Alumni and Friends of Andrews University

It is my pleasure as an alumna of Andrews University, and its president, to let you know that the University remains strong and is doing well despite the impact of the pandemic! Let me share a few current highlights.

During fall 2021 we have over 3,000 students studying through our Berrien Springs campus. This year while some of our programs are taught remotely due to the nature of those programs (mainly graduate or degree completion), most of our students are now on campus and it is refreshing to walk around the buildings and grounds and experience the energy and enthusiasm of our whole campus community. While along with higher education in general we saw a headcount drop of 2.5 percent, it was encouraging to note an increase this year in new students (both undergraduate and graduate) and a continued strong retention rate of over 86 percent. We also continue to educate many additional students internationally and through professional development classes in the College of Education & International Services. When these are all added together, during the academic year 2020–21 the University taught in excess of 8,000 students.

Let me tell you a little about what is new this year and what is planned as we move forward. We were excited to receive a transformational gift this year of $3M which will be used to establish a Center of Innovation. We already have a director in place, Matias Soto. We are also starting a new degree this year: a DScOT, focused on teachers of occupational therapy. We have an additional four new programs voted to start in fall 2022: BMus in music composition, BS in cybersecurity, PhD in business administration and MHA (Master of Health Administration). We anticipate that each of these will open new markets to us and we look forward to the new academic depth that will bring to the University.

Higher education is in a time of flux and change and Andrews will remain open to change and innovation as we address the new opportunities and challenges of Adventist higher education in the 2020s. What will not change though is our commitment to our mission: to our students, to our communities and to the church. In living out that mission we have embraced the branding statement, “World Changers Made Here.” We take that charge very seriously. Students come to us from around the globe, they study around the globe, and they graduate to serve around the world. We are committed to helping each student reach their potential and then commit to truly taking the best of what they have learned here to make a profound difference in the communities where they will live and work.

Meanwhile, alumni numbers continue to grow by around 600 students annually, whether from our main campus or from programs in Vietnam, Africa, Asia or Europe. Our alumni continue to positively influence their communities, their churches and the wider world.

I hope that you, with me, will continue to be enthusiastic about Andrews University and its future. Please do pray for us and with us and continue to support us in whatever way you can. Together we will always be stronger.

Andrea Luxton
president
To take advantage of these benefits and services, please register with the online community at alumni.andrews.edu.
ABOUT OUR CAMPUS

- Consists of 2,400 acres on the St. Joseph River, 12 miles from Lake Michigan.
- Includes 26 instructional buildings, four residence halls, four apartment complexes, three libraries, an astronomy observatory, a 50,000-watt FM radio station, a performing arts center, two eateries, three museums, airpark, and a new wellness center.
- An officially registered arboretum, with more than 500 labeled trees and 150 species.
- Andreasen Center for Wellness: The Wellness Club features an indoor track, group fitness classes, individual cardio & weight machines, a saltwater pool, saunas, a spacious lobby, outdoor garden and more.

WAUS: This campus-based FM station is Michiana’s leading source of classical music.

Howard Performing Arts Center: Attracting some of the best classical and Christian performers, our exceptional performing arts center is a great resource for employees, students and the wider Michiana community.

James White Library: The largest and perhaps most important collection of research material in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The library holdings contain more than 1.6 million pieces, including print volumes, microforms, media, electronic resources and periodical subscriptions. It also houses the Center for Adventist Research and Adventist Digital Library.

STUDENTS AND FACULTY

- 4,117 undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at Andrews University in 2020–2021
- 767 additional Andrews University students* enrolled in global partner, affiliate and extension programs during 2020–2021
- 106—number of countries of origin represented
- 231—number of official teaching faculty
- 86%—full-time student retention rate
- 51%—graduation rate
- Smaller classes for an enhanced learning experience

*An additional 3,281 students (unduplicated) were enrolled in ongoing professional development coursework through the School of Education during the 2020–2021 school year.

COLLEGES

- Founded in 1874—oldest Adventist institution for higher learning
- Consists of the following academic areas:
  
  College of Arts & Sciences  
  College of Education & International Services  
  College of Health & Human Services  
  College of Professions  
  Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary