



Merry Christmas!
Happy and Blessed 2021

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Graduation Celebration Edition**

CHANGING THE PEOPLE WHO CHANGE THE WORLD

**A NOTE FROM
PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

Hyveth Williams, DMin

**CONGRATULATIONS
GRADUATES!**

“For the gifts and the calling
of God are irrevocable.”
Romans 11:29





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DOING SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY

Grace to you our beloved colleagues in Christ. As we enter the end of the year and decade numbered 2020, the prospects of a perfect 20/20 vision fades with the receding days. We are very grateful for your patience during these past challenging months and pray you will experience a safe, healthy holiday season and a very prosperous New Year!

A story is told about a shipwreck that happened because a sailor broke off the small tip of his knife blade while he was cleaning the ship's compass. He didn't remove it, and that little bit of metal pulled the compass off its true reading, resulting in the ship running aground. If you've ever done any sailing, you know how essential it is to stay on course. If the captain steers just a few degrees off the desired course, the company, even of committed companions, can wind up far from where they wanted to go. Since being given the privilege of steering this great Doctor of Ministry ship toward our goal of excellence by doing something extraordinary, I've come to realize that even a slight deviation from our course, if left uncorrected, can result in great devastation.

This is true spiritually and organizationally. As someone once said, "correction is not a nicety; it's a necessity." If our lives, work or this program veer even slightly off-course and continue in that wrong direction, it can result in shipwreck of our mission to change the people that change the world by doing something extraordinary.

I have been fortunate to inherit the most dedicated, efficient, hardworking staff any program director could be blessed to rely on. For instance, only three full-time coordinators, who put in more extra hours than most are aware of, accomplish the monumental task of servicing over 350 men and women in our program. They are unsung heroes whose quiet, indefatigable efforts are sometimes submerged under or are unrecognized when malware attacks of our computers, COVID 19 restrictions and a litany of other beyond-our-control situations occur. These series of unexpected, unfortunate events over the last few months have disrupted and caused a regrettable deviation from our commitment to excellence in our communications.

We strongly apologize, but words alone, without action, is meaningless. Therefore, we will be providing our coordinators



with a graduate assistant whose responsibility will be to restore our excellent, extraordinary response time to all our patrons.

Additionally, as we continue to work remotely, due to COVID19 restrictions, we've added a new dimension to our phone system which allows us to receive and respond to your messages quickly. If or when you call any number in our office and are unable to reach us, please call me at 269-471-6363 or email me at hyveth@andrews.edu and you will receive the efficient response we've been known to provide. We also offer you opportunity to use the "Chat" of our recently launched website at www.doctorofministry.com.

At the same time, should you find even the smallest issue that is causing you to veer off your course, join me in recognizing, admitting and exercising the discipline of courageously correcting that course.

"For," as it is written in the Word we treasure, at "the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it," (Hebrews 12:11).

HAVE A HAPPY, HEALTHY, HOPE-FILLED

New Year

**WITH DIVINE PROSPECTS OF
DOING SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY!**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DMIN PROGRAM.

After moving to his home in Virginia where he successfully overcame the deadly Corona virus, Gerson Bonilla, our graduate assistant for Student Learning and Master of Divinity candidate, will not be returning to our staff.

