Celebrating the Pioneers!

Last month in our newsletter we remembered the first graduates of the Leadership program. This month we want to congratulate the five pioneer faculty members who literally started and taught the first cohort in 1994! The program was born out of a financial crisis that became an inspiring story of leadership, change and innovation. In short, after successive budget cuts, the School of Education needed to terminate two full-time faculty members in order to make the budget work.

After discussing the issue with the entire faculty of the School of Education, Dr. Warren Minder, then School of Education Dean, appointed a committee to figure out how to deal with a budget shortfall. To make a long story short, the committee proposed the creation of a new innovative doctoral program that could attract new doctoral students and keep all faculty members working.

As a result, on September 11, 1994, the Leadership program officially began as a pilot program. The first cohort included 20 participants. The five pioneer faculty members were Drs. David Penner and Bill Green, from the Department of Educational Administration; Dr. James Tucker, from the Department of Educational and Counseling Psychology; Dr. Shirley Freed, from the Department of Teaching and Learning, and Dr. Jerome Thayer, associate dean of the School of Education.

Twenty years later, in 2014, we celebrate the vision and accomplishments of the five pioneer faculty of the Leadership program. Congratulations to the pioneer faculty!
Leadership Conference 2014: Growing a Legacy

Dr. James Tucker, the first director of the Leadership program
The Leadership Conference 2014 will feature keynote speaker Marshall Goldsmith on the topic of *Growing a Legacy*. Recognized in 2011 as the #1 leadership thinker in the world at the bi-annual Thinkers50 ceremony (sponsored by the Harvard Business Review), Marshall Goldsmith is the best-selling author or editor of 32 books, including the *New York Times* and *Wall Street Journal* bestsellers, *MOJO* and *What Got You Here Won’t Get You There*, which have been translated into 28 languages and have become bestsellers in 10 countries.

**Conference Highlights:**

**Sunday, July 27**

- Opening ceremony – 7:00 pm
- Onstage interview with the five Pioneer Faculty: Jim Tucker, David Penner, Bill Green, Jerry Thayer, and Shirley Freed
- Current Issues in Leadership – Jim Tucker
- Questions & Answers

**Monday, July 28**

- Morning Keynote Speaker: Marshall Goldsmith
- Afternoon: Plenary and breakout sessions with the pioneer faculty, plus stories of successful graduates

**Spiritual Leadership Conference**
The Spiritual Leadership Conference this year will start on Saturday evening and continue all Sunday long, featuring keynote speaker Gordon MacDonald on the topic of “Servants and Friends: A Theology of Leadership.” Gordon MacDonald is Chancellor of Denver Seminary and editor-at-large of Leadership Journal. He is an author, speaker, and teacher, and has written more than a dozen books and co-authored others with his wife, Gail. More information soon!

**Important Dates:**

Conference and Roundtable: July 27-30  
Spiritual Conference: July 26 and 27

**LEADERSHIP PROGRAM NEWS**

Priscilla Tucker Defends Dissertation
On April 3, Priscilla Tucker successfully defended her dissertation titled “A Case Study of the Leadership Program at Andrews University: Its Origin and Early Development as Reflected in Documents and Relics, Participant and Faculty Interviews, and Participant-Observation, 1994 to 2003.” The study described how the Leadership program was developed as an innovative alternative Ph.D. program to solve a financial crisis in the School of Education and how it has expanded to become the largest doctoral program at Andrews University. Elsie Jackson was the dissertation chair, with Karen Graham, David Penner, and William Green as committee members. Derrick Proctor served as the external examiner. Congratulations, Cilla, for your achievement!

Lisa Greco Defends Dissertation
On March 25, Lisa Greco successfully defended her dissertation: *The Influence of the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People During a Merger of a Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services in a Midwestern State: A Single Case Study From 2007 to 2013*. Lisa’s committee consisted of Shirley Freed (chair), Janet Ledesma, Subir Dass, and Harvey Burnett (external examiner). Lisa had the strong support of co-workers, friends and two firemen during her defense! Now Lisa is working hard to complete her portfolio in time for May graduation.
Tracie Jacobs Defends Dissertation

From left: Karen Allen, Shirley Freed, Tracie Jacobs, Jimmy Kijai and Clifford Jones with Theodore Brown (Leadership graduate and adjunct faculty member) on the conference phone.

Tracie Jacobs and Alyssia Coates (Leadership graduate) discussing the implications of her study.
On April 18, Tracie Jacobs successfully defended her dissertation, “The Leadership Practices of African-American Women Elders in the Lake Region Conference Of Seventh-Day Adventists” - Her committee was Shirley Freed, Chair, Jimmy Kijai, methodologist, Clifford Jones, member and Theodore Brown, member. External examiner was Karen Allen. Tracie was surrounded by family, friends and Leadership cohort members.

Garth Woodruff Presents Portfolio
Garth Woodruff masterfully and successfully presented his MA portfolio and research project on April 3, 2014. As a landscape designer, he filled his papers with metaphors and examples of his work. Garth’s supportive co-workers from the Agriculture Department at Andrews, as well as his wife (also supportive!), attended his portfolio presentation.

**NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**International Leadership Association Conference (ILA)**

The 16th Annual ILA Global Conference, on the theme of *Conscious Leading for Global Change: Emergence of our Collective Realities*, will take place October 30 through November 2, 2014, in San Diego, California. The conference calls on leadership scholars and educators, business and community leaders, students, and young leaders to propose conference sessions that offer the finest leadership of your sector and across sectors. For more information, see [http://www.ila-net.org/Conferences/2014/index.htm](http://www.ila-net.org/Conferences/2014/index.htm).

**Upcoming Cohort Orientation**

The next Leadership Orientation will be held July 22-25, 2014, for Leadership, Higher Education Administration, and Educational Leadership K-12. We are now accepting applications to all programs throughout the year. Please feel free to share this information with your colleagues and prospective graduate students.

**Summer 2014 Stats Course**

**EDRM611 Research Methods and Stats for Education & Psychology II, Summer Intensive (3 credits)**

This intensive Stats course, taught by Dr. Jimmy Kijai, is scheduled for July 14-25, 2014. Registration will be open soon. Please use these dates as you begin your summer travel plans.

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