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Lost and Found

Andrea Luxton, *president*

AS I WRITE THIS, THANKSGIVING IS JUST around the corner, and it will have some special personal significance because of the events of this last week.

It started when I arrived home a week ago today to find that instead of two dogs jumping up and down as I arrived at the house, there was only one. The little one (born last Thanksgiving weekend) was completely missing. I looked everywhere. My nephew, who is the joint dog owner, came home and did exactly the same. Brodie was nowhere to be found.

Then started the search. I searched. But the search by my nephew knew no bounds. Posters, Facebook pages, a drone, social media of all types. Brodie's picture was everywhere on the internet, and shares were more than 2,000. In the process we learned how he had escaped from the yard and that he had been seen for around 30 minutes after that. Then nothing. He had apparently vanished.

For four days after that, life for my nephew stopped as the search continued.

Then day five began and a woman 25 miles away pulled up a post on her computer—one of the 2,000+ shares. She looked at the dog in the pictures and realized that a dog just like this had been wandering around her neighborhood for the last few days. She waited for the dog to come to the yard again and managed to get a picture of his back. She kept looking at the online images and the picture she had taken. After 30 minutes she decided to send a message along with her picture, "It is a longshot but..."

The picture was indistinct, but my nephew didn't think twice. He jumped in the car with the 3-year-old dog, traveled the 25 miles, tracked through the woods and local area. Nothing to start with and then... In the distance was something black... He started running, he called the dog by name and, well, what a reunion.

Great story and maybe a modern parable that would fit right in Luke 14

and 15, the chapters of the lost and found: sheep, coins and son, but most of all of the individual who never stopped seeking until the lost was found. But beyond that, this last week made me think of some other parallels, too. Many individuals were praying the dog would be found. My nephew looked and looked. Many others, including me, went into action. Prayers and action.

We talk about education and redemption being one, as Ellen White tells us. I believe that is true: God partners with us in passion for each person that studies with us. More than anything else, we want to see them redeemed, finding a home and identity with Christ, in a way that drives the decisions about their calling and their future. That is about the heavenly and human partnership that is so vital in what we do every day.

And one more point remains with me about this experience. Two thousand plus individuals decided to act and share the initial post. Who knows what share led to the discovery of the pup so far from home... It was in reality the caring community that acted together, joined by their sense of the wrongness of a stolen (as that is what must have happened) dog, that led to the reunion. The power of a community of faith, a University of faith, in action. Let nobody limit the power of that type of community.

As I write this it is on the cusp of another Thanksgiving and Christmas season. And today I am immensely thankful—for a found dog, yes, but also for the opportunity of being part of the human team God uses to partner with Him as He seeks to find and redeem at this University.



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President Emeritus Niels-Erik Andreasen and Demetra Andreasen in front of the new Andreasen Center for Wellness, Monday, Sept. 30.

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19 Andreasen Center for Wellness Ribbon Cutting

by Gillian Panigot

Speeches, tours and happy faces marked the long-awaited celebration for the ribbon cutting at the new Andreasen Center for Wellness on Thursday, Sept. 26.

21 2019 Alumni Homecoming

Alumni enjoyed "A Time for Wellness"—with fellowship, food and ever-changing Michigan weather.



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Campus Update

Ninth annual Honors Church

Exploring faith and ethics under oppressive regimes



THE NINTH ANNUAL HONORS CHURCH WAS held on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019, in the Seminary Chapel. The church service, “Faith Behind Iron: Marking Thirty Years Since the Fall of Communism,” explored what it means to have faith and act ethically under oppressive regimes. The service included three parts: The Assault on Truth, The Voice of Truth and The Triumph of Truth.

“Since democracy seems so imperiled of late, now seems the right moment to think about how oppressive regimes take control, maintain power and coerce others into complicity,” said L. Monique Pittman, director of the J.N. Andrews Honors Program and professor of English.

With its thematic focus on the anniversary of a significant historical event, this year's Honors Church followed in the footsteps of past years' programs. Since the first Honors Church in 2011, these annual services have included a variety of topics including a 150-year anniversary celebration of the 13th amendment, a service marking 100 years since the start of World War I and a 500-year anniversary celebration of the 95 Theses. According to the Honors office, all Honors Church services are designed to spiritually benefit the community and incorporate concepts and queries discussed in the core Honors curriculum.

“Such questions are at the heart of the Honors project to be self-aware, self-critical, and ever-growing ethical agents for Christ in a fallen world,” says Pittman.

Ingrid Radulescu, 2019 alumna with a Bachelor of Arts in English literature and

previous student assistant to Pittman, was one of the main assistants in preparing the program for this year's Honors Church. Even though she has been helping with Honors Church programs for the past three years, Ingrid said that "Faith Behind Iron" struck a personal sentiment as she is an immigrant from a former communist country.

Similar to past services, “Faith Behind Iron” included material from a number of sources. Within each of the aforementioned parts, Honors students read biblical and literary selections and led out in hymns with the Honors choir and orchestra. Led by conductor and student Grant Steinweg, the Honors choir and orchestra delivered a special performance of Sergey Andreyevich Batsuk’s “Great and Marvelous are Your Works.”

Some of the reading selections included in the program were excerpts from Psalm 25, Irina Ratushinskaya's "Beyond the Limit" (1987), Dietrich Bonhoeffer's letters from prison to Eberhard Bethge (1944) and Miroslav Volf's "Exclusion and Embrace" (1996). All of the biblical passages were read in English, and some were read in Romanian, French and German.

In addition to the readings and musical selections, Vanessa Corredera, associate professor of English and Honors faculty, reflected on the stories of her maternal grandparents who lived in Cuba during Fidel Castro's rise to power. Ovidiu Radulescu, senior pastor of the Hammond and Northwest Seventh-day Adventist churches and father of Honors alumna Ingrid Radulescu, presented the homily.



october 5
austudentactivities Ready. Set. Pause for a picture. BOWL!! #saturdaynightbowling #getsocial #studentactivities #andrewsuniversity #aucardinal20



november 14
thisoperalife What a treat having Nikki Renée Daniels (Angelica Schuyler in Hamilton) on campus and working with our wonderful voice students! #hamilton



november 4
creativesatau #JuniorPreview at #AndrewsUniversity is always a blast! Today, we got to meet phenomenal prospective students and talked to them about the opportunities they could have with a creative career! #creativestudents #artstudent #videoclasses #artprogram



november 11
auphysicaltherapy The Service Clinic was a success! We love being able to help our community and getting more experience with patients!



Andrews University Enrollment

From New York to Loma Linda and even from Bermuda! Thank you to all 115 students + 30 parents who visited #AndrewsUniversity during October Preview, and for all the applications received for Aviation, Medical Laboratory Sciences, Business, Physical Therapy, Sustainable Agriculture, just to name a few. #WorldChangersMadeHere



Center for Adventist Research

From the University Archives: Music has been an integral part of the Andrews University environment for many, many years. Just take a look at the different musical ensembles, performances, and offerings AU has been blessed with!



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Andy the Cardinal at the Michigan State Capitol (posing with an Andrews University VP). #micu2019 #miley #ANDYintheHouse AppropriationsCommittee #andrewsuniversity



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Andrews alumni Andrew Osano, Vivian Perez, Seth Bussey and Lorren Wiedemann (clockwise from top) are pictured on the Gymnics trailer when they performed at a Detroit Pistons halftime show ten years ago—they recreated their butterfly group on Friday, Nov. 1. #worldchangersmadehere (Photo by Caroline Bussey)

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Therockyearbk, Oct. 17
FAFSA filing night. Largest group ever. 2 computer labs—29 families. LMC and Andrews University financial aid staff were here to help. #rocknation

Adventist Review, Sept. 11
On the first day of the North American Division's 2019 enditnow Summit on Abuse, the seminary chapel at Andrews University was full.



Adventist Review, Oct. 12
Jiří Moskala, dean of the Theological Seminary at Andrews University teaches the Bible lesson study at the Adventist Church's Annual Council.



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Andrews University (Published on October 8, 2019). David Asscherick spoke for Week of Prayer at Andrews this September. His presentations are now available on the Andrews University YouTube channel.

Committed to kindness

Andrews University holds third annual Change Day

ON TUESDAY, SEPT. 24, 2019, ANDREWS University faculty, staff and students worked at 63 sites around the community and in Berrien County for Change Day. Classes were canceled and many offices closed until 3 p.m. so the campus community could give back to the local community through service.

“There are so many non-profits and organizations that exist to help meet the needs of the people of Berrien County, and it was a privilege to work alongside these organizations on Change Day. We were excited to help meet their needs and to help keep our community the beautiful place it is in Southwest Michigan,” says Teela Ruehle, Change Day coordinator and director of service & missions at Campus Ministries.

Change Day project sites and activities included inventorying books, organizing uniforms and helping in the school library at Benton Harbor Charter School; putting up walls for a home under construction in Benton Harbor with Habitat for Humanity; and honoring the past by washing and helping to preserve tombstones at the Silverbrook Cemetery in Niles.

Taylor Bartram, interim associate chaplain for the Office of Campus Ministries, was one of the people who

went to the Silverbrook Cemetery.

“This may seem like a menial task, but it made a huge impact on the cemetery. They have only one person who works there and manages the entire site. The cemetery manager was very appreciative of our time spent there and would love to have us back,” he says.

Other participants completed various tasks such as picking up trash on an Adopt-a-Highway stretch and setting up for the grand opening for the new expansion at Neighbor 2 Neighbor.

Tatiana Correa, a student at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, served at Mars Elementary School in Berrien Springs. Her group painted pots for the kindergarten playground, set up a trail of painted rocks by the 2nd grade area, put together a sensory path inside the school and assisted some of the teachers by reading to the students and helping with artwork. Correa especially enjoyed her time at Mars because it is also where her daughter attends school.

“Each one of us had a smile on our faces,” says Correa. “We felt we made a difference in the school for the students and their time being there.”



5th annual Wellness Fest

“Made to Thrive” model revealed

This year’s Wellness Fest, Oct. 31–Nov. 1, featured Darren Morton, who obtained a PhD in human physiology and is a certified diplomate of the International Board of Lifestyle Medicine. Morton opened the Wellness Fest by speaking on its theme, “Made to Thrive,” for University Chapel.

On Thursday afternoon, students visited the Campus Center to participate in “Made to Unwind,” fun, creative and relaxing activity options. The Office of Student Activities & Involvement provided coloring books, supplies to make cards, a basketball hoop and a musical foot piano.

Fitness class options at The Wellness Club were also available at the Andreasen Center for Wellness. Some of these classes included Metabolic Conditioning, Core and More, and Cardio Beats—part of the regular classes offered at The Wellness Club.

That evening, at the PMC Youth Chapel, the new “Made to Thrive” model was revealed. It can be viewed at the photo gallery and digitally in the Center for Wellness. Morton then delivered a presentation titled “Live More Happy as a College Student.”

The day concluded with the program “Made to Belong & Speak,” which featured two performing artists: The Painter, an indie singer, and Lux Bluetette, a singer and songwriter.

On Friday, at the Center for Wellness Bridgetown Studio, Morton and Dominique Gummelt, director of University Wellness, led a workout session for attendees. Then, in the Hoillette Commons, Gretchen Krivak, assistant professor and director of the didactic program in dietetics and interim director of the Fitness & Exercise Science program, held a cooking demo titled “Post-Exercise Recovery Snacks.”

The Wellness Fest ended in a Q&A session with Morton and Gummelt and a final presentation by Morton called “Made to Matter,” focusing on finding our identity in Christ.

“The 5th Annual Wellness Fest was by far the most impactful and significant one we’ve had! The focused and collaborative development of the ‘Made to Thrive’ model has truly captured the mission and vision of University Wellness,” says Gummelt. “This year’s celebration of wellbeing showcased the growth and development we have experienced as a campus community. I am excited to see the continued journey that we are on to become the healthiest university and change the world!”

