FROM THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR
Robson Marinho, PhD

Andrews Celebrates Dr. Jim Jeffery
On May 5th 2015, a retirement celebration was held in honor of Dr. Jim Jeffery, who has been the Dean of the School of Education for the past 13 years. Throughout this time, he was a dedicated leader committed to educational excellence. Provost Andrea Luxton mentioned that Dr. Jeffery served the longest tenure of any Dean of the School of Education. During this time, he led the school through multiple accreditations: NCATE, CACREP, NASP and various SPAs. Under his leadership, the quality of the school has been recognized by both accreditation teams and the state, as Andrews was the top teacher training institution in Michigan for four years in a row.

At the celebration, colleagues and administrators shared their stories of working with Dr. Jeffery, including Andrews University President, Dr. Andreasen, who expressed the gratitude of Andrews for his outstanding contribution and many years of service to Seventh-day Adventist education and Andrews University. As part of the occasion, Dr. Jeffery passed the helm to Dr. Robson Marinho who will become the new Dean of the School of Education.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Mark your Calendar

Leadership Conference: June 28 to July 1, 2015
Leadership Conference and Roundtable 2015

The countdown for the Leadership Conference 2015 has started and we now have 45 days left! As you plan your participation, here are some highlights of this year’s conference, focusing on the theme *Leadership and Innovation*:

1. **Keynote Speaker:** Ram Charan was named by *Fortune* magazine as the most influential consultant alive. He will address the implications of innovation and change for leadership.
2. **Book Discussion:** This year’s conference will include a discussion of Ram Charan’s recent book on leadership and innovation.
3. **The conference will approach different professional areas,** in partnership with Whirlpool Corporation and Lakeland Healthcare, who will join the event with their audiences.

**Conference and Roundtable Date:** June 28 to July 1, 2015

**Note:** Due to schedule issues, the next Spiritual Leadership Conference will be held in 2016.
Ram Charan has recently authored a book titled *The Attacker’s Advantage: Turning Uncertainty into Breakthrough Opportunities*. This book is regarded as “the game plan for winning in an era of ambiguity, volatility, and complexity, when every leader and every business is being challenged in new and unexpected ways”. As we constantly seek to keep our participants abreast challenges and changes in leadership, this new book will now be discussed at this year’s conference. There will be a book signing ceremony by the author for those who want an autograph!

**LEADERSHIP PROGRAM NEWS**

**Congratulations, May 2015 Graduates!**
May 2015 Graduates, from left: Juan Prestol, Appiah Kwarteng, Rachel Swartzendruber & Beth Armstrong
NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tracy Weber Publishes New Book
Tracy Weber (PhD, 2002) recently published a new book titled, *Wildly Successful: Is Effective Leadership Obvious?* The book is written as a learning fable and emphasizes the importance of effective communication towards building a cohesive and responsive organization. As noted by Marshall Goldsmith, the book “demonstrates to leaders the importance of self-assessment, the essential tools of organizational change, and the power of “and” over “or.” To learn more, visit the press release about the new leadership learning fable at [http://www.andrews.edu/sed/leadership_dept/news/wildlyssuccessful.pdf](http://www.andrews.edu/sed/leadership_dept/news/wildlyssuccessful.pdf)

### Summer 2015 Intensive Stats Course

EDRM611 Research Methods for Education & Psychology, Summer Intensive (3 credits)

This intensive Stats course, taught by Dr. Jimmy Kijai, is scheduled for June 15-26, 2015. Registration is now open. Please use these dates as you begin your summer travel plans.

### International Leadership Association Conference (ILA)

The 17th Annual ILA Global Conference, on the theme of *Leading Across Borders and Generations*, will take place October 14-17, 2015, in Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain. Learn more about the conference online at [http://www.ila-net.org/Conferences/2015/cfp.html](http://www.ila-net.org/Conferences/2015/cfp.html)

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