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for a

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A Call to Action

Andrea Luxton, president

ONE PLAY I USED TO ENJOY TEACHING was T.S. Eliot's "Murder in the Cathedral," based on the murder of Archbishop Thomas Beckett in Canterbury Cathedral in 1170. The play abounds with moral and ethical questions, made more complex and poignant because it was written at the time of the rise of the Nazi regime in Europe. And in the play is a Chorus, a group of regular women of Canterbury, observers and commentators. One phrase they speak stands out, "Humankind cannot bear very much reality." They so wish to escape the rawness of what is happening around them (feel familiar?). But they have nowhere to hide. They must participate, because they are there.

It has taken me a while to write this editorial. Not that there isn't a lot to say, but because just about every day over the last two to three months something has changed that impacts us, the Andrews University extended community. A pandemic, a country that is stunned again and again by the realities of racial intolerance and then the looting and violence which deepen the hurt to many communities. And all of this hurts our community, too. The realities are truly almost too much to bear.

But then we claim we are here to make World Changers for this changing world. So what do we do?

Here are just a few suggestions.

First, I believe we have to embrace the concept that education (and particularly Seventh-day Adventist education) is not an end in itself. Education broadens our understanding, makes us question our preconceptions and biases and enables us to be solution-oriented in a world that is looking for new possibilities. That means we are intrinsically about creating possibilities for our students and communities.

Second, we need to recognize as a faith community that the actions demanded of us by our faith commitment need to be far more important to us than any political allegiance. Right is right. Wrong is wrong. We cannot prevaricate over the expectations of a God who unbelievably loves me as well as you! That means we must speak out and act in support of what is right in God's kingdom.

Third, in a world where there is so little safety and so much fear, we nurture change makers when we create an environment of hope, possibility and understanding. An Andrews education must be much more than knowledge or being correct. We can have all knowledge and still be a clashing cymbal. Our calling is to model a way of being, of living, of knowing, that visibly and intentionally focuses on a future that is imbued with faith, hope and love.

It would be so easy to feel overwhelmed in the summer of 2020. To let discouragement, uncertainty, hopelessness lead to passivity and inaction. But that is not why Andrews University and its extended community are here.

World Changers for a changing world.



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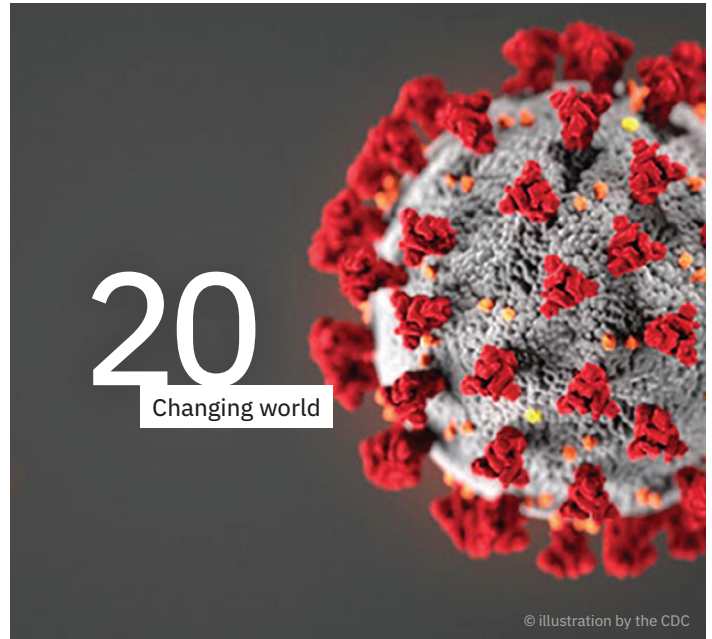
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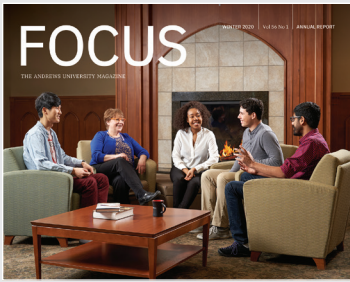
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Clockwise, from top left: Isabella Goncalves (incoming freshman), Stephen Farr (Seminary student), Yehjee Lee (PT student), Sinegugu Katenga (MSCID student), Ivan Davis (associate professor of English)

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Visit Andrews University's YouTube channel to view Spring Week of Prayer, Employee Awards presentations, Chapels, Vespers, virtual graduation services and more.

