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The Urge to Create (and Change)

Andrea Luxton, president

"GIRL WITH BALLOON" BY THE ANONYMOUS artist, known only as Banksy, sold on October 4, 2018, at Sotheby's for approximately \$1.4 million. That was not the surprise, however. As the hammer fell, and to the shock of the onlookers, especially the purchaser, the picture started descending through a shredder hidden inside the frame. It stopped about halfway down but the original picture was gone. That was the surprise.

According to the painter, this was all part of his plan. Banksy included a caption with the shredder, "The urge to destroy is also a creative urge." Ironically the purchaser still bought the picture, renamed Love in the Bin. Word on the street is that the value has only increased by this action, so maybe in this case destruction was creative—in one sense. Yet there is also a certain sadness in this story, a sense of loss.

As I reflect on this action by Banksy, I find myself deeply disagreeing with the concept that to destroy is a creative urge. I thought of the creativity that is on the Andrews University campus. Whether it is the creativity of our documentary film students who use that medium to share meaningful insights into difficult topics. Or the architecture students who design and build mobile clinics for mission fields in Africa. Or the journalism, photography and graphic art students who design and produce a prize-winning Christian journal, *Envision*. Or our religion and seminary students and faculty, always looking for new and creative ways of doing mission. Or our student researchers, working with faculty, and making new discoveries that can help improve society decisions.

And I could add much more. But the point is that as I look at the urge behind

the creativity on this campus it is driven by a mission of passion for changing lives, changing communities. It is an urge, a mission that is not perhaps common. But it is a mission that is centered in the reality of knowing God as our creator and Jesus as our Lord. It is a creativity that seeks to build up humanity, create new hope even in a world that sometimes seems to focus more on self-destruction. Destruction is not part of this creativity, but creativity seeks to frame opportunity even where there is destruction.

I believe that this is where Adventist education, an Andrews University education, provides a very important and fundamentally different frame for education and careers that follow. This is not a superficial difference; it is critical to the way students approach their own lives, their church, their communities and the wider world. It is a very real and practical way, it is about discovering how to be God's hands, God's feet in a world that desperately needs creativity that leads to hope, healing, reconciliation and faith.



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30 years of PT graduates



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by Gillian Panigot

The official wellness center name was announced at the Spirit of Philanthropy & Homecoming Banquet on Thursday, Sept. 27, and honors Niels-Erik Andreasen, president emeritus of Andrews.

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An enjoyable weekend opened opportunities for alumni to explore the Andrews campus and connect with friends, faculty, staff and students.

25 Honored Alumni 2018

Congratulations to the recipients of the Andrews University Alumni Association Medallion: Deborah Bennett Berecz, Bruce Boyer, Bruce Closser, Kevin McDonald and Esther Ottley.

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President Emeritus
Niels-Erik Andreasen and
Demetra Andreasen in
front of the Andreasen
Center for Wellness,
September 28, 2018

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The next issue of FOCUS will
be a President's Report, which
will include an annual report
section highlighting giving and
Spirit of Philanthropy awards.

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Campus Update

Interfaith prayer service held

To promote solidarity and healing in wake of shooting at Tree of Life Synagogue

AN INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE TOOK place on Nov. 5, 2018, in Benton Harbor, Michigan. Over 200 individuals attended the standing room only program, which promoted solidarity and healing and took a stand against all forms of hate and prejudice.

Following the tragic shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the Interfaith Committee of the Andrews University Community Engagement Council reached out to the Temple B'nai Shalom of Benton Harbor and together they began to plan the service. Southwest Michigan's Interfaith Peace & Justice Collaborative and The First Hebrew Congregation of South Haven joined the effort as co-sponsors.

“I have seldom been in a room where the spirit of peace and harmony and dedication was so strong and palpable.”

The program began with a welcome from Marcus Muhammad, Benton Harbor mayor, who shared both a Scripture reading and a reading from the Quran. He commented, “I would like to challenge those who are here today to take this as a moment of new opportunity, freedom, love and justice for all, regardless of creed or religion.”

Teresa Reeve, chair of the Interfaith Committee at Andrews and associate dean of the Seminary, introduced the evening's focus on prayer in the midst of mourning. She said, “Your action in being here tonight can help take some of the momentum out of the tide of hate that surrounds us. We share profound commonalities as we gather tonight...and we believe there is no place for hatred among God's children.”

Christian, Muslim and Jewish calls to prayer were offered by various local faith leaders, and two inspirational musical selections provided messages of overcoming and healing.

Diane Rapaport Yampolsky, of Temple B'nai Shalom, shared the reflection, saying, “I am a Jew because wherever there is suffering the Jew weeps...I am a Jew because we must be partners in God's creation.”

Significantly, candles were lit in honor of

the victims of the Pittsburgh shooting—one for each victim and a twelfth for all others who have been victims of hate.

Attendees were given opportunity to participate in a litany that talked of moving forward. They read, “Amidst the darkness of hatred, we advance the light of love. Amidst the threats of violence, we advance the balm of peace...We come together, different people from different places, united in a common humanity and seeking a common good. In that there is hope.”

A representative of each of the three Abrahamic faiths (Christian, Muslim and Jewish) shared a Scripture, prayer and/or contemplation. Barry Fidelman, of the First Hebrew Congregation of South Haven,

shared his struggle to come to terms with the events in Pittsburgh.

Ultimately, he says he realized, “It was me.”

He explained that he or anyone else who passes by an act of hate or injustice without standing up against it shares in the responsibility for such acts that follow.

Time was also given for silent prayer and stone laying, a custom within the Jewish faith that commemorates the deceased. In this setting, the stones also symbolized a commitment to build a better world.

After the program, Reeve reflected, “I have seldom been in a room where the spirit of peace and harmony and dedication was so strong and palpable. This happened because people cared enough to reach outside their comfort zones and go beyond what fit in their busy schedules. God is good for planting the idea and bringing us all together!”





NOVEMBER 14

karzunn Just a week or two ago it looked like this on campus. Now there is snow on the ground and my favorite season is over. #michigan #fall #winter #photography



NOVEMBER 2

au_shp Good luck to the Speech-Language Pathology MS Class of 2019 cohort as they venture to their FIRST externship! #repost@speech. au #shp #aushop



SEPTEMBER 26

andrews_university Andrews University is honored to be one of 26 independent colleges and universities taking part in the annual Michigan Independent Colleges & Universities Advocacy Day in Michigan's state capitol, Lansing. #micu2018 #worldchangersmadehere



NOVEMBER 1

andrewsstem Sophomore Jayde Broussard studies a test tube of insects in Genetics Lab #genetics #womeninstem #stemgirls

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DECEMBER 1



J. N. Andrews Honors Program

Once again, thank you to Honors vice president, Jesse Gray, and his mother, Mrs. Gray, for providing to the Honors Family this wonderful opportunity to cook the Sabbath potluck for the Harbor of Hope parishioners.



NOVEMBER 20

Andrews University

At the start of this year's United Way Campaign, President Andrea Luxton and Provost Christon Arthur committed to compete in a rodeo if the campus reached their giving goal of \$20,000. Andrews employees have surpassed that goal—and the President/Provost United Way Farm Equipment Rodeo Championship is happening now! #andrewsuniversity



SEPTEMBER 24

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A message from Valerie, owner of Pete's U-Pick, about the impact of Change Day. #AUChangeDay

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@nadEinstitute • Oct 10

Chad Angasan—the only Native Pastor in the Adventist Church—was the first recipient of the Russell & Cynthia Burrill scholarship for students that demonstrate high capacity in church planting. #nadei #missiondisruption

@PassionateProf_ • Oct 16

What a special treat! Having my distance @auptpostpro Dsc students on campus @AndrewsUniv made my day! So lucky to be a small part of their journey—at Andrews University Cafeteria



@dc_ghana • Nov. 15 On Nov. 11, 2018, Ghana's Ambassador to the United States, H.E. Dr. Barfour Adjei-Baruwah, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with @AndrewsUniv to grant partial scholarship to Ghanaian students and professionals, both home and abroad.



YOUTUBE



Andrews University: Week of Prayer | Vincent Dehm (Sept. 21, 2018). (published on Oct. 11, 2018)

Social Media

AUGUST 30



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«When you invest in your community, you invest in yourself.» Wandile Mthiyane, "Child Of Apartheid," a film by Stephen Allcock. #ubuntudesigndesigngroup #worldchangersmadehere #auvacd #andrewsedu #buyabrickbuildahome. (PC: Child of Apartheid FB: www.facebook.com/ChildOfApartheid)

Urban Mission and Ministry Congress

Attracts a wide cross-section of people to learn about transforming urban communities through Christ's love

SOME 535 PASTORS, LAY MINISTRY LEADERS, church planters, community service managers, Bible workers and seminarians gathered September 6–8 at Andrews University for the 2018 Urban Mission and Ministry Congress. The theme was “God’s City, My City—Transforming Community through Christ’s Love,” and the tagline was “Re-set. Re-frame.”

Skip Bell, professor of church leadership at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and coordinator for the event, shared the meaning of that tagline: “The words re-set and re-frame suggest change is necessary. We—the Seventh-day Adventist Church—were born in the context of New England, the second wave of the Great Awakening in the mid-nineteenth century, where the issues in Christianity were identified with that historical framework, that point in time.” Despite the need to recognize and value these historical roots, Bell emphatically noted the difference between roots and foundation. “The foundation of our church is not that history. The foundation of our church is Jesus and how He lives in this world today through His church. We are a movement of people empowered by the Spirit, filled with a joyful relationship with Jesus, sharing Him not through argument but through life and deed. So re-set, re-frame.”

Dan Jackson, president of the Adventist denomination in North America, kicked off the event by stressing the importance of urban ministry. Jackson emphasized the weekend’s primary theme—the need to serve in the cities rather than distance ourselves from the urban context. Tiffany Brown, from REACH Philadelphia, later addressed the same point saying, “Our cities are important because that’s where the people are.”

Other Adventists who spoke during the plenary sessions included Will James from the Paradise Valley Adventist Church in San Diego, Roger Hernandez from the Southern Union Conference staff, Carlton Byrd from the Oakwood University Church, Peter Bath from Kettering Health Network in Dayton, and Ty Gibson from Storyline Adventist Church in Oregon.

For a broader perspective, a number of presenters were from other Christian denominations—Noel Castellanos, director of the Christian Community Development Association (CCDA); Tim Wise, a Christian activist for racial justice; Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, member of the United States Congress from Missouri; and Richard Perry, professor of urban ministry at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago.

In addition to the need for Adventists to live and serve in cities, three additional

themes that emerged in the presentations, panel discussions and workshops were the importance of service, social justice and relationships. Regarding service, short interviews with urban pastors headlined each plenary session.