Autumn Conference on Religion and Science

14th annual conference continues to foster fruitful dialogue

THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S AUTUMN Conference on Religion and Science was "Science & Theology Dialogue: 'Finding Common Ground.'" The 14th annual conference was held November 1–2 and aimed to facilitate fruitful dialogue by engaging in the study of nature and Scripture, which offer complementary perspectives that seem at times to be in conflict with one another.

The weekend began with a poster session followed by four dialogues presented by featured speakers. The first dialogue was on science and theology. Gary Burdick, professor of physics and dean of research at Andrews, spoke on "The Theological Foundations of Modern Empirical Science," and Martin Hanna, professor of systematic theology at Andrews, presented "The Cosmic Christ of Scripture as the Center of Science-Theology Dialogue."

Øystein LaBianca, professor of anthropology at Andrews, and Earl Kumfer, professor emeritus of philosophy and theology at the University of Saint Francis, presented the second dialogue on anthropology and theology. They discussed "Saving the Planet: Science, Culture and Theology in the Anthropocene" and "Refocusing Biblically Grounded Images of God, Man, and Nature: Toward an Eco-Theology."

The third dialogue covered cognitive science and theology. Attendees heard from Karl Bailey, professor of psychology at Andrews, and Russell Haitch, professor of theology and human science at Bethany Theological Seminary. They presented "Body & Soul, Chance & Control: Folk Beliefs about the Human Person & Agency" and "Wholeness and Holiness: How Psychology & Theology Can Complement & Correct Each Other."

The final dialogue was on ecology and theology. Daniel Gonzalez-Socoloske, associate professor of biology at Andrews, spoke on "The State of Our Planet: An Ecologist's View of the Natural World." Rahel Wells, associate professor of biblical studies at Andrews, presented "The Earth is the Lord's and Everything in It: A Theologian's View of the Natural World."

The Science & Theology Dialogue is sponsored by the Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, the College of Arts & Sciences, and the Office of Research & Creative Scholarship. The Andrews Conference on Religion & Science is an annual function of the Midwest Religion and Science Society, an organization dedicated to the dialogue between religion and science.

School of Social Work receives full reaccreditation

Successfully completes CSWE requirements

THE ANDREWS UNIVERSITY BACHELOR and Master of Social Work programs (BSW and MSW), offered by the School of Social Work, have successfully been reaccredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), the national accrediting organization for all social work programs in the U.S.

According to the School of Social Work, both the BSW and MSW degrees integrate concepts of professional ethics and values, critical thinking, research, and sensitivity to diversity, oppression, social and economic justice, and populations-at-risk. Field education is an integral component of both degrees.

"Our BSW degree has been accredited since 1976 and our MSW has been accredited since 1995, and we are pleased to continue offering high quality social work degrees at Andrews University," says Curtis VanderWaal, chair of the School of Social Work.

The accreditation process typically takes several years to complete and involves

assessing all areas of the curriculum and program in general. Faculty must show how students master the knowledge, values and skills of the profession across each required class. The programs must justify everything from budgets to faculty teaching loads to community impact. In the most recent reaccreditation process, there were no concerns noted by the Commission on Accreditation and no remediation plans were needed.

"We are delighted to have achieved full BSW and MSW accreditation for the maximum eight years. The entire reaccreditation process was truly a team effort where all our faculty played an important role," says VanderWaal.

This reaccreditation is significant because graduation from an accredited program is almost always required for employment in the field of social work and is absolutely required for all levels of social work licensure in all states.

"Our students were the stars of the accreditation site visit," says VanderWaal. "One of the reviewers said that in his 30 years of conducting accreditation visits, he had never encountered a more enthusiastic group of students."

The School of Social Work will continue to grow its programs—it is adding a trauma-infused curriculum with a newly developed minor in trauma and disaster response that will be offered in 2020 in collaboration with the School of Social & Behavioral Sciences. In addition, they recently established the International Center for Trauma Education & Care and will also be launching a new dual degree with the Master of Public Health in 2020.



Ribbon cutting ceremony for Advent Prayer Center

Long-time dreams come to fruition

ON SEPT. 9, 2019, A SMALL CROWD GATHERED in the newly-built Advent Prayer Center on the campus of Andrews University for a ribbon cutting ceremony.

The program began with a welcome from Sung Um, Advent Prayer Center board member, and was followed by a thank you to donors from Peter Ahn, associate pastor, Ontario Seventh-day Adventist Church. Ahn recognized Carolyn Kim, Advent Prayer Center founder, for her fundraising efforts over the last 12 years. “On behalf of

“Going forward, this will be a wonderful place for many people to experience closeness to God.”

Mrs. Kim, I want to say thank you, especially to those who have helped us through your prayers,” he said. He also thanked the audience for attending.

Justin Ringstaff, executive secretary for the Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, offered a few words and a prayer of thanks to God for allowing the

group to achieve their goals. “If there was ever a time for a house of prayer, it is now. We give thanks to God for His leading in this,” he said. Following Ringstaff’s prayer, Roy Castelbuono, pastor of the Michiana Fil-Am Seventh-day Adventist Church, recognized those who assisted with the building and finishing of the Prayer Center, reflecting on their contributions to the project.

Castelbuono noted that the concept for the Advent Prayer Center began in 2007, when a Korean prayer ministry dreamed about finding a permanent building to work from. After exploring this idea in Southern California, New Jersey and Arkansas, the group came to Berrien Springs in 2012 to work with the Advent Discipleship Center at the Fil-Am Church. This led to connections with Andrews University in 2015, where plans were made and construction began.

After Castelbuono shared more about this process, Andrea Luxton, president of Andrews University, delivered a few brief remarks about the importance of prayer, saying, “Sometimes we think of prayer



Top: Ribbon cutting for the Advent Prayer Center
Bottom: The lobby of the new Center

happening in churches or maybe personally in our own homes, but this is a wonderful place of community to show how important prayer is and how it can bring so much power as we pray together.” She added, “Going forward, this will be a wonderful place for many people to experience closeness to God.”

Kang Eui Hong, Advent Prayer Center speaker, gave a prayer of dedication before the ceremony ended with the ribbon cutting and a tour of the facility for attendees.

SCSD receives CAA accreditation

Master of Science in speech-language pathology receives full five-year accreditation

THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPEECH-language pathology, offered by the Andrews University School of Communication Sciences & Disorders (SCSD), has received the full five-year accreditation from the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association’s Council on Academic Association (CAA).

This was the program’s first accreditation award, and it permits the SCSD to offer a Master of Science (MS) in speech-language pathology.

“This accomplishment is extremely exciting for Andrews University, our

local Michigan/Indiana community and our church. Up until now only one other Seventh-day Adventist institution offered a Master of Science in speech-language pathology program,” explains Heather Ferguson, chair of the School of Communication Sciences & Disorders and program director of the MS in speech-language pathology.

Prior to this accreditation visit, the program had spent five years developing their program and curriculum, per the CAA’s expectations. During these five years 100 percent of the program’s students passed the national examination for speech-

language pathology. Ninety-eight percent of these students graduated on time, and 93 percent of the graduates have employment in the field.

“The profession of speech-language pathology is viable. There are many jobs, population options and service environments,” says Ferguson. “This is a blessing and an honor for Andrews University—to have offered undergraduate degrees in speech-language pathology and audiology and to now offer this graduate program.”

 To learn more, visit andrews.edu/chhs/speech, email speech@andrews.edu or call 269-471-3468.

Celebration of community engagement

Highlighted over a dozen projects led by professors and students

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY CONTINUES TO expand efforts to be a blessing to those beyond its campus. The first annual Celebration of Community Engagement took place October 24 in Buller Hall. The event began with a poster session, then moved into Newbold Auditorium for formal presentations.

Christon Arthur, provost, welcomed those present, saying, “Community engagement takes ‘random acts of kindness’ one step further... Meaningful community engagement is sustained. We’re talking about planned, intentional, sustained engagement.”

“We want to be connected and part of what is beyond us.”

President Andrea Luxton noted that on a university campus it is very easy to act like we are an island. “We are not an island,” she said. “We want to be connected and part of what is beyond us. We have our tagline ‘World Changers Made Here.’ because we want to make a difference in the world beyond and in the local community beyond.”

A video message from Ted Wilson, president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, then affirmed the work of Andrews. “I’ve been impressed with the work done by the University,” said Wilson, “especially your work to positively impact the lives of those in the community around Andrews University.”

The program continued with musical selections and video presentations that highlighted more than a dozen University departments and clubs involved in community engagement projects led by professors



and students. Projects ranged from music lessons for prisoners to working with students and staff in Benton Harbor to hosting a 5k run to support mental health. The videos also featured groups who traveled internationally to work in locations such as Thailand, Ethiopia, Cambodia, Madagascar, Cuba and Burkina Faso.

Mordecai Ongo, research integrity and compliance officer in the Office of Research & Creative Scholarship, introduced the plenary speaker. Charles Stoddard, a banker, philanthropist and founder of Grand Angels, spoke on the topic of service. He noted that he interviewed three of his friends about their service experiences, as well.

He commented, “They said they get much more out of it than they contribute to it.”

He encouraged the attendees to do three things: write down how they plan to provide service this week, check out the website justserve.org and invite a friend or family member to serve someone else in place of a gift to the attendee.

Alayne Thorpe, dean of the College of Education & International Services and the School of Graduate Studies, announced a community engagement scholarship of \$1,000 that was awarded to student Georgina Zambrano.

“The Celebration of Community Engagement created a forum for all to listen and affirm the work of deepening relationships which are strengthened through service,” shares Maya Wilson, Master of Social Work student intern.

“There are many departments and individuals involved in this important work,” says Carlisle Sutton, director, Community Engagement Integration & Service. “We don’t often get to celebrate their efforts and our partners that make the work possible and sustainable. From the presentations, it was apparent that our students are using their skills and knowledge to positively impact our local community, nation and the world through these projects. However, our students and University are also being changed in the process. I see the empathy levels growing among participants, and I believe that is an essential part of the learning that should be experienced on a Christian campus.”

The Celebration of Community Engagement was sponsored by the Office of the Provost, the James White Library and the Office of Research & Creative Scholarship.

 For more information about the event, please see digitalcommons.andrews.edu/ccd/2019/.

The first-ever **Speak the Truth Conference** was held at Andrews University from Nov. 7–9, 2019. **Jemar Tisby**, president of “The Witness: A Black Christian Collective,” co-host of the podcast *Pass the Mic*, and author of the 2019 book “*The Color of Compromise*,” was the keynote speaker for the conference. In his books and podcasts, Tisby reflects on issues of history, race, justice and Christianity. A native of the Chicago area and a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, he spent several years teaching sixth grade with Teach For America and is currently a PhD student in history at the University of Mississippi.

The conference was sponsored by the Office for Diversity & Inclusion, Campus & Student Life, Office of Campus Ministries, James White Library, Black Student Christian Forum and Against the Wall.



Jesus & Politics scholarly conference

*Featured evangelical theologians
Jim Wallis and Ronald Sider*

THEOLOGIAN JIM WALLIS AND RONALD Sider headlined “Jesus & Politics: Christians, Liberty, and Justice Today” at Andrews University from October 17–19. Sponsored by Andrews University, the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and the Lake Union Conference, the scholarly conference and community gathering featured experts in church history, theology and human-rights activism. It aimed to apply biblical teachings to modern issues through careful study, thought and dialogue in order to answer the question, “What might the political impact of Jesus’ followers look like today?”

The conference opened with a keynote address by Jim Wallis, who grew up in the Baptist faith community and is founder, president and editor-in-chief of *Sojourners*

magazine and author of “Christ in Crisis: Why We Need to Reclaim Jesus.”

Offering a keynote address on Friday was Ronald Sider, Mennonite theologian, professor at Palmer Theological Seminary and author of “Just Politics: A Guide for Christian Engagement.”

Nicholas Miller, professor of church history at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and co-chair of the conference organizing committee, notes that neither keynote speaker fit neatly into the standard right/left political divide. Like Seventh-day Adventists, Wallis and Sider take both Testaments of the Bible into serious consideration and have roots in the radical reformation and its heritage of separating church and state.