Virtual Social Consciousness Summit

Addressed socioeconomic and racial disparities of COVID-19

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY LIVESTREAMED "COVID-19: Understanding and Breaking the Socio-Economic and Racial Disparities" on the University's Facebook page on Thursday, April 23. The Summit was co-sponsored by Spectrum Health Lakeland; the Andrews University Office for Diversity & Inclusion; the Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation Campus Center; the Office of Research & Creative Scholarship; and the Office of the Provost.

This Summit was part of a special season of podcasts, Andrews Speaks: Thriving Together Remotely.

Michael Nixon, vice president for Diversity & Inclusion, began the Summit with a brief overview of the theme. "As we learn more about the effects of this disease, it has become clear, both in Michigan and across the country, that minority communities have been hit the hardest," he explained.

Seven guest panel participants spoke to the larger theme of socioeconomic and racial disparities. Following a brief introduction of each of the panelists, Nixon asked them to comment on the larger core reasons for the racial and economic disparities brought to light by COVID-19.

The ensuing discussion focused on the groups that have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic,

namely African American, Latinx and Native American communities. Multiple panelists responded by sharing supporting statistics and explaining why these statistics are concerning.

As the discussion continued, panelists shifted to address the institutional structures and policies that may be contributing to this disparity: access to health insurance and access to health-care providers.

Other panelists responded as well, citing how the CDC's guidelines even assume a level of socioeconomic status by expecting individuals to have access to transportation and sufficient space to quarantine sick family members.

Next they discussed the socioeconomic ramifications for how the stimulus packages have been distributed and what the projected short-term and long-term effects would be on vulnerable communities in areas such as education, health, housing and economic stability.

Nixon brought the Summit discussion to a close by asking the panelists to describe what one thing they would do to create a more fair, equitable world to prevent something like this from happening again.

 Visit andrews.edu/agenda/55983 to access the podcast and Vimeo links for this presentation.

Don't forget to write

Letters 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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MAY 4

preachergirlpodcast Officially a college graduate!! BA Religion with a minor in Communications. Had to get a photo tossing the cap in the air, right? #future #preachergirl



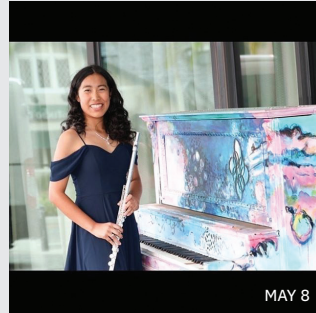
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1ST PLACE IN OUR LEAGUE
EARLY STAGE COMPETITION
2020 US ENACTUS NATIONAL EXPO
MAY 15

andrews_enactus Congratulations to the Andrews Enactus team for 1st place in their league for the early stage competition at the @enactus_usa first #EnactusUSOnlineExpo



MAY 20

auagriculture Some of the kids like to "help" during milking. Maybe they aren't the most helpful, but they sure are cute! #auagriculture #andrewsuniversity



MAY 8

andrewsuni.2024 My name is Gislaine and I am from Manatee County FL. Can't wait to meet y'all! #au2024#classof2020

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Spectrum Health Lakeland, Feb. 12

Almost 20 children living in the Benton Harbor Housing Authority are receiving help in math once a week thanks to a new partnership between the housing authority, Spectrum Health Lakeland and Andrews University

Carlos Acosta, Feb. 23

Blessed to have been one of the instructors of the Andrews University's Lay Certification Program given here at the Southeastern California Conference.

Alan Alsbro, April 8

If you're looking to get some exercise and you have a mountain bike and a helmet which is a must venture out to Andrews University and check out their trails



MARCH 9

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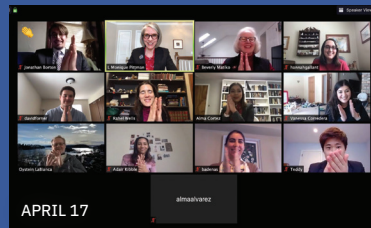
We wouldn't be doing the work we're doing if it weren't for Andrews University School of Architecture who've continually poured into helping us refine our design process, get better at what we do and they even had their whole M.Arch class come design Umbumbulu master plan and the Ubuntu Home model. We're proud to have this relationship with Andrews University and we're forever grateful for their commitment to our mission of serving others.



