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## Common (Christian) Courtesy

Niels-Erik Andreasen  
President

Once upon a time college graduates were well-read, articulate, polite, smart, witty, ready to play with their young nephews and nieces and always helpful to their grandparents! Thank God, most still are, but not all. Somehow college education and good manners do not always go together, and that is a great pity.

The evidence of this loss of manners is everywhere to be seen, not only among recent graduates, but sad to say also among others old enough to know better, and the result is sad and troubling. The level and tone of public discourse by some of our national leaders in recent years has set a poor example for the common citizens to follow—and all of them are college graduates! What would happen if merchants, journeymen, civil servants and local officials spoke to their clients, customers, or patrons in that way!

On the international scene things are equally discouraging. Think about much of the communication by prominent national and international figures whose very words are reported daily for all to read. It is frequently completely unworthy of the real daily struggles faced by the common people who are caught in political, military or economic turmoil, often enough as a result of the rude, misleading and deceptive communication of their leaders. Whatever did they learn in college!

Certain messages that cross my desk or my iPad from the “pen” and “mind” of Christians are equally discouraging. Some are not even true, and many are neither courteous nor kind. Do we really have to speak like this to and about each other to make a point, or can we follow the instructions of Jesus who taught us to use a simple “yes” and “no” (Matt. 5:37) to register our views? I believe common courtesy is so important and bad manners so destructive that Christian colleges should address both in the education we offer our students who will become our future leaders. That can be accomplished in our campus and classroom conversation, in the reading and writing we assign, wherever ideas are exchanged in our institutions—common (Christian) courtesy must be on display. There is a reason for that.

Both secular society and the Christian community have a clearly marked way of dealing with sin. Christians (representing God) can forgive us for our sins, as we say in the Lord's Prayer, and the public represented by the courts and according to its laws can punish us for our sins. But what about bad manners? Neither the church nor the public has a ready solution for dealing with bad manners—except for education in good manners. That too is part of our educational mission, and no small part I dare say.

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**18 Faculty & Staff Awards Celebration 2015**

Dubbed an "evening of fun and recognition," this annual event had a record number of awards for years-of-service, teaching excellence, research, spiritual leadership and staff excellence in service. Each year we are blessed to hear of the selfless service of so many Andrews University staff and faculty.

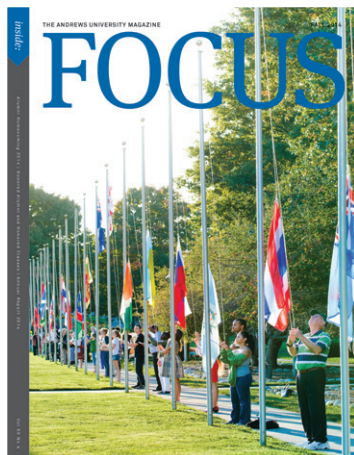
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## Don't forget to write

### Letters to FOCUS are always welcome.

To ensure a range of viewpoints, we encourage letters of fewer than 300 words. Letters may be edited for content, style and space.

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## New programs introduced for fall 2015

*Including a joint program in biotechnology*

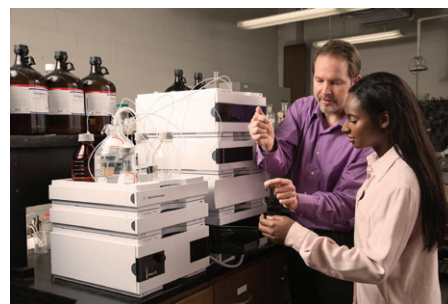
Starting fall semester 2015, Andrews University will offer a Bachelor of Science with a major in biotechnology. Biotechnology involves the use of living organisms and biological materials in the development of useful products.

One example of biotechnology is the production of human insulin by genetically engineered bacteria, developed by Genentech in 1982, something many diabetics benefit from to this day.

“Over the last 10–20 years, particularly since the development of DNA sequencing technologies, the biotechnology industry has grown dramatically,” says Peter Lyons, assistant professor of biology. “There is a great need for people trained in the techniques of biotechnology, as well as other skills such as communication and teamwork that are necessary to do science well.”

The biotechnology faculty will consist of a mix of professors, representing the Departments of Biology, Chemistry & Biochemistry, Engineering & Computer Science and Agriculture. Their goals for the program are to produce professionals who not only have knowledge in the field of biotechnology but also skills in communication, technology, interdisciplinary teamwork and ethical use of biotechnology information and techniques.

“Here at Andrews we have the benefit of a strong culture of research and a wide spectrum of academic interests,” says Lyons. “This program will be unique in its interdisciplinary



Ryan Hayes, associate professor of chemistry, helps a student learn how to use a high-pressure liquid chromatography system used to separate and analyze chemicals. This is an important technology in the biotechnology field.

nature and its clear aim to develop practical skills that can be applied in the job setting.”

Biotechnology students will conclude their study track with a required internship or research experience.

“A large number of jobs exist for bachelor’s degree-trained workers,” says Lyons, “something that Andrews University does well.”

Other new programs include an Associate of Science with majors in photography or web design, Bachelor of Science with majors in photography, graphic design or nutrition science and dietetics and Master of Science with a major in counseling psychology.

Additional certificates will be offered in mission and global awareness, Christian discipleship, and ministry with a major in Spanish (distance degree).

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## Andrews part of Living Computer Museum

*LCM is the brainchild of Paul Allen, cofounder of Microsoft*

Next time you are in Seattle, Washington, consider stopping by the Living Computer Museum (LCM), where you can see a big part of Andrews University's computing history running with many other computers of that era.

In December 2014 the LCM announced that the CP-V operating system, a copy of the actual boot tape last used at Andrews University, is running on a Sigma 9 once owned by Andrews University. CP-V ran Andrews University's business on Xerox Sigma mainframes for more than 20 years from 1973–94. During the 70s it was also the only computer available for student use.

It is thus familiar to many workers and students from that era. The Andrews technical support staff made substantial changes to the operating system, associated processors, languages and hardware over the years, molding it to the many and varied needs of the University. George Plue, the University's first full-time systems programmer (hired in 1973), Keith Calkins, former systems programmer, and their technical support staff saved the University an estimated \$2 million by extending the Sigma era into the 1980s and 90s.

George Plue died in 2010 but had already made contact with the LCM, the brainchild of Paul Allen, cofounder of Microsoft with Bill Gates. Plue wanted to see CP-V on his Sigma computer kept running and that was consistent with Allen's goals for the museum.

Undoubtedly, in the fast-paced computer industry it is easy to lose vital parts of rich heritage. But a part of Sigma history, and Andrews computer history, has been preserved thanks to the foresight of George Plue.

Keith Calkins has written a fascinating overview of the journey of Andrews computing, and specifically the Sigma computers with CP-V operating system now humming at the LCM.

Visit the link below for the complete story.



Top: Lorena Bidwell started working with the Sigma computer in 1977. Here she is loading a 9-track tape to retrieve data for use on the Xerox Sigma 6 computer

Above: The new Xerox Sigma 6 computer system was installed in 1973



[andrews.edu/agenda/event/36344](http://andrews.edu/agenda/event/36344)

## STEM jobs approved university

*Victory Media's inaugural list is the first of its kind to rate schools*

Andrews University has been designated a 2015 STEM Jobs<sup>SM</sup> Approved College by Victory Media. A leader in successfully connecting individuals in transition with education and career opportunities, Victory Media is the creator of STEM Jobs media, education and career resources for students interested in science, technology, engineering and math. The 2015 STEM Jobs Approved Colleges inaugural list is the first of its kind to rate universities, colleges, community colleges and trade schools on their responsiveness and relevance to high demand, high growth STEM occupations.

Andrews was among over 1,600 schools participating in the STEM Jobs survey process. Schools submitting surveys were scored on publicly available data and responses to

proprietary questions around three key indicators of success: STEM job alignment, STEM job placement, and diversity in a school's STEM programs. The assessment and rights to the STEM Jobs Approved Colleges designation were available to qualifying schools for free. Andrews will be featured in the winter 2015 issue of STEM Jobs magazine, along with the entire 2015 list of STEM Jobs Approved Colleges.

"Being officially approved as a 2015 STEM Jobs university reaffirms what we are doing in STEM here at Andrews," says Keith Mattingly, dean of the Colleges of Arts & Sciences. "It assures our students that they are receiving a quality STEM education and affirms our professors that they are providing a recognized great value. We are proud of the mentorship

of students as well as the research and creative scholarship that comes from our STEM disciplines and this approval gives a positive endorsement to our success."

"With the list of STEM Jobs Approved Colleges we're able to help parents, students and guidance counselors evaluate how well education is translating into real-world jobs, and how responsive institutions are to meeting those demands," said Daniel Nichols, president of STEM Jobs. "We're pleased to showcase schools like Andrews University, a school leading the way in this area."

For more information about Andrews' commitment to students interested in STEM fields of study and careers, visit our website at [andrews.edu/cas/stem](http://andrews.edu/cas/stem).

## United Way participation and donations up

*“Bursting the Andrews Bubble” campaign ends with best-ever results*

“The mission of Andrews University has always resonated with the mission of United Way,” says Niels-Erik Andreasen, president of Andrews. “That is, to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of communities. It also takes us to the story in Matthew 25 where Jesus calls his followers to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and visit the sick.”

Andrews employees truly embraced the 2014 United Way campus campaign theme, “Bursting the Andrews Bubble,” ending the campaign with our best-ever results.

“The campaign goals we set were definitely ‘stretch’ goals, and while we didn’t quite hit those goals, we burst our own bubble and achieved new levels,” said Dalry Payne, United Way campus campaign leader.

The totals for the last seven years of this on-campus campaign demonstrate how far the faculty and staff are willing to stretch:

### United Way Campaign Totals 2007–2014

2014: 216 people gave \$22,811.85!

2013: 142 people gave \$16,549

2012: 135 people gave \$14,538

2011: 90 people gave \$9,145

2010: 87 people gave \$8,401

2009: 82 people gave \$10,179

2008: 48 people gave \$4,800

2007: 91 people gave \$11,202

In addition, Andrews University won three awards at the United Way Campaign

Celebration held February 11 in Benton Harbor, Michigan: a Campie Award, the Spark Award and the David J. Weichhand Award.

The Campie Award is an award that recognizes successful employee campaigns that benefit fundraising campaigns. The Spark Award is given for best practices and achieving notable results in the campaign.

The David J. Weichhand Award has been presented to participants since 2007 and is named for the late president and CEO of United Federal Credit Union.

“This year’s recipient created a campaign committee composed of employees at all levels of leadership,” read the award presenter at the event. “Supported by their president, their committee membership infused their organizational culture into the campaign to affect the community around them. Their success was marked by many best practices, to include kicking off their campaign with pompoms, donning Live United shirts to make a splash in their parade, sharing their agency tour experiences through thoughtful organizational



The 2014 United Way Campaign campus team leaders encouraged Andrews employees to reach out and “Burst the Andrews Bubble”

communication and thanking donors with a celebratory video full of bubbles!”

Campaign leaders thanked their teams in a wrap-up email, expressing how proud they were of the interest and participation of so many in a large-scale team effort.

“It was a huge step in letting our community neighbors know that Andrews cares about our community outside of the Andrews bubble,” says Rebecca May, campaign coordinator and director of campus & community relations at Andrews. “Most importantly we did our part and made great strides in helping the under-resourced in our community.”

For more information about United Way and to learn how you can get involved, visit [unitedway.org](http://unitedway.org).



## MASAL Conference at Andrews

*Featuring attendees from around the state*

Attendees from the 39 member institutions browse the Howard Performing Arts Center lobby during Friday’s poster session for the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters. This was the first time in the history of the annual conference that it was held at Andrews.

Andrews University representation included 64 oral presentations, 19 poster presentations, and 10 session chairs/co-chairs. Shandelle Henson, chair and professor of mathematics, and Jim Hayward, research professor of biology, gave the keynote address, “Effects of climate change on animal behavior.”

David Randall, associate professor of chemistry, was the host liaison and the Office of Research & Creative Scholarship assisted with coordination of the event.

## March board meetings address financial challenges

*Sound planning and budgeting keeps University on good footing for the future*

Late Tuesday afternoon, March 3, President Andreasen gave an overview of board actions from the March board meeting and subcommittees, held March 2 and 3, 2015.

First he reviewed the following new appointments and change of roles:

### **New staff appointments:**

- Aimee Vitangcol Regoso, *registrar*
- David Stratton, *STEM enrollment coordinator*

### **New/reappointed department chairs:**

- Hyun Kwon, Department of Engineering & Computer Science (*new*)
- Pedro Navia, Department of International Language Studies (*reappointment*)
- David Nowack, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry (*reappointment*)
- Karen Reiner, Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences (*new*)
- Curt VanderWaal, Department of Social Work (*reappointment*)
- Carole Woolford-Hunt, Department of Graduate Counseling & Psychology (*new*)
- Allan Walshe, Department of Discipleship & Religious Education (*reappointment*)

### **Emeriti:**

- Stan Beikmann, *assistant professor emeritus*
- Emilio Garcia-Marenko, *registrar emeritus*
- Jim Jeffery, *dean emeritus*
- Miroslav Kiš, *professor emeritus*

During each board meeting a few minutes are devoted to educating the board members on a topic that is of great importance to the University. This time Deborah Weithers, associate dean for Student Life, presented on Title IX, a federal mandate that requires all colleges and universities to treat all students equally regardless of gender.