The root causes of poverty and other society-wide problems were also given significant attention and the centrality of building relationships emerged as a prominent theme. In his plenary presentation, James argued that a refugee’s greatest need is a mentor. “We all need someone who genuinely cares and meets us where we are,” he said. In the context of trauma, Ingrid Slikkers, social work professor at Andrews University, stated, “Programs don’t heal people. People heal people.”

Commenting on what he hopes participants take away from the 2018 event, Bell listed four desires. He hopes pastors and lay people understand they are called to relate to people, to serve people, to show compassion for people over the long-term, and to build relationships with people where the connection is not only about religion.

To conclude the weekend events, Bell gave a rousing appeal for attendees to embody the teachings that had been presented.

 Visit “Urban Mission and Ministry Congress” on YouTube to view plenary sessions



Excerpted from an article by Jeff Boyd, research support specialist, Andrews University. Used with permission from Adventist Today. To read the entire article, go to andrews.edu/agenda.

CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP LEFT: Moderator Sung Kwon addresses a panel consisting of Emanuel Cleaver II, Joshua Nelson, Taurus Montgomery, Desiree Davis and Tim Wise on Saturday, Sept. 8, in the Howard Performing Arts Center ■ Erica Ford presents “Engaging Christians in Addressing Issues of Community Violence” at a breakout session ■ Todd Stout (right) speaks with a participant after his breakout session ■ Skip Bell, coordinator of the Urban Mission & Ministry Congress, welcomes attendees

Cleveland speaks for Diversity & Reconciliation Conference

Recently named one of "5 online shepherds to follow" by JET

CHRISTENA CLEVELAND, SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGIST, public theologian, author and professor, was the guest speaker for this year's Diversity & Reconciliation Conference, held November 1-2. Cleveland spoke for University Forum and Lighthouse Vespers as well as various smaller groups.

Currently, Cleveland is an associate professor of the Practice of Organizational Studies at Duke University's Divinity School. She teaches classes on race, reconciliation and conflict, and she leads a research team investigating self-compassion as a buffer for racial stress. She is author of "Disunity in Christ: Uncovering the Hidden Forces that Keep Us Apart" and is also finishing her second book, which examines inequality and offers a theology of privilege.

Cleveland attended Dartmouth College, where she double-majored in psychological and brain sciences and sociology, then UC Santa Barbara, where she earned a PhD in social psychology. Recently named one of "5 online shepherds to follow" by JET magazine, Cleveland has devoted much of her vocation to teaching in higher educational institutions as well as serving the church and broader society by regularly writing, speaking and consulting with organizations.

"We were honored to have Dr. Cleveland come and share with our campus community on the important topic of finding tangible and meaningful ways to



seek healing, restitution and reconciliation in a diverse community," says Michael Nixon, vice president for Diversity & Inclusion.

Envision receives award from ACP

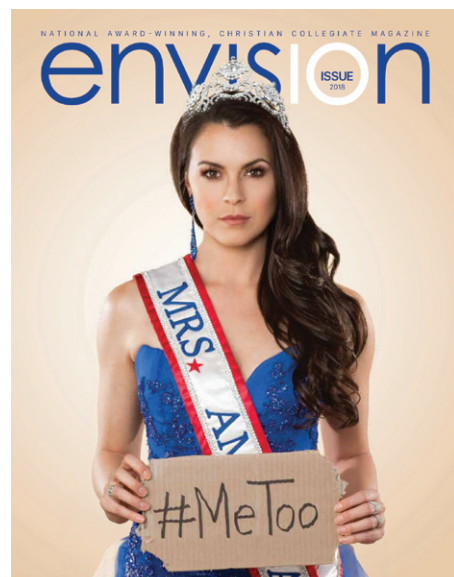
Pacemaker award is known as collegiate journalism's preeminent award

ON OCT. 27, 2018, ANDREWS UNIVERSITY'S student-produced Envision magazine received a Pacemaker award from the Associated Collegiate Press (ACP).

The Pacemaker awards are presented yearly by the ACP and are known as "collegiate journalism's preeminent award." Paul Kim, chair of the Department of Visual Art, Communication & Design, says, "These [the

Heather Day, associate professor of communication at Andrews University and editor of Envision magazine, further describes the significance of this award. "We competed against schools like Harvard, Columbia and Baylor. The top 17 magazine publications in the nation were selected out of approximately 125 entries from their respective schools. The Pacemaker signifies which schools set the pace for magazine publication in the country." She adds, "I would also like to note we were one of very few Christian schools to be nominated, and I believe we were the only Christian school to win."

Envision magazine received the Pacemaker award for their recent 10th issue, which featured Mekayla Eppers, Mrs. America 2018. Pictured on the cover holding a #MeToo sign, Eppers poignantly opens up about her own personal experiences with sexual abuse. The magazine also included stories, pitched by young college students, titled "Why are Christians So Fake?," "Can I be a Christian and a Feminist?," "Facebook is Making Me Hate My Friends," "DACA and the Death of Dreams" and "17 Years a Slave."



 Visit envisionmag.com to read the Envision blog, view writing submission requirements and watch behind-the-scene videos.

"...we were one of very few Christian schools to be nominated, and I believe we were the only Christian school to win."

Pacemaker awards] are widely referred to as the Pulitzer Prizes of collegiate journalism."

Entries for the Pacemaker awards span a variety of publication types including online, newspapers, yearbooks and magazines. Each entry is carefully judged on coverage and content, quality of writing and reporting, leadership, design, photography and graphics.

SciFEST and Image & Influence

Introduce students to STEM, publication design & social media influence

ON THURSDAY, SEPT. 20, 2018, STUDENTS from Adventist academies, homeschool groups and public/private schools arrived at Andrews to participate in SciFEST and Image & Influence. SciFEST was the sixth annual STEM weekend. Image & Influence, hosted and produced by the Department of Visual Art, Communication & Design (VACD), included two workshops.

The theme of SciFEST was “Elements.” Attendees explored this theme in the seven STEM departments (agriculture, biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering, mathematics and physics) at Andrews.

On Friday, students spent seven hours in hands-on laboratory activities in each of the STEM departments. The activities earned points for the teams and assisted in the “Quiz Bowl” competition, which helped students show what they had learned and gave them a chance to win academic scholarships.

Ryan Hayes, professor of chemistry, says, “We are trying to encourage students to continue exploring their interest in science and know there are a lot of opportunities in science.”

Jared Freeman, Georgia Cumberland Academy senior, says, “SciFEST has inspired me to pursue my career in the study of science and God’s creation.”

While many students enjoyed SciFEST, others built their skills with VACD.

Students in the publication design workshop were taught how to better implement design principles to make meaningful photographic images for publications.

Cally Kerr, Battle Creek Academy senior, says, “I enjoyed that the teachers were honest in a professional manner and gave critical feedback on our work.”

Those attending the influencer workshop learned about social media platforms.



Quiz Bowl competition on Saturday evening

They discussed algorithms and strategies to gain awareness. Each student selected a platform they wished to be an influencer and advocate for, created an online space and shot a 30-second commercial for their pages to reach their target audience.

Both SciFEST and Image & Influence strive to encourage students in their journey toward careers they are passionate about while focusing on Christ as their center.

"WOMEN OF FAITH: PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE"

Eighth annual Honors Church focuses on female ministry

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL HONORS CHURCH program, “Women of Faith: Past, Present & Future,” took place Saturday, Nov. 10.

Haley Butler, senior biology major and Honors president, explained the inspiration for the theme, saying, “At the suggestion of our student leaders, this year’s Honors Church focuses on the heritage of female ministry within the Protestant tradition. We do not seek simply to celebrate that history but to also promote action and renew energy after the recent Autumn Council votes.”

The service was split into three sections that included scripture passages, readings, hymns and personal testimonies.

L. Monique Pittman, director of Honors and professor of English, says, “Something I really wanted to be sure we were showing in the readings was the long arc of women actively asking for equal status, for a role—a recognized role—in ministry.”

Amanda Bange, theology and speech-language pathology & audiology major and

senior Honors scholar, shared a negative experience within ministry. While she admitted that this was very frustrating and discouraging, she passionately addressed how this affirmed her desire to minister to other women seeking a place in ministry.

Nancy Kardos-Moldovan, religion major and senior Honors scholar, also reflected on her recent experiences in ministry. Despite the more positive nature of her experiences, she shared how difficult it is to serve and love when there is so rarely a place for women in ministry.

Hyveth Williams, professor and director of homiletics at the Seminary, delivered a passionate homily about her experiences in ministry. She first reflected on how hard it was to start as a woman in ministry with no female mentor, then shared five lessons from scripture that had been a powerful mentoring force in her life.



Amanda Bange shares her experiences at Honors church

After the homily, the song “Precious Lord, Lead Me Home,” written and composed by Marguerite Samuel and commissioned by Chelsea Lake, received its world premiere by the Honors choir and orchestra members.

Kara Herrera, junior honors biotechnology and English major, says, “The theme this year was extremely timely, and it was really powerful to hear so many women’s voices come to life through the Honors family.”

H.M.S. Richards Lectureship

Attendees learn valuable ways to create word pictures for their listeners

WHEN ATTENDEES TOOK THEIR SEATS FOR the 2018 H.M.S. Richards Lectureship held October 28–29, they little expected the treat that was to come.

The annual H.M.S. Richards Lectureship on Biblical Preaching, coordinated by Hyveth Williams, professor of Christian ministry, featured guest lecturer Donald Sunukjian of Biola University. Sunukjian's lecture taught seminarians how to use their words to create pictures in the minds of their audience, in order to keep them engaged and attentive. He highlighted the importance of doing this by noting that "today's culture is dominated by images" and stressed that speakers have to know how to take hold of the mind's eye.

Elaborating on this idea, Sunukjian presented three ways for this to be done:

1. Expand on the biblical author's original images so that listeners can form a mental picture of them.
2. Create contemporary images similar to the author's to convey the same meaning.

3. Describe contemporary situations and scenarios of how the biblical truth "shows up" in the lives of listeners.

Attendees were reminded that these techniques were used by two of the best speakers in the world: Jesus and Paul. "Use your voice," he encouraged, "like men of God have used theirs all through time. Forget PowerPoints and movie clips. Rummage through your life and the lives of others for relevant illustrations."

For Monday's worship Sunukjian did just that. He artfully demonstrated the use of storytelling as an attention grabber and a handy exegetical tool. Seizing 1 Corinthians 10:13 as the basis of his sermon, "Quick as a Wink and a Snail's Pace," Sunukjian expanded the meaning of the text and discussed applicable contexts which highlighted the faithfulness of God and relevance to the lives of the audience. During the second portion of his presentation, Sunukjian deftly shifted his presentation style, demonstrating the kind of speaking he had been describing throughout his lectures.