“What might the political impact of Jesus’ followers look like today?”

“This same heritage also takes seriously the role of Christian as citizen in holding the state and its leaders accountable on matters of public morality,” Miller says. “This proud heritage is seen in 18th and



President Luxton presents an award to Maya Duncombe, a student winner of the Liberty and Essay contest.

19th century efforts to combat slavery and the slave-trade, promote laws preventing the sale and use of alcohol, and seek protections for women and children from immoral predations and unsafe and dangerous working conditions,” Miller adds.

The conference included a series of breakout sessions, such as “Jesus and the #MeToo Movement” and “Jesus and the Immigrant.” It concluded with a Concert Celebration of Faith and Freedom at the Howard Center that featured the Andrews University Wind Symphony and included an award ceremony for student winners of the Liberty and Essay contest.

IFAMS Death and Ancestors conference

Addressed challenges of mission work

THE INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF Adventist Mission Studies (IFAMS) conference was held September 12–14 at the Seminary. It addressed the challenges of mission work, specifically research findings from the General Conference Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research.

While the Seventh-day Adventist Church officially holds to and teaches the biblical account of the non-immortality of the soul, recent worldwide studies show that a significant number of Adventists have retained their religio-cultural beliefs that spirits and ancestors continue to interact with the living. Most commonly, this theological dualism was found in people groups where there is animism and belief in the immortality and transmigration of the soul.

The IFAMS conference explored specific missiological implications and religio-cultural understandings needed to shape evangelism and Bible work for specific people groups. A wide array of papers was presented by scholar-missionaries with experience among Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, animists and secular people. In one paper, professors Wagner Kuhn and Boubakar Sanou pointed out the importance for those in missions to understand peoples’ beliefs and, consequently, how the fear of death and hell causes many to live in captivity to superstitions and rituals that cause “a great deal of fear, trauma and hopelessness.”

Gorden Doss, professor of world mission, reported that some Christians have previ-

ously responded by ignoring, dismissing or accommodating unbiblical perspectives. Instead, Christian missions must engage the issues in a context-specific way that seeks transformation at the level of deep worldview assumptions.

Regine Rimarzik, Doctor of Missiology student, explained that the Thai Buddhist karmic understanding of gods and afterlife necessitates the practice of devoting merits to ancestors to improve ancestors’ afterlife and strengthen family connectedness. For this group, she asserted that Adventist biblical theology is the key.

With the rising desire among Adventists to work for the salvation and discipleship of their Jewish brethren, Reinaldo Siqueira, dean of the Brazil Adventist Seminary, noted that Adventist mission to the Jewish people requires special wisdom and finesse in helping them rightly apply the biblical truths originally bequeathed to them.

Enrollment and rankings report

Taking a measure of progress, success and challenges

AS FALL SEMESTER 2019 CONCLUDES ON the Berrien Springs campus, at partner locations and with online students around the world, Andrews University has been taking the measure of its progress, success and challenges through a variety of internal and external measures and statistics.

Enrollment

Andrews University fall 2019 census numbers, which offer a snapshot of students enrolled through the Berrien Springs campus, showed 3,412 students. This includes 1,708 undergraduates and 1,704 graduates.

Overall enrollment increased by five students over last year. This stability and small increase is significant amidst a national environment of declining higher education enrollments, including the North American Adventist higher education system where only three Adventist colleges and universities grew in enrollment this year.

An increasing number of students come to Andrews from international transfer partnerships and other agreements despite overall international student numbers being impacted by visa challenges.

Additionally, over 200 high school students are taking University courses, mostly online, a number that has nearly doubled in the last five years.

The unduplicated headcount, which documents the number of students who study at Andrews or through its partners and online education options in a given 12-month timeframe, shows 4,735 students registered through the Berrien Springs campus of Andrews University.

The report also documents 3,842 additional students in international off-campus programs and the professional development programs offered by the College of Education & International Services.

The annual unduplicated headcount, then, totals 8,577 students.

Rankings

The fall season is also a time when a wide array of school rankings are released, ranging from those that measure specific disciplines to the more well-known rankings, such as U.S. News Best Colleges, Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education College Rankings, College Factual (in collaboration with USA Today), Niche, Forbes Best Colleges and others.

In U.S. News Best Colleges, Andrews continues to be the only Adventist university recognized as a national university for its distinguished research and range of bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees. Andrews is also the

only national university that ranks in the Top Ten for ethnic diversity (#2) and most international students (#8).

"These rankings help confirm Andrews University is blessed with remarkable diversity," says Michael Nixon, vice president for Diversity & Inclusion. "At Andrews, we seek to achieve representational diversity and effectively pursue an agenda of transformational inclusive diversity. This robust learning environment equips our students for service to a diverse and global community."

There are additional significant rankings for Andrews University.

Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education lists just over 800 institutions. At #368, Andrews ranks in the top 50 percent.

Only 650 universities and colleges are included in Forbes America's Top Colleges and Andrews is #446.

College Factual's rankings are based on graduation and retention rates, student loan default rates and early and mid-career earning of graduates. At #582, Andrews was in the top 35 percent of more than 1,700 universities and colleges.

Niche combines U.S. Department of Education statistics and student surveys to rank universities and colleges. Andrews was ranked #4 (out of 1,583) for Most Diverse Colleges and in the top 25 percent for Best Christian Colleges, Best Small Colleges, Top Private Universities and Best Colleges in America (#381 out of 1,626).

In Michigan state listings, which included rankings in one or several categories for over 50 colleges and universities in the state, Andrews was ranked #1 for Most Diverse Colleges, #2 for Best Small Colleges and Best Cafeteria Food, #3 among Best Christian Colleges and #4 for Top Private Universities in Michigan. Out of 44 universities and colleges who received Best Colleges rankings in Niche's Michigan reporting, Andrews was #8.

"At Andrews, we have been working to assure stability and much needed growth," says Andrea Luxton, president. "In the end, we need to be fully committed to what is a God-inspired mandate for this University, its employees and our students: to become truly effective 'World Changers' for God as individuals and as a global Andrews University community."





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Sunday, Jan. 26, 7 p.m.
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Howard Center Presents... Simply Sandi

Sunday, March 8, 7 p.m.
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Join us for an evening with Sandi Patty as she shares her message of hope, life and love.

Howard Center Presents... "Teshuah" by James Lee III

Saturday, March 28, 8:30 p.m.
\$10 reserved seating

Lee, former Andrews student, returns to premiere "Violin Concerto No.2 'Teshuah'" performed by Carla Trynchuk, violin, and the Andrews University Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Chris Wild.

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Saturday, April 4, 8:30 p.m.
\$10 reserved seating

Department of Music chair and professor of music theory and composition, Perera is a prolific composer. Some of her original compositions will be performed by various artists.

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Cultivating a mindset of mission

Carey Carscallen retires after 22.5 years of service to Andrews

AS A YOUNG MAN, CAREY CARSCALLLEN envisioned himself becoming a shop teacher, so he completed his undergraduate degree in industrial education at Walla Walla University. While in school, he went to Zambia as a student missionary, doing maintenance and construction at Yuka Hospital. He was later asked to go back to Yuka Hospital for another year, which he gladly did.

Because of his service in Zambia, Carey was called to set up a technical high school in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly the Republic of Zaire).

After four years there, Carey transitioned to Rwanda to help build and teach technical classes at the Adventist University of Central Africa. “That’s where my interest in architecture grew—between planning, building the University and teaching construction as well,” Carey explains.

In 1990, after six years in Rwanda, during which time Carey earned his master’s degree in industrial education, he and his wife Dorothy returned to the U.S. with their three children, and Carey began studying architecture at the University of Idaho. When Carey neared completion of his studies, Lew Siebold, then director of the Division of Architecture at Andrews, contacted him to teach once he finished his Bachelor of Architecture and Master of Architecture.

“They wanted someone with a mission background to carry forward and expand the mission focus of the Division,” Carey says.

Two years later, Carey began work as assistant professor of architecture at Andrews. Twenty-two years later, he has held several positions within the School of Architecture & Interior Design, serving 18 years as director and dean and, most recently, associate professor.

Carey has been grateful for his colleagues. “I couldn’t have asked for a better group of faculty to work with,” he says. He has enjoyed the service-oriented atmosphere, as well. “We are very overt with our students that the design talent they have been given is not only for self-expression but to serve God by designing spaces that promote the wellbeing of others. And, the buildings can be healthy, pleasing and affordable at the same time,” he says.

With work, Carey has gone on yearly mission trips. This time with students was one of the highlights of his Andrews experience. “They want to fulfill a mission of their own. They like what they see in our program and they support it strongly,” he says. “It touches you—that we’re able to do something out of the ordinary.”

Another highlight at Andrews has been reading Romans 12 with the students at the start of each school year. This chapter



serves as a guide and reminder to remain humble and true to God.

Under Carey’s leadership, the Division of Architecture became the School of Architecture, then the School of Architecture & Interior Design. He oversaw the main architecture building expansion and wrote grants for multiple mission projects and the new shop for the school, where students can design and build tiny houses and renovate shipping containers into medical clinics.

In retirement, Carey will miss working with the students and faculty. He and his wife plan to stay in the area for now. “We want to travel to visit family and go on mission trips. That’s one thing I want to continue whether it’s with Andrews or otherwise.” He remains thankful to God for the opportunities he has been given to serve others.

Andrea Luxton receives recognition

From the GC Women's Ministries Department

ON OCT. 14, 2019, PRESIDENT Andrea Luxton was awarded one of five “Women of the Year” awards given by Women’s Ministries during a special dinner program at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Silver Spring, Maryland. She was recognized especially for her commitment to furthering Adventist education.

Heather-Dawn Small, director of General Conference Women’s Ministries, and Raquel Arrais, associate director, honored the award recipients, and Ella Simmons, vice president of the General Conference, presented the award to President Luxton (pictured right).

“It was an honor to be recognized,” says President Luxton.



A history of commitment

Don and Rebecca May retire after 40 years of service

DONALD AND REBECCA MAY HAVE SPENT their entire professional careers together at Andrews University for the last 40 years. In fact, their work history at Andrews goes back even further—they found themselves working together at the laundry as freshman students in the fall of 1973. “We initially met in a freshman class and were in a study group together! So our relationship with Andrews goes back 47 years,” says Rebecca.

Both Rebecca and Don’s parents were committed to Adventist education and joyfully provided them with Adventist education from 1st grade through college. “They held Andrews in such high regard and were so proud when we were both offered posi-

“My contact with students and their parents to smooth an academic journey was always my greatest privilege.” Don

tions at Andrews soon after finishing our degrees,” recalls Rebecca. “We were naive to the amazing professional adventure we were about to embark upon!”

In 1979, Don had just finished a degree in photography from Rochester Institute of Technology when Greg Constantine, then chair of the art department, called to see if he would be interested in teaching photography for the art department and the College of Technology design program. “I will always be grateful to Greg for his confidence in me,” Don says.

Don accepted the position, started the photo program and taught for the next 20 years. He describes this time as some of his favorite years as he enjoyed helping students find their way professionally and academically. During this time Don was mentored by Merlene Ogden in conducting study tours, and he has since led more than a dozen tours during his career.

“There is nothing that compares to having the intense time together with students and colleagues to absorb different cultures, take in the glory of God’s creation

and deepen an understanding of academic disciplines,” he explains.

Don was invited by Larry Geraty to provide photography leadership for Andrews archaeological digs. This launched the photo program as part of the broader academic community and was a great opportunity for the students to develop connections that could lead to possible future employment. Many of the photo graduates have since made amazing contributions to the visual life of the Adventist church by filling positions at the Adventist Review, in Adventist healthcare and teaching in Adventist schools.

After teaching for 20 years, Don was invited to serve as assistant dean for the College of Arts & Sciences. Initially he also remained in the classroom but transitioned full-time to administration in 2003. “I’m particularly grateful for my professional friendships with Niels-Erik Andreasen and Jack Stout who nurtured my growth and affirmed my abilities to serve in administration,” he says.