MARCH 8

Hinsdale Adventist Academy

Well done HAA 2020 Andrews University ChoirFest participants! We are so proud of our choir students! Special congratulations to Anneliese for being selected as a soloist



APRIL 17

L Monique Pittman

Today we hosted our annual Honors Thesis Symposium via concurrent "rooms" in Zoom. Here's a photo of the wonderful scholars of archaeology, English, French, and photography who presented in my "room." I'm so impressed by the resilience and achievement of our Honors Scholars and by the incredible research mentors who've guided their advisees through this strangest of capstone experiences in 2020. I can never forget that this is deeply meaningful work—learning and growing with young scholars.



Griggs International Academy

Student Spotlight: The Espinoza kids are keeping busy with school projects. We love seeing student projects and their unique work spaces. #GriggsK12 #homeschool #online #distancelearning #distanceeducation



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YOUTUBE



Andrews University (Published on January 25, 2020) Kaleb Eisele spoke for University Chapel at Andrews on January 9. His presentation is now available on the Andrews University YouTube channel.

Spring Virtual Commencement

Graduates were celebrated throughout the weekend

FROM MAY 1–3, 2020, THE ANDREWS UNIVERSITY community celebrated the achievements of 589 students through Virtual Commencement and Celebration of Graduates services. These virtual services were held instead of the postponed traditional spring graduation services as a response to COVID-19 related restrictions on large group gatherings.

The weekend's central events began Friday, May 1, at 7 p.m. with the Cultural Graduation Stoles Celebration. That evening at 9 p.m., New Life Fellowship hosted a Special Service for Graduates with Jannel Monroe, administrative pastor of New Life Fellowship, as the featured speaker.

Celebrations continued on Saturday morning with the Baccalaureate service at Pioneer Memorial Church. Dwight Nelson, lead pastor of PMC, delivered the address which was broadcasted at andrews.edu/livestream, the PMC Facebook page (facebook.com/pioneermemorial-church), and pmchurch.org.

One Place Fellowship also livestreamed a virtual recognition service for graduates with speaker Matt Durante, administrative pastor for One Place Fellowship.

On Saturday afternoon, various colleges, schools and departments held their own celebratory services.

The weekend's events concluded with Virtual Commencement services on Sunday, May 3. Each service began with a greeting and invocation from the dean of the college/Seminary and remarks from President Luxton.

Viewers then enjoyed a debut virtual performance of "This Is Our Prayer" by the Andrews University Department of

Music community of musicians. This piece, composed by the Department of Music chair Adriana Perera to lyrics by Nicholas Zork, was created in response to the "virtual reality" brought on by COVID-19. Perera composed the piece in two days and it took two more weeks to write all the individual parts, send them out, wait for each individual to send their videos back and put all of the pieces together.

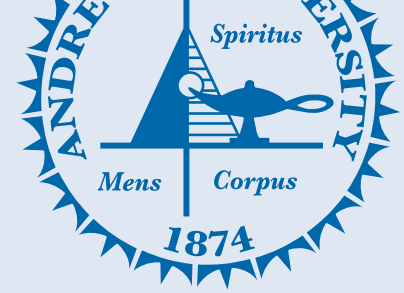
In the final virtual performance, soloists Charles Reid, director of vocal studies for the Department of Music, and Julie Reid were joined by members of the Andrews University Singers, Symphony Orchestra and Wind Symphony. The Department of Music offered this performance in loving memory of violist Colin Fenwick. To watch the performance, visit the Department of Music YouTube channel.

"This experience brought us together and gave us the opportunity to bless others," Perera says. "For me that's the role of art—expressing something that we cannot express through anything else, the beauty of transcending our pain and converting our negative thoughts and isolation into an expression of beauty."

Following this moving performance, each Commencement service included a slideshow of graduates, a welcome from Alumni Services, a dedicatory prayer and a benediction.

The first Virtual Commencement Service occurred at 10 a.m. for graduates of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. The other services followed at 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. respectively for graduates of the College of Education & International Services, College of Health & Human Services, College of Professions and College of Arts & Sciences. Each of the virtual services was livestreamed at andrews.edu/livestream.

Archived videos of the Virtual Commencement services and many of the Celebration of Graduates services can be found on the Andrews Facebook page and at andrews.edu/livestream.



Taken from the May 4 Need to Know newsletter.