The lecturer-turned-storyteller held the audience in rapt attention as he used his words to recreate scenes from his own experience with temptation and God's faithfulness. His was an experience that the seminarians could all relate to: ministry envy. The genius of his storytelling laid not in his transparency or humor but in his masterful use of story to explain the innards of the text he had so deftly pried open. Shifting again, he ended by leading the unsuspecting congregation to feel the weighty sense of honor toward them that God has and desires to convey in every pre-weighed trial. The apostle Paul's point was made.

Acts of service

Andrews University holds second annual Change Day

ON THURSDAY, SEPT. 13, ANDREWS University held its second annual Change Day. Approximately 1,400 Andrews University faculty, staff and students worked at 70 sites across seven neighborhoods and two counties.

Andrews classes were canceled and many offices were closed until 3 p.m. to give the campus community an opportunity to join in service. Participants gathered at 9 a.m. on the flag mall to eat breakfast and have worship before traveling to their project sites.

Vicki Wiley, executive assistant to the dean of the School of Education, shares what it was like to start off Change Day. "It's great to feel a part of something so big as Change Day, where we know we're making a difference in the community and being

changed ourselves," she explains. "Seeing hundreds of faculty, staff and students all over the flag mall at Andrews all wearing the same shirts is empowering! Then as we head out to our places of service we feel like we're an army of people serving God in practical ways."

Tatiana Correa, a second-year MDiv student at Andrews University, coordinated a group of 25 volunteers who led diversity training for second and third graders at the Hull International Academy in Benton Harbor, Michigan. "We talked about what diversity meant, where we came from, and the beauty of being different," she reflects. "Their smiles and interesting questions made the day fun and one to remember."

Michael Nixon, vice president for Diversity & Inclusion, says, "I led a team at the Coloma/St. Joseph KOA Campground site for the second year in a row. One of the most rewarding parts of the experience was having the campground owner take our brand-new

team—I was the only holdover—to the site of our project from last year so that he could show us the dramatic difference we made to that part of their grounds. It was a reminder to me that we never know how far even one good deed will go in transforming the lives of others and the spaces that they occupy."

Teela Ruehle, assistant director of Service & Missions and Change Day coordinator, summarizes her response to Change Day. "It was an amazing experience to be able to connect with our community and provide help where it was needed, from pulling weeds to painting schools. It was such a good reminder that serving others and volunteering is not just beneficial to one person or group, but it helps all those involved grow to be better individuals. I can't wait for Change Day 2019!"



[#auncheday for photos and stories](#)

Fall 2018 at the Howard



CALENDAR

Visit howard.andrews.edu for a schedule of more upcoming events and to purchase tickets online. Schedule is subject to change.

Howard Center Presents...

Chi Yong Yun

January 13, 2019, 5 p.m.

\$15 general admission, \$7 students

Korean American Pianist Yun will perform master works by the great composers, including J.S. Bach, Beethoven and Ravel.

Howard Center Presents...

Jasmine Murray

January 27, 2019, 7 p.m.

\$18 reserved, \$15 students

Best known for her powerhouse vocals as an "American Idol" finalist, Murray is on a mission to reach people with the message that God has given her.

Howard Center Presents...

David Phelps

February 24, 2019, 7 p.m.

\$25 reserved, \$18 students

Credited among today's most spectacular voices, Phelps is actively living his lifelong passion of traveling around the world to share music, inspiration and good news.

First column, top-bottom: Pianist Charlie Albright, September 15 ■ Joyous String Ensemble, September 23 ■ Flautist Aleksandra Kemble, September 30 ■ International Cultural Show, October 6 ■ Cellist Ifetayo Ali-Landing with the Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra, October 14 ■ Callisto Quartet, October 21 ■ Sunday Music Series: Pianist Kate Boyd, October 28

Second column, top-bottom: Berrien Springs High School Men's Invitational, November 8 ■ AU's Got Talent, November 10 ■ Pianist Chi Yong Yun and Violinist Carla Trynchuk, November 11 ■ Wind Symphony Christmas Concert, November 17 ■ Presidio Brass, November 18 ■ Symphony Orchestra Christmas Concert, December 1 ■ Welcome Christmas Concert, December 7



Constantine's art featured at ArtPrize

An international art competition held in Grand Rapids, Michigan

“SAINT LIBERTY,” A PAINTING BY GREG Constantine, emeritus research professor of art and artist-in-residence at Andrews University, was featured in this year’s ArtPrize competition in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

“Saint Liberty” is an 85” x 48” painting of the Statue of Liberty. Constantine used a ready-made “machine”—the mouths of paint tubes—to apply the colors in gestures directly onto the canvas, referencing July 4 fireworks celebrations.

Written out in a collection of license plates at the base of the painting is the statement, “Give me your tired, your poor huddled masses yearning 2 breathe free. I was a stranger and u took me in.” Constantine hand-crafted the license plates from vacuum-formed plastic, then meticulously painted and distressed the plates, applying actual rust.

“The ‘Statue of Liberty’ statue in New York harbor is as much a logo for America as the ‘Stars and Stripes’ flag and the ‘Star Spangled Banner’ national anthem are,” Constantine says. “She is the only one of the three that pleads for the relief of the suffering and downtrodden. She personi-

fies freedom and liberty, therefore worthy to be called a saint.”

In the late 1970s, Constantine worked on a series of paintings on the subject of American landmarks, including the St. Louis Gateway Arch, the White House and Niagara Falls. “Saint Liberty” was created in 1978 as part of this collection and was selected to be exhibited in the American Ambassador’s residence in Athens, Greece, during the 2004 Olympics. It was also selected for a New York exhibit celebrating the centennial of the Statue of Liberty in 1986.

Constantine says, “This is my seventh year in ArtPrize, and most years I have utilized my unique license plate format for my entries. This year I realized I should combine this painting with a partial quote from the plaque on the base of the statue. Then I added the Matthew [Scripture] quote which I considered to be very appropriate today. I hope that the quotes respond to people’s feelings about caring for others.”

ArtPrize is an open, independently organized international art competition which takes place for 19 days every other fall in Grand Rapids. Art is exhibited throughout



downtown Grand Rapids—including in museums, public parks, restaurants, hotels and office spaces. This year, 1,260+ works created by 1,400+ artists from 41 states and 40 countries were exhibited in 165+ venues. ArtPrize now attracts over 500,000 visitors, making it the most attended public art event in the world in 2014 and 2015, according to “The Art Newspaper’s” annual “Big Ticket List.”

Day receives Young Professional Award

From the Society of Adventist Communicators

HEATHER THOMPSON DAY, ASSISTANT professor of communication, received the Young Professional Award at the annual Society of Adventist Communicators conference, held this year at the North American Division’s headquarters in Columbia, Maryland, from Oct. 18–20.

The Young Professional Award was awarded to Day in recognition of her extensive list of achievements and passion toward drawing young people to Christ.

Day said that she was incredibly grateful for the award and is reminded that there is no such thing as overnight success. “Achievements come through consistency,” she said in a later interview. “It’s not

necessarily big moments and decisions that get you where you want to go, as much as it is small decisions, made daily, and hard work no one else even knows you put in. I am grateful to be a part of a church that acknowledges young people who are motivated to put in the work required for accomplishing their dreams.”

Day is also the faculty sponsor for Envision magazine, an Andrews University student-produced publication that received the Best Student Short Film Award for a video created by Heather Thompson Day, Diane Myers, Justin McLaughlin, Danny Martinez and Sheryl Cubero, titled “DACA and the Death of Dreams.” This video was



an online component to an article written in this year’s magazine.



Andreasen Center for Wellness

Named after President Emeritus Andreasen

Nearly every news report about higher education points to some challenge facing faculty, students, staff or administration. It may be in teaching and learning, cost and finance, student life and health. That this should happen among young adults bodes badly for our future as a nation, society and even church. We must address it where the impact will be greatest—in our colleges and universities—the incubators of future leaders.

On the Andrews campus that takes us back to our educational fundamentals of physical, intellectual and spiritual development, all in a wholesome and supportive social environment. We have always believed that. The new Center for Wellness reaffirms this conviction and mobilizes it in very real ways—an impressive facility, staff resources, programs, information, social and health activities, community services—a whole new kind of campus center!

It represents a major commitment by the University to its students, employees and neighbors. We believe it will redefine the University once again and help it become a destination for students, employees and guests. It will be transformative as it prepares graduates to face challenges and opportunities confronting them throughout life.

I am honored to have supported this concept from the beginning, to see it taking shape on campus, and to give it my name.

Niels-Erik Andreasen

AT THE 2018 SPIRIT OF PHILANTHROPY Banquet on Thursday, Sept. 27, the official naming of the Andreasen Center for Wellness was announced by President Andrea Luxton and the co-chairs of the President's Council, Paul Stokstad and Charles Randall. The center was named in recognition of Niels-Erik Andreasen, president emeritus of Andrews.

“When the fundraising campaign for the wellness center began, a donor stepped forward with a gift in the millions,” said President Andrea Luxton. “This donor said the gift was not for personal recognition but was intended to honor Niels-Erik Andreasen, someone whose work at Andrews made an outstanding contribution to the University.

Because of the initial donation, others were motivated. Five large gifts, all connected with the first overwhelming gift and in addition to a number of smaller gifts, made the eventual groundbreaking of the Center for Wellness possible.”

Andreasen served 22 years, from 1994–2016, as the fifth president of Andrews University. His vision for Andrews inspired the necessary financial support for multiple capital improvements on the campus, including the Seminary Hall addition, the Howard Performing Arts Center, the J.N. Andrews Boulevard and Welcome Globe, a new milking parlor at the Dairy, renovations to Dining Services, the Undergraduate Learning Center (Buller Hall and renovations to





LEFT AND ABOVE: A tour of the Andreassen Center for Wellness was offered on Sunday during Homecoming weekend

FACING PAGE, BELOW: A symbolic key was presented to Niels-Erik Andreassen at the banquet

Nethery Hall) and Damazo Hall. These improvements enhanced the physical footprint of campus, improved the academic experience for students and faculty, and provided significant ways to welcome the surrounding community to campus.

Andreassen's ability to relate to others on an individual level has had lasting results, as well. "I have closely observed Andreassen in conversation with musicians, scientists and biblical scholars. One can tell that he has a depth of interest and understanding in many disciplines," says Charles Randall, co-chair of the President's Council. "He shows interest in and is gracious to those he meets. His stature in Adventist leadership around the world helped make Andrews University a diverse and premier academic magnet school."

