in their relationships with students.
- The staff member should be recognized as demonstrating outstanding expertise in his or her area of work at AA.
- The staff member should be recognized by a majority of students from their era as a person who positively influenced AA students.

### ***Nomination Process***

To submit a name for consideration, honored classes and AA faculty should contact the Andrews Academy Alumni Coordinator. Please indicate why the former faculty member is being nominated and approximately what years they worked at AA. Nominations will be received for the following year starting the Monday after alumni and will close on **April 1**. Selection of the award recipients will be determined by the current AA faculty and the Alumni Advisory Council by mid-summer. This council consists of the Alumni Coordinator, principal, a faculty member, and representatives of the honored classes.

***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:***

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