“Though Title IX began with concerns about sports,” explained Andreasen, “it has become more about sexual violence on university campuses, and comes to the forefront whenever there is an issue of sexual misconduct at a school.” Provost Andrea Luxton is the Title IX Coordinator for Andrews University. The deputy coordinator for student complaints regarding students is Deborah Weithers and the deputy coordinator for student reports regarding faculty and staff is Dennis Waite, assistant professor of counselor education and counseling psychology.

Andreasen then shared important numbers from the Finance and Operations Committee.

“Fall semester saw us nearly a million dollars behind budget,” he said. “That is mostly due to a drop in enrollment and therefore shortfalls of tuition income. At this point in spring semester we are behind budget by around \$500,000—making an estimate of about \$2.5 million behind budget at the end of the school year.”

Despite this challenging report, Andrews had budgeted for a deficit of \$2.8 million, so if the projection holds, said Andreasen, there will be a small gain.

The board adjusted the percentage of this year’s income on which next year’s budget is based. Typically at 98 percent, the budget for fiscal year 2016 will instead be based on 95 percent of undergraduate enrollment income.

It was also voted to increase the amount scheduled for refinancing on the current loan for Buller and Damazo Halls. This will be used to repair the aging electrical infrastructure that caused a campus blackout last fall.

An additional proposal was to begin adding the standard processing fee for individuals using credit cards to pay for tuition fees. This will add approximately \$350,000 of income.

Andreasen also shared that Good News TV, a low-power television station owned by a local individual who recently died, was left to the University. The television and broadcast equipment will be utilized by the Department of Communication.

The Advancement report included two things of particular note, Andreasen said.

“First, total endowments for student scholarships and professorships are calculated to stand at \$75 million,” he reported. “Secondly, the funding currently dedicated for the Health & Wellness Center initiative is now at \$15.5 million. This is not quite enough for us to break ground yet, but we are assured by our University Advancement team that there are several ‘asks’ on the table to pull together the final dollars to start this important initiative.”

The Governance Committee presented that the next constituency meeting, which takes place every five years during board meeting,

will be in March 2016. Board positions based on GC office held, including that of chair, could change in July 2015 during the General Conference Session in San Antonio, Texas, and additional changes could occur due to the constituency meeting in March 2016.

The committee also reported that three new members had been appointed to the Governance Committee—Dana Wales, Clifford Jones and Sandra Johnson—to replace members rotating out.

At this time, Andreasen proposed to the Governance Committee that, in memory of the University’s late board member Dolores Slikkers, who served nearly 30 years, her husband Leon Slikkers be invited to complete her term.

**“There are several ‘asks’ on the table to pull together the final dollars to start this important initiative [Health & Wellness Center].”**

“We put a bouquet of flowers on her desk where her nameplate was, said a few words about Dolores and voted to extend the invitation to Leon,” says Andreasen. “He was very happy to do it, and will be present at our next board meeting.”

Finally, the executive session of the board meeting discussed ways to better understand and adjust financially to the shift in enrollment. Though the freshman population has continued to shrink, continuing students are holding steady. Graduate students have shown a slight decline in number and the School of Distance Education is still growing.

“We know that now and for the next few years the number of high school and academy graduates is going down until about 2020,” said Andreasen. “Then it should start increasing again—not terribly high, but it will go up again. So we’re in a tough market right now, and the executive committee is concerned about coping with this fact financially. It’s an institution-wide issue that we ought to deal with together, and we will.”

## Forum on Adventist state and regional conferences

*Historical context and interaction with seven panel participants provided much discussion*

On Sabbath, March 7, Andrews University Student Association (AUSA), Andrews University Adventist Peace Fellowship (AUAPF) and Black Student Christian Forum (BSCF), along with 13 other campus clubs, hosted a forum on state and regional conferences in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The two-hour event was held in Newbold Auditorium in Buller Hall and was well attended.

“Our hope,” said AUSA president Olivia Ruiz-Knott, “is to create a space here where we can have and talk about our feelings and opinions, while maintaining in our heads the possibility that we are wrong.”

Ruiz-Knott, along with Adrian Marston, president of BSCF, and students Shastri Lloyd, Łukasz Krzywon and Merlique Blackwood led out and took full responsibility for the event. They began the forum by stating their personal biases regarding the issue and where they stood, with the understanding that the purpose of the forum was to educate and their personal opinions might change.

Marston gave the audience a number to text in questions for panel members and a hashtag to use (#TwoChurchDoors) for comments on social media.

Ruiz-Knott explained the breakdown of the structure of the Church. Regional conferences are composed of predominantly black churches and overlap non-regional conferences. For the purposes of the forum, conferences that are non-regional were called state, although not all conferences are one specific state.

Blackwood discussed the history of the conferences and regions, beginning with the first ordained African-American minister in 1889, a vote to sever ties with the denomination and

the death of a fair-skinned African-American woman after being turned away from Washington Adventist Hospital. These events and others led to the decision to establish regional conferences.

There were seven participants in the panel section of the forum: Shastri Lloyd, Student Movement columnist; Nicholas Miller, professor of church history at the Seminary and director of the International Religious Liberty Institute; Taurus Montgomery, pastor of Harbor of Hope Church in Benton Harbor, Michigan; Dwight Nelson, senior pastor at Pioneer Memorial Church; Timothy Nixon, executive secretary of the Lake Region Conference; Michael Polite, associate chaplain at Andrews; and Melodie Roschman, Student Movement editor-in-chief. Marston and Ruiz-Knott served as moderators of the forum and asked each panelist a specific question.

Nelson stated that he believes unity is important and Nixon added that our structure should always reflect Jesus and fulfill the mission He gave us. Roschman challenged how there is a claim that everyone is the same but there are still divisions in the church.

Panelists were then asked questions directed toward all of them. Some of the concerns mentioned included the continuation of anti-blackness after a reconstruction and being able to accept differences. Nelson said he believes that in order for change to happen, there needs to be an official apology from the General Conference (GC).



Leaders at the forum included, left to right: Łukasz Krzywon, Adrian Marston, Merlique Blackwood, Shastri Lloyd and Olivia Ruiz-Knott

Montgomery said he wants to see a conversation between younger and older generations of pastors and also a willingness to forgive.

“We have to learn,” he said, “to forgive people even when they don’t say they’re sorry.”

Blackwood and Debbie Weithers, associate dean for Student Life and Diversity, asked the panel questions texted in by the audience. Roschman discussed how not everyone understands everything.

“God loves us in our divisions and in our diversity and because we are unique, but if we lose sight of the fact that we are all here because we worship the same God, then what are we going to do?” she asked.

At the end of the discussion, the five leaders of the forum read a request they had drafted to the GC. The request asked for either a restructuring of the current system or a clarification of why the system is the way it is and gave each request a timeframe.

To view the request and watch the program video, visit [weareausa.org/march-7-request](http://weareausa.org/march-7-request).

## “Hooked on Games” author presents on technology addiction

*Valuable insight from this neuroscientist provided for students and community*

Andrew and Julie Doan spoke with undergraduate students about the effects of video games on the brain at a Thursday series on March 5, 2015.

Andrew is a recognized expert in technology and video game addiction. With a doctoral degree in neuroscience, his background in molecular neuroscience adds in-depth

knowledge of the areas of Internet addiction, video game addiction, and technology addiction. He spends 80 percent of his time in medical research as head of addictions & resilience research for the U.S. Navy in the Department of Mental Health. Doan is also the author of “Hooked on Games.” His wife is a registered nurse and provided personal

insight into the challenges of living with individuals who are addicted to technology.

“Hooked on Games” provides insight into the minds of hardcore gamers and outlines methods on how to escape the addiction and start on the path of recovery.

The Doans also gave presentations to junior high/academy students and parents.



## Fall 2014 at the Howard



## Calendar

Visit [howard.andrews.edu](http://howard.andrews.edu) for a schedule of more upcoming events and to purchase tickets online. Schedule is subject to change.

### Easter Choral Concert

Saturday, April 4, 8 p.m.

No tickets required

The Andrews University Singers and Chorale present their annual Easter concert under the direction of Stephen Zork.

### Second Sunday Concert Series: Battle Creek Academy Band

Sunday, April 12, 4 p.m.

No tickets required

The 45 member band from Battle Creek Academy presents a concert.

### Wind Symphony Spring Concert

Sunday, April 19, 4 p.m.

\$5 general, \$3 students/seniors, free 12 & under

The University Wind Symphony, under the direction of Alan Mitchell, presents their last concert of the season.

### WAUS Thank You Concert/Symphony Orchestra

Saturday, April 25, 8 p.m.

No tickets required

Mendelssohn's "Symphony No. 2" will be performed with the University Singers.

### Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra: This England

Sunday, May 17, 4 p.m.

Reserved seating. Ticket prices range from \$5-\$37

Southwest Michigan's symphony presents Elgar's "Crown of India" and "Cello Concerto."

Clockwise from top left: Welcome Christmas Concert, December 5 ■ Christmas Celebration: Sounds of the Season with a Soulful Touch, December 6 ■ Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra, February 8 ■ Faculty Trio Concert: Carla Trynchuk, (violin), Stephen Framil (cello) & Chi Yong Yun (piano), February 14 ■ Tied Up in Knotts with Karen Knotts, February 15 ■ English and Music Vespers, February 20 ■ Young Artist Concert: Nathaniel Cogen, piano, February 21 ■ Trumpet Invasion: Brandon & Rich Ridenour, February 22 ■ Music & Worship Conference, February 27 ■ Band & Keyboard Music Festival, March 7 ■ Second Sunday Concert: Janet Sung, March 8 ■ Michigan SDA Middle School Band Festival, March 11

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## Book by Constantine published in Romania

*“Jesus of New York: Premonitions of a New York Teenager” imagines Jesus in the modern age*

During his 43-year tenure at Andrews, Greg Constantine taught a class titled “The Life of Christ in Great Art” for 22 years of that time. In the class he revealed to his students works by famous artists like Rembrandt and Michelangelo, showing how they had portrayed incidents from the life of Christ.

“Some of these artists brought Jesus to their own time instead of transporting them 2,000 years back so audiences could relate better,” explains Constantine. “I liked that and I think my students appreciated it, too.”

In 1990, Constantine wanted to do something in his own art dealing with the life of Jesus that his 18- to 21-year-old students could relate to.

“I didn’t know exactly how I was going to create a book about it,” he says. “But my book of drawings titled ‘Vincent van Gogh Visits New York’ published in 1983, showing a kind of innocent artist in this sophisticated and unforgiving city, constituted a precedent and an inspiration for what I titled ‘Jesus of New York: Premonitions of a New York Teenager.’ I took many things we know about Jesus during his ministry and approached the events as if he had premonitions of them, or like he would use the memories of his experiences as a 19-year-old observing hypocrisy and injustice later in one of his sermons.”

For example, one of the 43 drawings includes a 12-year-old Jesus—abandoned by his parents in Manhattan—as a contestant on a quiz show. This drawing is based on the banter we know happened between the boy and the theologians in the synagogue. In

another, he drew Jesus as a young man choosing a despised tax collector as a friend, and eating a meal in a tavern with what some considered questionable characters. Everything was based on biblical accounts, cleverly modernized to our time.

Constantine was unable to publish this particular story in the U.S., but 14 years ago he was interviewed for an article in *Dialog* magazine, which was published along with seven of his drawings. A year later, Adrian Bocaneanu, president of the Romanian Union of Seventh-day Adventists, saw the article. He had it translated and republished it in his union magazine.

In 2014, a pastor who had witnessed the exhibition of the book’s drawings in Bucharest emailed Constantine. He wanted to publish the entire book for his prison ministries there. Constantine agreed, and after several meetings among church officials in Romania it was decided they would instead use it for youth ministries as the main missionary tool for 2015, focusing on students attending public universities.

Late in 2014, the Romanian version of the 90-page book was published. They invited Constantine to Romania for the book launch, and to present his material and host three exhibitions of the book’s artwork.

“I created ‘Jesus of New York’ for my students,” says Constantine. “My mission was to bring Jesus to them at a new level they could



Top: Jesus portrayed as a contestant on a modern quiz show drawing a comparison with the biblical story in Luke 2 when he was quizzed by the temple teachers

Above: Constantine traveled to Romania for the launch of the book at a recent conference of AMiCUS, or Adventist Ministry to College and University Students, in the city of Braşov

better relate to. Though it hasn’t yet been published here, I’m so glad my work is being used to further the Gospel in my parents’ homeland of Romania. I really take very little credit, because all of this was due to God’s inspiration and an answer to my prayers. It’s a project I very much enjoyed putting together, and I’m excited to see what else God has in store for me.”



## Honoring George R. Knight

Please join Andrews University for the presentation of a Festschrift to George Knight in honor of his distinguished teaching, research, editorial and publishing career.

The recently released book, “Adventist Maverick: A Celebration of George Knight’s Contribution to Adventist Thought,” is a collection of writings by colleagues and students who have come to highly respect Knight and his scholarship.

The event will take place on **Tuesday, April 21, at 11:30 a.m. in the Seminary Chapel at Andrews University** and will feature tributes by the editors and a response from Knight. A reception will follow in the Seminary Commons. All are welcome.