Undergraduate Awards Ceremony

4,000+
online viewers; 200+ comments/reactions

Cultural Graduation Stoles Celebration

3,000+
online viewers

Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary

6,000+
online viewers; 59 shares, 500+ comments and reactions

College of Education & International Services

2,000+
online viewers

College of Health & Human Services

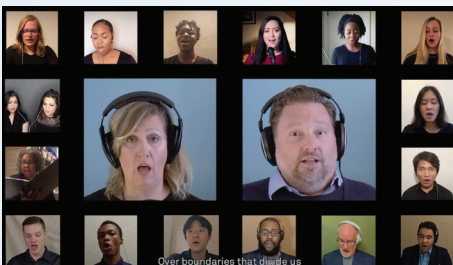
3,500+
online viewers; 200+ comments and reactions

College of Professions

1,700+
online viewers; nearly 100 comments/reactions

College of Arts & Sciences

4,400+
online viewers; 350+ comments and reactions



72 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

19 YOUNGEST GRADUATE

70 OLDEST GRADUATE

New chaplains appointed

Andrews welcomes two new chaplains to its Campus Ministries team

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY IS PLEASED TO welcome two new chaplains to its Campus Ministries team. José Bourget accepted the position of University chaplain and began his work on Jan. 1, 2020. Danielle Pilgrim accepted the position of associate chaplain and began in late January 2020.

“We have taken the unusual approach in our University plan to talk not about strategic initiatives but storylines. The first of those storylines reads: ‘To live, work or study at Andrews University will mean active engagement in a community that is passionate about being a caring, inclusive, healthy community of faith,’” said Andrea Luxton, president. “Central to the direction of this storyline is the chaplaincy office. Our chaplains must be able to collaborate and engage with the totality of our campus community to ensure faith development is central to what we do and that this faith development makes a difference in the way we live both on campus and in our communities.”

As the lead chaplain, Bourget is primarily responsible for creating the faith development strategy for Andrews and ensuring this priority is embedded into the campus culture and community. From his undergraduate years as a student at Andrews, José has been engaged in youth ministry, outreach, chaplaincy and making events happen. He is an innovator, strategist and organizer. “I look forward to working with this generation of faculty and staff in developing resilient Jesus followers,” says Bourget.

Pilgrim is a 2015 graduate of the Seminary at Andrews University. Most recently, she was the associate pastor at the Atlanta Berean Adventist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. There she focused on and excelled in three areas: community engagement, youth and young adult ministry, and discipleship and care. She is a preacher and a doer, leaving each community she has served better because of her focus on care and engagement. Pilgrim says, “I hope to facilitate an en-



*Left: José Bourget, University chaplain
Right: Danielle Pilgrim, associate chaplain*

vironment where students, faculty and staff pursue emotional wholeness and selfless service to others as an integral part of their faith development journey.”

Luxton says, “I am excited to be working alongside José, who has such a deep passion for students as well as the capacity to help us all keep our focus clear, and I look forward to the energy and commitment Danielle will bring to her position.”

A third appointment for the Campus Ministries office is still outstanding. That appointment is made through the Michigan Conference and PMC.

Wellness team works creatively

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic

IN APRIL, THE ANDREASEN CENTER FOR Wellness released a virtual group fitness membership plan in response to closures caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Our wellness team here at Andrews University rallied together quickly to find a way to provide a new opportunity for people around this planet to engage in live fitness opportunities from their homes during this life-altering time,” says Dominique Gummelt, director, University Wellness. “Yes, there are lots of pre-recorded fitness classes available on the internet, but we wanted to provide a unique option, where we can build an international community that can move live together! Our approach to wellbeing is ‘MADE TO THRIVE’ in every way, and we truly hope that our

live options and our free ‘Wellness Club App,’ which has a plethora of personal wellness resources and a PRO upgrade option, inspired people to engage intentionally and purposefully during this challenging time.”

The virtual membership plan included access to all classes offered live through Zoom. The classes offered a variety of fitness options, including focuses on strength, high intensity, flexibility and more.

In response to Michigan’s reopening plans, the Andraesen Center for Wellness recently announced its plans to begin modified operations. As part of this phased roll-out they discontinued virtual classes and began offering outdoor group fitness classes on June 8.



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These classes will be free for the month of June.

To download the app, visit <https://andrewsuniversity.virtuagym.com/webshop>. Questions about membership? Email thewellnessclub@andrews.edu.

Black History Month 2020

“Origins: Chronicling our Journey” was this year’s theme

FROM FRIDAY, JAN. 31, THROUGH Saturday, Feb. 29, Andrews University celebrated Black History Month with a variety of activities, speakers and events.

“I think that our celebration this year under the theme ‘Origins: Chronicling our Journey’ has been a powerful one,” says Michael Nixon, vice president for Diversity & Inclusion. “I think the events have been a wonderful display of what it means to celebrate culture (in this case, the African Diaspora) while also pulling the broader campus community in to learn and be edified in the midst of the celebration.”