"The Center for Wellness is the culmination of the many contributions Andreassen has made to Andrews," said Paul Stokstad, co-chair of the President's Council. "Through the enlargement of the Seminary, Andrews has had a great impact on providing leadership to our fellow churches around the world, while Buller Hall sends a strong message that Andrews is a liberal arts institution of the first order. The Center for Wellness has been a dream of Dr. Andreassen's for many years, and now it becomes reality. "'Corpus' takes its rightful place next to 'mens' and 'spiritus' as a goal for all of Andrews."

The \$17.5 million, 70,000-square-foot Andreassen Center for Wellness is scheduled to open in the fall of 2019. It will have an indoor salt-water pool, a hot whirlpool with special features, saunas, a steam bath, an outdoor wellness courtyard, a recreation center with basketball and multipurpose courts, a state-of-the-art fitness center, assessment and coaching elements, as well as space for educational wellness programs.

For more information, visit andrews.edu/wellnesscenter. You can also connect with University Wellness on Facebook (facebook.com/aulivewholly), Instagram (instagram.com/aulivewholly) and Twitter (twitter.com/AUlivewholly).



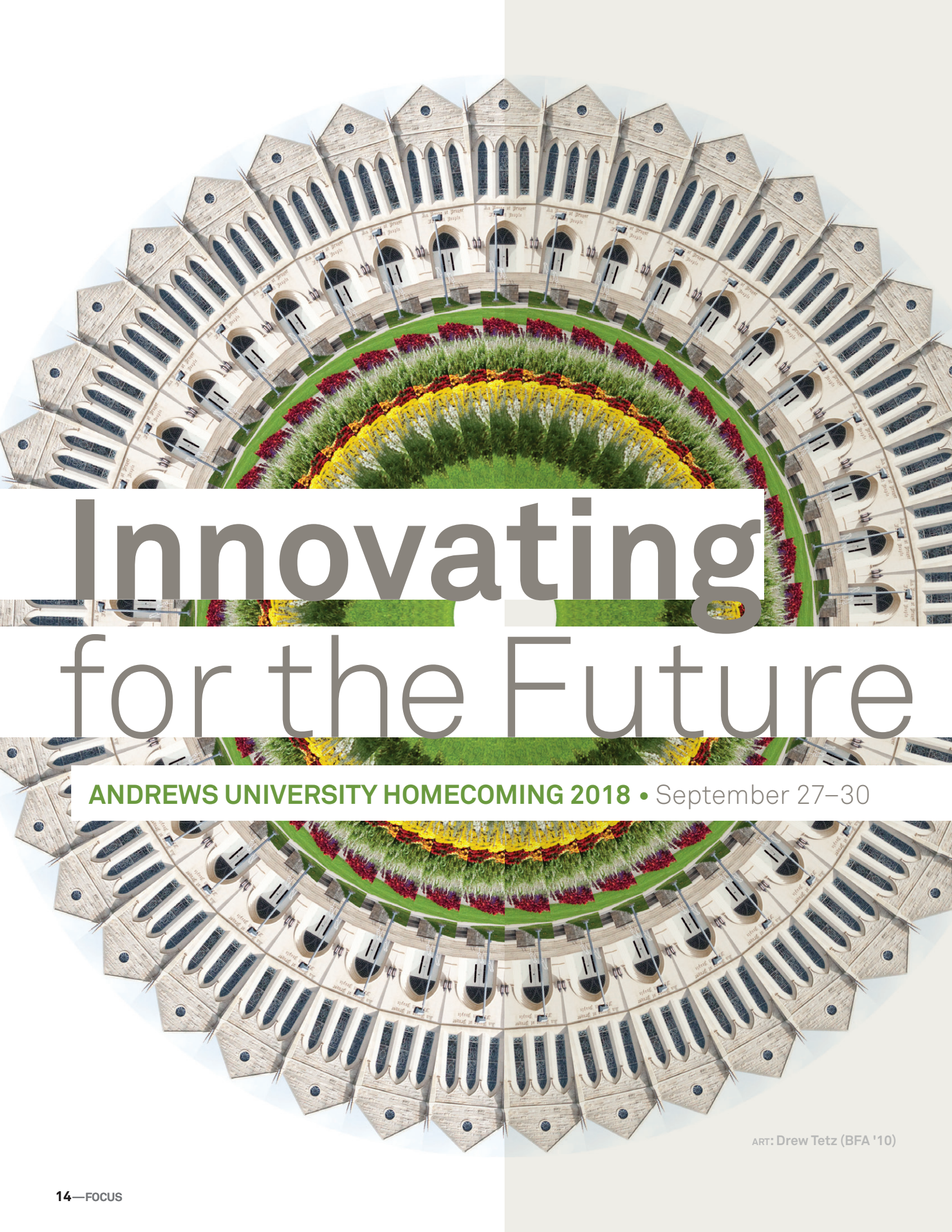
Andreassen's portrait joins presidential gallery

Eighth portrait now displayed in the James White Library

The official presidential portrait of Niels-Erik Andreassen was unveiled on Friday, Sept. 28, in the James White Library. A display with photos of former presidents and a timeline of Andreassen's impact on Adventist higher education greeted the guests. Paul Kim, chair of the Department of Visual Art, Communication & Design, provided a glimpse into the background of the artist, Harry Ahn. Ahn is an internationally recognized artist who has been a contract teacher at Andrews for the past 25 years. A graduate of the MSH Studio School of Art, Ahn is a portrait artist whose paintings exhibit a rare depth of humanity and the beauty of the soul, a quality acknowledged many times over by prestigious awards. Ahn has had more than 50 one-person shows, and over 250 selected group shows, nationally and internationally. He has received over 80 awards; some of

the most notable are the grand prize for the International Portrait Competition as well as the Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci international awards from Italy. This new portrait of President Emeritus Andreassen, the eighth portrait of the collection, will reside with past presidents now displayed in James White Library. Andreassen gave a heartfelt response of his time at Andrews and his hopes and vision for the future of the institution.





Innovating for the Future

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY HOMECOMING 2018 • September 27–30

ART: Drew Tetz (BFA '10)



ABOVE, CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Wes Christiansen Memorial Golf Outing ■ Women's Scholarship Committee with Demetra Andreasen's new paver stone in front of the Seminary ■ "Stop Cancer with Phytotherapy" book signing, hosted by the School of Health Professions, with author Benjamin Lau

BELOW, FROM LEFT: Laura Malcolm, guest speaker at WSC Brunch ■ Spirit of Philanthropy & Homecoming Banquet ■ Karen Tilstra, of Florida Hospital's Innovation Lab, at Design Thinking Course





ABOVE, CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Alumni reminisce with Peter Lyons (center), assistant professor of biology, at the biology 50th anniversary open house ■ Antique car owners displayed their unique vehicles ■ Participants in the Homecoming Classic Car Show

BELOW: The Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry took first prize at the parade





ABOVE: 31st Annual Homecoming Parade
BELOW, L-R: Parade participants carry country flags ■ Students represent their countries in the International Flag Raising Ceremony



Innovating for the Future
HOMEcoming 2018

**INTERNATIONAL FLAG
RAISING CEREMONY:**
*Current student Pooja
Chandrashekar, fourth
from left, and friends
with the flag of India*





Innovating for the Future



ABOVE, CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: David Knight, Spencer Carter and a friend at Impact Vespers ■ PMC Sabbath School by the Class of 1968 (top: Freese & George Grow, bottom: Nikolaus Satelmajer) ■ Dilys Brooks, Sabbath service speaker for BSCF Alumni Worship Service and New Life Church in the Howard Center ■ The praise team for BSCF/New Life ■ Impact Vespers in University Towers Auditorium

BELOW, FROM LEFT: International Cuisine Potluck ■ Class reunion luncheon buffet ■ Touring the Andrews University Dairy ■ Bob Wilkins memorial service





ABOVE, CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Time with friends and family at the Harvest Picnic ■ Charles Reid, soloist at the Alumni Homecoming Gala, which featured the Symphony Orchestra, University Singers and Wind Symphony

BELOW, FROM LEFT: Joshua Alabata and Andy the Cardinal at the Alumni vs. Students Basketball Game ■ Aviation Annual Fly-In/Drive-In Pancake Breakfast ■ Enjoying campus during the Harvest Run 5k/10k and 1-Mile Walk



Alumni calendar of regional events

Please register for these events at alumni.andrews.edu/rsvp and receive up-to-date information on these and other events in your area. You may also contact the Office of Alumni Services at 269-471-3591 or alumni@andrews.edu.

JANUARY 2019

13 Orlando, Florida Regional Event
11 a.m.
Highland Manor
Crystal Ballroom
604 E Main St, Apopka, Florida

27 Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas Regional Event
11 a.m.
Check website for location.

28 Phoenix, Arizona Regional Event
6 p.m.
The Old Spaghetti Factory
3155 W Chandler Blvd #9,
Chandler, Arizona

29 Denver, Colorado Regional Event
6 p.m.
Cinzzetti's.
281 W 104th Ave
Northglenn, Colorado 80234

FEBRUARY

24 Loma Linda, California Regional Event
11 a.m.
Location is to be determined.

24 Riverside, California Regional Event
6 p.m.
The Old Spaghetti Factory, Inc.
3191 Mission Inn Ave
Riverside, California

26 Roseville, California Regional Event
6 p.m.
The Old Spaghetti Factory
31 Sunrise Ave
Roseville, California

MARCH

9 Huntsville, Alabama Regional Event
6 p.m.
Check website for location.

10 Chattanooga, Tennessee Regional Event
11 a.m.
Check website for location.

11 Asheville, North Carolina Regional Event
6 p.m.
Check website for location.

12 Atlanta, Georgia Regional Event
6 p.m.
Check website for location.

25 Portland, Oregon Regional Event
6 p.m.
Check website for location.

27 Seattle, Washington Regional Event
6 p.m.
Check website for location.

APRIL

7 Toronto, Canada Regional Event
11 a.m.
Check website for location.

8 Detroit, Michigan Regional Event
6 p.m.
Check website for location.

27 Kettering, Ohio Regional Event
1 p.m.
Check website for location.

Who are alumni?

If you've graduated, attended, worked or taught at Andrews University we consider you alumni! And if you're a parent or a potential student considering Andrews, you're invited to be our honored guest.

LEFT—RIGHT: Cynthia (Miller) Gettys (BS/BS '65), Barbara Myers (BA '63), Don Gettys (BA '65, BD '68), Fred Myers (BA '65), Bill Mutch (BA '66), Patricia (Black) Mutch (BS '65)



Alumni enjoy new professional growth opportunity initiative

ON FRIDAY, SEPT. 28, OF HOMECOMING Weekend, Andrews University alumni had the chance to attend a series of Professional Growth Opportunity events. This brand new program was created as part of an overall initiative to reach out to alumni who have graduated from Andrews within the past ten years. Open to everyone, the program was specifically designed to be an opportunity for alumni to come back and enjoy complementary continuing learning opportunities.