## Richard Scott retires after total of 35 years of service

*Facilitating and supervising many important physical plant initiatives at Andrews University*

Dozens of people came to wish Dick Scott well at his retirement reception held Dec. 1, 2014, in the Howard Performing Arts Center lobby. Messages were shared from Niels-Erik Andreasen, Andrea Luxton, Larry Schalk and Paul Elder. Appropriate gifts included a golf club as well as two cement blocks to signify his involvement with many construction projects.

Richard Lee Scott most recently served Andrews University as manager of Plant Services and director of facilities management. He oversaw many important building and improvement projects on campus throughout his tenure.

Born in St. Louis, Michigan, Dick obtained a Bachelor of Arts in physical education from Andrews in 1967, and went on to serve the Seventh-day Adventist denomination for almost five decades.

While a student at Andrews University, Dick began dating Dixie Lee Beardsley, a former classmate from Cedar Lake Academy. They were married in 1964. Reflecting back on their relationship he fondly recalls: “We were classmates at Cedar Lake, so we met there. We didn’t begin dating until we were in college, but we married during my second year. We saved the best for last.”

Shortly after graduating he moved to Cedar Lake, where he taught physical education at the church school there and served as dean of boys at Cedar Lake Academy until 1971.

After his experience as dean at Cedar Lake, he was called to return to Andrews. He served his first year as assistant dean in Burman Hall, followed by his promotion to dean of men at Meier Hall and director of residence halls. Dixie and he dedicated themselves to mentoring and improving the lives of young men on campus for the next 12 years.

### “Building relationships with contractors and associates, those were the best memories.”

In 1984, both Dick and his wife were offered positions at Camp Au Sable in Grayling, Michigan. They accepted the offers, and he left Andrews to work as an assistant manager of the Michigan Conference’s flagship summer camp.



However, he returned to Andrews for a final time in 1991, when he was offered the position of manager of Plant Services, a position that allowed him to manage some of the biggest construction and renovation projects of recent time, including the new university entrance, renovations of Dining Services and Nethery Hall, and construction of Buller and Damazo Halls, among others.

Dick became director of facilities management in 2005, a position he held until retirement. Over the course of his tenure at Andrews University, he particularly appreciated the lasting relationships he built as a result of the 35 years he served Andrews University and the Berrien Springs community.

“I enjoyed getting to know colleagues, students and staff,” Dick recalls of his time at Andrews. “Building relationships with contractors and associates, those were the best memories.”

An avid golfer and fishing enthusiast, Dick is currently taking advantage of the warmer weather down South, and is enjoying a respite in Florida. He promises to come back and continue volunteering: “I’ve been volunteering at Transportation and Architecture,



Top: Dick Scott (center) approves of a farewell gift presented by Paul Elder (left), who was promoted to director of facilities management upon Dick’s retirement. Larry Schalk, vice president for financial administration, applauds Dick’s reaction

Above: Retirement cakes were decorated appropriately with themes of fishing and golfing, Dick’s two favorite hobbies

and with various organizations. And then I left for Florida, and I’ve been down here three weeks and I’ll be here another three weeks. I’m golfing, fishing and resting, and then I’ll be active again on campus volunteering.”

Also a grandfather, Dick is looking forward to seeing his eldest granddaughter starting at Andrews University. “I have four grandchildren. My eldest will be at Andrews this fall, she’s already been accepted.”

Dick Scott will likely remain a familiar face at Andrews due to his volunteering during the coming years, as he lives a life of continual service and dedication to the University.

## Andrew von Maur receives The J.N. Andrews Medallion

At annual Faculty & Staff Awards Celebration

Andrew von Maur, professor of architecture, was awarded The John Nevins Andrews Medallion during an unexpected presentation at the annual Faculty & Staff Awards Celebration held Sunday, March 1, 2015.

Immediately following his acceptance of another surprise award, the Siegfried H. Horn Excellence in Research & Creative Scholarship Award (see page 24), President Andreasen asked Andrew to remain on the platform.

**“...It certainly was a surprise, as I do not feel deserving, but it reminds me to be a faithful steward of my position...”**

Ordinarily, The J.N. Andrews Medallion is presented during one of the commencement services. Andrew is usually abroad on study tours with architecture students during that time so it was decided to use this occasion to honor him publicly.

President Andreasen said, “This award is the highest honor that Andrews University bestows,” before congratulating Andrew for his achievements.

Andrew stated, “Those who know me well know that I am uneasy about honors in Christian education, for the reasons described by E.A. Sutherland. But I am also grateful for the trust that others have placed in my work—a work which would not be

possible without the blessings of God, my family, students and peers. It certainly was a surprise, as I do not feel deserving, but it reminds me to be a faithful steward of my position. To borrow the words of our colleague William ‘Doc’ Davidson: ‘Don’t forget who you work for.’”

Andrew received a Bachelor of Architecture from Andrews University in 1999, and his Master of Architectural Design and Urbanism from the University of Notre Dame in 2003, and began teaching at Andrews that fall. He is a gifted teacher and designer, diligent in

everything he takes on, whether it is in the design studio, the analytical summer abroad, his lecture courses, or his responsibilities with the lecture series.

Evidence of this diligence can be seen in the numerous Charter Awards from the Congress for the New Urbanism given to his Urban Design Studio. Together they produced the 2013 Campus Master Plan for Andrews University, “A Campus for Health & Wellness.”

In addition to his regular teaching load, he directs the architecture program’s European Study tour. He studies architecture throughout Europe and the U.S., and as a freelance professional has extensive charrette experience as a lead designer of traditional urban places.



President Andreasen presented Andrew von Maur with The John Nevins Andrews Medallion

Andrew is the winner of the Ferguson & Shamamian Prize for Excellence in Classical Design, the Michael Barranco Award from The New Urban Guild, among others, and also received the Daniel A. Augsburg Excellence in Teaching Award in 2014.

Carey Carscallen, dean and associate professor, School of Architecture, Art & Design, says, “The professional recognition Andrew has received is well deserved, however, it is his commitment and passion to teach his students to connect their faith to their professional life (a principle that he lives out in his own professional life) that makes him an outstanding professor.”

## Onsager presents on history of Adventism in China

At Hong Kong Adventist College

A first-of-its-kind conference reflecting on Adventism in China and Asia was held at Hong Kong Adventist College (HKAC) at the end of October 2014.

Lawrence W. Onsager, dean of libraries, had the opportunity to attend this conference, which was jointly sponsored by Adventism in China (AIC) and the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Historians (ASDAH).

Onsager represented Andrews University at the official opening of the Center for Chinese Adventist Heritage located in the Hong Kong Adventist College library.

“The purpose of this conference was to renew the interest in studying the history of Adventism in China—the early days and

currently as well,” stated Onsager when discussing the topic of the paper he presented, “On Fire for China, the Story of Erik Pilquist, Pioneer Adventist Missionary to China.”

Onsager’s paper is a preliminary study on the influence that Erik Pilquist had on the early training of the initial group of Adventist inland China missionaries and their methods for bringing the Gospel to the non-Christian Chinese.

“HKAC has made a request for the Center of Adventist Research to share historical resources between our center and theirs,” claimed Onsager. “That of course is not an official thing at this point, just a request. This will be quite easy from our part because our



Larry Onsager

Center of Adventist Research is working to develop an Adventist digital library.”

For more information on Adventist mission work in China visit [www.adventisminchina.org](http://www.adventisminchina.org).

## Emilio Garcia-Marenko retires as registrar/associate provost

*Major accomplishment during his tenure was the overhaul of the registration process*

Emilio Garcia-Marenko recently retired from Andrews University, where he served with distinction in various academic and administrative positions. Now enjoying retirement, he reflects on his association with Andrews for three decades, including short-term involvement on various occasions as a visiting professor in various Latin American countries plus 175 years of full-time employment.

Referring to his main function as University registrar, he views himself as involved in “building and mentoring a group of truly committed Christians in the Office of Academic Records, who aim to do quality work and be positive, resourceful, creative, and exhibit team spirit, a service-focused outlook and high productivity.”

**“It was exciting to watch the progress in our registration quality improvement project that moved us from manual to online registration...”**

Emilio’s journey with Andrews began when he was invited to teach a course on Marriage and the Family at the Seminary’s extension in Puerto Rico in 1983. Shortly after, he received an official appointment as visiting professor of Church Ministry to teach Pastoral Counseling, and Marriage and the Family at seminary extensions in the Latin American region.

Having served as teacher, pastor, evangelist and university administrator for 30 years in Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Mexico, he received an invitation to serve as registrar at Andrews in 1997, where he was also appointed as professor of education. It was during his time as registrar that he helped to redesign the registration process, eventually making the transition from an outdated manual to online model. Some of Emilio’s fondest memories include his participation in this project.

“It was exciting to watch the progress in our registration quality improvement project that moved us from manual to online registration, and keeping the campus involved through my ‘Registration Musings,’ which I published for several terms. The ‘Musings’ served to share my dreams, the challenges, the progress and the many positive stories that came my way from students, advisors,

faculty and staff as they shared their experience with me during that transformational period.”

In 2004, his duties expanded when he assumed the responsibilities of associate vice president for Academic Administration in addition to his position as registrar and professorial obligations. The following year, his appointment as professor of education was replaced with that of professor of family ministry. When Andrews University replaced the position of vice president for Academic Administration with a new provost in 2007, the new provost invited him to become associate provost.

On two separate occasions during his tenure at Andrews, Emilio was also called to

serve in senior administrative responsibilities to assist during leadership transitions in the office of the vice president for Enrollment Management. On a third occasion, he served as interim dean of the School of Graduate Studies & Research for a two-year period after Lyndon Furst’s retirement, until Christon Arthur was appointed dean.

He considers among his major accomplishments the successful overhaul of the registration system he orchestrated, and establishing a philosophy of continuous improvement in the Office of Academic Records.

“We created a strategic focus and built a culture of planning, assessment and continuous improvement in Academic Records... More recently, the decision to revamp Registration Central to make it more user-friendly by taking it to new levels of ease and intuitiveness became another fond memory, as it related to the ongoing aim to increase student satisfaction in the services provided by the University,” Emilio says.

During retirement he is planning to continue to work with doctoral dissertation students, as well as engage in academic research and writing. Two invitations received before his retirement to provide consulting to other institutions make him believe that consulting services will also be part of his



A retirement reception was held for Emilio Garcia-Marenko on December 8, 2015

retirement activities. His leisure will include traveling and enjoying nature with his wife, and visiting their children more frequently. He is keen on serving the church in various ways—including seminars and speaking appointments.

“I am open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. My initial retirement months have been busier than I expected, and I am excited about serving others and being used by God in new and exciting ways. It is my hope He will continue to bless me with health, passion and zest to serve well. My wife is also excited about the dreams and possibilities, and many of her professional dreams are in the same line with mine, so we see ourselves becoming a team to serve God, His church and God’s children in the years ahead.

“Just in February my wife and I attended the annual Emotional Intelligence Summit in Dallas, Texas, and we both are enthusiastic about leading Depression Recovery programs, for which training was provided during the summit, and help people dealing with these and other challenges in their lives,” Emilio adds.

# A GUIDED FUTURE



# THE EXPLORE ANDREWS PROGRAM

by Stephen Payne

## WHEN

Marthita began her studies at Andrews, she was often asked a set of questions that is common for students at Andrews University—and at colleges and universities everywhere:

“What’s your name? What’s your major?”

As she began her freshman year, Marthita was convinced that she totally knew the answer to both of those questions.

But it turned out that what she thought was the right answer to the second question wasn’t actually the right one for Marthita’s future.

In fact, when she marches with the summer graduating class in 2015, she’ll have changed her answer to that second question three different times.

But she’s happy, and more importantly, fulfilled by and dedicated to her final answer, a bachelor’s degree in elementary education that will put her on the path to becoming an elementary school teacher, a plan for her future that truly reflects her sense of calling.

The fact that Marthita’s found different answers in her own life journey to that second question—“What’s your major?”—isn’t a bad thing. In fact, four out of five U.S. university students change their mind and their plans for the future before they graduate.

Marthita’s story, that statistic, and a new

set of questions to ask students has directly inspired a significant and innovative new program on the Andrews University campus—Explore Andrews.

Explore Andrews is being designed to directly help and inspire Marthita and many other Andrews University students like her. The creation and development of this innovative new program has been guided by Donald May, assistant provost for undergraduate initiatives and Andrews Core Experience, who has been part of the Andrews family as a faculty member and administrator for the last 35 years.

“The new Explore Andrews program is designed to bring together various components of the academic experience, creating an exciting, dynamic, exploratory environment for a student to explore the difference between majors, career, job and calling,” says May.

“We want to find answers for those questions by forming relationships with students from day one at Andrews University,” says Aaron Moushon, Explore program director and director of personal and career development.

Aaron’s deep personal connection to the University has been a driving force behind his continued desire to work with young people through Andrews University. His grandfather, Joseph T. Krpalek, graduated from Emmanuel Missionary College in 1952 after moving to America from his native Czechoslovakia. Joseph was proud to send all of his children to Andrews University,



Donald May (left), assistant provost for undergraduate initiatives and Andrews Core Experience, was the guiding force behind the creation and development of the Explore Andrews program

including Aaron's mother, Cheryl Krpalek (BA '77), who met his father Richard Moushon (BS '77, MDiv '86) while studying at Andrews University.

As a third generation graduate of the University, Aaron understands the profound impact Andrews has on its students. "Andrews is really a part of my heritage, it's a part of who I am," says Moushon. "It is an honor for me to be able to continue a family legacy and be a part of this special community. I am excited by this opportunity to work with the newest generation of Andrews alumni and help them understand their own life journey as they study."

Aaron began his career at Andrews working in the Division of Enrollment Management as the assistant director of Undergraduate Admissions. In his seven years with the University he has interacted with hundreds of students at the beginning of their journey with Andrews, making him particularly well-suited for this role. In addition to his position as program director, he will serve as the primary academic advisor, guiding Explore Andrews students as they choose foundation courses that will strengthen their overall academic journey, regardless of the ultimate major or degree chosen.

"Explore Andrews is a program that's committed to building relationships where we can truly help our students understand their calling and then, most importantly, define and fulfill that calling as it relates to their personal strengths and God's plans for their lives," says Moushon. "We want to ask students questions like 'What interests you?' and 'What do you care about?' and, ultimately, 'What are the possibilities for your life?'"

In the development of the Explore program, it was clear why a program like this is so crucial at Andrews University, and to students working toward a university degree in the 21st century.

In addition to the 80 percent of students that change their plans and their majors while they are studying at universities, as many as four out of every ten students who enroll at universities have not decided on a major in those first few weeks of study, or perhaps even first semester or two of attending college.

Even more so, students who apply and are admitted to university without a declared major are often less likely to attend, let alone persist to graduation. Each year, undeclared students make up one of the largest groups of applicants to Andrews University. Although these students are admitted to the University at a similar rate as students with a declared

# EXPLORE ANDREWS IS A PROGRAM THAT'S COMMITTED TO BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

major, less than one in eight enroll in the fall, well below the typical freshman yield rate for Andrews.

With those realities and challenges, Explore Andrews will target and work with these students while they are still in high school, still on a path of discovery and decision. The process will begin by asking the right questions and building relationships with prospective students and their families.

Working with students while many of them are still in high school, and many of them still live at home with their families, is an important dimension for many students today who may be the first in their entire family to attend university. Providing those students, and their entire families, with the information they need to understand and succeed at Andrews is a central part of the Explore Andrews program and the students it impacts.

As students and their families prepare for college and then when those Explore Andrews students begin their studies at Andrews University, the program will offer a specific array of benefits to each student it serves:

- Provide guidance to students and families about college
- Offer a safe place for students to explore their options
- Create awareness of multiple general education options
- Market a variety of academic programs and options that match a particular student's strengths
- Offer University-wide academic advising
- Match specific expectations to a student's academic profile
- Connect values, goals and expectations to a career and major
- Clarify life calling

These program benefits will be supported by Gina Gutierrez, who will connect Explore Andrews students with appropriate academic resources and advice they need to strengthen

their academic and life journey. Gutierrez also serves as the general education and undergraduate initiatives coordinator.

Among the courses that students will consider and choose are some that will relate specifically to the idea of life calling—a detail that is a profound and distinctive strength for Explore Andrews students at Andrews University, a Seventh-day Adventist university where students are ultimately called to understand and fulfill not just a personal and career focus, but God's best plans for their lives.

Dwight Nelson, pastor of Pioneer Memorial Church on campus, notes that, "What I love about Andrews is that you get a critical component here that you can find nowhere else: an education that will lead you to your Creator, deepen your relationship with Him and put you in touch with His calling, which then puts you on the pathway to your career."

This idea of sharpening a plan and defining a calling will be explored in two new Explore Andrews-focused courses for students.

The first, Strengths-based College Experience, uses a strengths-based framework to help each student successfully make the transition to college life. It will offer thinking and learning skills to use in a complex and multicultural world.

A second course, Exploration of Life Calling, helps students define that idea of a life purpose and calling—and once that's defined, use that as a tool to make decisions and gain directions for their lives, both in what they study at Andrews, and what they do after they graduate.

Again, the goal of Explore Andrews is to help each student the program touches to understand and then to find or pursue that calling.

Even though the program didn't exist yet, that's exactly what Marthita did with the support of caring advisors and teachers. When her first choices of life plans and majors didn't fit, these mentors helped her better define her academic interests and then choose a major and degree that reflects Marthita's own life calling. As the Explore Andrews program begins, Explore advisors



will work side-by-side with students and other academic advisors in focusing on plans and progress toward each student's goals.

When Marthita graduates this summer she'll reflect the successful future that is the ultimate goal for the important journey that each future Explore Andrews student will take. That journey includes finding and fulfilling a calling after they leave here, pursuing a job, gaining experience, deepening perspectives and ultimately finding and choosing a career. All of those goals, including the right career, are things that Pastor Nelson notes are ideally and ultimately in touch with God's calling for our lives.

As Donald May, Aaron Moushon and Gina Gutierrez, along with Ruben Perez-Schulz, assistant dean for the College of Arts & Sciences, prepare to guide dozens, and ultimately hundreds of students through

the Explore program on the most important discovery process of their lives, they will be asking some new and profound questions:

They're going to start by asking each student something like this: "What interests you?" "What do you care about?" "What are the possibilities for your life?"

The answers they'll discover, along with the advisors, mentors and friends that will accompany these students at Andrews, will ultimately be the right answers for these students, right answers that will change their world. ■

**Stephen Payne** is vice president for Integrated Marketing & Communication at Andrews University and has a passion to help students discover their true life calling.



**Below L-R:** Donald May, Aaron Moushon, Gina Gutierrez, Ruben Perez-Schulz



# F A C U L T Y A N D S T A F F A W A R D S 2 0 1 5

The theme for the 2015 Andrews University Faculty and Staff Awards celebration was “An Evening of Fun and Recognition.” On Sunday, March 1, hundreds of faculty and staff gathered in the Howard Performing Arts Center for this annual event recognizing their coworkers and colleagues.

The evening’s entertainment was a mockup of the popular TV game show “Family Feud” called “Family Fusion,” featuring seven teams of four individuals from the honored years-of-service groups plus a team of retirees called “Once Upon a Time.” Participants were required to guess the top three answers from a survey of 16 questions that was sent to all faculty and staff three weeks in advance. David Nowack, professor of biochemistry, did a masterful job as host for the evening.

A surprise tribute was given to Niels-Erik Andreasen, celebrating 20 years as president of Andrews University, and his wife Demetra, who has served graciously at his side.

“Dr. and Mrs. Andreasen, we’re so glad you said yes to Andrews 20 years ago,” stated Stephen Payne, vice president for Integrated Marketing & Communication, who presented the award. “We believe the future of Adventist education and Andrews University is stronger because of your God-honoring leadership.”

Additionally, recognition from the Faculty Senate was given to Teresa Reeves, associate professor of New Testament contexts and associate dean, Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and Marcella

Myers, associate professor of political science and chair, Department of History & Political Science. Both of these women were instrumental in reshaping the structure and role of the current Faculty Senate.

Each year at this event faculty and staff are given recognition through Years-of-Service Awards, Excellence in Service Awards, Faith Development Leadership Award, Daniel A. Augsburg Excellence in Teaching Awards, and Siegfried H. Horn Excellence in Research & Creative Scholarship Awards.

Congratulations to all the deserving recipients.





L-R: Lori Colwell, Arlen Springer, Curt VanderWaal.  
Not pictured: Mickey Kutzner, William Wolfer

## 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

In December 1989, **Lori Colwell** started working at Andrews University for Human Resources in the area of student administration. She was promoted to employment manager in 2003 and served in that capacity for four years. In 2007 she began working at Campus Safety, where she currently serves as a dispatcher. Lori received the prestigious Excellence in Service Award in 2008. Friends and colleagues describe her as supportive, caring and welcoming to everyone. Dale Hodges, director of Campus Safety, says, "I have had the pleasure of working with Lori for the past seven years. Lori has worked as an office manager, training supervisor and is always involved with customer service. She has shown exceptional qualities when working with customers in our office."

**Mickey Kutzner** exudes infectious enthusiasm and skill as an astronomer and atomic theorist; making physics accessible, enjoyable and beautiful. Along the way he also coaches winning soccer teams. He introduces students to research, publication and the advanced lab. Mickey is masterful at physics demonstrations that delight and inform: yodeling into a gas-filled, pin-holed gutter pipe to make flames dance, wielding a sledgehammer to smash a concrete block on a colleague lying on a bed of nails (even lying on that bed of nails himself) or dipping roses in liquid nitrogen. He is serious about science and faith, serving tasty Center for College Faith luncheons himself, and manning the grill and playing his guitar for students at bonfire vespers at his home.

**Arlen Springer**, power plant operator, graduated from Andrews University in 1985 with a Bachelor of Technology. He continued on with his education taking courses in mechanics, maintenance and boiler operations. He currently holds a Class 3 Boiler license. His attention to detail and work ethic extends the longevity of the chillers, boilers, pumps and other equipment that provides infrastructure to the entire campus for heating and cooling. His coworkers enjoy working with him and mention his dependability, thoughtfulness and attention to detail, as well as his spiritual influence in the department and to anyone he comes in contact with.

**Curt VanderWaal** received his MSW from the University of Michigan, the number one ranked social work school in the nation, and his PhD from Case Western Reserve University. He has been an incredible,

steady presence in the Department of Social Work, serving as chair since 2006, and currently holds the rank of research professor of social work. He represents the best of the integration of a clinical program, a strong curriculum, an extensive curriculum vita, and a consistent track record of external funding. Curt is an exemplary research mentor to junior faculty and students. His students have won regional and national awards for their research. He is also active in our community, serving on the local Mental Health Board, and helping to evaluate and improve the programs of United Way.

**William D. Wolfer** has served as assistant professor in the School of Business Administration and led software engineer/project management for Information Technology Services. He has also taught and served as advisor for both undergraduate and graduate students in software engineering systems. He was chair of the Department of Engineering & Computer Science for seven years, and currently serves as assistant professor of computer science. A colleague says, "Bill is the kind of person that is willing to go the extra 700 miles to show a potential student that there are no limits to what you can do with an Andrews computing or engineering degree." He did a fantastic job to establish the department to where it is. It would not have been possible without his enthusiasm, dedication and bright outlook on the future.



Front L-R: Jacques Doukhan, Keith Mattingly, Peter Swanson, Jim Massena  
Back L-R: Jan Wrenn, Rhonda Root, Lorena Bidwell, Lois Grimm

## 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

In 2003 **Lorena Bidwell** accepted her present position as chief information officer. Lorena is a team-builder and compassionate leader. Her colleagues know her as a leader who places value on each employee; they know their opinions and knowledge are important to her. Her personal connections with Andrews University's computer systems started as a student, when she worked on the Sigma Mainframe computers. Since then she has been intimately involved with the University computing systems and supporting structures through many rapid periods of change. She is quoted as modeling the following principles: No problem is too big when we all lend a hand; always look for the good in everyone and find a way to bring out their best; and it is okay to disagree with someone, but always be willing to listen to what the other person is saying.

**Jacques Doukhan** is a professor of Hebrew and Old Testament exegesis and director of the Institute of Jewish-Christian Studies. With his vast knowledge, wide-ranging interests and love of scholarly

dialogue, combined with personal warmth and hospitality, Jacques is known to many as a wonderful colleague and friend. His fresh and non-traditional views on certain portions of Scripture, sometimes due to his Jewish background, are refreshing to students and an example to his peers. A prolific scholar and writer, Jacques' incisive writings and thought-provoking lectures on a multitude of biblical topics have influenced millions. He has written a Sabbath School quarterly on the book of Proverbs, and is currently leading the creation of the new Seventh-day Adventist International Bible Commentary series.

**Lois Grimm** was hired as the office manager for the Office of Transportation in 1985. Thirty years later, Lois still has a smile and sense of humor even with the challenges of complex travel arrangements and the constant change thereof. Having worked with three Transportation managers, her wealth of experience helps her prompt departments for all the details needed for successful road trips. She patiently helps people who call the emergency number, at all hours of the night, even when the calls have little or nothing to do with transportation or arrangements that should be attended to during office hours. "I jokingly call Lois our Mother Hen," quips Motor Pool Foreman Dennis Grzybowski. "Lois has helped make working at Transportation a way of life, not just a job. Lois' cheerful and serving attitude has represented Andrews University well to people in all walks of life."

In his current role as director of Institutional Research, **Jim Massena** has faithfully generated reports for University deans, chairs and other administrators for nearly 25 years. He prepares the many reports required for the U.S. Department of Education, IPEDS, a number of accrediting organizations, U.S. News and World Report and many others. He also programmed the Dimension telephone switch, installed phone lines, and supervised the computer store and micro-computer support areas. Jim's concern for quality and his knowledge of institutional data are hallmarks of his work. He is constantly looking for ways to improve or add to his reports. Associate provost Lynn Merklin comments, "I have especially appreciated his willingness to dialogue on processes and procedures that will help Andrews to be more effective and efficient."

**Keith Mattingly** has deep roots at Andrews University. He graduated from Grade 8 at RMES, and received his BA, MDiv and PhD from Andrews University. For the last 30 years he has been a faculty member, department chair and presently, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences. With this history, Keith exhibits not just a depth of understanding of this community, but also a very strong commitment to the University's future. In his current role, Keith's colleagues speak of him as a quality administrator with a pastor's heart. As an administrator, he encourages input and deliberation but then acts decisively on the decision. As a pastor, Keith genuinely cares about the students, faculty, staff and chairs he serves. He will go the extra mile to personally support students and colleagues and look for creative solutions when a seemingly impossible challenge rears its head. He is loyal, principled and honest.