During his time in administration Don carried out a variety of activities such as assisting with University strategic planning, student retention initiatives, the freshman experience, student success initiatives and serving at-risk students. His career evolved, and he retired as assistant provost for undergraduate initiatives.

“Achievements I look back on with satisfaction include developing the photo degree program, photo tours that morphed into general education tours, iVue, May Express, and First Stop. My contact with students and their parents to smooth an academic journey was always my greatest privilege,” Don says.

Over the past 12 years Don has also had the opportunity to be the director of the Andrews Core Experience (general education). He has enjoyed working with his colleagues in this critical part of the academic experience.

Rebecca’s Andrews career began in the red brick house that was the former president’s residence. There she served as secretary to the director of Public Rela-



tions. “I was destined to immerse myself in the history of this campus right from my first day of employment! The longevity of my employment at Andrews has provided a rich opportunity to meet the leaders and support staff who have, with God’s guidance, made Andrews University what it is today,” she says.

Rebecca remembers standing on the porch of the office/house with two former presidents and occupants of the house, Percy Christian, for whom that home was built, and Floyd Rittenhouse and hearing their stories and laughter about “the good old days.”

“It’s amazing to think that I was personally acquainted with seven of our presidents and worked on inauguration ceremonies for three of them,” she says.

In 1986, Rebecca moved to the other red brick house on campus where she became director of Alumni Services. The job description had been recently expanded and she found herself developing programming, friendships and plans with alumni across the country and globe. She also worked with auspicious volunteers from the campus community including Steve Vitrano, Leona Running, Paul Hamel, Loren Hamel, Daniel Augsburg, the Hamblin family and Paul Kantor.

Rebecca was always fascinated to hear stories of Andrews’ earlier days as Emmanuel Missionary College. She even had the opportunity to meet the great-great-granddaughter of J.N. Andrews. “Over the years my soul has been knitted to the story and physical spaces of this amazing place,” Rebecca explains. “It has been such a blessing that my career here has provided the flexibility and opportunity to nurture my passion of Adventist education at Andrews University with its rich history.”

Some of these opportunities she has

“Over the years my soul has been knitted to the story and physical spaces of this amazing place.” *Rebecca*

been involved in include helping the University celebrate institutional anniversaries, unveilings, ribbon-cuttings, reunions and transitions. “I am deeply moved and get misty-eyed to see how God’s providence has been with us at each crossroad—and we know He will be faithful to our future! It hit me the other day that I have lived 47 of the 60 years of history of this institution called Andrews University! Yep—time to retire!” Rebecca says.

After 18 years at the Alumni House, Rebecca moved back to “the other house” to serve as director of University Relations. She continued to love working with special events for the campus, finding ways to build campus community, affirming the accomplishments of employees, and inspiring faculty, staff, students and visitors



FACING PAGE: Donald & Rebecca May, circa 1976
ABOVE: Don & Becky, 2019

with the history of Andrews as well as the huge potential to faithfully fulfill Andrews’ leadership role in Adventist education in the future.

“No other Adventist institution has the potential to create World Changers like Andrews does,” Rebecca says. She also believes it is time for young profession-

als to use their skills and passion within Adventist education and hopes that her retirement will be helpful in making room for this.

Both Rebecca and Don have thoroughly enjoyed their careers at Andrews. “During 40 years of service to this campus, we are blessed with dozens of deep friendships nurtured over the years among colleagues, students, church members, and even throughout the world. Truly this has been our beloved community. We thank God for these relationships,” Rebecca says.

Don and Rebecca have no immediate intention to leave the Southwest Michigan area, though they may seek warmer weather during any polar vortex. They both intend to be supportive to the new generation of Adventist professionals who will be shaping the future of Adventist higher education.

“It’s all strangely exciting to imagine we have arrived at this time of our lives. We have started making lists of what we hope to do and be at this stage. Can’t wait to see what God has in store!” they say.

Seeking wisdom and community

Max Jardine retires after 27 years at Andrews

“IT WAS ONE OF THOSE DEALS WHERE IT’S like you come to a fork in the road and you have to make a choice,” says Max Jardine, HVAC foreman and master electrician. “I made the choice to become an electrician, and I haven’t regretted it.”

Before beginning his career, Max attended Andrews for one year and took electrical classes. He returned to his home country Canada, participated in an apprenticeship program and earned his journeyman electrical license.

During his years at Andrews, Max worked as an electrical foreman for approximately 10 years before switching to work at the power plant and HVAC.

Max never assumed that this was the path his career would follow. “To be honest, I grew up around horses. I thought I would have a career in training horses,” he says.

Although not expected, Max believes that God intended for him to be

at Andrews. Max values the wisdom of Solomon in Proverbs and believes that wisdom is an important factor in any career. “If you want a guidebook on how to walk with God, you can’t beat the wisdom of Solomon,” he says.

A particular memory which stands out to Max is the regular worship sessions Plant Services holds in the mornings—these include a song service, time to share prayer requests and then praying for each other. It provides a sense of community for the staff. “I enjoy waking up and coming there,” says Max. “That’s what makes you closer as a family, having worship together and starting the day off right.”

Playing basketball during intramurals with Andrews students was another source of fond memories for Max. “It’s kind of neat just to be able to still be out there doing that,” he says. “I wouldn’t have had the opportunity if I wasn’t at Andrews.”



Max will miss the people he interacted with during his time at Andrews. “I guess the biggest thing it’s taught me is that it’s nice to have a family,” he says. “I’ve had some great people I’ve been able to work with. I can’t say enough about the impact. It has been a blessing to me. I’m glad for my time here.”

In retirement, Max may continue to make use of his contractor and electrical licenses. He also plans to go skiing with his wife in Utah.

Witnessing growth

Christine Carlson serves 33 years at Andrews

"I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD BE DOING what I'm doing now," says Christine Carlson of her job at the Office of Financial Records as the accounts payable supervisor. "When I started working here, I was an extremely shy person who could hardly pick up a telephone."

"If I get tired of doing one thing I can always stop and do something else. No day is predictable. It's like detective work...I've loved every minute of it."

During her 33 years at Andrews, Chris has worked in a variety of areas around campus including Dining Services, Keys & Supplies, the University Post Office and, most recently, the Office of Financial Records.

As the accounts payable supervisor, her responsibilities included ensuring that all the University bills were paid on time, communicating with companies, handling reimbursements, filing records and attending to the needs and concerns of students. "If I get tired of doing one thing, I can always stop and do something else. No day is predictable. It's like detective work," she

says. "I've loved every minute of it."

Chris also worked extensively with training student workers at Financial Records. During the training process she often relied on her own experiences to help students become more comfortable with necessary office skills such as talking on the phone. "I give students a step-by-step guide of what to say. I can understand what they're going through because I've been through that myself," she says.

Throughout her time here at Andrews, Chris has enjoyed developing meaningful connections with students. She loves baking and often brought cookies to share with the student workers. Even though she is retiring, she hopes to continue doing this.

"I have appreciated so much my students and their relationship with God and concern for others. Watching them grow, from when they come and when they leave, it's been a real blessing," she says. "I will miss my students."

In addition to her student worker community, Christine has also cherished the support and friendship of her fellow staff members. "Even when things have been difficult, I've had support and camaraderie from several people in many of the places that I've worked. They all took care of me," she says.



Chris listed several Bible verses that have been an encouragement throughout her career. One of them is Philippians 1:6, which says, "And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns" (NLT).

After retiring, Christine will stay in the Berrien Springs area. She hopes to spend more time with her grandchildren and do mission work. Christine plans to use her fabric and yarn to make lap robes, baby blankets and baby outfits for places like homeless shelters, hospitals and nursing homes. She may even volunteer at a soup kitchen. "As long as I can, that's what I want to be doing," she says.

When God knows better

Marjorie Gadway retires after 41 years of service

IN 1978, MARJORIE GADWAY moved to the Berrien Springs area with her husband and children. She applied for a job at Andrews University and was told that the preferred job was not available. Instead, she was offered a position as a supervisor for the Custodial department. "I was kind of scared because I didn't know what to do," she explains. "I didn't know how to be a supervisor."

Marge was also nervous because she is naturally a shy person. She remembers praying, "Lord, I don't think I can do it, but you know me better than I know myself and if you think I can do it, I'll take it." She says, "Evidently he knew me better than I did because I got the job."

Marge had not anticipated that she and her family would move from Massachusetts to the Andrews area. She remembers



Marge Gadway with her husband Gordon at her farewell reception in the Custodial Services building where she worked for four decades

an amusing conversation she had with her daughter who was deciding whether to visit Michigan with a friend. Marjorie and her husband told their daughter to make the trip as she wouldn't have a chance to see Michigan otherwise.

"We didn't figure we'd have the opportunity to come here. We were busy at other schools. We didn't know anyone here," she says. "When we came we thought we'd only be here three years and then go back to New England."

Now Marge realizes that the Lord had other plans for her life. At the time of her retirement in November 2019, she had served in her position for 41 years. "I'm so thankful that I did. I couldn't have had a better job," she says.

Her typical work day often involved visiting several of the campus buildings under her supervision. While the number of buildings and student workers shifted over the years, Marge most recently supervised seven buildings: Bell Hall, Marsh Hall, Hamel Hall, the Alumni House, Sutherland House, the Horn Museum and the Information Services building. In addition to monitoring the buildings, she would also check on her student workers, replenish any needed supplies and attend meetings with the other supervisors and managers.

"I love the students and that they're from all over the world. You get to know them and some of their countries. They're like my kids. Some of them call me mom, some even grandma," Marge says. "I just love

them and the people that I work with, the other supervisors and the manager. They're my family, my second family."

Marge has also enjoyed getting to know some of the faculty and staff members in the buildings she supervised. When she visited the buildings she often took the chance to greet those she met.

"It's such a pleasant place to work, to spend time," she says. "I like the Christian atmosphere."

In retirement, Marge plans to spend time on her hobbies which include sewing and painting. For now, she and her husband are planning to stay in the area, but they may move to be closer to their children in the future.

A higher calling

Paul Elder retires from Andrews University

"WHEN I HAD MY FIRST INTERVIEW AT Plant Services as assistant manager I was overwhelmed at the scope of the job and the complexity of all the maintenance on campus. But with the help of a lot of good people I was able to pick up the intricacies of the job fairly quickly," says Paul Elder, director of Facilities Management.

Prior to working at Andrews, Paul oversaw a construction business in the area. Due to a business slowdown, he applied for a position as a Plant Services assistant manager. After he was hired, Paul learned the details of the job and eventually became the director in Plant Administration. "I could be here another 15 years and there is still more to learn," he says.

Throughout his time here, Paul participated in energy efficiency developments including installation of LED lighting and other energy conservation measures. The last project he managed was the Andreason Center for Wellness. Paul is glad to have worked on a building that will help individuals become healthier instruments for God's glory.

In addition to the projects he worked on, Paul also appreciates the kind and self-sacrificing attitude from administration,

"Don't be afraid to ask a lot of questions because you will never know everything about this campus."

faculty, staff and students at Andrews.

"When I was Plant Services manager I had more direct communication with my student workers and [was] able to help them through different challenges they were having and see the joy on their faces," he says.

The Bible has been a valuable guide in Paul's life. His Catholic father and mother taught him to be dedicated to God at a young age. "When I was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1988, I was taught things I had never heard before and I learned to study the Bible like never before and it gave me a new higher calling in my life," he says.

One of the things Paul has learned from his career is the importance of seeking knowledge from others. "Don't be afraid to ask a lot of questions because you will never know everything about this campus," he says. "There are many



knowledgeable people who are willing to share their knowledge and expedite your learning process."

Paul plans to move to the Niles/Buchanan area next summer. He hopes to spend more time with his wife and family and to witness for the Lord. "I just want to thank Andrews University for the best experience I have had in my life."

