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THE UNIVERSITY

Andrews University was established over a century ago, in 1874, as Battle Creek College in Battle Creek, Michigan—a collegiate program that offered literature, languages, science and mathematics, training for teachers, and theology. Its founders, the visionaries of the young Seventh-day Adventist denomination, believed they should use every avenue to spread the gospel and serve the world, including higher education.

On the brink of a new century, seeking room for expansion and a fresh start, the school moved in 1901 to a beautiful site near the banks of the St. Joseph River in Berrien Springs and was renamed Emmanuel Missionary College. From woods and farmland on which faculty and students built three wooden frame buildings to hold their new school, the campus has grown to a property of 1,600 acres and a complex of academic buildings, residence halls and apartments, and service buildings.

The vision blossomed still further when, in 1959, the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and a school of graduate studies, together known as Potomac University and located in Washington, D.C., were moved to the campus of Emmanuel Missionary College. The following year the three entities united under one charter bearing the name Andrews University—with an integrated board of trustees, administration and faculty. The name honors John Nevins Andrews (1829–83), pioneer Adventist theologian and intellectual and the denomination’s first official missionary to serve outside North America.

In 1974, the undergraduate division of Andrews was organized into two colleges—the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Technology. The School of Business Administration, which evolved from the Department of Business Administration, was established in 1980. In a similar move, the Department of Education became the School of Education in 1983. In 1993, the Department of Architecture became the Division of Architecture, and is now the School of Architecture. The present organizational structure of the School of Graduate Studies was adopted in 1987. All of the colleges and schools offer both undergraduate and graduate degrees. The Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary maintains graduate and professional programs only. The only Seventh-day Adventist doctoral research university, Andrews University is also a comprehensive institution of higher learning integrating an exemplary liberal arts and sciences core with five powerful professional schools and several excellent graduate programs.

Rooted in a tradition of visionaries who saw what was possible and enriched by an international and diverse faculty and student body, Andrews University now offers a wealth of choices in degree and certificate programs to prepare its graduates for life in the new century. The mission of this distinguished institution, however, remains the same—to serve God and humankind in the spirit of generous service while truly ushering in a *New Andrews for a New Century*.

Accreditation

Recognizing that students benefit from studying in accredited programs, Andrews University has sought and received accreditation from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools¹ (see Appendix, p. 379) and the Adventist Accrediting Association of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for programs through the doctoral level. Professional organizations have accredited specific degree programs of the University and other programs are moving toward accreditation. (A complete listing of university accreditations, approvals, and memberships is found in the Appendix.)

Statement of Mission

Andrews University educates its students for generous service to the church and society in keeping with a faithful witness to Christ and to the worldwide mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Accordingly, students are challenged

- to be inquisitive
- to think clearly and communicate effectively
- to explore the arts, letters and sciences within the context of a Christian point of view
- to develop competencies in their chosen fields of study
- to prepare for a meaningful position in the work place
- to respect ethnic and cultural diversity
- to embrace a wholesome way of life
- to heed God's call to personal and moral integrity
- to nurture life in the Spirit, and
- to affirm their faith commitment.

Quality Academic Programs

The high quality of the educational experience at Andrews University is shown by its listing in *U.S. News and World Report's* annual report on “Best Colleges.” Andrews is among the American colleges and universities listed in *Petersen's Top Colleges in Science*. A strong undergraduate honors program attracts such outstanding students as National Merit Finalists, secondary-school valedictorians and others with outstanding secondary-school achievement.

Andrews provides a carefully designed advising program to help students make sound career choices. Undecided students can fulfill General Education requirements and learn practical skills through a variety of courses while they explore career options.

Students also develop skills for post-graduation employment. They develop those skills through practice teaching, career practica, cooperative work-study programs with businesses and corporations, or clinical rotations in health-care settings.

Students wishing to increase their academic success will benefit from comprehensive assessment of academic learning styles and skills, courses in reading, writing, and math and tutoring services.

International Opportunities

Each year, students from 80–100 different countries enroll at Andrews University. More than 25% of the students come from other countries. This places the university among the top level of small American universities with high percentages of international students. One experiences the reality of a global village while attending college.

Students who wish to immerse themselves fully in American culture may enroll in the Action America program on the Andrews campus.

International education opportunities include study abroad (p. 17), study tours and short-term service learning opportunities abroad (pp. 17, 37).

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