**Rhonda Root** is professor of art and architectural history in the School of Architecture, Art & Design. She holds degrees in art from Andrews University and a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Notre Dame. She is a professional artist, exhibiting her work in galleries in New York, Chicago, around Michigan, and in various other states. Her work also

illustrates many journals and books. Rhonda has been the staff artist for the Madaba Plains Project, and has created hundreds of drawings and paintings that illustrate the various objects that are found during the digs. She is currently working with other architecture professors to document an important archaeological site in Ireland. Rhonda has a passion for sharing her knowledge of history and place with her students, both in the classroom and on the European Study Abroad tours.

**H. Peter Swanson** is the resident sage of the Department of Christian Ministry. His is the quiet voice that calms fears in moments of stress and provides sensible direction in moments of uncertainty. The common response of those asked revealed "wisdom" as the gift by which he blesses and has blessed the department. Peter has embraced this gift on a foundation of disciplined living, thoughtfulness toward others, and thoroughness in service. Jeanie Craig, who served many years as office manager, recalls Peter as "the most dedicated and hard-working individual (she) ever met." Denis Fortin, former dean, recalls the reliability and integrity demonstrated by Peter in providing counsel and reflection on challenging issues faced by the Seminary. Only eternity will reveal the impact of his service to the students, spouses and colleagues of the Seminary.

**Jan Wrenn** began her career as an administrative assistant at Andrews University. She completed a BSW at Andrews in 1991, and received her MSW at the University of Michigan in 1992. Jan was recruited to the Department of Social Work in 1996 and is now a professor of social work. Jan is quite simply a master teacher and advisor. Students view her as knowledgeable, creative and caring. She has received both the Daniel A. Augsburg Excellence in Teaching Award and the Advisor of the Year Award in recognition of her abilities. Jan's ongoing scholarship has included book chapters, journal articles and conference presentations. She is also active at Pioneer Memorial Church, where she has served as an elder, as well as in many other capacities. Jan has also volunteered in a number of community agencies.



L-R: Margarita Mattingly, Rebecca May  
Not pictured: Richard Davidson, Norma Greenidge, Donald May, Dianne Wilson

## 35 YEARS OF SERVICE

As the current J.N. Andrews professor of Old Testament interpretation in the Seminary, **Richard Davidson** inspires and encourages those who have the privilege of working with him and benefiting from his wise and selfless leadership. He maintains a very high level of scholarly productivity while still

teaching and traveling all over the world, and his publications have been of great assistance to the church and to the academic world at large. Known as an outstanding Adventist scholar, writer, teacher and pastor, Dick's creativity and treatment of the biblical text speaks volumes to those around him about his reverence of God and unreserved acceptance of His Word. He has been described as selfless, caring and supportive of his students, and a wonderful leader and colleague.

Always ready to take on new challenges, **Norma Greenidge** became head of bibliographic services in the James White Library in 2012. She has earned three degrees from Andrews University: BS, MS and PhD. Her colleagues speak of her mentoring ability, intelligence, willingness to grapple with problems such as cataloging books in multiple languages, and transitioning from typing catalog cards to the world of the Web. They emphasize her interaction with student workers, opening her home to students and her grandchildren's friends, volunteering at the Howard Performing Arts Center, and singing in the Seminary choir. Her faithfulness and caring attitude make her a favorite person across campus and she is known to be "great to work with."

**Margarita Mattingly**, professor of physics and chair of the Department of Physics, is a thinker, an innovator, one who cares deeply about all aspects of student and colleague well-being, continuously giving generously—of her time, her resources and her heart—to ensure the best possible outcomes for all. She dedicates herself to making sure that her students are equipped with both the practical and emotional support they require to succeed. Her creative use of limited building space has resulted in study carrels for physics students and in making her department both a social and academic hub. Students comment that: "She made us and taught us to think outside the box... She put much effort into helping us learn book material and other complementary material... She is passionate in seeing students succeed and in making physics actually inspiring for us."

During **Donald May's** 35 years on the Andrews University campus, his teaching and administrative path has been varied and effective. As a teacher, his passion for photography led to the development of the Andrews photography program. As an administrator (assistant and then associate dean of the College of Arts & Sciences) he has been part of ongoing initiatives that have helped transform Andrews. These included key roles in creating iVue, First Stop, May Express, international general education tours and exploration of new ideas and approaches for the general education program. Most recently, he accepted the responsibility to drive our Explore Andrews program as assistant provost. Don is always open to gaining a deeper understanding of an issue and he shows personal care for each person with whom he interacts. He lives the University mission and creates new opportunities that breathe new life into that mission.

When **Rebecca (Haug) May** first stepped onto the Andrews University campus four decades ago, she did what thousands of students before—and after—her have done: she joined the community that makes up Andrews University. She also found a profound and permanent way to become a part of that community—she met Donald May here, got married and they both got their first jobs at Andrews University. Rebecca's passionate involvement for the past 35 years has been exhibited in countless ways. President Andreasen notes that, "Andrews is

something of a love affair for Rebecca, as though the University were a member of her own family... She loves Andrews University, snow and all, and she plans parties and celebrations for all of us as her family." Another colleague wrote, "Becky has devoted her entire career to Andrews, which makes her institutional wisdom invaluable."

For most of her 35 years at Andrews University, **Dianne Wilson** has served as an important partner in Dining Services. She has seen and positively impacted vast changes during that time. Through it all, she has continued to put the Lord first in every aspect of her life. Dedicated to excellence and diligent in every task, Dianne remains focused on the success of Dining Services and the wellbeing of Andrews University. She can be counted on to offer sound advice and counsel in every situation. Those who work beside her describe her as helpful, vital, professional, thorough, respectful and dependable. She has earned the respect of her peers, both supervisor and subordinate, with her consistent approach to her duties and her patient handling of the challenges she has faced.



## 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

**Bonnie Beres**, administrative assistant for the Department of Christian Ministry, has a wonderful gift of remembering the faces and names of students even as they physically change with the passing of time. She has assisted in manuscript typing for many of George Knight's books and her English major background and editorial skills have been a blessing to dozens of PhD students as they worked on their doctoral dissertations. One of her bosses, Peter Swanson, noted, "Bonnie's ability to read almost illegible writing, and to put all the commas in the right place when she does copyediting, is legendary." She was also recognized for her cheerfulness, great sense of humor and connection with students.

**Ron Neumann** began working for the Computing Center in 1974, and soon became supervisor of Operations. He trained and supervised data entry staff (using keypunch machines in those days) and student employees who worked 24 hours a day, six days a week. Ron did payroll every two weeks for over 30 years, only missing one payroll run when he took a trip to Europe! When most paper forms went electronic, Ron took up new responsibilities: supporting users of the phone system and running hundreds of miles of wire for telephones, computer networking, security equipment, and audiovisual projects.

Ron is a caring, generous person, a quality that manifests itself in every aspect of his life and has endeared him to his coworkers.



## SIEGFRIED H. HORN EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH & CREATIVE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

*This award was established in 2011 to honor Siegfried Horn's legacy of scholarship and contribution to the field of biblical archaeology at Andrews University, and his impact upon the world church and the wider community of scholars. The award was established to recognize the lifetime scholarship achievement of Andrews University faculty members. Nominated from each of four categories by the chair of the Scholarly Research Council, and selected by the membership of this council, recipients must be associate or full professors, and full-time employees for a minimum of five years.*

**Arts, Humanities and Education:** **Carla Trynchuk**, professor of music and string area coordinator, is a graduate from The Juilliard School of Music. Since 1985, her career features an uninterrupted record of performances as a soloist with orchestras, and solo and chamber music recitals, in the U.S., Canada, Europe and Asia. She has a vast repertoire of major violin concertos by composers from the Baroque, Classical, Romantic and 20th-century eras, including a number of American contemporary composers. Her accomplishments also include recordings, one of which features premiere performances of 20th-century music. Carla is also a sought-after guest artist/scholar for master classes, sharing her artistic, performance and teaching insights all around the world. She is often asked to adjudicate at regional and national string competitions while her own students have won many awards and accomplishments. She regularly participates in community outreach programs, as guest artist in demonstration recitals at Southwestern Michigan Public Schools.

**Pure and Applied Sciences:** **Jim Hayward** is a scholar in every sense of the word. He has published one book, edited one book, contributed a chapter to a book, published over 45 refereed journal articles, published additionally more than 35 articles in general professional journals, close to 40 published abstracts and he has presented nearly 30 scholarly talks and 17 posters. He is a sought-after referee and has been awarded around a million dollars in research grants. Jim engages students in the scholarly endeavor all the way through to publication.

Eleven of 16 peer-reviewed papers published between 2010 and 2014 included at least one current or former Andrews biology student as author. Additionally, Jim has advised well over 50 graduate and undergraduate student theses. This has richly benefited many students, with two recent graduates pursuing PhD studies in well-regarded programs to a large extent because of the experience acquired working with Jim and his team.

**Professional Programs:** **Andrew von Maur** brings scholarship, professionalism and excellence to all of his endeavors. In addition to his regular teaching load, he directs the architecture program's European Study tour. As a freelance professional, Andrew has extensive charrette experience as a lead designer of traditional urban places. He brings this wide professional and scholarly experience into the classroom and studio with dynamic results, producing a book every year with his Urban Design Studio students. This work has won an American Institute of Architecture award and multiple Charter Awards from the Congress for the New Urbanism. Andrew is a sought-after guest speaker, architectural critic and urban design consultant. The professional recognition Andrew has received is well deserved, however, it is his commitment and passion to teach his students to connect their faith to their professional life (a principle that he lives out in his own professional life) that makes him an outstanding professor.

**Religion and Theology:** In the last three and a half years, **Wagner Kuhn** has amassed an exceptional research record. He has written two books; edited two additional books; translated the missionary training manual, "Passport to Mission," into Portuguese; written six chapters for peer reviewed books; and had five articles accepted in four different peer reviewed journals. His articles and books have been published in both English and Portuguese. Due to his passion for research and writing, Wagner encourages his students to engage in quality research and writing. In the last five years he has presented 12 scholarly papers, and presented 53 workshops and training sessions in 21 countries. He has done extensive training in the Gulf region, training tentmaker missionaries in Kuwait, Turkey, Mongolia, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Egypt, Thailand, Mexico, Argentina and Kyrgyzstan.



## DANIEL A. AUGSBURGER EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

*Seven faculty members received the Daniel A. Augsburg Excellence in Teaching Award. This award recognizes faculty whose teaching reflects the high standards of excellence modeled by Dr. Augsburg in his 60 years of teaching at Andrews University. Augsburg's leadership, academic rigor, breadth of knowledge, teacher-scholar role, along with care and concern for students, exemplify the best of faculty endeavors. Faculty from each school nominate and choose their individual candidates.*

**Harvey Burnett**, assistant professor of psychology, had extensive experience as a clinician in the Counseling & Testing Center prior to joining the Department of Behavioral Sciences in 2010. His competent, quiet, consistent manner has played a significant role in the growth of the department. Harvey initiated a significant scholarly career in studies of the impact of trauma. All of his combined experience gives him an amazing street credibility that has resulted in outstanding teaching. His students consistently give him high evaluations for his ability to make his teaching particularly effective in touching real life. He is a much respected student research mentor with his students regularly presenting research at major conferences and winning emerging scholar awards. His students also recognize his outstanding ability to integrate faith and learning in the classroom. Harvey is also active in the community, serving as the chair of the Buchanan School Board, chaplain to the Buchanan police force, and in conflict management training.

**Henrietta Hanna**, assistant professor of nursing, exemplifies the best a nursing teacher can be. She has distinguished herself as an extraordinary educator who has raised the standard and quality level of teaching in the classroom and at clinical sites. In addition to her great classroom teaching, she has guided students in completing their research projects and helped them present at the regional Nursing Honors Society Scholarship meetings. She has solidified her art and science of teaching by becoming a certified nurse educator via the National League for Nursing, which has provided prestige to the faculty of the nursing department. As chair of Nursing's Curriculum committee, she influences the teaching of all faculty members in the Department of Nursing. What characterizes Henrietta most is her spirit of humility and commitment to the success of students.

**Ryan Hayes**, associate professor of chemistry, is an excellent chemist; an even more excellent communicator; a friend to students; passionate to make chemistry accessible to everyday folks; and a man of spiritual commitment. Ryan assists with the operation of the department's nanotechnology business, which provides a small income as well as learning opportunities for students. He consistently mentors several undergraduate researchers with what little spare time he has left. He is nice, easygoing and pleasant to work with—and combines those worthy attributes with intellectual talent and creativity. Students talk about his upbeat and positive energy, his well-organized lectures, his care to make sure that students understand the content before proceeding. They talk of his clear love for chemistry, but that there is one thing he loves more—God—and he constantly finds a way to relate the subject of the day to a profound Bible lesson.