The first event was the Tambunan Leadership Lunch for both current Andrews students and alumni. The luncheon began with mocktails, designed so that students could use this time to mingle and practice their networking skills, and was followed by a roundtable lunch.

Later that afternoon, alumni were able to attend a Design Thinking crash course presented by Florida Hospital's Innovation Lab team. Laura Malcolm, assistant director for Alumni Services, says, "It was a new

way of approaching ideas. Even though it was started by a healthcare team, it really can apply to pretty much any industry and presents a new way of approaching and solving problems. It seemed to go really well."

This series of Professional Growth Opportunity events culminated with three breakout sessions in the late afternoon. The sessions were "iPhone Photography" presented by Marc Ullom from the Department of Visual Art, Communication & Design, "Budgeting Hacks" presented by Quentin Sahly from the School of Business Administration and "Health and Wellness Integration for Buildings," an architecture educational session presented by Mark Moreno and Tom Lowing from the School of Architecture & Interior Design.



Participants at the Design Thinking crash course use their creative problem-solving skills

Altogether, the events received positive feedback. Malcolm says, "The support of the University was great. The enthusiasm we've heard from those who attended and those we discussed the idea with have been really encouraging, as well. It shows that the University really does care about our younger alums, and we are really excited to look for ways to connect."

Physical Therapy celebrates 30 years of graduates

DURING THE 2018 ALUMNI WEEKEND, THE Department of Physical Therapy celebrated 30 years of nearly 1,500 graduates. Events included continuing education programs on Thursday and Friday and a celebration on Sabbath afternoon.

These successes were celebrated by several of the programs' "founding fathers" including former chair Bill Habenicht, Keith Gaden and John Carlos Jr. On Friday there was a panel discussion during which four PT alums—Sherry McLaughlin, Nicole Edwards, Stacy Tarrh and Anthony Pribila—inspired fellow alumni, faculty and students as they shared about their innovative private practices. There was also a discussion about establishing a mentorship program for new graduates by partnering them with alumni from the PT program. On Sabbath, Bill Habenicht shared about the history of the program and how God continues to bless.

The Department of Physical Therapy has undergone various remodels and addi-

tions in 1988, 2002, 2008 and 2014 that continued to improve the quality of the program. The most recent remodel was the new anatomy lab in 2014. Created from space in the Custodial Services warehouse, this addition allows all of the PT labs to be under the same roof and includes 10 state-of-the-art cadaver stations for the current cohort of 40 students. Other departments, including Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology and Biology, enjoy the anatomy lab for various classes. This space has also allowed the department to develop partnerships with local colleges and the local health system.

The 30-year celebration was a success with approximately 100 graduates attending throughout Homecoming. Alumni reconnected with one another and renewed



A panel discussion with four alumni from the Department of Physical Therapy took place on Friday morning, Sept. 28

their commitment to their alma mater.

If you missed the celebration and want to share a career update and your interest in mentoring a new graduate, please contact Kim Ferreira at kimferreira@andrews.edu.

 Visit Andrews Agenda to read the entire story of the Physical Therapy celebration

Regional Events



Kalamazoo, Michigan

Sunday, October 14, 2018

A welcoming group of around 30 alumni gathered for the first regional event in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Attending alums enjoyed a delicious brunch at Michelle's restaurant while **Andriy Kharkovyy** (BBA '06, MBA '09), director of Alumni Services, shared updates and photos about campus. **President Luxton** (MA '78) spoke about the newly named Andreasen Center for Wellness, and took questions from alums. **Bill Briggs** (BArch '86, BS '83) ended the event with a closing prayer.



Columbia, Maryland

Sunday, November 4, 2018

The annual regional event in Maryland was a success with well over 100 alums in attendance. During the brunch, attendees enjoyed networking and visiting with each other and listened to a short presentation focused on wellness given by Alumni Director Andriy Kharkovyy. The president, Andrea Luxton, visited with alums throughout the event and answered questions after a short speech during the presentation.



New York City, New York

Monday, November 5, 2018

A small group of alums and friends of the University met for pizza at Nick's Pizza in New York City. **Dave Faehner** (MA '72), vice president for University Advancement and a native New Yorker himself, spoke briefly to the group. Andriy Kharkovyy, director of Alumni Services, presented photos and updates, and spoke about various wellness-related initiatives. Pictured: **Hebe Soares** (MBA '17), left, senior development officer, with an alum.



Seoul, South Korea

Thursday, November 29, 2018

A group of alumni from all around the Seoul area came to Samhyook University to meet and fellowship together, remembering their time at Andrews as well as sharing updates about their life with the Andrews representatives. After a presentation on news and updates from Andrews by the alumni director, President Emeritus **Niels-Erik Andreasen** (MA '65, BD '66) spent a few minutes speaking to the group.





Hong Kong College

Friday & Saturday, December 1 & 2, 2018

On Friday, Niels-Erik Andreasen spoke for vespers to students at Hong Kong College about “turning on the light” to encourage them to stay in school and continue their education even further past the basic college level. He gave three examples of individuals who were able to turn on their light at Andrews and beyond. On Saturday evening, a lively group of alumni and friends as well as a few prospective students came to catch up on various Andrews updates presented by the alumni director and to hear Andreasen, Andrews president-emeritus, as he spoke about international collaboration and some new opportunities available to those interested in studying at Andrews from Hong Kong.



Singapore

Monday, December 3, 2018

Andrews alumni in Singapore gathered at the SAFRA Toa Payoh to greet each other over dinner, meet Andrews representatives, and listen to a presentation with pictures of campus and updates about the University. Dave Faehner and Niels-Erik Andreasen, president emeritus, spoke to the small, friendly group of around 15 attendees and shared the latest news and vision for Andrews.



Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

While the Andrews University MBA program in Vietnam is still growing, we already have around 250 alumni from this partnership with Vietnam National University. During this trip to Asia, Niels-Erik Andreasen was asked to be an Andrews representative to congratulate the most recent cohort of graduates. Additionally, Andrews University representatives welcomed and shared Andrews updates with a new group of incoming students who began working on their MBAs in Ho Chi Minh City this fall.

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Will you be a member of an upcoming honor class? Start planning now to partner with us to make Homecoming more meaningful for both you and your classmates. If you're interested in serving as a reunion leader or willing to volunteer in any capacity, please contact the Office of Alumni Services at 269-471-3591, alumni@andrews.edu. Getting involved is a great way to make a difference!

2018 Honored Alumni

The Andrews University Alumni Association Medallion is presented to honored alumni who have been nominated by fellow alumni and approved by the Alumni Board of Directors to be recipients of this award. Please contact the Office of Alumni Services to nominate a fellow alum for this award. Honored Alumni are selected on the basis of outstanding service to the University, unusual achievement in a profession or occupation, and contributions to the community or church. Congratulations to this year's recipients.

DEBORAH BENNETT BERE CZ

(BS '88)



DEBORAH BENNETT BERE CZ IS A FAMILY lawyer today for good reason. She has been a student of conflict since she was 6 years old, enduring her parents' contentious marriage and eventual divorce. Deborah graduated from Andrews 30 years ago at almost 30 years of age because she took a few detours on her way to a college degree, all of which provided more credit hours toward becoming a conflict resolution professional.

Those detours included an early marriage, birth of her son, Jamison, and then her own divorce and remarriage with bonus children.

While at Andrews, Deborah served as chair of The Branch Network, the student association's religious organization. After attending Notre Dame Law School (JD '93), Deb knew that her experience might have a purpose and could be used to serve others. So after earning a law degree, she focused on family practice.

After practicing for a few years, it became clear to Deb that while the courthouse was a fine place to resolve contract disputes and car accidents, it simply wasn't designed for people who would continue in relationship. Setting spouses up as adversaries when they divorce only further lessened the hope of a cordial, respectful

and cooperative post-divorce relationship for the children's benefit.

Deborah set an audacious goal: to change the way divorce is done in the communities in which she practiced. She spent hours working with a local family court judge to develop a new norm. Deborah also served as chair of the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Section of the State Bar of Michigan and today mediation is ordered by the court in every case involving children. Family lawyers now move into problem-solving through mediation rather than putting families through multiple court hearings and depositions.

In addition, for the last dozen years, Deb has worked across the state of Michigan to develop the Collaborative Law options for families. This team approach engages mental health professionals, lawyers and financial specialists to work together on behalf of the family, always keeping the focus on the children. Deborah served as president of the Collaborative Practice Institute of Michigan and founded two active and growing professional practice groups in the state. She and four colleagues annually train other lawyers, therapists and financial experts in the Collaborative Law model and she has presented on various topics at the annual Forums of the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals.

Deborah recognizes that divorce occurs within the church at the same rates it occurs outside its doors. Over the years, she's represented pastors and conference workers and chaplains and seminarians. Deborah always first explores with clients whether a divorce is absolutely necessary and then supports them if they determine it is. Additionally, Deb teaches Family Law and Public Policy in the seminary, primarily to educate future pastors as they minister to troubled families.

Deborah counts as an additional gift her 31-year marriage to former Andrews Uni-

versity psychology professor, John Berecz. Together they have parented three sons in their blended family: **Michael Berecz** (att.), **Lamont Berecz** (BA '97) and **Jamison Bennett** (BS '02). They are blessed to have 13 grandchildren.

BRUCE BOYER

(BA '68)



Bruce Boyer was unable to attend the ceremony

BRUCE BOYER WAS BORN IN INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, in 1944. Bruce graduated with his BA in behavioral sciences from Andrews University in 1968. For the past 45 years, he has served as a teacher, researcher, healthcare administrator, president/CEO and chairman of healthcare companies, often serving multiple companies simultaneously. In addition, he has been a member of many boards, committees and commissions at the local, county and state level as well as boards and committees from the local Adventist church level to the Union Conference level.

Some of his most notable positions have been as the president of the State Healthcare Association, serving on the Board of the American Health Care Association, working as a Hospital Board chairman and serving as a Conference health ministries director. Notably, he has been a member of the Washington Adventist University Board of Trustees for 43 years.

2018 Honored Alumni

Boyer currently works as the CEO of Sloan Management, Inc., based in Frederick, Maryland.

In addition to spending a large amount of his time in the healthcare business, Boyer has also done his fair share of traveling. He has traveled to numerous locations within Europe, South Africa, Central and South America, the Caribbean, Canada and Asia Minor.

Boyer is married to his wife Gail who is a church administrator and serves on the Chesapeake Conference Executive Committee, the Highland View Academy Board and the NAD Executive Committee. He and his wife have three children who all have MBAs and work for his companies.

In reflection of how his time at Andrews shaped him into who he is today, Boyer says, "All that I am I owe to my Church, my Christian education of which Andrews was the capstone, and God's grace for which I'm eternally grateful."