Gray days

Gary Gray retires

GARY GRAY FIRST CAME TO ANDREWS IN the fall of 1977 and enrolled in the Master of Divinity program. He considers himself deeply blessed to have studied with a stellar group of theologians—Fritz Guy, James Cox, Larry Geraty, Ivan Blazen, Walter Douglas, Daniel Augsburg, Abraham Terian, Steve Vitrano—who taught him how to think theologically, read the text carefully and evaluate theological ideas responsibly.

When Gary left in December of 1979, pulling a trailer behind his car because he had acquired too many books, he had no idea he would be returning in the fall of 1990 to teach in the English department. Or that he would acquire so many more books. Gary had attended the University of Massachusetts/Boston to study literature because one of his college English teachers had inspired him. He says, “I wasn’t looking for a teaching job. I was shocked and pleasantly surprised to learn that Andrews provided a stunning job benefit: a wife who was also an English teacher!”

Not long into his Andrews tenure, Gary offhandedly joked that he and his wife, Meredith Jones Gray, should teach a course on the literature of love. After Stella Greig (then chair of the Department of English) stopped laughing, she urged the development of just such a class. Over the years, Gary and Meredith have taught some of the major texts in western literature on the topic of love.

“Team teaching seemed to work for us,” says Gary, “so we also developed a course



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on C.S. Lewis. We realized that my wife had read his literary works and I had read some of his theological essays. With our students, we read both and enjoyed making connections between the two.”

Gary quickly discovered that Gary Land, a colleague in the history department, shared his fascination with the American game of baseball. They conceived of creating a class in which they would read and analyze some of the literary texts that had grown up with the game over the years. One of their major objectives was to get

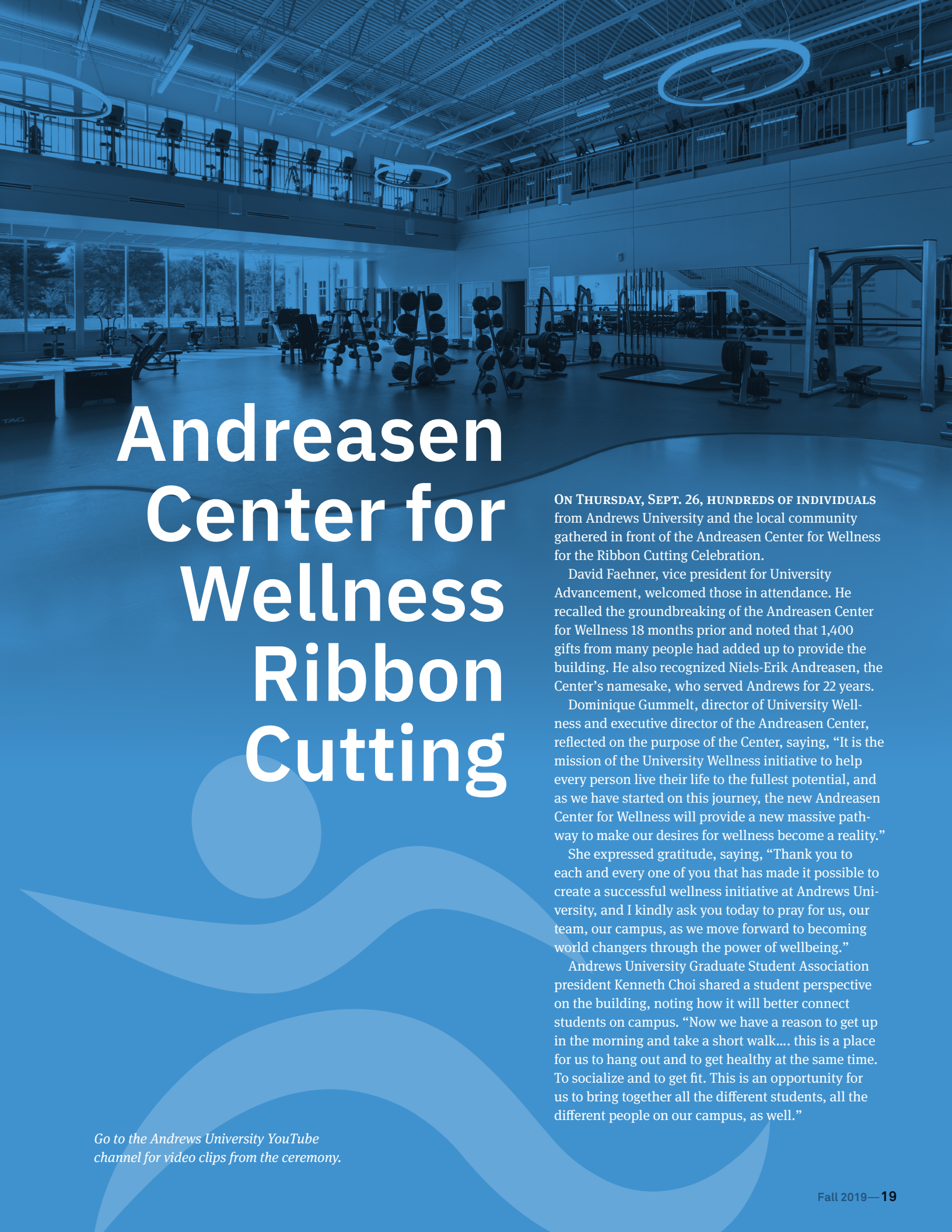
students interested in books, and they reasoned that baseball texts might just help students discover the pleasures of reading.

Gary’s background in both theology and literature suggested another obvious course: Biblical Literature. “Over the years of teaching this course, I have tried to connect the literary elements of the sacred text to theological and spiritual insights,” says Gary. “Hence, seeing the poetry as poetry, understanding how the imagery works, and probing the depths of similes and metaphors, etc., certainly helped to strengthen my faith; I hope it did for the students as well.”

Teaching at Andrews also gave Gary the opportunity to focus his initially vague interest in nature literature and its “founding father” Henry David Thoreau. Gary comments, “I have discovered that his (and many other nature writers’) profound commitment to our environment strongly connected with my SDA heritage of seeing nature as a gift from a benevolent Creator. I also came to appreciate why my biology major father was so fascinated by the world of nature. And why he took me on so many Sabbath afternoon walks in which he did not ‘preach’ to me about the beauty of nature; I guess he assumed I would eventually ‘get it.’ Finally, after way too many years, I am starting to ‘get it.’”

In retirement, Gary hopes to buy more books with all the extra money he will have and maybe even find time to read one or two.

World Changers Made Here.



Andreasen Center for Wellness Ribbon Cutting

ON THURSDAY, SEPT. 26, HUNDREDS OF INDIVIDUALS from Andrews University and the local community gathered in front of the Andreasen Center for Wellness for the Ribbon Cutting Celebration.

David Faehner, vice president for University Advancement, welcomed those in attendance. He recalled the groundbreaking of the Andreasen Center for Wellness 18 months prior and noted that 1,400 gifts from many people had added up to provide the building. He also recognized Niels-Erik Andreasen, the Center's namesake, who served Andrews for 22 years.

Dominique Gummelt, director of University Wellness and executive director of the Andreasen Center, reflected on the purpose of the Center, saying, "It is the mission of the University Wellness initiative to help every person live their life to the fullest potential, and as we have started on this journey, the new Andreasen Center for Wellness will provide a new massive pathway to make our desires for wellness become a reality."

She expressed gratitude, saying, "Thank you to each and every one of you that has made it possible to create a successful wellness initiative at Andrews University, and I kindly ask you today to pray for us, our team, our campus, as we move forward to becoming world changers through the power of wellbeing."

Andrews University Graduate Student Association president Kenneth Choi shared a student perspective on the building, noting how it will better connect students on campus. "Now we have a reason to get up in the morning and take a short walk.... this is a place for us to hang out and to get healthy at the same time. To socialize and to get fit. This is an opportunity for us to bring together all the different students, all the different people on our campus, as well."

Go to the Andrews University YouTube channel for video clips from the ceremony.



“What if the community joined together with the University and chose to be the healthiest community in the world?”

The director of the Counseling & Testing Center, Judith Fisher, noted that faculty and staff are also looking forward to a healthier campus. “Our Andrews University world premiere changing institution has partnered once more with a community of friends, and today celebrates yet another investment destined to yield life-transforming results. This is an electrifying moment for each one of us, faculty, staff, members of this community of faith, who have watched with anticipation as this edifice emerged. And now, at last, the moment has come. The state-of-the-art wellness center is a symbol of our pledge to prioritizing the nurturing of our minds, our bodies and our souls as faithful stewards created in the image of a healthy God.”

Michael Hildebrand, president of Oronoko Township, brought his congratulations to Andrews University and posed the question, “What if the community joined together with the University and chose to be the healthiest community in the world?” He added, “I don’t even know if that’s an achievable moniker, but it might be a conversation worth having.”

Next, Paul Stokstad, co-chair of the President’s Council, shared his reflections. He said, “This is the high day for Andrews, and hopefully it will be a high day that continues on for year and year and year thereafter. So Lord, we thank you for this wonderful gift, and we use it to your glory!”

Dan Carrick, district director for Michigan Senator Kim LaSata, shared a tribute on behalf of LaSata, State Representative Brad Paquette and Congressman Fred Upton. The message noted, “The determination exhibited by the university is an effort to provide and establish the importance of wellness to all individuals, both on campus and throughout the entire community.” It also stated, “Perhaps the most important characteristic of [the] Andraesen Center for Wellness is that the center will focus on connecting wellness to the Creator.”

President Andrea Luxton reiterated the hope that the Andraesen Center for Wellness will be a place for both members of the campus and wider community to connect. She encouraged those in attendance to take the gift of the book “Rest and Redemption” by Niels-Erik Andraesen, published as a special edition by the Andrews University Press. She also noted there would be plaques recognizing donors as

well as room names representing various locations around the world that Andrews students call home. In particular, Luxton emphasized three individuals honored in the Center for Wellness: Barbara Friesen, a faculty member who was committed to bettering lives through wellness; Dick Scott, a staff member who engaged with every area of campus and lived the mission of Andrews in every action he took; and Newton Hoilette, former vice president for Student Affairs who worked to deepen the student experience.

Artur Stele, chair of the Andrews University Board of Trustees, then offered a prayer asking for God’s blessing on the Andraesen Center for Wellness and on the lives of those who enter.

Following prayer, 20 individuals participated in the ribbon cutting before all present were invited into the Center for refreshments and tours.

President Emeritus Niels-Erik Andraesen noted, “This Center is attractive and inviting, bright inside and out, spacious and filled with exciting opportunities designed to keep us well and in good health. It is making the University a good place for students, faculty, staff, friends and neighbors to meet, a second ‘hello building’ on our campus, and I am pleased and honored to provide it with its name.”

The Andrews University Andraesen Center for Wellness officially opened for business on Monday, Oct. 6, 2019. To learn more about the Center and for information about membership, please visit andrews.edu/wellnesscenter.