**Douglas Jones**, professor of English, stepped into his very first English classroom at Laurelwood Academy. His 43-year career also includes six years at Portland Adventist Academy and more than three decades at Andrews University. Doug Jones's teaching has been characterized by

his openness to his students, his serious commitment to and love for the study of literature and language, and his refusal to take himself too seriously. He has carried his passion for learning to educating and observing student teachers, supporting elementary and secondary language arts teachers, supporting the local library book club, tutoring elementary students in local school systems, and teaching travel writing and watercolor painting in Tanzania. Doug has mentored a number of undergraduate and graduate students as well as secondary colleagues by including them in his professional presentations. Doug's teaching through scholarship and the professionalization of his students has at its core his dedication to creating lifelong readers.

**Paul Kim**, associate professor of documentary film, is an avid believer that story is the pivotal force at work behind identity formation, and his narratives and imagery work to foster cross-cultural and transnational understanding. As a media producer and documentary filmmaker, Paul has filmed across six continents on projects that explore issues in human rights and the intersection of faith and social justice. Most recently he was the senior producer of AMP Studios in California as well as the executive director of the Sonscreen Film Festival, a community of faith-based artists and writers. He is using this great array of experience to put together an unprecedented undergraduate documentary film program that combines the best of the fine arts and photography traditions with the emerging documentary film movement. This new and growing program is causing considerable excitement and enthusiasm among our students as they learn the art of storytelling through film.

Among her colleagues, **Janet Ledesma**, associate professor of leadership, is noted for four distinctive contributions to excellence in teaching: (1) her online teaching, (2) her spiritual influence and mentoring of candidates in the Educational Leadership program, (3) her strong leadership in guiding the program to receive three accreditations (state and national), and (4) her desire to serve others. One of her students noted, "She gives consistent feedback throughout the week to her online candidates. She maintains a positive spirit of encouragement and support for those around her." Academically, Janet has authored articles on Adventist principalship and presented her PhD research on Adventist principals at numerous conferences, both locally and nationally. She has organized more than 25 monthly principal webinars for Adventist school leaders across the North American Division in the last two years.

**Stanley Patterson**, professor and chair of the Department of Christian Ministry, has earned the respect of his students and colleagues as an accomplished educator and scholar. Students describe him as an "excellent, passionate teacher" and "knowledgeable, with firsthand experience." As department chair he effectively demonstrates the principles of Christian leadership that he teaches in the classroom. The Seminary community recognizes him as an authority in the discipline of leadership within Adventism. His passion for well-informed and professionally proficient ministers within the Seventh-day Adventist Church is demonstrated by his enthusiastic involvement in the many pastoral in-service training events that he conducts in North America and abroad. Stan has a rich research and publication record and has earned the respect of his peers for his careful scholarship and his breadth of understanding of critical issues within ministry.



## FAITH DEVELOPMENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

*This award is given to any employee, faculty or staff, who has made a significant contribution to the spiritual life of campus. Names are considered and voted by the Faith Development Committee. Instituted in 2005.*

**David Iwasa** is currently the residence hall director/dean for University Towers. His burden for the spiritual development of young people is tremendous. His deep care for students is evident in his actions and in the choices he makes. His life portrays a clear portrait of God as his guide. He is an exemplary leader, mentor and friend. One example of the way he allows his life to be the hands and feet of God is seen in his gift of hospitality. He graciously opens his home on weekends and holidays to provide food and a family atmosphere to students in need. One student says, “Through his giving spirit and selfless actions he continually reminds what it means to live a life for Christ, working for the benefit of others.”



## EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE AWARD

*Recipients of this award are hourly or salaried full- or part-time staff who have served for at least three consecutive years, and have not previously received the award. The award is given “in recognition of outstanding service to the University, the church, and the community, and for demonstrating, by precept and example, a Christ-centered life.”*

**Beverly Peck**, administrative assistant for the Department of Behavioral Sciences, is one of the most organized, productive and hardworking people you could ever meet. She is a major reason the department has experienced significant growth over the past decade. Bev not only keeps students involved and up-to-date, she can pinch hit for most faculty members and advisors when things get very busy. She makes sure that all queries about a major are followed up and that the faculty connects with student interests. She solves numerous system problems for students; she can fix almost anything. She is also a reliable spiritual guide for our students and creates a warm nurturing student environment with her kind personality, popcorn, herbal tea and hot chocolate. She represents the best of Andrews and our church in all that she does at the University and also in the community through her work with God’s Abundant Pantry, which provides food assistance for international students.

From his first day on the job, **Fares Magesa**, has been an asset to the Office of Student Financial Services: providing dedicated counseling at financial aid events at both Adventist and public high schools, serving as sponsor for the Filipino Club, board member for Andrews Academy, helping at the front desk when lines are growing long, and even volunteering for graduation services. Fares is heavily involved in his home church (Fil-Am Seventh-day Adventist) where he is an elder, Pathfinder leader, hospitality coordinator and a ready volunteer wherever the need arises. He is highly respected by students and colleagues alike, has a calm demeanor, is extremely kind and is always willing to go the extra mile in assisting others.

For more than 13 years, **Erno Gyeresi** was the quiet but irresistible force behind the professionalization and expansion of the business operations of Andrews University Press. He came to Andrews in 1998 to work on a PhD in theology from his native Romania, where he served as a pastor and conference secretary-treasurer. Erno introduced the Press to the digital age and began releasing their books in electronic form. His knowledge of biblical languages and theology, and his ability to resolve questions or spot problems in those areas was invaluable in helping the Press produce products of which the University and the church can be proud. His incalculable contribution as managing editor of the Andrews Study Bible will stand as his hallmark professional legacy. Ron Knott, director of Andrews University Press, said, “Erno Gyeresi was a man of God. Like the man for whom this institution is named, Erno’s heart and soul and mind were invested in this Advent movement.”

*Editor’s note: Erno Gyeresi died on January 31, 2015, after a long battle with cancer. His wife, Ildiko, an accountant for the Office of Financial Records, accepted the award on his behalf. A special advance presentation to Erno took place on Thursday, Jan. 22, in the Seminary Chapel.*



Visit [andrews.edu/news](http://andrews.edu/news) to listen to audio files of the recorded tributes.





## 5 YEARS-OF-SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

**Front row, L-R:** Qaisar Ayaz, Lynn Merklin, Mary Ngugi, Gisele Kuhn, Stacey Nicely, Wendy Halder, John Rorabeck

**Back row, L-R:** David Randall, Desrene Vernon, Diane Myers, Douglas Taylor, Paul Petersen, Benjamin Regoso, Barbara Read, Andriy Kharkovyy, Ryan Hayes, Trina Thompson

**Not pictured:** Delbee Dalton, Caryl-Lynn Ferguson, David Ferguson, Frank Lei-Sam, Glenda Patterson, James Price, Philip Roberts, David Sedlacek, Tiffany Siebold, Gregory Stearman, Desrene Vernon, Kenneth Wilkins, Hyveth Williams



## 10 YEARS-OF-SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

**Front row, L-R:** Juliette Horton, Averil Kurtz, Luz Ruiz-Tenorio, Beverly Brown, Kelly Youngberg, Stephanie Vilela, Cynthia Caballero, Cynthia Birney, Sylvia Budd, Deborah Weithers, Aimee Vitangcol Regoso

**Back row, L-R:** Verlyn Benson, Nicholas Miller, Nancy Agnetta, Henrietta Hanna, Martin Hanna, Wagner Kuhn, Karl Bailey, Paul Elder, Ronald Dettmann, Claudio Gonzalez

**Not pictured:** Jameson Bangkuai, Paul Gregor, David Jardine, William Keith, Ada Mendez, Trish Moore, Yun Myung Oh, Gisela Schmidt, Roy Villafane, Jody Villwock



## 15 YEARS-OF-SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

**Front row, L-R:** Beverly Peck, Paula Dronen, L Monique Pittman, Wanda Swenson

**Back row, L-R:** Brent Geraty, Kevin Wiley, Robert Benjamin, Martin Bradfield, James Jeffery, Ben Maguad

**Not pictured:** Vern Byrd, Karl Hubin, Barbara Martz, Greggory Morrow, Gina Pellegrini, David Sherman, Ranko Stefanovic, Sharyl Turon



## 20 YEARS-OF-SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

**Front row, L-R:** Emma Tenorio, Roy Gane, Sara Bermeo

**Back row, L-R:** Llewellyn Seibold, Desmond Murray, Erich Baumgartner, Jerry Moon, David Village, William Greenley, Thomas Goodwin

**Not pictured:** Demetra Andreasen, Niels-Erik Andreasen, Kathleen Berglund, Daniel Hamstra, Lucia Kijai, Elizabeth Oakley, Lilijana Vajdic

## Alumni calendar of events

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### April

- 8 Alumni Board of Directors Meeting**  
4:30 p.m.  
*Alumni House, Andrews University*
- 16 North Carolina Regional Event**  
6 p.m.  
*Asiana Grand Buffet, Fortune Room*  
1968 Hendersonville Rd  
Asheville, North Carolina
- 19 Tennessee Regional Event**  
11 a.m.  
*Residence Inn and Conference Center near Hamilton Place*  
2340 Center St  
Chattanooga, Tennessee
- 19 Alabama Regional Event**  
6 p.m.

*Ding How II*  
4800 Whitesburg Dr SW  
Huntsville, Alabama

### May

- 3 Spring Graduation (3 ceremonies)**  
*Pioneer Memorial Church*  
Andrews University

### June

- 13 Indiana Camp Meeting Event**  
4 p.m.  
*Indiana Academy, Home Ec Room*  
Cicero, Indiana
- 13 Michigan Camp Meeting Event**  
5 p.m.  
*Fellowship Hall, Cedar Lake Church*  
Cedar Lake, Michigan

- 20 Lake Region Camp Meeting Event**  
4 p.m.  
*Camp Wagner*  
Cassopolis, Michigan

- 20 Wisconsin Camp Meeting Event**  
5 p.m.  
*Andrews University cabin*  
Camp Wakonda, Westfield, Wisconsin

The Southern New England and Michigan Upper Peninsula Camp Meeting Events will not be held this year due to the 2015 General Conference Session.

**Please Note:** Locations and times are subject to change. As the date of the event you're interested in gets closer, be sure to double-check the alumni website or call the office for updates.

**RSVP for an event:** RSVP for the above gatherings online at AU&ME, our alumni community: [alumni.andrews.edu/rsvp](http://alumni.andrews.edu/rsvp)



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## Alums at National Prayer Breakfast



L–R: Thom Wolf, Michelle Chin, Albert Reyes, Debbie Potter

This photo of four alumni, three of whom are recent or soon-to-be Department of Leadership graduates, was taken at the Hart Senate Building, outside of U.S. Senator John Cornyn’s office in Washington D.C. during the week of the 62nd National Prayer Breakfast hosted by the U.S. Congress.

Activities of the week of the National Prayer Breakfast brought over 3,200 people together from all 50 states and 140 countries. The event was highlighted by several guest speakers, including U.S. President Obama.

**Albert Reyes** (PhD ’09), president and CEO of Buckner International, led a delegation from Texas, including **Debbie Potter** (PhD candidate ’15), children’s pastor for Trinity Baptist Church in San Antonio, Texas. **Thom Wolf** (PhD ’10), president of the University Institute in New Delhi, was visiting from India. **Michelle Chin** (BS ’90) is legislative coordinator for U.S. Senator John Cornyn and hosted the group at Senator Cornyn’s office. During the week this group also had the opportunity to meet with Chaplain (Admiral) **Barry Black** (MDiv ’73), the 62nd chaplain of the Senate.

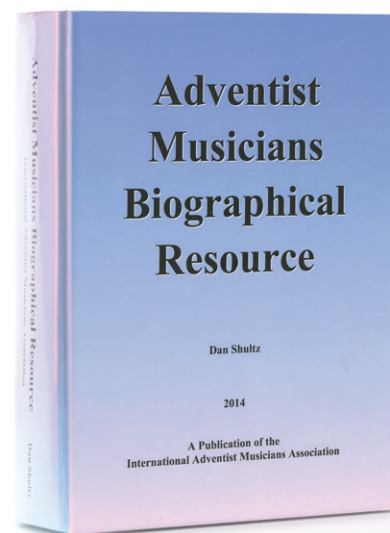
## Resource for musicians published

**Dan Shultz** (MMus ’63) recently published “Adventist Musicians Biographical Resource,” a representative listing of a cross-section of musicians from all areas of music who are or have been associated with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The 981-page volume contains over 1,100 biographies. The project started 14 years ago with the creation of a website by the International Adventist Musicians Association. Dan is primarily responsible for founding IAMA and currently serves as its publications editor. The book was printed privately for the IAMA by Color Press, Walla Walla, Washington.

Quoting from the book’s About this Resource section, “This is not a comprehensive listing but rather a representative cross-section of musicians associated with the Seventh-day Adventist Church in over 60 countries on five continents who have created today’s multifaceted Adventist musical experience, a process that continues to the present.”

Of course there are many notable musicians affiliated with Andrews University whose stories are shared in the volume, including Paul Hamel, C. Warren Becker, the Taylor family, Reger (Sonny) Smith, Julia Lindsay, four members of the Zork family, Wintley Phipps, Blythe Owen, Ruimar de Paiva, Charles Davis, and all current Andrews music faculty.

Dan was hired in 1964 as band director at Michigan’s Adelphian Academy. During that time he completed his master’s at Andrews University. From 1979–2000, Dan was chair of Walla Walla University’s music department, and continued to teach oboe lessons for 12 more years after his retirement.