Keynote speaker Morgan Medlock, MD, MDiv, MPH, served as the speaker for several events.

Medlock received her medical degree from Mayo Clinic School of Medicine. She also completed a Master of Divinity at Andrews University and a Master of Public Health from Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. After completing adult psychiatry training at Massachusetts General Hospital, she matriculated through the Commonwealth Fund/Harvard Medical School Fellowship in Minority Health Policy. During her fellowship year, she completed a practicum project that focused on improving mental healthcare for justice-involved individuals.

Medlock has held a number of leadership roles regionally and nationally. Her expertise in minority health policy has led to the development of academic projects exploring the role of racial bias in mental health practice. As an outgrowth of one of these projects, Morgan was invited to serve as editor of the volume “Racism and Psychiatry: Contemporary Issues and Interventions,” published in October 2018.

At the Feb. 12 chapel, Medlock responded to the letter sent from the student body of Andrews University in 2015 asking the General Conference for an explanation for their allowance and encouragement of segregation to



“God’s blessing is too big for one culture, group, or clan... Paul brings change to the hostility toward each other by revealing Jesus’ purpose.”

create “ethnic churches.” She cited the greatest lie Satan told of humans being “different races” when there is only one, the human race; and that God made a promise to Abraham—a pagan—to bring the Savior of humanity through his seed.

Medlock noted that, as Christians, we should no longer separate ourselves as we are all God’s creatures who He came to save. She closed her talk, saying, “God’s blessing is too big for one culture, group, or clan... Paul brings change to the hostility toward each other by revealing Jesus’ purpose. Paul says, ‘God has already given His sign.’”

Medlock’s vespers presentation on Feb. 14 was titled “Crisis and Crumbs.” She pointed out that even people in crisis can achieve change. “Though history may forget scandalous people, God does not forget,” Medlock said. “The faces of His movement are made up of people who have gone through all kinds of crisis.”

Medlock then told the story of the woman in Matthew 15 who broke social protocol to bring her child to Jesus. The woman tells Jesus that even the dogs

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Keynote speaker Morgan Medlock ■ Celebration Sabbath at the Howard Performing Arts Center ■ Black Like Me Comedic Story Slam ■ Blackventist Praise

are given crumbs from the Master’s table. “She’s saying, ‘God, give me a taste of what is yet future,’” said Medlock. “When you take a crumb from someone who is eternal—just a crumb—it’s enough to handle all your needs.”

At New Life on Feb. 15, Medlock highlighted the theme “Remember My Praise” taken from Psalm 34. Medlock noted three promises that Jesus makes in Scripture: in this world you will have trouble, when you experience trouble you will be delivered, and in spite of your trouble, when you walk with God, you will be remembered.

Other events included BSCF The Blackout, Blackventist Praise, Black Spirit Week, and Black Like Me Comedic Story Slam. Dining Services also served lunches that gave a taste of some of the best dishes from the African Diaspora.

“Each year, my heart is warmed by the hard work and creativity of our students,” says Nixon. “It fills me with pride to see them put on such an amazing calendar of events each year. This celebration has given me the fuel necessary to continue to finish this year on a good note. I was so gratified to see all of the hard work and planning that was put in by those involved come to fruition. I am already excited about next year!”

WEBINARS OFFERED

“Leading in Times of Crisis”

The Andrews University Department of Leadership is hosting a series of “Leading in Times of Crisis” webinars from June 8–July 19, 2020. Each Monday, from 7–8 p.m., a frontline leader in the campus, church or community will be interviewed about their direct experiences with recent crises.

Featured speakers currently include Terry Shaw, CEO, AdventHealth; Sung Kwon, director, NAD Adventist Community Services; and Dave Weigley, president, Columbia Union Conference. The webinars will be available through Zoom. Those in attendance online will also be able to submit questions for the speaker.

The webinars are free, but registration is required. To register, please visit <https://mailchi.mp/e359df9c672b/leadingintimesofcrisis>. You will receive a link and a password to join the meeting. CEU certificates are available upon request.

The Andrews University Leadership program is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. The Department of Leadership houses three graduate academic programs: educational leadership, higher education administration, and leadership. Each program operates primarily in a distance education format, with most courses being taught online. For more information, visit andrews.edu/leadership.

