

Paul Stewart Brantley

Doctor of Pedagogy

Paul Stewart Brantley comes from a line of pioneers. His grandmother, Lottie C. Blake, MD, became Adventism's first Black physician in 1902. She was a protégé of Dr. John Harvey Kellogg and a friend of Ellen G. White. Brantley's educator parents, E.D. and Alice Brantley, touched countless lives in the U.S., Bermuda, Jamaica and South Africa. Following this rich legacy, Brantley has been privileged to serve as an educational pioneer on several fronts: higher education, health care and church administration.

Brantley holds a bachelor's degree from Atlantic Union College, master's degree from Andrews University and Doctor of Philosophy from The Ohio State University. His work in higher education began at Oakwood College (now Oakwood University), where he served from 1974 to 1985.

In 1985, he joined Andrews University's School of Education. In addition to serving as professor of education and chair of the Curriculum and Instruction Program, Brantley pioneered cohorts in Puerto Rico and Mexico, facilitated two Faculty Fellowships, and successfully chaired several doctoral dissertations. For these and other contributions, Andrews honored him with awards in research (1993), teaching (1999) and service (2001).

While at Andrews, Brantley served as founding editor of the Journal of Research on Christian Education (JRCE), the nation's first peer-reviewed journal on the topic that features scholarly articles from a wide variety of Christian traditions. He also helped establish Adventist education's largest website, the Curriculum & Instruction Resource Center Linking Educators (CIRCLE), which has now been incorporated within the North American Division's (NAD) Adventist Learning Community.

In the field of health care, Brantley's education work continued. In 2001, he became a member of senior leadership at Florida Hospital (now AdventHealth). He pioneered multi-campus leadership development and established computer learning for 16,000 staff members. In only four years, he organized a diversity office that was recognized by the Beacon Award as Central Florida's most outstanding diversity program among all industries.

In 2007, Brantley's "classroom" expanded exponentially when he took on the position of general field secretary for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, where he organized and directed the Office of Assessment and Program Evaluation. Then, from 2010–2021, Brantley became a vice president for the North American Division. He directed the Office of Strategy and Research, promoting unified, mission-focused church organizations. Examples of his work include the creation of the NAD's "Hope and Wholeness" initiative and the General Conference's tagline "Reach the World" from 2015–2025.

For his ongoing commitment to improving educational resources and providing continued support for educators and students, Andrews University takes great pleasure in honoring Paul Stewart Brantley with the degree Doctor of Pedagogy, *honoris causa*.