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A Time for Wellness

Alumni Homecoming Weekend

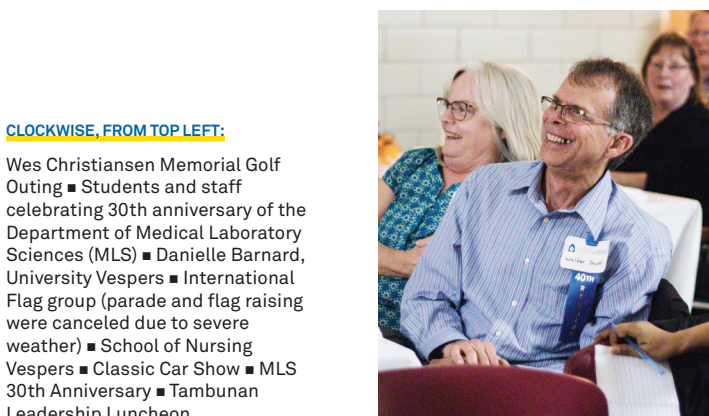
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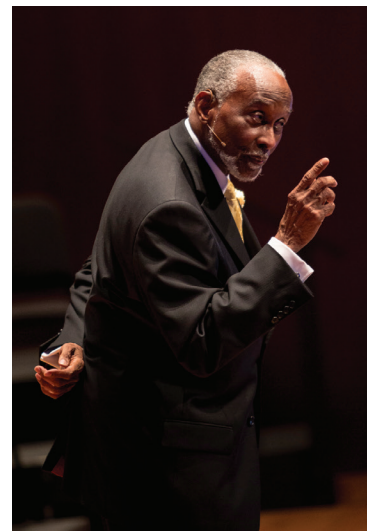
Professional Development Workshop ■
Innovation and Virtual Reality Tour ■
Arlyn Drew, Women's Scholarship
Brunch ■ Spirit of Philanthropy &
Homecoming Banquet ■ Paul Kovalski,
presentation on Forensic Odontology ■
Garrison Hayes, Impact Vespers ■
Andreasen Center for Wellness Ribbon
Cutting/Grand Opening





CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP LEFT:

Wes Christiansen Memorial Golf Outing ■ Students and staff celebrating 30th anniversary of the Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences (MLS) ■ Danielle Barnard, University Vespers ■ International Flag group (parade and flag raising were canceled due to severe weather) ■ School of Nursing Vespers ■ Classic Car Show ■ MLS 30th Anniversary ■ Tambunan Leadership Luncheon



CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP LEFT:

Church service in newly renovated Pioneer Memorial Church ■ Newton Hoilette, guest speaker at BSCF Alumni/New Life service ■ Andrews University Press open house ■ Tours were held at the new Agriculture Education Center ■ Happy families at the Harvest Picnic ■ Kenley Hall, One Place ■ School of Population Health, Nutrition & Wellness International Cuisine Potluck





CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP LEFT:

Roasting s'mores and spending time with family and friends at the Harvest Picnic ■ Men's Cardinals vs Alumni basketball game ■ Harvest Run medal winners ■ Aviation annual fly-in/drive-in pancake breakfast ■ Gala concert with honored guest Paul Hamel conducting ■ Women's Cardinals vs Alumni basketball game



2019 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!

Andrew Coetzee

(BBA '83)

ANDREW COETZEE RECENTLY RETIRED from Toyota Motor North America after 31 years of service. His most recent position was Group Vice President of Product Planning and Strategy, where he had responsibilities ranging from long range portfolio lineup planning to all individual model line planning (sales volume, pricing, specifications, etc.) and all North American vehicle pricing. In this role, he was the senior approval for all product for the North American market.

During his tenure with the company, Andrew held many different positions including creating a USA Long Range & Strategic Planning group, serving in Toyota's Chicago regional field office, working for two years in Japan heading up Lexus global product planning, and various positions in the Toyota and Lexus divisions.

He was born in South Africa and attended high school at Helderberg College in Cape Town, South Africa. He graduated with national distinction in December 1978. Andrew earned his BBA from Andrews University in 1983 with a major in marketing and information systems and an MBA, with a concentration in marketing and finance, from the University of Michigan in 1988. After graduating from Andrews University, he also worked as a healthcare administrator in Niles, Michigan, from 1983–86. He says, "I was blessed during my time at Andrews to have had many positive mentors and experiences which provided a solid foundation for my personal and professional life."

Andrew financed 100 percent of his education working as a skilled cabinet maker and is an avid cyclist, triathlete, ultra-marathoner and car enthusiast. He restored and presently owns a 1970 Dodge Challenger T/A.

Andrew is fluent in Afrikaans and proficient in basic conversational Japanese. He and his wife **Dori** (MS '86) have two children, Ashley and Austin.

Newton Hoilette

(MA '75, EdD '79)

NEWTON HOILETTE HAS BEEN LEADING the Lehigh Adventist Church in the Florida Conference since 2003. Hoilette has extensive experience serving in many capacities for Seventh-day Adventist and allied institutions. He graduated from West Indies College (WIC) with a Bachelor of Theology in 1968 and was a pastor for the Central Jamaica Conference from 1968–73. He was ordained in January 1972 and became dean of men for WIC in 1973. He earned a Master of Arts in religion in 1975 and a doctorate in educational psychology and counseling in 1979, both from Andrews University.

He also served as director of clinical

services at Innervisions Neuropsychiatric Clinic in Southfield, Michigan. Between the years of 1982–87, he was a consultant and trainer in discipline management and parent involvement in public schools and served as director of chronic pain management at Oakwood Downriver Medical Center in Detroit, Michigan, from 1987–88. His valuable experience also includes serving as vice president for Student Services at Andrews University for 15 years, from 1988–2003, and as a consultant evaluator for the accrediting body of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) from 1991–2003. He has been a member of the Advisory Board for Allied Psychology at Hodges University in Fort Myers, Florida, since 2007.

Newton married **Gloria Elaine Young** (BA '76, MSA '94), recently deceased, on Feb. 16, 1969. They have one daughter, Dr. Leesha Hoilette.

2019 HONORED ALUMNI, LEFT–RIGHT:

Newton Hoilette, Sandra Johnson, Andrew Coetzee. Not pictured: Morihiko Nakahara



Sandra Johnson

(AS '81, BBA '93)

SANDRA JOHNSON IS EXECUTIVE VICE president and chief administrative officer for the AdventHealth system. In this role, she oversees human resources, risk management, mergers and acquisitions, corporate responsibility, physician enterprise, and areas that represent the AdventHealth care continuum, including AdventHealth Care Centers, home health and hospice. She also serves as the administrator for the AdventHealth corporate campus, with 12 locations and over 3,800 employees.

Johnson previously served as chief strategy and corporate responsibility executive. Her career in healthcare spans nearly 35 years and includes serving in roles as vice president of Glendale Adventist Medical Center, vice president of managed care and business development for Florida Hospital, and president and chief executive officer for American Medical HealthCare.

Johnson earned a master's degree in business administration from the Roy E. Crummer Graduate School of Business at Rollins College and a bachelor's degree in business with a concentration in accounting from Andrews University.

She is a founding member of the Privacy Officers Association, as well as a member of the Council of Ethical Organizations, Health Care Compliance Association and

Healthcare Financial Management Association. Johnson is also an active participant in AdventHealth's community involvement program, which supports several nonprofits in Central Florida, and an active member of the Hospital Church of Seventh-day Adventists in Orlando, Florida. She serves on several boards and founded and chairs the AdventHealth Women Leadership Forum, dedicated to fostering an environment that enables executive women to achieve their personal and professional goals.

Morihiko Nakahara

(BMus '98)

KNOWN FOR HIS CHARISMATIC PRESENCE on and off the podium, innovative and audience-friendly programming skills, and thoughtful interpretations of both standard and contemporary repertoire, Nakahara was featured in the League of American Orchestras' prestigious Bruno Walter National Conductor Preview in March 2005. Recent guest conducting engagements include appearances with the Buffalo Philharmonic, symphonies of Oregon, Jacksonville, Charleston, Chattanooga, Stockton, Lansing, Peoria and Green Bay, as well as with the Chicago Pro Musica and the 2019 Maine All-State Orchestra. Recipient of the David Effron Conducting Fellowship at the Chautauqua Institution in 1999, he recently returned to guest conduct the Music School Festival Orchestra there.

Equally at home in a wide variety of musical styles and concert formats, Nakahara has collaborated with Chris Botti, Béla Fleck & the Flecktones, Edgar Meyer, Brandi Carlile, Pink Martini, Sergio Mendes and Roby Lakatos to name a few. A tireless champion for the music of our times, Nakahara recently led world premieres of works by Joan Tower, Dan Visconti and John Fitz Rogers and has led numerous U.S. premieres of works by Japanese composers.

A passionate believer in audience development and music education for all, Nakahara is a popular clinician, guest conductor and lecturer at various educational institutions. As a personable ambassador for classical music, he is regularly featured on local media outlets and speaks about wide-ranging topics including arts advocacy, leadership and management, and economic development at local businesses and service organizations.

A native of Kagoshima, Japan, Nakahara holds degrees from Andrews University and the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. He previously served as associate conductor of the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra, music director of the Holland Symphony Orchestra (Michigan), and faculty at Eastern Washington University and Andrews University.

Nakahara and his wife Lesley Hogg reside in Northampton, Massachusetts.



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2019 Honored Classes

Class of 1959

FRONT ROW (L-R):

*Gene Witzel, Barbara Kasischke
LaCourt, Duane Wardecke*

BACK ROW (L-R):

*Chuck Robertson, Bill Richardson, Kendall
Hill, Jim Curry, Richard Withers*



Class of 1969

FRONT ROW (L-R):

*Karen (Penn) Gluck, Jane (Johnson) Brown, Eileen
Moon Horne, Eloise Sager Kneller, Betty Patterson
Spalding, Donna Larson Gate, Averil (Juriansz)
Kurtz, Glenda Krantz-Hubbell, D.L. Ebenezer*

MIDDLE ROW (L-R):

*Linda (Sanders) Griffin, Chris Gluck, Marcia
(Bennett) Kesselring, Bill Hicks, Jerry Johns,
Thomas Verhelle, Keith Mattingly, Mary Verhelle,
Margaret Whidden, Robert Bainbridge*

BACK ROW (L-R):

*Don Griffin, Rick Nudd, Charles Cleveland,
Jerry Bell, Donald Balli, Woody Whidden,
Daryl Meyers, Ed Higgins*



Class of 1979

FRONT ROW (L-R):

*Leif Pedro, Judy (Kenline) Schoun, Meredith Snyder,
Rebekah Roth Cage, Martha (Snyder) Rentfro,
Cheryl Dunn, Sandra (Reyes Allende) Small*

MIDDLE ROW (L-R):

*Sue (Nixdorf) Smith, Tom Smith, George Babcock,
Karen Moses Allen, Heidi Vyhmeister, Becky
(Hawkins) Heffelfinger, Debra Danielson*

BACK ROW (L-R):

*Walter Snyder, Dan Bidwell, John Hilderbrandt,
Walter P. Marquez, Kathy Koudele, Maurice du Preez*





Class of 1989

FRONT ROW (L-R):

Vicki (Eighme) Wiley, Kevin Wiley,
Charmaine (Outar) Ambrose

BACK ROW (L-R):

Ernie Medina Jr, Ernie Balay, Kevin
Wein, Greg Wardecke



Class of 1994

FRONT ROW (L-R):

Peggy Reed-Schnepp, Alina Baltazar, Pam
Edgecombe Janniere, Jennifer Cook

BACK ROW (L-R):

Samir Serrano, Michael Janniere, Douglas Krull



Class of 1999

FRONT ROW (L-R):

Donnalee Forraht, Thelma Francisco,
Carl Bannister, Denise Fournier, Sally-Ann
(Alexander) Jules, Joann De Leon Seralde

BACK ROW (L-R):

Alicia Worley Palacios, Ricardo Palacios, Kevin
Reiner, Karen Reiner, Karl Bailey, Rosemary
Bailey, Jennifer Romeo, Heidi Mendoza

2019 Honored Classes



1 Class of 2009

L-R: Gaby (Parra) Dormus, L.S. (Scottie) Baker Jr, Diane Helbley, Stephanie Smart

2 Class of 2014

L-R: Xavier Morales, Brittany Hill-Morales

3 Class of 2019

L-R: L.S. (Scottie) Baker Jr, Stephen Greenidge

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A Day at the Zoo

June 28, 2020—11 a.m.