LEFT TO RIGHT: *Terry Shaw and Sung Kwon are two of the featured webinar speakers*



Oxford Handbook proposal accepted

Editorial team includes faculty from Andrews and Southwestern

OVER TWO YEARS AGO, A PROJECT was conceptualized that would cover Seventh-day Adventism in the “Oxford Handbook” series. Recently, a proposal for this project was accepted by the Oxford University Press (OUP). The project will be led by faculty from several institutions, with primary involvement from two Adventist universities: Andrews University and Southwestern Adventist University.

The completed book will contain approximately 40 chapters written by well-recognized Seventh-day Adventist and non-Adventist scholars who have a demonstrable track record of peer-reviewed publications. The chapters will be organized into seven overarching sections which will address various topics including the history of Adventism, Adventist theology, organization, and approach to culture, ethics and politics. Each chapter will provide scholarly and historical overviews for the topics as well as footnotes and a “Further Suggested Readings” section.

“We believe this is a very significant academic project for the Seventh-day Adventist Church,” says Michael W. Campbell, professor of religion at Southwestern Adventist University and member of the editorial team. “This will be the first one-volume authoritative reference work relating to the Church published by a major academic publisher. As such, this work will appear in academic libraries around the world. It will be the starting point for scholars, students and others, perhaps unfamiliar with Adventism, to learn about the Adventist Church.”

Denis Kaiser, assistant professor of church history at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University and member

of the editorial team, says, “In the last decade, Seventh-day Adventists appeared frequently in the news. Such media appearances highlight aspects of Adventism but are unable to meet the need for a well-rounded, thorough and nuanced work on the Adventist community. We are excited that Oxford University Press sees value in this project. We are further glad we could win 40 authors from around the world. Writing from a variety of perspectives, they will certainly offer an enriching kaleidoscope into the history, beliefs, convictions, activities and cultures within Seventh-day Adventism.”

Additional members of the editorial team are Christie Chui-Shan Chow, faculty at the City Seminary of New York and educational missionary to China; Nicholas P. Miller, professor of church history at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University; and David F. Holland, professor of New England Church History at Harvard University.

“The ‘Oxford Handbook of Seventh-day Adventism’ provides a unique opportunity to establish an authoritative reference work on the Seventh-day Adventist Church that is intended for the general public,” says Ella Simmons, general vice president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. “In recent years Adventist scholars have made significant contributions to religious literature that create a comprehensive and balanced knowledge base about the diverse worldwide Adventist community.”

It is projected that the chapters will be completed by summer 2020, with a manuscript submitted to Oxford University Press by summer 2021.

President Luxton and Andrews student honored

At Weniger Society awards presentation

ON FEB. 15, 2020, THE CHARLES ELLIOTT Weniger Society for Excellence held their 45th annual awards presentation in Loma Linda, California. At this event, President Andrea Luxton received a Weniger Medallion, as did Reinder Bruinsma, Richard H. Hart and A. Ganoune Diop.

The Charles Elliott Weniger Society for Excellence was established in 1974 in honor of Charles Weniger, who had served as dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in



Yosia Nurhan, junior mathematics and physics studies major, received a Weniger Fellows Student Scholarship.

Washington D.C., an English professor and a gifted public speaker. Created by three of Weniger's friends—Jerry Pettis, Clinton Emmerson and John Osborn—the society aims to honor Weniger's memory and the qualities of excellence paramount in his life by recognizing the contributions made to the world by people with similar significant traits of character.

President Luxton was recognized for her commitment to excellence as an educator and as president of three different Adventist colleges/universities: Newbold College, Burman University and Andrews University.

"It was a great surprise and honor. I have a lot of admiration for many of those who had received the honor before, and it was an honor to be listed as a recipient along with those individuals," says Luxton.

Thirteen undergraduate students from accredited North American Seventh-day Adventist colleges and universities were also recognized as Weniger Fellows Student Scholarship Fund recipients.

Yosia Nurhan, the recipient from Andrews University, is a junior mathematics and physics studies major. He



Photo credit: Enno Mueller

President Luxton receives a Weniger Medallion at the 45th annual awards presentation.

is a J.N. Andrews Scholar, 2019–2020 vice president of Pi Mu Epsilon, current mathematics president for eigen* (the math-physics club), financial vice president for the Association of Indonesian Students and leader of a mountain biking club that he started. He has also completed extensive research with both Shandelle Henson, professor of mathematics and professor of ecology, and Desmond Murray, associate professor of chemistry.

Nurhan was both grateful and surprised to be chosen. "The financial support that I will receive from this award will help me in many ways. On top of that, I am glad that service is acknowledged no matter how small."

