

Andrews University Community Engagement Council (CEC)

Connect * Engage * Empower

Universities reaching out to their local communities is nothing new. However, Andrews University engagement with our surrounding neighbors is explicitly based on Christian principles of human worth in the eyes of God and God's love and grace offered freely to all.



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CEC is also guided by our motto: *Affirm Faith, Seek Knowledge, Change the World*. It *affirms faith* by humbly embracing, engaging and building our entire community. It proactively *seeks knowledge* of and for the benefit of our community that would bring mutual positive *change* and value to community and campus. For CEC, the world is our immediate neighbors - our local community of Berrien County.

CEC seeks and serves to encourage, coordinate, facilitate and deepen Andrews University connections and engagements in our entire local community. It is action-oriented but also deliberative and reflective.

CEC was formed by newly installed President Luxton and Provost Arthur at

the start of the 2016-2017 school year - a promise made, a promise kept. Their tenure has seen a more deliberate and intentional focus on creating a coordinated campus-wide culture of local community engagement.



Organization

CEC comes under the Provost Office and is comprised of both Andrews University and Berrien County community members using an equal partnership approach.

CEC is organized into the following subcommittees and responsibilities: **Community-based Research; Diversity, Equity & Culture; Education; Entrepreneurship; Funding; Health & Wellness; Interfaith; Media; and Change Day.**

A near-term organizational goal is establishment of an Office of Community Engagement with CEC serving in an advisory-policy capacity.

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