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## Regional events

### Indianapolis, Indiana

Thursday, February 5, 2015



Downtown Indianapolis was a great place for a lot of young alumni to reconnect with Andrews. Many of those in attendance were alumni from the Department of Physical Therapy, including several recent graduates. The event was held in conjunction with the American Physical Therapy Association combined sections meeting and brought together alumni from across the country. Prayer was offered by **Vialo Weis** (MAPM '93) from the Indiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Pictured are **Front L–R: Amanda (Sears) Aguilera** (DPT '08), **Keri (Redfern) Rogers** (BHS '06, DPT '08), **Jenny Forrester** (BHS '06, DPT '08); **Back L–R: Kimberly Coleman-Ferreira** (BS '97, MSPT '98, chair/PT program director), **Bonny (Howard) Dent** (BS '89, MSPT '90, adjunct faculty).

### Newport Beach, California

Sunday, February 8, 2015



After a welcome by the president, **Niels-Erik Andreasen** (MA '65, BD '66) and prayer by **Dan Matthews** (MA '58), **Andriy Kharkovyy** (BBA '06, MBA '09) shared some updates from campus including a variety of snow-filled images that were taken just days before. This event was full of young alumni with many young families.

### Riverside, California

Wednesday, February 11, 2015



Traditionally one of the larger Andrews regional events, Riverside was a great place to mingle with other alums and meet some new people—especially the recent Andrews University graduates who are now attending Loma Linda University. **Wayne Perry** (PhD '00), former chair of the Department of Physical Therapy, now resides in the area and offered opening prayer. Additionally, the event included some Q&A with **President Andreasen** (MA '65, BD '66) and **David Faehner** (MA '72), vice president for University Advancement, as well as the presentation of news and updates from campus by associate director of Alumni Services, **Andriy Kharkovyy** (BBA '06, MBA '09).

### Roseville, California

Thursday, February 12, 2015



An energetic group of alums, including several recent graduates now working in the Sacramento area, came together to hear alumni updates presented by **Andriy Kharkovyy** (BBA '06, MBA '09) and talk with **President Andreasen** (MA '65, BD '66) and **David Faehner** (MA '72) about upcoming plans for the institution. This event took place at The Old Spaghetti Factory in Roseville.

## St. Helena, California

Thursday, February 12, 2015



Yet another great event in the northern California region took place in the St. Helena area. More than 60 alums gathered at a local restaurant to reminisce about their time at Andrews University. A prayer was offered by **Jim Pedersen** (MDiv '81), president of the Northern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. **President Andreasen** (MA '65, BD '66) and **David Faehner** (MA '72) answered a variety of questions after an update from campus by **Andriy Kharkovyy** (BBA '06, MBA '09)

## Local events

### South Bend, Indiana

Saturday, February 21, 2015



Hundreds of students and alumni enjoyed an exciting game of hockey at the Ice Box arena. The current students vs. alumni hockey game was well-fought with a final score of 7 to 4, Alumni. Everyone then took to the ice to sharpen their ice skating skills or try them out for the first time.



## BSCF Alumni "Connected" Vespers

Friday, February 27, 2015



BSCF alumni hosted a vespers program called "Connected" in order to connect current students and local BSCF alumni. The program began with a piano/organ piece on "Lift every voice" by **James North** (BD '63, DMin '89) in honor of Black History Month. Silent Praise alumni (*pictured above*) reminded us that "the Battle is not yours" via sign language and **Annalee Reid** (BSMLS '11) praised in song and set the atmosphere for **Jason North** (MAYM '05) to preach on "In the Belly." It was concluded with a praise session led by **Olivia Livingston** (BHS '13) and everyone was encouraged to be connected; not only with their friends, family or alma mater but most importantly with God.

BSCF alumni are encouraged to update their contact information by emailing [alumni@andrews.edu](mailto:alumni@andrews.edu).



Phoebe &amp; Charles Cleveland



Juliana Lunguzi (left)

## 1960s

**Terry Gene Seifert** (BA '64) writes, "Fifty years has passed. Where has the time gone? A career in education and world travel as retiree...can't ask for more than that. Married to Marlene for 50+ years...we celebrated through a safari in Africa...now it is time to go back. Good luck to all '64 grads."

**Charles Cleveland** (BS '69, MDiv '71) and his wife Phoebe recently received the Medal of Distinction from the Seventh-day Adventist Church's Health Ministries department. It was presented on Dec. 19, 2014, during a graduation ceremony at the Wildwood Lifestyle Center in Georgia. The couple has promoted a model of health expos that Adventist churches have used in communities worldwide for decades.

Charles is president of Health Education Resources, a non-profit organization that produces health education materials in 40 languages. He is known for taking a health expo model first used by California's Weimar Institute in the 1980s and making it more mobile, complete with health banners and activities.

He was a key founder of Wildwood's Lay Institute for Global Health Training. He is also a member of Wildwood's board of trustees.

Charles, who holds both a Master of Divinity and Master of Public Health, first served as an Adventist pastor. After being ordained in 1975, he shifted his focus to work in self-supporting ministries, serving as an administrator of the Uchee Pines Health Institute and later vice president of Wildwood Lifestyle Center and Hospital in Georgia. He served as vice president of the supporting ministry Outpost Centers International from 2003–2006.

**William Hinton McVay** (BD '69, DMin '79) recently published a devotional series that focuses anew on foundational truths such as the Gospel, the Sabbath, and the Second Coming with a view toward renewing our commitment in these fundamentals of our faith as Seventh-day Adventists. McVay has served as conference evangelist, departmental director, and pastor in the Southern, North Pacific, and Pacific Union Conference territories. He received his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry from Andrews University and is happily engaged in his favorite role, pastor of the Eureka/Orleans district in Northern California. For further details visit [sealingtime.com](http://sealingtime.com).

## 1970s

**David James Ferguson** (MDiv '73) recently started the Caesura Youth Orchestra to provide music education, group lessons and free instruments to under-served and at risk children. The first class started with 25 students, ages 9–12. They meet after school for two hours, four days each week, providing eight times as much music as students would normally get. A summer music camp is planned and three new classes will be added in the fall.

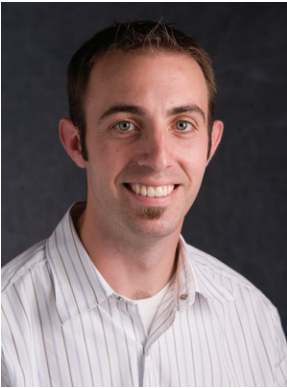
## 1980s

**Washington Johnson II** (MDiv '87) serves as the assistant director of Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries at the North American Division in Silver Spring, Maryland, and additionally as a chaplain (Commander) in the United States Navy Reserve. **Joyce Johnson Washington** (PhD '03) is a core faculty in Capella University's School of Public Service Leadership and a member of the University's President's Advisory Council. The Johnsons have one son, Washington Johnson III, a student at Takoma Academy in Takoma Park, Maryland.

**Michael Jamieson Lay** (MAPM '88) recently wrote, "My wife Marilyn and I are doing pretty well considering that we are not getting any younger. Our three sons, including **Andrew Sean** (MMus '97), are all in good spirits and good health and enjoying God's blessings too, as are our six grandchildren. Truly God is good and to be praised! He has kept me involved as an adjunct and then professional faculty member in the Health and Biomedical Sciences Department of Adventist University of Health Sciences since September 2003—work that I love. May Jesus come soon and we all be ready!"



Finley Maxwell Jones



Jesse Hibler

## 1990s

**Juliana Lunguzi** (BS '95) is now a Member of Parliament, serving the people of Dedza East (a constituency of about 106,000) in her home country of Malawi. She says, "I thank God for the gift of yet another year of life and the abundant graces He has bestowed on me this far."

## 2000s

**Chantel Blackburn** (BS '06) received a PhD in mathematics from The University of Arizona on December 19, 2014. Minor in teaching and teacher Education, Chantel specializes in mathematical knowledge for teaching at the elementary level. She has been teaching at Pacific Union College located in Angwin, California as assistant professor of mathematics since January of 2013.

**Wilfredo Nunez Diaz** (MDiv '06, MSA '11) is currently completing requirements for a Doctor of Ministry from Andrews University.

**Tonia Robinson** (BS '07) graduated *cum laude* with her bachelor's degree from Andrews University, where she majored in behavioral sciences and minored in business administration. She received a Master of Science in clinical psychology in 2014 from University of West Indies. Tonia is currently pursuing her license in New Jersey as a professional counselor. Tonia's experience consists of working with adolescents, young adults and families in forms of individual, family and group therapy. Her specialty and knowledge ranges in depression, abuse, self-esteem, bullying, neglect and abandonment, generalized and social anxiety, anger management, stress management, behavioral management and trauma.

Tonia is an associate member of the American Psychological Association. She is the founder of the Facebook Group Acceptance of Persons with Mental Health Challenges. She currently offers Skype and tele-coaching for individuals who feel more comfortable in the convenience of their homes.

Finley Maxwell Jones was born to Dustin and **Heidi Hiebert Jones** (MDiv '07) on August 2, 2014. Heidi and her family recently relocated to Kalispell, Montana, after living in Loma Linda, California, for the past five years. She is active in her local church and leads a ministry for home-bound members. Her husband, Dustin, is manager of marketing communications at Kalispell Regional Healthcare. In addition to Finley, they have an additional boy, 3-year-old Nolan.

**Candace Kay (Cain) Lopez** (BSW '10, MSW '12) writes, "Thank you for the opportunity to update you on what I've been up to! I live in Arizona with my husband, **Coronel** (BHS '10, DPT '13). We live on the Navajo Reservation and find this little tiny town to be a good home for us. We have supportive friends here as well as back home and are very blessed. I am working as a therapist at an outpatient clinic. Thank you Andrews family for the beautiful start to an understanding of diversity and richness in faith. May God continue to bless Andrews and the faculty there."

Hibler Design Studio of Berrien Springs, Michigan, owned by **Jesse Hibler** (BSA '99, MArch '00) has been awarded "Best of Houzz" for Design by Houzz, the leading platform for home remodeling and design. Hibler Design Studio was founded in 2005 and has grown to a tightly knit team of seven talented professionals. The firm designs a range of building types including luxury residences, urban mixed use buildings, and resort architecture and planning. Hibler Design Studio was chosen by the more than 25 million monthly unique users that comprise the Houzz community from among more than 500,000 active home building, remodeling and design industry professionals.

## Deaths

**Robert L. McDaniel** (former staff), 86, and his wife, **Ilea A.**

**McDaniel** (att., former staff), 77, of Berrien Springs, died Jan. 5, 2015, in an auto accident in Newton County, Indiana.

Bob was born Nov. 27, 1928, to Ray and Fannie McDaniel in Petersburg, Illinois, where he graduated from high school in 1947. In 1950 he went to barber college and began barbering in 1951. After losing his job in 1953 because he had become a Seventh-day Adventist and would not work on Saturday, he moved his family to Berrien Springs. He served his residency, wrote the Michigan barber exam and went to work with Charlie Martz in 1954.

In 1959 he was offered the operation of the Barber Shop on the campus of EMC (now Andrews University), which he operated until 2007 when he sold.

Bob liked sports, and while working at the University he played softball, volleyball, basketball, racquetball and golf. As he got older, he gave up the fast sports for golf, which he enjoyed playing well into his mid-80s. He and Ilea both enjoyed gardening and sharing their produce with neighbors and friends. He had two daughters (Sherry and Janice), and he adopted Ilea's two children (Kevin and Karen).

Surviving are Janice (William) Watts of Washington, Illinois; **Kevin** (BA '84, MDiv '87) and **Susan** (BS '84) McDaniel of Montana; **Karen McDaniel** (att.) of California; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Sherry McDaniel preceded them in death in 2009. In addition to his children, he is survived by a sister, Lois (Kenny) White of Petersburg. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Gerald; and a sister, Carol Haynes.

Ilea was born Feb. 18, 1937, in Madison, Wisconsin, to **Harold**

(att.) and Solane Ahlers. She graduated from Wisconsin Academy in 1955, and shortly after, her father sold the farm and moved the family to Berrien Springs for education. She married Bob McDaniel in 1961. Ilea worked at VM Corporation in Benton Harbor, and later at Andrews University for the James White Library and Custodial Services. She completed her pilot training and earned her pilot's license.

Additional survivors include her brothers, **Floyd** (BA '66, MAT '82) and **Irene Ahlers** (att.) of Berrien Springs and Larry Crawford of Owosso; sisters, Joyce Shepard of Owosso and Bonnie McGowan of McLaughlin, South Dakota. She was preceded in death by her parents; her stepmother, Dorothy; and brother, **Lloyd Ahlers** (BA '66, MA '75).

**Carole Boothby** (BA '54), 83, died peacefully in her home on Saturday, Dec. 27, 2014. She was born in Wisconsin on April 7, 1931.

In 1953 she married **Lee Boothby** (att.), eventually settling in Berrien Springs, where she taught grade school until she started raising her family. Carole was a voracious reader, and for a time enjoyed creating ceramics. She was talented in the kitchen, and her family and friends loved sampling her delicacies.

Carole was preceded in death by her parents, William and Ethel (Smith) Larson; her brothers, Clyde W. Larson and Randolph J. Larson; and only a few short weeks ago by her husband, Lee Boothby. Carole is survived by daughters **Robin** (Clarke) **Allen** (att.) and **Denise** (Sam) **Soranno** (BSELED '85); grandchildren Joel (Kelly) Rayner, **Nicholas** (Valerie) **Allen** (former staff) and Kayla Moran.