BRUCE CLOSSER

(MA '78)



BRUCE CLOSSER DISCOVERED HE WANTED to be a teacher when, during his junior year at Forest Lake Academy in Florida, his history teacher had him teach a class during the school's annual role-reversal day.

It was not history that Bruce ended up teaching but English, thanks to the fact that both he and his favorite academy English teacher went to what was then Southern Missionary College—Bruce for a BA in English and Sue Baker to teach in the English department. The two years Bruce spent grading papers for Baker reinforced his desire to be an English teacher. After completing his undergraduate degree in 1974, Bruce accepted his first official teach-

ing position at Louisville Junior Academy, where he stayed for two years.

Bruce then moved to Andrews University to begin a master's degree. During the two years he was studying he taught freshman composition as a graduate teaching assistant. He finished his MA in 1978, and when a position unexpectedly opened in the English department, Bruce accepted the offer of full-time university teaching. Bruce continued teaching freshman English as well as other writing courses and the occasional Arthurian literature course.

In 1980, Bruce began doctoral studies at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, and over the next eight summers he completed classwork, comprehensives, dissertation and defense, graduating in 1988 with a degree in the teaching of writing. In the mid-90s, Bruce became director of the Writing Center. Today, after 42 years, 40 of them as a full-time teacher, Bruce continues to enjoy helping students improve their writing skills.

Bruce has also been active in campus drama productions. While working on his master's degree he played the Chorus in Jean Anouilh's "Antigone," assisted with "The Crucible" and played a small role in the "Andersonville Trial." During his time at Andrews University, Bruce has assisted in one way or another with multiple productions, including "The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail," "Steel Magnolias," "Twelve Angry Men," "Little Women" and "To Kill a Mockingbird." During the last three years, Bruce sponsored the Andrews University Theatre Wing, a student drama club, and supervised student-directed productions of "The Importance of Being Earnest," "Pygmalion" and "Fiddler on the Roof."

Bruce is committed not only to the academic and artistic education of college students but also to the spiritual development of the children of the church, serving for 25 years as co-leader of 4-year-old Sabbath School.

When not in his office, Bruce enjoys a variety of hobbies. He constructed a consort of crumhorns for the members of the early music ensemble in which he played. He has created chain mail shirts and sewn medieval costumes. He has spent the last six years teaching himself to read and write

Korean. Most recently he has renewed his interest in piano and has begun learning Chopin's 24 preludes.

Bruce is married to **Linda Morton Closser** (BA '80, MA '81) and they have two adult sons, both of whom have pursued artistic careers. Evan is a musician in New York City and **Dylan** (BFA '12) is a photographer at Whirlpool in Benton Harbor, Michigan.

KEVIN McDONALD

(BS '93)



WHEN KEVIN McDONALD ARRIVED AT Andrews University in the 1990s as an undergraduate student, the last thing he expected was to find a campus whose diverse community would help prepare him for his future position as the first-ever chief diversity, equity and inclusion officer of the University of Missouri System.

He recalls administrators and mentors like **Newton Hoilette** (MA '75, EdD '79) and **David Knight** (BS '81, MA '87). He fondly remembers having men of color on staff who served as wonderful role models. Additionally, McDonald took classes from faculty like **Duane McBride** (BA '68, current faculty) and **Lynn Caldwell** (BS '85, current faculty), who got him excited to learn about contributions he could make in the world.

McDonald received a Juris Doctor from the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law in 1996 and a Doctor of Education from the University of Rochester in 2014. He worked as the Disability Rights Investigator for the U.S. Department of Justice, Disability Rights Section in Washington D.C. from 1996 to 1997. He continued to do this type of work for the Internet's first domain name registrar, Network Solutions, Inc., where he served as the dispute administrator from 1997 to 1999.

Some of his additional roles have included teaching and leading the diversity efforts at Rochester Institute of Technology and working as the vice president for equity and inclusion at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University.

While at these institutions, he learned the importance of understanding organizational climate and culture in performing this kind of work and the importance of developing and maintaining strong relationships with campus and local community members.

His current position at the University of Missouri involves charting the strategic diversity and inclusion efforts for an entire university system of approximately 75,000 students, 6,000 faculty and 17,000 staff. The University of Missouri System is comprised of four institutions each with their own mission, vision and campus culture, and that presents a unique opportunity in the diversity and inclusion arena.

McDonald believes that inherent in the changing demographics and increased diversity on campuses across our nation are opportunities for conflict.

He also believes if colleges and universities are truly committed to inclusive excellence, they must hold themselves accountable for making diversity and inclusion efforts an integral part of their everyday practices.

For McDonald, faith plays a significant role in his personal and professional life. He sees Jesus' example as one that teaches us how we should treat, engage and uplift others. "I remain extremely grateful for the firm foundation that Andrews helped me establish in this regard," says McDonald. "Every opportunity that I've been afforded is a blessing that I've never taken for granted, and I remain humbled by every blessing bestowed upon me."

McDonald has been married for 21 years to Kimberlyn and has three children: Rodney Osborne Jr., Kayla and Kesslyn. He enjoys singing and fondly remembers being a member of the Black Student Christian Forum and the many opportunities for music ministry it provided him. He is a vegan who enjoys exercising regularly and watching his daughters play volleyball, describing them as "fanatics" about the sport.

ESTHER OTTLEY

(BA '54)



Esther Ottley's award was accepted by her granddaughter Maya Nelson, a current Andrews University student

ESTHER HARRIOTT OTTLEY WAS THE first person of color and the first woman of color to have graduated with a BA in mathematics from Andrews University. She was born in Panama, where her Jamaican parents were serving as missionaries. When Esther was 3, the Harriott family returned to Jamaica to attend to her paternal grandmother. From then until her early teenage years, Esther was homeschooled by her mother, Euphemia.

Esther placed second on the island when she passed the Cambridge Overseas Examination at Ferncourt High School, which qualified her for scholarships and opportunities. The decision was made for her to travel to Mandeville, Jamaica, to pursue teacher education at West Indian Training College (WITC, now Northern Caribbean University-NCU), where in 1926 both of her parents received college degrees.

Following her graduation with an associate's degree in math, she taught math at the college for several years before migrating to the U.S. to attend Emmanuel Missionary College. She was assigned a work/study placement with math professor William Specht, for whom she worked the rest of her time at EMC. She had great admiration for Specht and continues to credit him with inspiring her to pursue a career in math and physics. She continued on to Columbia

University in New York to pursue a master's degree in education.

In 1955, Esther married her Trinidadian college sweetheart, **Dr. Neville Ottley** (BA '49, BA '53). They moved to Washington, D.C., to be together while he finished his last two years of medical school at Howard University (class of 1957) and completed his residency in general surgery. During these early years of their marriage, they started a family, and Esther joined the math department at Howard University while completing her doctorate in math/physics education at American University, graduating in 1965.

Esther was promoted and received tenure while teaching courses such as calculus and college algebra in the math department at Howard University until 1975, when she was called to be the founding associate dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at the university. Just after her retirement in 1994, Howard University honored her with an endowed graduate scholarship which bears her name: the "Esther Ottley Graduate Scholarship."

The Ottley family boasts a strong Andrews University legacy demonstrating their belief in Christian education, as evidenced by their children: **Dawn Ottley Nelson** (BS '83), Dawn's husband, **LeRoy Barnes** (att.), their son, **Avery Barnes** (att.) and daughter, Maya Nelson, a current student. Esther's Christian education commitment can also be seen in her son, Dr. Mark Ottley, who attended La Sierra University, and her grandson, Jeremy Ottley, who attended Southern Adventist University.

Throughout her career, Esther has been sought out as a graduation speaker, university administrator, church leader, Women's Day speaker, counselor, organizer, math tutor and supporter.

Esther celebrated her 90th birthday on August 24, 2018. She spends her days contemplating God's love for us as well as His promises. She encourages everyone with whom she comes in contact to remember what is important and to be ready when Jesus comes.

2018 Honored Classes

Class of 1958

FRONT ROW (L-R):

Charles Trubey, Marvin LaCourt, Edith Applegate, Beverly (Campbell) Pottle, Russell Staples



Class of 1968

FRONT ROW (L-R):

Elaine (English) Myers, Glenn H. Hill, Mary Alice Hill, Sallie (Wheeler) Alger, Darlene (Palmer) Puymon, Merry (Habenicht) Knoll, Linda Caviness, Michael Plumb, Bonnie (Berlin) Perry, Bill Smith

MIDDLE ROW (L-R):

Robert Grimm, Terry Dodge, Phil Colburn, Margaret (Walker) McNeill, Lynn Gatz, Stephen Paden, Vera Freeman, Shirley Gammon, Mike Gammon, Shirley Iheanacho

BACK ROW (L-R):

John Glass, Tony Tauro, Willie Harrison, Duane McBride, Dewey Murdick, Kenneth Swanson, Nikolaus Satelmajer, Ray Nelson, George Grow, Linda (Freese) Grow





'78

Class of 1978

FRONT ROW (L-R):

Andrea Luxton, Rita Waterman, Valerie Knowles, Beverly Matiko

MIDDLE ROW (L-R):

Elva Jone, Deby (Makos) Andvik, Gyl (Moon) Bateman, Juliet (Boyce) Knight, Ron du Preez

BACK ROW (L-R):

Karen Ulloth, Clive Holland, Dan Augsburger, Carlos Medley



'88

Class of 1988

FRONT ROW (L-R):

Peggy Dudley, Nancy Hammond-Chaffin, Mary Gantt, Kwame DeJones Moore, Jeannie Maulsby-Fletcher, Jon L. Fletcher

MIDDLE ROW (L-R):

Elizabeth (Tabakovic) Oakley, Alicia Worley de Palacios, Gwendolyn (Powell) Braswell, Vicki Innis, Marria George, Ron du Preez, Patricia Antoine-Norton, Karen (Koliadko) Nash

BACK ROW (L-R):

Bryan von Dorpowski, Steven Atkins, Rod Olson, Keith Gaden, Gladys Frias, Geraldine (Castro) Jacobs, Monty Jacobs, Daniel Owusu, David Leffler



Golden Hearts Club

FRONT ROW (L-R): *Herald Habenicht, Donna Habenicht, Glenn H. Hill, Mary Alice Hill, Darlene (Palmer) Puymon, Merry (Habenicht) Knoll, Beverly (Campbell) Pottle, Bonnie (Berlin) Perry, Norm Perry, Barbara (Kasisekke) LaCourt, Marvin LaCourt*

MIDDLE ROW (L-R): *Robert Grimm, Terry Dodge, Lynn Gatz, C. Glenn Nichols, Gary Erhard, Vera Freeman, Penny Wheeler, Gerald Wheeler, Michael Plumb, Edith Applegate, Stanley Applegate*