Andrews scores in preeminent math competition

Students participate in 80th annual William Lowell Putnam Competition

DETERMINE ALL POSSIBLE VALUES OF $A^3 + B^3 + C^3 - 3ABC$ where $A, B,$ and C are non-negative integers.

That was the first of a dozen questions on the 80th annual William Lowell Putnam Competition, the preeminent mathematics competition for undergraduate students in North America. Eight students from Andrews University joined over 4,000 students from 570 of the top universities in the United States and Canada for the six-hour exam in early December 2019.

The exam questions are notoriously difficult; although the test is out of a possible 120 points, 0 is the most common score awarded. "The Putnam is not a typical math test. It is more akin to detective work, requiring you to approach the problems from different angles

and chase down promising leads," says senior math major Yaser Monterrey. Other Andrews participants included Devin Garcia, Jonathan Homan, Lisa Johnston, Mykhaylo Malakhov, Yosia Nurhan, Melody Puchett and Jonathan Watson. Team members Monterrey and Malakhov scored in the top 30 percent of North American participants.

This is the third year Andrews students have participated in the Putnam competition, joining Walla Walla University as the only Adventist universities to participate. The Andrews University team placed 188th of the ranked teams, improving on their previous year's ranking of 232.5. Anthony Bosman, assistant professor of mathematics, has been coaching the Putnam team. "We are proud of our students. They are able



Senior math major Yaser Monterrey participates in the 80th annual William Lowell Putnam Competition. (Photo & article by Anthony Bosman)

to go toe-to-toe with some of the best students of the nation's top universities, affirming the strength of our mathematics program to produce world changers capable of solving the most intractable problems," Bosman explains.



CALENDAR

This concert schedule is subject to change depending on the state guidelines of the COVID-19 pandemic at that time.

Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra
Sunday, Oct. 4, 4 p.m.

Carla Trynchuk & Chi Yong Yun
Sunday, Oct. 18, 4 p.m.

Wind Symphony Fall Concert
Saturday, Oct. 24, 8 p.m.

Choral Invitational
Saturday, Oct. 31, 8 p.m.

Voice Studio Vespers
Friday, Nov. 13, 7 p.m.

Piano Guest Artist
Sunday, Nov. 15, 4 p.m.

Wind Symphony Holiday Concert
Saturday, Nov. 21, 8 p.m.

Welcome Christmas Concert
Friday, Dec. 4, 7 p.m.

Symphony Orchestra Christmas Concert
Saturday, Dec. 5, 8 p.m.

Wind Symphony Winter Concert
Saturday, Jan. 30, 8 p.m.

Column 1, top to bottom: "Welcome Christmas" Concert, December 6, 2019 ■ Wind Symphony Christmas Concert, December 7, 2019 ■ Sunday Music Series: "Aires Tropicales," January 12 ■ Young Artists Concert Performers, January 25 ■ Wind Symphony Winter Concert, February 1 ■ Andrews University Student Association Elections, February 6 ■ Column 2, top to bottom: Carla Trynchuk and Chi Yong Yun, February 8 ■ Sunday Music Series: Mallory McHenry, February 9 ■ Strings Masterclass, Maestro Victor Yampolsky, February 11 ■ English-Music Vespers, February 21 ■ Symphony Orchestra "Sweet Dreams" Concert, February 22 ■ Chamber Music, Claudio Gonzalez and Friends, February 29 ■ Column 3, top to bottom: Wind Symphony Vespers Concert, March 6 ■ Music Festival Orchestra Concert, March 7 ■ Music Festival Choral Concert, March 7 ■ Sandi Patty Concert, March 8 ■ Michigan SDA Elementary School Band & String Clinic Concert, March 11



The “Spencer Carter Chapel” story

Chapel in Meier Hall named after long-time dean Spencer Carter

THOSE WHO HAVE LIVED OR WORKED IN Meier Hall, the men’s residence on campus, will remember its layout. A basement and three floors. Suite-style rooms on east and west wings. A receiving lobby with a large fireplace that sits just steps away from administrative offices. And above those offices, in the middle of the building, is the chapel.

The chapel in Meier Hall is not just physically located in the center of the building. It has also served, for decades, as location central for programming in Meier.

Looking for any spiritually-based community gathering in Meier? Check the chapel—for worships, documentaries and the resulting discussions, and weekly RA and student dean team meetings. It is, in a sense, a multi-purpose room, though each of those purposes feeds the spiritual development aspect of the Meier Hall community. And each program is built on relationship.

Spencer Carter, who began work at Andrews University as assistant dean of Meier Hall in 1993, spent many important moments in the chapel. In his role as dean he was tasked with upholding policies and communicating spiritual values. He always stressed, though, that policies and spiritual engagement mean more through relationship.