REGISTER TODAY: alumni.andrews.edu/rsvp

Join us for brunch at the St. Vincent Dolphin Gallery. Greet the president and mingle with Andrews friends while marveling at the antics of the dolphins surrounding you. Then, enjoy a fun-filled day at the Indianapolis Zoo.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Admission to the Zoo
- Buffet brunch (vegetarian)
- Andrews promo pack

Indianapolis Zoo
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Indianapolis, IN 46222

SPECIAL PRICE

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Parking not included
Children aged 2–12—\$15
(free for children under 2)

Limited Space! Register by June 18

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JANUARY

5 Orlando, Florida—11 a.m.
Highland Manor Crystal Ballroom
604 E Main St, Apopka, Florida

22 Phoenix, Arizona—6 p.m.
The Old Spaghetti Factory
3155 W Chandler Blvd #9
Chandler, Arizona

23 Denver, Colorado—6 p.m.
Cinzetti's, 281 W 104th Ave
Northglenn, Colorado

FEBRUARY

9 Dallas-Fort Worth—11 a.m.
Reata Restaurant
310 Houston St, Sundance Square
Fort Worth, Texas

11 Roseville, California—6 p.m.
The Old Spaghetti Restaurant
31 Sunrise Ave, Roseville, California

12 Napa, California—6 p.m.
Location to be determined

16 Loma Linda, California—6 p.m.
Wong Kerlee Intl Conference Center
1175 Campus St, Loma Linda,
California

MARCH

18 Atlanta, Georgia—6 p.m.
Location to be determined

19 Asheville, North Carolina—6 p.m.
Location to be determined

20 Huntsville, Alabama—5 p.m.
Location to be determined

22 Chattanooga, Tennessee—11 a.m.
Location to be determined

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.

APRIL

25 Kettering, Ohio—1 p.m.
Moraine Farm
1233 W Stroop Rd, Dayton, Ohio

JUNE

28 Indianapolis/General Conference
11 a.m.
St. Vincent Dolphin Gallery
Indianapolis Zoo
1200 West Washington St
Indianapolis, Indiana

Please note: This event requires tickets. Tickets are \$25 and will include entry to the Zoo, the Dolphin Gallery and the Andrews University brunch event (a \$40+ value). Visit alumni.andrews.edu/rsvp for tickets and more information.

REGIONAL EVENTS



Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Thursday, Oct. 31, 2019

A lively group of over 70 Andrews alumni and friends along with a few prospective students joined **David Faehner** (MA '72), vice president of University Advancement, and **Andriy Kharkovyy** (BBA '06, MBA '09), Alumni Services director, for an evening talking about Andrews. Along with a great buffet dinner, Andrews representatives shared news from campus, showed various updates and brought greetings from President Andrea Luxton, who was unable to attend. Along with wonderful updates and time reconnecting with each other, Andrews representatives brought back many updates and notes from those in attendance.



Maryland

Sunday, Nov. 3, 2019

This event has been growing consistently and 2019 was no different. With well over 120 alums in attendance, Andrews representatives had plenty of opportunities to share news from campus as well as answer questions. After a presentation and updates from Andriy Kharkovyy, David Faehner shared some insights on future projects that are currently in development by President Luxton and her administrative team. Since President Luxton was unable to attend, campus representatives answered questions and collected numerous updates and comments to bring back to campus. A closing prayer was offered by **Dwayne Leslie** (BA '88).

1960s

Lyndon (Jerry) G. Furst (BA '61, MA '65) is dean emeritus of the School of Graduate Studies and professor emeritus of educational administration at Andrews University. He worked for 21 years in the Seventh-day Adventist school system as an elementary teacher and principal, academy principal, and conference educational superintendent. The remainder of his career was spent teaching in the Andrews University School of Education. He holds an EdD in educational administration from the University of the Pacific. After 25 years, Jerry continues to write a regular column on current events in "The Journal Era," a weekly newspaper published in Berrien Springs, Michigan. He recently authored "The Table's Story," published by Teach Services, a collection of engaging and short stories from his life aimed to help people recognize the value of life's challenges.



Marian (Spohr) and **John** (BA '61, MA '66) **Mendel** of Berrien Springs, Michigan, were married on Sept. 25, 1949, in Western Springs, Illinois. They met at Broadview Academy and began dating their senior year.

They were fortunate to spend John's term of military service together in Virginia, Texas, New Jersey and New York where John served as an x-ray technician and Marian found employment as a secretary in each location.

After the service, John entered Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University), earning bachelor's and master's degrees in history, and began his teaching career in Eau Claire. Marian typed five doctoral dissertations for Andrews professors during that time.

The couple adopted their first daughter in 1961: **Michelle** (CERT '81) who lives in Berrien Springs with her husband, Winston Nwoke, the Rite Aid pharmacist, and their son Christopher, who is a third year pre-med student at Andrews. Two years later they were blessed with another adopted daughter, Leanne,

who lives in Indianapolis with her husband, Micheal Sauers, who works at Amazon.

When the girls were small, the family moved to Pennsylvania where John taught at Blue Mountain Academy. From there they moved to Tennessee and Indiana, finally returning to Berrien Springs. When John retired, they lived in and managed Teresa's Country Home, an adult foster care home.

They have traveled in all 50 states, except Alaska. They praise the Lord for keeping them safe in their travels and are grateful that God has kept them together for 70 years.

Albert (BA '65, MA '67) & **Karl** (BA '63) **Konrad** wrote and published a book titled "Waiting for Eddie," a love story about their mother and her efforts as a single parent to get her two boys educated at Andrews University. Karl graduated in 1963 with a BA in chemistry and then went on to get a PhD in that field and teach at Southwestern Adventist University for more than 45 years. Al graduated with a BA in theology in 1965 and an MA in 1967 and became a pastor for 26 years and nursing home administrator for another 20 years. Their mother worked at College Wood Products and then as a housekeeper at Meier Hall from 1961 until her retirement in 1972. Al says, "Our years spent at Andrews getting an education were absolutely the very best foundation that we could have had in preparing us to succeed in our chosen fields... We both were able to attend Andrews back then and graduate without any debt to the school or any lending institution. May God continue to bless Andrews in the years to come!"

1980s

Melvin Tolson (BS '84) currently works as director of finance and operations at Dole Foods of Canada. His job looks at moving products around the world and how to make new and current ideas profitable. This year he spent a few weeks in France, working on change management. He is married to Pamela and they have one daughter, Kymberly.

1990s

Darren Godsoe (MDiv '93) served as a pastor in Saskatchewan, Canada, for almost 20 years after his graduation from the Seminary. For the last nine years he has served as the head pastor of the Willowdale Church in Toronto. He and his wife Sandra adopted their son Dallan from the country of Georgia and daughter Lavelle from California. Sandra works at Crawford Adventist Academy.

2000s

After graduating from Andrews University, **Donna Norman** (BS '00) completed graduate studies at Howard University in Washington, D.C. She obtained a Master of Science in communication science and disorders. For the past 15 years Donna has worked for the District of Columbia Public Schools as a speech and language pathologist. She says, "I value the educational and spiritual guidance I received at Andrews."

Josué Manigot (MDiv '09) is pastoring in Toronto, Canada.

2010s

Samuel Motamarry (MDiv '13) currently works as a voluntary chaplain in Maryland.

Dario Gabriel Ferreira (MDiv '13) worked as a pastor at the Brazilian Adventist church in Chicago for 15 months after graduation. He then received a call to be the senior pastor at Luso-Brazilian Adventist Church in Toronto. From 2015 on, he has also been a speaker for "Está Escrito Canada" (It is Written Canada in Portuguese). He recently was chosen to be the president of the Greater Toronto Area Ministerial Association. He and his wife Elsie have a son, Andrew, and a daughter, Nathalie.

Elsira de Moura Ferreira (MA '14) graduated with an MA in religious education with emphasis in family life education and discipleship. She has been using her education in seminars, small groups and discipling others at the church where her husband pastors. She is also in the process of writing a book. Elsie writes, "I really appreciate my time at Andrews. I learned a lot and experienced spiritual growth in my life."

Sheldon Imperio (MDiv '18) is currently serving as an ordained associate pastor at the Mt. Zion Filipino Adventist Church. He and his wife Beryl had their first son, Ezra, in January.

Vivian Laughlin (PhD '19) received a prestigious Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program award from the U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board in September 2019. She is one of eight Fulbright post-doctoral fellows in Israel. For the next two years, she will study the cultural appropriation of the ancient Egyptian cults of Serapis and Isis and its impact on Judea and Palestine. Laughlin is the first African-American PhD graduate from Andrews' archaeology department and the only one to get a Fulbright.

Ruby V. Snell (att.), 95, died Nov. 25, 2019, in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

She was born Aug. 23, 1924, in Hinsdale, Illinois, the daughter of Naaman and Mary Eva (Worrell) Brown. She met John G. Snell at Broadview Academy and they were married in 1942. They moved to Berrien Springs in 1952 for Ruby to complete her education at Andrews University and Western Michigan University where she earned bachelor's and master's degrees with emphases in education and counseling. She taught for Edith B. Garrett School in Benton Harbor, Niles Public Schools and was a teacher and reading specialist for Benton Harbor Public Schools. Her teaching career spanned 41 years before retirement.

Ruby loved her family and her Fairplain Seventh-day Adventist Church family. She was a vegetable and flower gardener, cook, baker, camper, birdwatcher, artist (oil and watercolor) and seamstress. She played piano and organ, enjoyed antique collecting and operated several antique shops, and loved nature and rock collecting. She was co-president (with John) of Blossomland Gem and Mineral Society.

Surviving are her children: Dennis (Judy) Snell, Lynnece and her husband **Gerald Abel** (BA '55), Joanne (Tim) King and Douglas and his wife **Rena** (att.) **Snell**; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by John, her husband of 71 years; parents; brothers, Alan and Norman Brown; and sister, Irma Brown.

Kimberly Suzanne Orr (BSELED '10), 31, of Miamisburg, Ohio, passed away on Nov. 19, 2019.

Kimberly was born on May 2, 1988, in Lithia Springs, Georgia. She was the daughter of Roger and Terri (Philo) Geach.

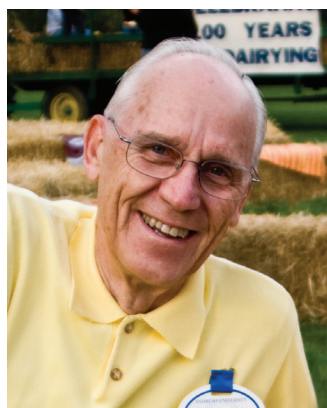
On June 7, 2016, she married Cameron Stewart Orr in Miamisburg, Ohio. Together they gave birth to a beautiful little girl, Scarlett Lynn. Kimberly was so excited to become a mom and

always dreamed of having a big family.

Kimberly was a schoolteacher for Spring Valley Academy and she loved every one of her students. She also loved Jesus and relied on her faith to guide her through life. She was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Kettering, Ohio. Her smile and infectious personality lit up a room and brightened the lives of all those who she came in contact with. She was known for her wonderful and playful sense of humor, telling jokes and making people laugh.

The holidays, especially Christmas, were a happy and joyous time for Kimberly. She and Scarlett would spend time singing songs, baking bread, doing crafts and watching Christmas movies on The Hallmark Channel. She was an avid reader, enjoyed "bargain" shopping and Bill's Donuts.

Along with her loving husband, Cameron, and daughter, Scarlett, Kimberly is survived by her parents, Roger and Terri (Philo) Geach of Centerville, Ohio; sister Holly Jean (David) Spindler of Centerville, Ohio; parents-in-law, Stewart T. and Pamela Lee Orr of Bowling Green, Ohio; and sisters-in-law, Heather (Chad) Whyte of Columbus, Ohio, and Sheena Orr of Columbus, Ohio.



Robert J. Kloosterhuis (BA '54, MA '65), 87, Adventist leader and Andrews alumnus who served as chair of the Andrews University Board for a number of years, died on Nov. 3, 2019.

Robert was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, in 1932. Ordained in 1966, he served the Seventh-

day Adventist Church in a variety of roles: president of the Franco-Haitian Seminary; secretary/treasurer of the Franco-Haitian Union; pastor in the Illinois Conference; departmental director for the Illinois Conference; president of the Franco-Haitian Union, and finally president of the Africa-Indian Ocean Division from 1980–85.

He also served as a general vice president for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists from 1985–2000.

Kloosterhuis is survived by his wife, **Ruth** (DIP2YR), and sons, **David** (BS '79) and **Robert** (BET '81).

Della "Delbe" Beatrice Byers (MA '97) died Nov. 1, 2019.