BACK ROW (L-R): *Miguel Kelley, Duane McBride, Amelia McBride, Willie Harrison, Dewey Murdick, Kenneth Swanson, Beverly Colburn, Phil Colburn, Stephen Paden, Ruth (Nutter) Satelmajer, Nikolaus Satelmajer, Ray Roberts*

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'93

Class of 1993

FRONT ROW (L-R):

Ron du Preez, Becky (Leavelle) Rice, Brenda (Leavelle) Kegler, Wanda Cantrell, Xiaoming Xu, Julie Verhelle, Lynnetta Hamstra

BACK ROW (L-R):

Michael Tan, Theresa Yaroshevich, Scott Schalk, Josh Baltazar, Paul Smith



'98

Class of 1998

FRONT ROW (L-R):

Barbara (Leen) Maycock, Sean Maycock, Aron Balorda, Joan Ulloth, Kim Coleman-Ferreira

BACK ROW (L-R):

Karen Peterson, Robert Steele, Keith Banks, Elisabeth Hjortland Banks, Rhonda Tomenko, Eduin Caballero



'08

Class of 2008

FRONT ROW (L-R):

Rashell Rogers, Shannon Trecartin, Laura Carroll, Adrienne Osano

BACK ROW (L-R):

Keva (Brito) Bartholomew, B. Marie Peters



'13

Class of 2013

L-R: Caesarinne Sprianu, Miriam Janosova



'17

Class of 2017

L-R: Bogdan Platon, Peter Trine, Allie Trine, Francis Tuffour

1960s

Jaswant Singh Kapur (MA '65) writes, "I attended Spicer Memorial College in Poona, India. This was my first time to attend an Adventist college. Later I attended Andrews University. Christian education is the best."



Clifford Tym (att.) and **B. Ann Marsa Tym** (att.) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 8, 2018. They thank the Lord for many blessings, including four beautiful daughters, three son-in-laws, six granddaughters, two grandsons, and many family members and friends. On May 24, 2018, Tym was presented a Recognition Award by the Alberta Dental Association and College for 50 years of dedicated service to the public and the dental profession in Central Alberta, Canada, since 1968.

Tym has been an active member of his community and, through the Innisfail High School work experience program, he has encouraged students to gain knowledge by working and experiencing the dental profession in his office. As a result, several students have chosen careers in the dental field. Tym also volunteers his services for underprivileged children at the Dental Outreach of Red Deer Clinic in the Johnstone Crossing Community Health Centre. He continues his dental practice in Innisfail, Alberta, and Ann has retired from teaching and staff nursing.

1980s



Tim Evans (BA '81, MDiv '86), CFRE and Founder of The Unforgettables Foundation (TUF) in 1999, was recently awarded the prestigious "Outstanding Fundraising Professional of the Year" award 2018/19 by the Desert Communities Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Chapter at their 12th

National Philanthropy Day in Rancho Mirage, California. Evans, who was the founding chaplain of Loma Linda University Children's Hospital in 1990 following pastoring/youth pastoring in Michigan, Ohio (at Kettering/Miamisburg), and Maryland/D.C. (at Takoma Park Church), co-Founded the Palm Springs area chapter in 2006 with former AFP International Chair Colette Murray, ACFRE. He was also the first chapter president and a former vice president on the Board of the Inland Empire AFP Chapter which gave him the Outstanding Executive of the Year award in 2015.

Evans is an ordained Seventh-day Adventist pastor and a graduate of Andrews University, the SDA Theological Seminary, and has completed two units of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at Loma Linda University. He lives in East Highland, California.

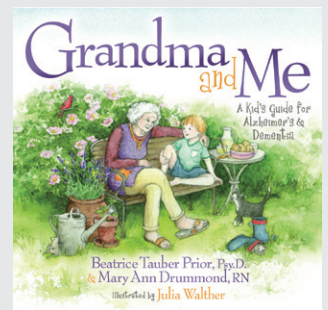


Elizabeth (Beth) Johnston Taylor (BS '84) was inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing in November 2018. Beth is a professor at the Loma Linda University School of Nursing in Loma Linda, California.

John-Paul Navarro (BS '86) married **Debra Seifert** (BS '89) in June 1988. He is employed as the TeraGrid Area director for software implementation at the Argonne National Laboratory, University of Chicago. They have three sons, John-Luke, Nicholas and Alexander.

1990s

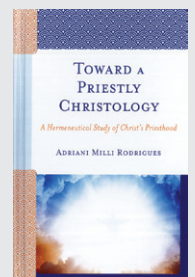
Beatrice Tauber Prior (BS '92, MA '94) was recently recognized with 5-star reviews from Readers Favorite for a children's book she co-authored titled "Grandma and Me: A Kid's Guide for Alzheimer's and Dementia." One of the reviewers stated, "This beautiful book handles a difficult subject with grace and consummate skill, and will help kids make the most of their time with grandparents who have Alzheimer's or other mental health issues." The book was originally published for sales in the U.S., but is now sold in many countries around the world.



Alfanso Petty (BA '97) received his BA in religion with a minor in missions studies. He married Junghee Jung on December 23, 2001. They have one daughter, Esther, born August 2015.

2010s

Adriani Milli Rodrigues (PhD '17) recently published "Toward a Priestly Christology: A Hermeneutical Study of Christ's Priesthood." He is currently assistant professor of systematic theology at the Theological Seminary of UNASP (Brazil).



Inez "Irene" (Bolenbaugh) Fishell, 90, died on Oct. 28, 2018, in St. Joseph, Michigan.

Born and raised in Allegan, Michigan, she married **Martin Fishell** (BA '51) in 1947. Soon thereafter, the Fishells moved to Berrien Springs, where Martin established a CPA practice. For a time, Irene taught at Lake Chapin School. Two sons, **David** (CERT '72) and **Randy** (BA '83, MDiv '88), completed the family circle.

As a homemaker, Irene demonstrated exceptional hospitality, with a special devotion to Andrews University students. The Fishell home became a hub of Saturday night social activity, and through the years many students found housing in the upstairs and downstairs rooms of the Fishell's restored farmhouse. Her caring attitude and demonstrable kindness resulted in Irene becoming known as "Mom Fishell" to many individuals throughout the years.

Irene enjoyed traveling the world with Martin, who at one point provided auditing services for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Lasting friendships were formed around the globe. Irene was especially fond of Africa and Peru.

An avid gardener, each year Irene enjoyed canning and freezing the bounty from the massive family garden. She was also a renowned cook, an immaculate housekeeper, and an accomplished seamstress. Irene was a longtime member of Pioneer Memorial Church.

She is survived by sons, **Randy** (**Diana** (BS '82)) Fishell and **David** (**Karen**) Fishell; grandchildren: **Alison** (BSD '11), **Tyler**, **Andrew**, **Ethan**, and **Ashleigh** (**Nate**) Krehbiel; and great-grandson, **Carson** Krehbiel.

She was preceded in death by her husband Martin in 2015.



Phyllis B. Acosta (BA '55), 84, of Cleveland, Tennessee, passed away on Sept. 30, 2018.

Born on December 27 in the Shoal Creek Community, she was the daughter of Leonard Jesse Brown and Pauline Boring Brown. She received a master's degree and PhD in public health and a master's in dietetics. She was a nutritionist for Ross/Abbott Laboratories.

Phyllis was a 1985 Outstanding Alumnus of Achievement at Andrews. She worked with Alice Marsh in the church's study on vegetarianism and veganism, as well as working with Loma Linda University on the same topics.

During her career, Phyllis received numerous awards. In 1967, she received the first Lydia J. Roberts Fellowship in Public Health Nutrition. In 1968 she was named one of the Outstanding Young Women in America. She was named an Outstanding Dietitian by Florida in 1984 and the American Dietetic Association in 1991. The Vowiler Society named her an Associate Research Fellow in 1995. Phyllis was also active in many organizations including the Georgia Dietetics Association, Society for Inherited Metabolic Diseases, Southeastern Regional Genetics Group, and Society for the Inborn Errors of Metabolism.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Clinton Victor Acosta; and siblings, Dwight and Gwendyl Brown.

Acosta is survived by her children; Aissa Acosta of Cleveland, Tennessee, N Mitzi Acosta

Bame and her husband, Mark of Yakima, Washington, and Clinton Victor Acosta Jr. of Tucson, Arizona; four grandchildren; and siblings, Doris Brown and **Harold Brown** (BA '65).



Ethel Mae Wise (BA '69, MA '93) died Sept. 20, 2018, after a battle with Parkinson's Disease and Lewy Body Dementia.

Ethel's life began on Sept. 2, 1940, in Millington, Michigan.

After high school, she attended Spring Arbor College and graduated from Andrews University where she earned a bachelor's degree in education. After teaching in elementary and country schools around Flint and Port Huron, she spent 25 years selling World Book Encyclopedia in Southwest Michigan and was known in the area school systems as "The World Book Lady." In 1993, she earned a master's degree in business communication, also from Andrews. In her free time, Ethel enjoyed scrapbooking, reading mysteries, doing genealogy, and decorating. She also served on the boards for the North Berrien Historical Society and the National Alliance on Mental Illness, and was very active in the Hartford Adventist church.

Ethel's greatest joy was spending time with her loving family. She leaves her husband of 52 years **Richard Wise** (BA '65), two daughters **Deborah** Wise of Watervliet, Michigan, and **Suzy** Wise of Valparaiso, Indiana, two sisters **Ruth** Sherwood and **Phyllis** Shelton, several nieces and nephews,

countless friends, and a few kitties to cherish her memory.

Her son Daniel, parents Louis and Ruth (Bentley) McClellan, and two brothers Leo and Jay McClellan preceded Ethel in death.



Todd Robert Harrington (BS '16, current staff), 32, of Berrien Springs, died Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018, as a result of a vehicle-bicycle accident in Berrien Township.

He was born June 2, 1986, in St. Joseph and was a lifelong resident of Berrien Springs. His parents are **Michael** (CERT '78, current staff) and **Lisa** Harrington of Berrien Springs and **Teresa** and **Alan** Dickey of Niles. Todd was a graduate of Andrews Academy and Andrews University. For the past 19 years he worked at the Andrews University Dairy, starting out as a calf feeder and moving up to milking supervisor.

In addition to his parents, Todd is survived by his sisters, **Tiffany** (BSW '08) (**Ken** (BSE'08)) **Meulemans** of Arlington, Wisconsin, and **Marlaine** (**Rusty**) Lytle of Russiaville, Indiana; two nieces and a nephew; his grandmother, **Jeanine** Lucas of South Bend; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family members and friends.

