Senior Convocation is an important Service of Senior Spirit Week. Convocation is a formal service to present and to challenge the Senior class to reflect on their lives their class Motto, Aim and text. Dr. Nicholas Miller (father of a senior) was the speaker who challenged the class to live by their aim and shared many insights on how individuals can continue to be a light even when so much of human society is filled with "darkness". Their class aim is, "To be a light when all others go out". Their text, "The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid" Psalm 27:1, provides the true source of strength to continue to shine a light. Seniors also presented their class banner which artistically portrays their class Motto, "God’s promises are like the stars: the darker the night the brighter they shine".

Senior Spirit Week (Sept. 14-18, 2015) occurs the week prior to the Senior Class Trip. As part of the week seniors dressed up with a different theme each day. Monday: Lazy day, Tuesday: Dress up day, Wednesday: Class jersey/class colors day, & Thursday: Twin Day and Friday: College day.

Senior spirit week leads up to the senior class trip which is purposely held in the fall. This allows the “old” seniors of Andrews Academy to rekindle relationships with each other and form new friendships with the new seniors for the remainder of their school year. The trip itinerary is set up accordingly, to strengthen relationships with each other and with our God. Be praying for the senior class as they are departing on their trip this Sunday morning.
Sixty Andrews Academy students participated in the annual Student Association campout, Sept. 11 - 13, 2015, at Muskegon State Park. The entire weekend was a spiritually focused fun social event to start off the school year and to get to know each other and our God more. Thank you Kaily Iwasa, SA pastor, and the guest Josh Hong (AA class of 2015), for your spiritual leadership throughout the weekend. God blessed with beautiful sunshine for the weekend.

For the last couple of weeks the senior guys and girls, as well as the school guys and girls have been organizing teams and practicing for the Senior Vs. School flag football game which was held Sept. 15, 2015. It was a fun game for all. The school girls team won 18 to 12. The senior guy’s team won their game 37 to 0. The game was a very fast and fun game. I’m always impressed with the athletic ability of our students. Lot’s of fans were there to cheer the teams on. Thank you volunteer coaches for your time in helping the teams. Thank you to the AU Athletics department for supplying the officials for the game.
Andrews University Enrollment Services works closely with Andrews Academy to work with the students as they begin the process of deciding what college to attend. On Wednesday they met with AA Juniors to begin this process with the class of 2017. Students registered their information on the computers so next month when Adventist college recruiters come from across the nation (and Canada) to meet with AA students, they will be able to communicate easily with the various colleges. AU also shared some details about the Junior college preview to be held at AU Nov. 8 & 9.

Constitution Day

Andrews Academy has a special assembly on Constitution Day each year. We traditionally have a guest speaker share some insights on the constitution. Ambassador John Nay presented various interesting and informative topics on the constitution and then closed with a question and answer period.

Ambassador John Nay is an alumnus of Andrews University. After finishing the classwork for his Masters at AU he was invited to join the United States Foreign Service and made that his career. Having entered the Foreign Service as a Vice Consul, he rose to the position of U.S. Ambassador - the only Adventist Foreign Service officer to have reached that rank. During his career, John and his family served tours of duty in Taiwan, Singapore, India, South Africa, Canada, and to the Republic of Suriname, in South America.
For chapel Monday four AA students shared their stories of their experiences from canvassing this summer. These students spent the summer selling books door to door. Some shared how their prayer life improved. Another shared how she learnt perseverance. For example she felt like skipping a certain house because it looked like it may be difficult, but decided to try anyways. After of number of minutes of sharing this student prayed together with this person. This person expressed how her canvasing was an answer to prayer. Another student felt like she became part of the “Gospel Ministry” of Matthew 29:19 “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” A big thank you to Victoria Carmona, James Petty, Dwight Huslin & Elsie Getahun for sharing your experiences.

Andrews Academy is so blessed to be in a community with a wealth of Pastors who are willing to share with the AA family. Wednesday pastor Everett, Josiah’s father, presented morning devotions. Pastor Martin, PMC youth pastor, presented Thursday morning.
Announcements

TEST PREP DAY
Monday, September 21 will be Test Prep Day for Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors for the newly formatted PSAT/SAT. Plan on regular 8:00 – 3:15 day. Topics covered: Math, Science, Test taking skills, Why test?, ACT vs SAT, English, Introduction to practice taking websites.

PSAT
All Freshmen, Sophomore, and Junior students will be taking a grade appropriate version of PSAT on October 14. No morning classes for Senior Class. All classes resume at 12:05 pm. Please see attached pdf for the “Benefits of PSAT/NMSQT. There will be no fees for AA students to take the PSAT.

YEARBOOK: SENIOR PICTURE DEADLINE
Your 2015-2016 yearbook photo is due NO LATER than Friday, October 30 at 12pm. We are taking BOTH Senior and baby pictures on this date.

Seniors!!! Your 2015-2016 yearbook photo is due NO LATER than Friday, October 30 at 12pm. We are taking BOTH Senior and baby pictures on this date.

Photo requirements are:
Dress modest, no jewelry, no low cut or sleeveless tops
Color pictures and black/white accepted
Portrait style (no landscape) for senior picture
Baby picture can be either portrait or landscape style
Minimum 300 resolution

Submit Digital pictures ONLY by email or you can share my contact info with your photographer. In the subject please write: SENIOR PIC and YOUR NAME. Please email Mrs. Sanchez at ksanchez@andrews.edu

Thank you!

***Please Note: No Senior photo submitted = Registration/Lifetouch photo after October 30.

~ Mrs. Sanchez/Yearbook Staff

TUITION
Tuition payment #2 is due on or before September 25.