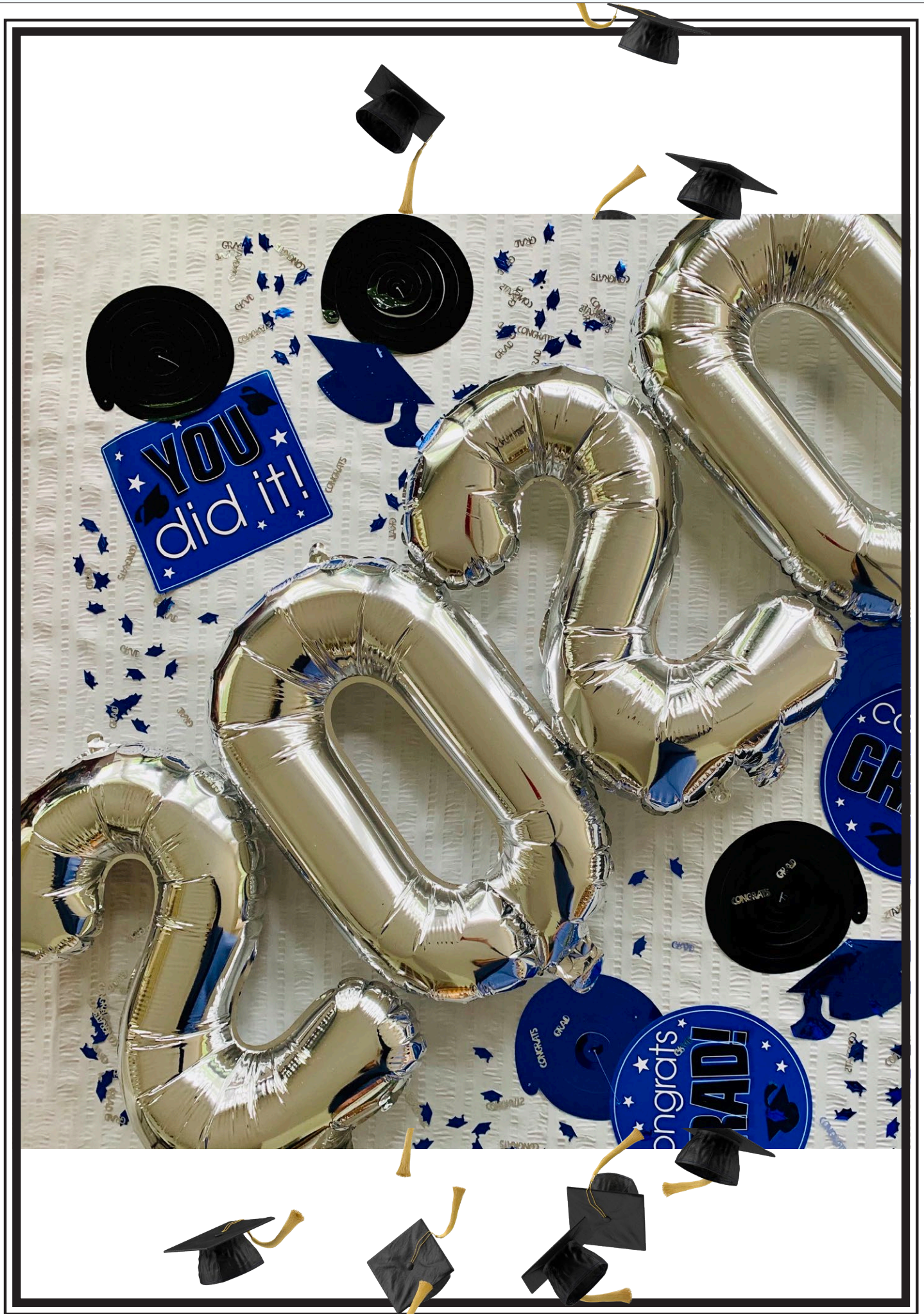
He will continue his education by remote learning. Gerson served as an outstanding contributor to our goal of excellence in all things and will be greatly missed.



GERSON BONILLA







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The Andrews University graduation date will be Thursday, December 31, 2020
(students will be receiving a letter with information).





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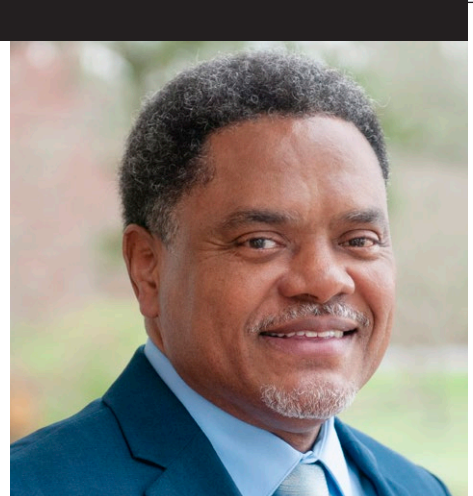
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