Esther Frances Beck Watkinson-Wilkins (AA '76), 83,

of Berrien Springs, Michigan, died Sept. 10, 2018, in Stevensville, Michigan.

Fran was born Nov. 8, 1934 to Joseph and Bernice Beck, in Carnegie, Pennsylvania, the seventh of nine children. She attended Mount Vernon Academy for two years of high school where she made life-long friends. She had a great work ethic which began in the second grade selling candy bars. After high school she worked for Alcoa in downtown Pittsburgh as a file clerk and then became a key punch operator.

She met **John “Jack” Peter Watkinson** (AS '76, BS '77) and against both their families' wishes, they eloped. Since Fran was only 19, her mother went along. They were married in Winchester, Virginia, on Jan. 6, 1954, after which Fran's mother returned home via the bus and they continued on their honeymoon. Initially they lived in St. Petersburg, Florida, where their daughter Jackie was born. Shortly after, they moved back to Carnegie, where Jack was self-employed. She was a devoted mother, and in her spare time, she developed hobbies such as painting, gardening and became a licensed private airplane pilot. She returned to work as a keypunch operator in the late '60s.

In 1971 she and Jack relocated to Berrien Springs, where she managed their business, Berrien Wholesale Tire. In 1976 she completed an Associate of Arts at Andrews University and in 1979 completed an associate degree in nursing from Lake Michigan College. She worked as an RN at Memorial Hospital in South Bend, Indiana, where she was employed for 15 years. From 1994 to 1999 she worked for Lakeland Hospital as a home health nurse.

She was widowed in 1986. In 1991 she met Robert A. Wilkins Jr. They married the following year and enjoyed more than 25 years together, traveling and working on mission projects.

She is survived by her daughter, **Jacquelyn** (BET '77, BArch '84) (**John** (BS '79, current staff)) **Hilderbrandt**; one sibling, Patricia Budd; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; seven siblings; and husbands, John Peter Watkinson and **Robert A. Wilkins Jr.** (BA '61).



Thomas Jon DeWind (BS '82), 57, died at home on Sept. 8, 2018, in St. Joseph, Michigan, after being diagnosed with an aggressive cancer.

He was born on Nov. 8, 1960, in Zeeland, Michigan to Frank and Ruth DeWind. He graduated from Cedar Lake Academy in 1978. Tom received a BS in biochemistry from Andrews University and went on to obtain a PhD in biochemistry from Loma Linda University in 1988 and MD in 1990.

He married **Sally Hammond** (BS '82) in July of 1982, in Massachusetts. The couple drove to Loma Linda, arriving a few days before classes began for the MD/PhD program. Tom completed a residency in radiology at Loma Linda University Medical Center. During his residency, **Janna** (BS '13) and **Katie** (BS '17, current master's candidate) were born.

Following residency, the family moved to Apple Valley, California, where Tom worked

Retired Andrews University professor, **Bonnie Jean Hannah** (BA '42, former faculty), 99, went to sleep in Jesus on Oct. 12, 2018, at Shangrila Home in Berrien Springs, Michigan. She was born on Feb. 2, 1919, in Nevada, Iowa to Cora Briggs and **William C. Hannah** (BS '22).



Bonnie Jean earned her bachelor's degree in business administration from Emmanuel Missionary College in 1942. She later completed an MA in business education at Columbia University. For the next 11 years she taught at five different Seventh-day Adventist academies and colleges.

She joined the faculty of Emmanuel Missionary College in 1953 and became an active part of the transformation of Emmanuel Missionary College into Andrews University as the school grew from 500 students to more than 3,000. She was professor and chair of the business education department.

She served as head deaconess at Pioneer Memorial Church for 16 years and church elder for eight years.

Bonnie Jean had lots of hobbies and interests over the years such as her collie dogs, traveling, stamp collecting, china painting, and spoon and giraffe collecting, but her passion was always her students.

While she was a faculty member at Andrews, she spearheaded an initiative to create an endowed scholarship fund for worthy international students. Not only did she contribute personally, but she also encouraged her current and former students to do the same and that fund is currently almost \$38,000.

In 1970 she went on an around-the-world tour in 92 days with her good friend, **Arlene Friestad** (BA '45). They traveled to 25 countries, had a fabulous time, and didn't lose their luggage! Friends **Merlene Ogden** (dean and professor emerita), **Edith Stone** (former faculty), Dorothy Hill and **Stella Greig** (MA '66, professor emerita) would join Bonnie Jean for a drive to Chicago's Marshall Fields during the Christmas season to eat a meal around its famous very tall and beautifully decorated Christmas tree. During the summer the friends could be found at the Shipshewana, Indiana, flea market looking for treasures.

In spite of a battle with cancer twice in her life she enjoyed many years of health and happiness with friends and family, who will miss her.

Professor Hannah's parents, Cora & William, her brother, **Dr. Harry W. Hannah** (DIP2YR '33, BS '37), and nephew-in-law, Don Atherton, preceded her in death.

She is survived by her nephew Dr. Ralph (Sandra) Hannah of California, niece Barbara Hannah Atherton of Pennsylvania, grand-niece Melinda and grand-nephew Eric, grand-nephews Mike (Paula) Atherton and Bill (Pam) Atherton, and their families; cousin **Murray Lofthouse** (BS '61) and his wife, Ruth.

Rilla Dee Ashton-Taylor

(EdD '80, former faculty)
died May 18, 2018, in
Sarasota, Florida.

She was born Feb. 11, 1936, to Ashton and Marjorie Dee Nicola Ashton. She and two younger brothers grew up on a two-acre farm in Worthington, Ohio. Her mother's sister, Grace Nicola, was a music teacher, and early introduced Rilla to the violin.



Rilla took her nurse's training at Hinsdale Hospital, completing her RN in 1957, then earned a Bachelor of Science in nursing education from Washington Missionary College. She later spent 15 years in the mission field as director of the nursing schools at Kanye Hospital in Botswana.

In 1976 Rilla returned to the States and earned a Master of Nursing at the University of Oregon, completing a thesis titled "Personal Relationship with God as a Factor in Cardiac Adjustment."

In 1978, her beloved Aunt Grace was diagnosed with cancer. Rilla returned to Worthington and cared for her. During that same year, she was cultivating a friendship with **Morris Taylor** (former faculty), a music teacher at Andrews University. Morris, father of four children, had lost his first wife in a tragic automobile accident. After Grace died in 1979, Morris and Rilla married, providing the late-teenage young people with a new mother—one whom they quickly came to love and respect.

That fall, Rilla joined the Andrews University nursing faculty as an assistant professor. In 1980 she earned an EdD, with her dissertation titled "A Conceptual Model for the Professional Practice of Seventh-day Adventist Educational Administration Based on the Proclamations of the Three Angels of Revelation 14."

Rilla served on the Andrews University nursing faculty for 16 years (as department chair for the last 14 of those years), then "retired" to a position with the Adventist University of Health Sciences in Orlando, Florida.

Rilla's greatest delight (after her love for and confidence in God) was in sharing and contributing to the lives of those about her. She made it a priority to attend graduations, weddings and other family celebrations and loved hosting at her home. She was known for her stimulating adult Sabbath School classes, and her leadership in community events.

Those who served with her fondly recall her loving—but uncompromising—ways, her diligent faithfulness to duty and detail, her technical competence and the focused clarity of her teaching.

She was predeceased by her husband, Morris, and brother Nic Ashton.

Rilla is survived by one daughter, **Lucy Taylor** (BMus '78, MMus '80); two sons, **Lowell Taylor** (BA '80) and **Lyndon Johnston-Taylor** (BS '73); one brother, Bruce Ashton; four grandchildren, Evan, Sarah, Rilla and Elissa Taylor; and numerous nieces, nephews and their children.

primarily at Victor Valley Community hospital until 2005, when they returned to Michigan. Tom worked with Radiology Associates of Berrien County through June of 2018.

Tom was an active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, serving in a variety of positions wherever he was a member. He served as head elder in the Mentone and Victorville, California, and Stevensville, Michigan, churches.

He was a devoted husband, father, son and friend. He was known for his dry sense of humor, as well as his commitment to God.

His mother, Ruth DeWind, survived him by 10 days. He is survived by his father, Frank DeWind, his wife, Sally, his daughters, Janna Quetz and Katie DeWind, and sisters, **Annette DeWind** (BS '80, MS '92), **Natalie Marocco** (BA '83), **Amy Hubble** (att.), **Lynell DeWind** (BBA '87), **Jennifer Ward** (BS '89), **Rebecca Mattingly** (BS '94), and **Leah Bowen** (BS '97).

Donald Ernest Mansell (MA '59), 94, of Middleton, Idaho, passed away August 2, 2018.

Don was born on October 7, 1923, to missionary parents in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

In 1941 the Mansell family left the West Coast on their way to a mission appointment in Mozambique when they made a stopover in Manila. Arriving four days before Pearl Harbor was bombed, they were three weeks later caught by the invading forces and spent the next 37 months in a Japanese concentration camp. Don graduated from high school while in camp.

Following his liberation in February 1945, Don returned to the U.S. and enrolled at Pacific Union College, receiving his BA in theology in 1949. While serving as an assistant pastor in Lodi, California, he met the love of his life, Vesta Verdine West.

They married Nov. 9, 1952.

Don was ordained to the gospel ministry the next summer and in July of 1954 the couple was sent as missionaries to Brazil. Three of their four children were born in Brazil: Donald Everett, Stephen Allen and Marjorie Lynn. They returned to the U.S. in 1958 where he received his master's degree in applied theology and history of antiquity at Potomac (now Andrews) University in Washington D.C.

They moved to New Bedford, Massachusetts to pastor, where their daughter Edith Emily (Dede) was born.

Don's career took him from teaching Bible and history at Lynwood Adventist Academy to serving as assistant editor of the Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia, then to the Review and Herald Publishing Association as an associate book editor after the encyclopedia was completed. In 1975 Don transferred from the Review and Herald to the General Conference and was asked to serve as curator and assistant secretary of the writings of Ellen G. White at the White Estate in Washington D.C. In 1982 he and Vesta moved to Cupertino, California, where he served as an associate book editor at Pacific Press.

After retirement in 1988, Don remained active authoring 13 books. Don spent his last years of life with his daughter and son-in-law, Margie and Mark Mayfield.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Vesta, in 2008; his son Stephen; and his brother Charles. He is survived by his three remaining children: Donald Everett (Gracie) Mansell of Paradise, California, Marjorie (Mark) Mayfield of Middleton, Idaho, and Dede (Rich) Wood of Donnelly, Idaho; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



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*Students Brandon Shin and Jeremy Ahn, C2LLOs, performed in "AU's Got Talent" on Saturday, Nov. 10. They won the talent show for the third consecutive year.
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