Born Sept. 22, 1936, in Brunswick, Georgia, she was one of five children of Lowell Herbert and Willie Kate (Jones) Byers.

She was introduced to **H. George Denda** (BA '61) by a close friend, Jacque Kunau, at Indiana Academy in Cicero, Indiana.

They were wed at the Academy chapel on July 15, 1956. Within two months of their marriage, Delbe and George moved to Berrien Springs to allow Delbe to pursue her BSN (RN) at Emmanuel Missionary College, and they remained in Berrien Springs after her graduation. Their son Christopher Todd was born in 1967.

Delbe loved working as a nurse and also as a community counselor after she obtained her master's degree in community counseling later in life. Delbe loved her family and family gatherings, and she hosted as many as she could each year.

She is survived by her husband, George, son and daughter-in-law, granddaughter, brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

Charles Peter Rasmussen (former staff) died Sept. 23, 2019, in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

He was born May 19, 1932, in Rawlins, Wyoming. Charles was drafted into the Army in 1953 during the Korean conflict. Although Charles was willing to serve overseas, his assignment was to drive ambulance stateside. He was honorably

discharged in 1954. He graduated from Campion Academy in Loveland, Colorado, and then took some college classes at the University of Wyoming and at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Charles moved to Michigan to be near his mother in the 1950s and 60s. He lived in Ypsilanti and bought a big truck to haul mobile



homes for Morgan Drive-Away. He came to Berrien Springs in the mid-1960s and was hired at University Printers, where he worked as a pressman for 22 years. Charles also took flying lessons and became a private pilot.

In 1966 he met **Alice Call** (BS '71), who worked at the printers when she came to Andrews to study nursing. They were married on April 16, 1972, in the Petoskey, Michigan, Seventh-day Adventist Church. Several months after settling in Berrien Springs, Alice took a job teaching part-time at Lake Michigan College (LMC) in Benton Harbor, Michigan. The job became full-time after a year and a half. She retired from LMC in 2003 as director of nursing.

Although they did not have children, Charles and Alice lived a full life of travel, time with friends, and active involvement in the life of Pioneer Memorial Church. Charles was an avid photographer, a singer and lover of music, a collector of clocks and a garage sale junkie. He was known perhaps worldwide for his chocolate chip cookies and was an accomplished cook.

After 22 years at University Printers, the business closed, which left Charles without a job. He tried his hand at a truss-building factory, but his allergy to wood dust cut that opportunity short. Then Richard Rideout asked him if he would like to be the printer at Your Story Hour (YSH). The Board accepted him, and this ministry became his passion for the rest of his life. He promoted YSH everywhere he went. He retired at age 65 from YSH but continued to work there part-time until his stroke in 2018 at the age of 86.

He was known by many as Charles, Charlie, Chuck and even “Charlie Brown.” But he will always be known as a kind-hearted friend who will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Charles was preceded in death by both of his parents, his sister at age 55 of breast cancer, and his brother at 92. He is survived by Alice, his wife of 47 years, and several nieces and nephews.

Dayton Chong (MA '71, MA '74, EdD '81) died Aug. 19, 2019, in Fresno, California.

Dayton was born on June 26, 1947, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Though he was born prematurely with a small body, God put in it a “big” heart and a wonderful plan for his life. As he grew up, he enjoyed memorizing scripture and mimicking his father in “preaching” to his family. At the age of 7, he received a call from God. He preached his first sermon and conducted his first evangelistic series at the ages of 11 and 13, respectively.

In 1967, he left for the U.S. to further his education, receiving his bachelor’s degree from

Atlantic Union College and his master’s and doctoral degrees from Andrews University.

Dayton always counted it a great privilege to begin his ministry in Malaysia, where he was born and where he married Penna, one of his converts in 1973. Penna died from stomach cancer in 1981.

Two years later, Yvette Siu and Dayton were married. Dayton had a compassionate, tender and loving character and was a very sentimental husband.

Dayton and Yvette made a very good team for ministry. After their marriage, they served in the Michigan Conference, where Dayton was the personal evangelism director, and in the Central California Conference in such capacities as director for the Greater Bay Area Health Ministries in San Francisco, director for Asian/Pacific Ministries and senior pastor of the Los Altos and Fresno Asian churches.

Dayton’s health began failing in 2003, causing him to retire early. He continued to witness for Christ while having dialysis treatments. His unfailing love for Christ amidst pain and suffering reflected Job’s experience.

He was a man of prayer who used to pray for everyone he met wherever he was. He would make friendly remarks first and then offer a prayer of blessing for the stranger’s family. No one refused that kind of prayer.

Dayton also played the piano and spoke over nine languages.

Mary Ellen Hall (former staff) died from ovarian cancer on July 24, 2019.

Mary was born Sept. 14, 1929, in Chicago, the daughter of Frank and Gertrude (Bransky) Quedens. In addition to caring for her family, Mary worked at Andrews University for more than 30 years,

beginning in 1969 as the office manager for the Department of Music before becoming the administrative assistant to the dean of the School of Business Administration.

Mary enjoyed her garden and living in the country. She volunteered at Neighbor To Neighbor putting together layettes for distribution to area moms. She traveled often to visit her children scattered across the country. She was a committed, passionate Christian.

She was preceded in death by her husband, **Charles J. Hall** (BA '52).

Survivors include two sons: **Stephen** (BMus '73, MMus '80) (Gail) and **Thomas** (att.) (Sue); two daughters: **Deborah Hall** (BSMT '82) and **Linda** (att.) (Loren) **Taber**; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Mylas (Bobby) Walter Martin Jr. (BA '53) died Aug. 21, 2018.

He was the firstborn son of Mylas Walter Martin and Louise Helen Greener of Bessemer, Alabama.

In 1936, his parents moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where Mylas attended elementary school and fell in love with books. He graduated from Pine Forge Academy in Pennsylvania as the valedictorian of his 1948 class. He briefly attended Oakwood College (now Oakwood University) in Huntsville, Alabama, transferred to Adelbert College at Case Reserve Western University in Cleveland, Ohio, then to Andrews University, where he earned a BA with majors in English and history.

In 1954, Mylas earned an MA with a fellowship in 19th century American history from Rackham School of Graduate Studies at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

In the fall of 1954, Mylas became an instructor of English and speech, then dean of men at Oakwood College in 1955. He embarked on a never-ending journey to show that if you develop “real” faith in the God of the Universe and demand excellence in whatever you do, you can rise above, handle and level the playing field of injustice and ignorance that comes your way, and soar to the “top” to gain your “freedom.”

Mylas spent years as a general assignment reporter and feature writer for Scripps-Howard Newspapers in the Midwest and for the New York Herald Tribune. He also worked as a radio and television announcer and briefly was a Shakespearian actor.

In 1966, Mylas entered business and industry, working for IBM. In 1981, he started his own business with numerous Fortune 500 company executives as clients, coaching top executives in speaking and business presentation.

Mylas never abandoned his righteous anger about injustice, inequality and lack of voice for those not in a position to respond. In the 1960s Mylas prepared issues for upcoming General Conference sessions and joined Frank Hale and Jesse Jackson to organize Civil Rights Movement protests in Los Angeles, California. He worked tirelessly investigating issues and preparing legal briefs in support of regional conferences, Pine Forge Academy, the Columbia Union and the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists.

Mylas, like Paul, fought a good fight, kept the faith and now awaits his reward. He is survived by one brother, Larry Leon Martin of Peekskill, New York; seven nephews, three nieces and one cousin.

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Life Stories



Harold Harvey Lang (professor emeritus), 87, passed away peacefully on Sept. 6, 2019, in Portland, Oregon, at the home of his daughter, Sharon Lang Howard.

Harold was born in Harvey, North Dakota, on Jan. 4, 1932, to Gottlieb and Emma (Specht) Lang. Harold spent his early years growing up on the campus of Sheyenne River Academy where both his parents were teachers. In 1943 the family moved to Caldwell, Idaho, where Harold completed elementary school and attended his freshman year of high school at Gem State Academy. In 1947, the family moved to Medford, Oregon, where Harold graduated from Rogue River Academy.

Harold attended Walla Walla College in Walla Walla, Washington, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in physics and, a year later, a Bachelor of Science of Engineering in mechanical engineering. Harold started his career as a research engineer with the Rocketdyne Division of North American Aviation Inc. in Chatsworth, California, testing rocket engines, developing technology that would later be used by the space shuttle program. This career was interrupted by a stint in the U.S. Army from 1956–58 where he served as a physical science assistant in the Radioisotope Laboratory at Brooke Army Hospital in San Antonio, Texas. Harold resumed his engineering career at the Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory operated by Westinghouse Electric Company in West Mifflin, Pennsylvania, where he worked on the second core for the first full-scale commercial nuclear power plant, the Shippingport Atomic Power Station.

In 1963 Harold joined the faculty of Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Harold was initially the only engineering teacher and had to dive into teaching classes right away. The next year a second engineering teacher was added.

Harold started taking summer classes and he received an MSE in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan on August 18, 1967. In the summer of 1968 the family moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan, for two years so that Harold could complete his PhD classwork. The family moved back to Berrien Springs and Harold resumed his teaching while working on his research in developing a computer model of an automobile shock absorber.

On Aug. 21, 1977, Harold received a PhD in mechanical engineering from the Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies at the University of Michigan. His dissertation was titled “A Study of the Characteristics of Automotive Hydraulic Dampers at High-Stroking Frequencies.”

Andrews University planned to develop a 4-year engineering program by starting out teaching the first two years of classes and then having the students transfer to the University of Michigan. Over time Andrews intended to add the remaining classes that would result in Andrews offering a Bachelor of Science in Engineering on campus. However, Andrews would not be able to implement the full engineering program until about 2003.

In the meantime, Harold chaired the Engineering and Engineering Technology department, which continued to offer the first two years of engineering courses, along with 2- and 4-year engineering technology degrees.

Harold received his Professional Engineer’s license on Nov. 10, 1966. He then joined the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers and became active in the Blossomland Chapter. On May 19, 1990, he was presented with the 1990 Engineer of the Year Award for the state of Michigan in recognition of his many varied contributions to the profession, the Blossomland Chapter, Andrews University and his inspirational leadership in encouraging engineering careers among high school students.

Harold served on numerous committees at Andrews University. He chaired the Undergraduate Council and was heavily

involved in the Academic Policies and Programs Review and Development committees, as well as sitting on the Strategic Planning Committee. Most significantly, twice Harold chaired the North Central Accrediting Association (NCA) Self-Study Steering Committee for Andrews University. He worked tirelessly to identify issues to be addressed; to establish, direct and coordinate the activities of numerous subcommittees; and to gather subcommittee written reports and rewrite them into coherent final reports. His final self-study report in 1999 contributed to Andrews University receiving the best accreditation they could receive.

On Sept. 15, 1998, Andrews University awarded Harold its highest honor, a J.N. Andrews Medallion. The University’s vice president for Academic Administration said “without the contributions of Harold Lang, a whole generation of our students would not have had opportunity to pursue engineering as an academic career. He has been a valued teacher, respected colleague and a loyal friend to this University.”

Harold taught at Andrews University for 36 years, retiring on June 30, 1999, with the rank of full professor. He was then given the rank of professor emeritus.

Harold was a long-time member of the Pioneer Memorial Church. Early on he became a deacon and over the years he increased his level of responsibility culminating in serving as head deacon from 1990–2004.

In 2004, Harold and his wife, Violet, moved to Portland, Oregon, to live near their daughter. There he enjoyed hobbies of home improvement, gardening and family genealogy. He became active in the local chapter of the Germans from Russia Historical Society and served on the board of directors. He also enjoyed his grandchildren.

Harold is survived by son, **Robert** (att.) (Debbie) of Boise, Idaho; daughter, **Sharon Howard** (att.) of Portland, Oregon; son, **Jerry** (CERT ’83, AS ’84) of Winter Park, Florida; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Harold was preceded in death by his wife, Violet Stewart Lang.



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