**Andrew Evan Pearce** (MDiv '11), 43, passed away Dec. 26, 2014, in the Philippines.

Andrew was born April 10, 1971, in Grants Pass, Oregon. He attended Blum Elementary, Jefferson Academy, Chisholm Trail Academy, Southwestern Adventist University and Andrews University.

He was a pastor in several churches in Oklahoma, Texas, Delaware and Maryland. At the time of his death he was teaching theology at Naga View Adventist College in the Philippines.

Andrew truly served the Lord in a very unselfish way. His kindness touched many lives; we won't know until we get to heaven how many lives.

He is survived by his wife, **Cecile Mendoza Pearce** (former staff); children, Mia, Adiel and Aaron of the Philippines, and Cherish Pearce of Cleburne, Texas; mother, Carol Ghering and stepfather, George; father, Darrel Pearce; brothers, Darrin and Anthony Pearce; stepbrothers, Christopher and Robert Ghering; stepsister, Jennifer Savage; adopted siblings, Michael and Lana Ghering; aunt, Evie Kinman; and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

**Borge Schantz** (MA '74) died on Dec. 12, 2014, at the age of 83.

Born August 3, 1931 in Denmark, he studied in the UK (Newbold College) and the USA (Andrews University). In 1983, he received his doctorate at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California.

Børge Schantz served the Seventh-day Adventist Church for 47 years as a pastor, evangelist, teacher and department head in several European countries, Africa, Lebanon and the U.S. From 1987–1996 he headed the Adventist Center for Islamic Studies at the General Conference.

Børge wrote numerous articles and several books. He was co-editor of the 2009

Festschrift "Exploring the Frontiers of Faith" for the 75th birthday of **Jan Paulsen** (BA '57, MA '58, BD '62, MA '83), former president of the GC.

The book was published by the Advent-Verlag Lüneburg and distributed worldwide. He wrote posts in German for the following church magazines: Advent Echo, Adventists Today, Signs of the Times and Faith Today.

In the 2012 edition of Faith Today he gave a historical overview of the role of immigration in European Adventism. In the May 2011 issue of Adventists Today he clarified through statistics on the growth of the world population and other religions, the size and the challenge of the great commission to go "into all the world." He also wrote the Adult Study Guide about mission that will be used by Adventists around the world for the third quarter of 2015.

Left to mourn him are his wife **Iris** (att.), two sons, **Steen** (MA '77) and Kim, and two grandchildren.

**Cedric A. Allen** (BA '51) died at the age of 87 on November 2, 2014 in Atlanta, Georgia. Cedric was a native of Jamaica, West Indies.

He received his medical degree from Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, California. He established his medical practice in 1959 in Lufkin, Texas with a specialty in family practice for over 40 years.

Cedric was an active man who enjoyed golfing, gardening and reading poetry. He also enjoyed the spectator sports of boxing and cricket.

He is survived by his wife Elizabeth Allen with whom he shared 52 years of marriage, his children, **Shawn Allen-Forrest** (BS '85) and Dennis Allen, and his grandchildren Ryan Forrest, Maya Forrest and Kingston Allen.



**Thesba Natalie (Yeaton) Johnston**

(former faculty) passed away on Nov. 27, 2014 in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Thesba was born on November 15, 1918 in Newport, New Hampshire. Her father, Austin McFarland Yeaton, was a literature evangelist in the New England area and her mother, Eliza May Lattie Yeaton, was a normal school teacher. It was Thesba's mother who created her unique first name.

Thesba's mother was ambitious for her education and put together enough money to send her to South Lancaster Academy in South Lancaster, Massachusetts where she graduated in 1936. It was while attending SLA that Thesba met her best lifelong friend, Alice Smith.

Thesba was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sept. 3, 1935, and considered her baptism the most important event in her entire life.

After graduating from SLA, Thesba had to take a job as a maid/cook for a large family in the area. Her folks had only enough money to send one child to college and the decision to send her younger brother was consistent with the mentality of the times that higher education would be wasted on a woman who would only get married and never make any use of it. It was her Aunt Bertha, a schoolteacher in New York City, who offered to pay for her tuition to Burlington Business College where she obtained a two-year college degree. Thesba remained forever grateful for her aunt's gift, which changed the trajectory of her life.

Thesba met the love of her life, Harold Johnston, on an arranged double date and they spent their first date at the Sherbrook Fair. She and Harold married in 1944 in St. Johnsbury, Vermont. She graduated from Lyndon State Teachers College with a BS in 1948.

The door to the governor of Vermont's office opened to Thesba early in the 1950s during her high school teaching career at Barton Academy, where she taught Governor Lee Emerson's two daughters. The governor's wife was so impressed with Thesba that she recommended Thesba to her husband when he became in need of a personal secretary. Within a year he appointed her "Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs," a position she held for

seven years. She acted as an "assistant governor" traveling the state as the governor's "eyes and ears," writing proclamations and speeches, and attending all legislative and gubernatorial functions.

Governor Emerson relied on Thesba as his chief advisor, counselor and confidant and she was very humbled when he asked to borrow her Bible for a weekend so he could read the passages she had marked as having special meaning to her.

Governor Emerson and Harold encouraged Thesba's thirst for higher education and with their support she obtained her MA from the University of Vermont in 1955 and EdD from Boston University in 1962. Within months of receiving her doctoral degree, Thesba received an invitation for a position as full professor in the graduate school of education at Atlanta University where she taught for 15 years and received the Trustee Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1967.

It was during her Atlanta years that Thesba co-founded the Concerned Christian Council in an effort to bridge the racial gap and facilitate integration in local Seventh-day Adventist churches. Thesba also helped found the Atlanta Christian Counseling Center, designed to offer counseling for all in need without regard for ability to pay.

In 1978 she joined the faculty of Andrews University, where she was instrumental in establishing a doctoral program in counseling psychology. Thesba also had a private practice as a licensed psychologist in Berrien Springs and was the first female licensed psychologist in Berrien County. She also helped establish the Counseling Center at the University Medical Center.

Central to Thesba's identity was her strong desire for social justice and her advocacy for racial and gender equality inspired numerous achievements and awards. She was a charter member and first female elder at All Nations Seventh-day Adventist Church in Berrien Springs. In 1983, she founded the Michiana Chapter of the Association of Adventist Women, who honored her with



Thesba Johnston in the classroom, c. 1985

a Lifetime Achievement Award in 1999. The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists established the Thesba Johnston Scholarship Fund and was among other entities that also presented her with Lifetime Achievement Awards. The YWCA and local Women's Community Association also recognized her accomplishments.

It was after her retirement at age 70 from Andrews University that Thesba traveled to Nizhny Novgorod, Russia to teach spoken English at an Adventist language school from 1993–1994. She also spent a year teaching English from 1997–1998 in Shijiazhuang, People's Republic of China. Thesba celebrated her 80th and 82nd birthdays in China.

While awards and tributes for her leadership, teaching, advocacy or academic contributions certainly deserve mention, anyone who really knew her would tell you that her single greatest gift or talent was her enormous capacity to love—to love deeply, unconditionally and faithfully. It was her soft-spoken, tenderhearted extraordinary ability to love which transformed the lives of countless others on her life journey.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Austin Yeaton, and her husband, Harold Johnston. She is survived by her son, Andrew H. Johnston; her two daughters, **Alyce E. Flanders** (att.) and **Sheila A. Smith** (att.); grandsons, Christopher Grant, Benjamin Smith, and Aaron Smith; and three great-granddaughters, Layla, Kylee and Jaelyn Smith.

Excerpted from life sketch by Sheila A. Smith

**Dolores (Parker) Slikkers**

(Hon LLD '07, board member) was born June 22, 1929, and died in a car crash on Dec. 18, 2014, in her hometown of Holland, Michigan.

Dolores played an active role in Adventist leadership over the decades, including as a member of the Executive Committee of the General Conference, the top governing body of the Adventist world church. She was serving as a member of both the Andrews University board of trustees and the executive committee of its Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at the time of her death.

Born in Monterey Township, Michigan, Dolores grew up on a farm six miles from her future husband Leon's family farm. Living near Hamilton, Leon went to Holland High and Dolores attended Allegan High.

Leon met Dolores at a sleigh ride party. Each was "dating" someone else—but two years later he sought her out. The couple dated for a year and half, and married Dec. 6, 1947.

The couple started their own boat company in 1955—SlickCraft—financed by selling their first house. Dolores did the bookkeeping for the new company.

**Niels-Erik A. Andreassen** (MA '65, BD '66), president of Andrews University, expressed "deep sadness" about Slikkers' death in an email message to faculty and staff. He said Slikkers and her husband took an active role in campus life starting in the 1960s and noted that the University had recognized their business accomplishments and philanthropic endeavors by giving them honorary doctorates in law in 2007.

"Dolores Slikkers was strongly committed to Seventh-day Adventist beliefs and values," said **Benjamin D. Schoun** (BA '70, MDiv '73, DMin '82), general vice president of the General Conference and chair of the Andrews University board of trustees.

"Her special interest was in Adventist education, which she promoted strongly," Schoun said. "She was currently on the Andrews University board and is the longest-serving member of that group. She was active in that responsibility, asking pertinent questions at nearly every board meeting."



Dolores Slikkers

Dolores and her husband, Leon, also contributed financially to many church projects from revenues made at their successful boating manufacturer S2 Yachts, Schoun said.

"From the success of those efforts, they were able to generously give financial gifts for various church projects, including assisting students with tuition costs for Adventist education," he said.

Perhaps the highest-profile project that Dolores helped initiate was Maranatha Volunteers International, a non-profit Adventist-affiliated organization that she co-founded with her husband and John Freeman in 1969. Today, Maranatha mobilizes volunteers to construct urgently needed schools, churches, orphanages, clinics and houses around the world.

"Dolores and Leon were part of the original group of pilots who flew missionary trips to the Caribbean and Central and South America," S2 Yachts said in a statement in 2007. Additionally, Dolores was a member of the S2 Yachts Board of Directors.

Since its inception, Maranatha has constructed more than 3,800 "One-Day" churches, 600 "One-Day" schools, 115 education and evangelism centers, and 760 water wells, according to its website. It mobilized more than 2,400 volunteers in 2013 alone.

Dolores also served on the boards of It Is Written television in California and Griggs University in Michigan.

More recently, she was a member of the Theology of Ordination Study Committee, which was formed at the request of the General Conference to find out whether a group of Adventist theologians, scholars and laypeople could reach a consensus on women's ordination. The committee was unable to reach consensus during a two-year study.

Dolores was "quiet and kind-hearted," said Ingo Sorke, a professor of religion at Southwestern Adventist University who sat with her on the Theology of Ordination Study Committee. "She had a sincere love for her church and a genuine expectancy of the Second Coming."

Dolores was a member of the Holland Seventh-day Adventist Church. She was involved in personal ministries, women's ministries, the church board, projects for the Holland Adventist School, church treasurer, Community Services Center director, and Sabbath school teacher for many years.

Dolores also had a fondness for celebrating birthdays and skiing. She sent out more than 2,000 birthday cards every year and went skiing regularly with her husband in the U.S. West.

She is survived by **Leon** (Hon LLD '07, board member), her husband of 67 years, and four children: **David** (att.) and **Mary Slikkers** of Holland; **Robert** and **Barbara Slikkers** of Holland; **Susan Slikkers** (AS '76, BS '78) and **Mark Ringwelski** (BS '79) of Green Bay, Wisconsin; **Thomas** (AS '82) and **Barbara Slikkers** of Holland; grandchildren: **Leon II** (BA '97), **Steven** (BS '95), **Kelly** (att.), **Timothy** (att.), **Samantha** (BS '12, BA '12) and **Alexander Slikkers**; 10 great-grandchildren; brothers: **Bill** and **Jan Parker** of Holland; **Ted** and **Stella Parker** of Zeeland; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Dolores was preceded in death by her parents, **Allen** and **Evelyn Parker**, and her sisters, **Marjorie** and **Lela**.

Excerpted from Andrew McChesney/Adventist Review and Amy Biolchini/Holland Sentinel

A top-down view of a wooden desk. In the top right corner, a black camera lens is partially visible, showing '85mm' and '1:1.7' markings. On the left side, two white pens with silver accents are lying diagonally. At the bottom, a portion of a silver keyboard is visible, showing keys for F6-F12, numbers 6-0, and letters Y, U, I, O, P, [ ], \, and enter. A white mouse is partially visible at the bottom right. A white rectangular box with a red tab at the top center is overlaid on the desk, containing the main text.

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Thirty J.N. Andrews Honors Scholars gave their Honors Thesis poster presentations at the Honors Scholars and Undergraduate Research Poster Symposium held Friday, March 6 in the Undergraduate Learning Center: Buller and Nethery Halls. L. Monique Pittman, professor of English and director of the J.N. Andrews Honors Program, is pictured on the back row, far right. The event was hosted by the J.N. Andrews Honors Program and the Office of Research & Creative Scholarship (Gary Burdick, associate dean of research); an additional 31 students (not pictured) who had received Undergraduate Research Scholarships also presented their work. Congratulations to all these scholars who successfully shared their ongoing research to the Honors Council faculty members, colleagues, fellow students, family and friends.