Dean Carter was known for keeping it real. Every year at orientation, with the entire Meier community present, he would stand at the front of the chapel and share the goal for the year: to end the year with everyone they began with. He made sobering statements—sharing the reality that someone in the room, through the year, might go to jail or might even die.

But this brought him to his most important point. He would direct the residents’ attention to the cross on the platform and invite them to embrace their identity in the cross—“I hope you’ll be God’s man.”

In the fall 2019 semester, Carter decided to retire as dean of Meier Hall after 26.5 years at Andrews University. He talked with Andrew Dormus and Donnie Keele, associate deans, and plans began to take shape for how to positively transition to the next phase of Meier life.

As Keele sat in an RA meeting in the chapel and, as he had many times before, watched Dean Carter encourage the team from the front of the room, an idea began to form.

“Dean Carter has a strong ministry of presence,” says Keele. “He exudes relationship. It would just come up

in meetings, whether he’s giving the guys ‘nuts and bolts’ for their jobs or giving a leadership thought. Watching him do his thing I realized I could think of a lot of moments in the room where he references the cross behind him.”

Keele also recalled one of “Carter’s rules”—whenever the chapel was shut down, the lights on the cross would always be left on. As Dean Carter often said: “If a resident walks by, the chapel will be dark but the cross is lit up and stands out.”



On Monday, Dec. 2, 2019, a retirement celebration was held for Carter in the Meier Hall Chapel.

The program was filled with tributes from individuals that Spencer knew on a professional level but also as friends in the Andrews community: Donnie Keele; Elynda Bedney, director of Student Financial Services; Frances Faehner, vice president for Campus & Student Life; José Bourget, pastor at Pioneer Memorial Church who had served as a student dean in years past; Jennifer Burrill, director of Residence Life; and Judith Fisher, director of the Counseling & Testing Center.

Those in attendance were also invited to share comments, and former student residents, church family and friends added their thoughts to those expressed from the front. Spencer's wife, Nan, and son, Elliott, were present, as were his brother and sister—a surprise from earlier in the day.

At the end of the program, President Andrea Luxton shared some words of gratitude and made a very special announcement: the chapel in Meier Hall would now be named the “Spencer Carter Chapel.” Luxton presented Carter with a framed certificate with the following inscription:

Spencer Carter served the undergraduate men of Andrews University in Meier Hall from 1993–2019. Throughout that time, he spent countless hours mentoring hundreds of student leaders and serving the needs of thousands of Andrews students. Some residents met him for the first time on their way to the hospital for treatment, others came to know him as the dean who kept them from spending the night in jail because he covered their bail, and many will remember him as the dean who regularly challenged them to “handle your business.” Year after year, Dean Carter faithfully fulfilled a wide range of responsibilities, providing steady

leadership first as Assistant Dean, then as Associate Dean, and finally as Meier Hall's Dean of Men.

The chapel is a special place in Meier Hall. It is a space where building residents experience moments of worship and resident advisors grow as leaders and men at weekly team meetings. In both settings, it was a regular occurrence for Dean Carter to point toward the cross standing at the front of the room and encourage those present to recommit to “be God's man.” For over 26 years, building residents and student leaders listened and responded. Of the many places in Meier Hall that show Dean Carter's legacy, the Meier Hall chapel is a space that regularly saw his most impactful and influential work.

Therefore, on December 2, 2019, in honor of Spencer Carter's service and in commitment to continue his legacy, Andrews University henceforth recognizes the chapel space in Meier Hall as the Spencer Carter Chapel.

Then Carter, with the cross as a familiar backdrop, stood at the front of the room and expressed his appreciation to his community, those who had supported him with their presence, their work and always their prayers.

Reflecting on the evening, Keele says, “A lot of this community has been here the whole time—they saw Carter go from being a student at Andrews to doing work in the community as a social worker to giving back to Andrews. It's very cool to see Andrews give back to him.”

Alumni who saw the “Spencer Carter Chapel” on Instagram wrote in and said, “That's fitting.” “I support it.” “Great to see.”

Dormus, too, felt the honor fitting. “I had the opportunity to work with Dean Carter for close to six years,” he says. “I

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use the word *with* intentionally because Carter never made it a point to say I was working for him but *with* him instead. My partnership with Dean Carter over the years of working together taught me what it meant to be a man of integrity. ‘God has brought me too far for me to embarrass him’ is one of the things he would say. Carter knew what this work was really about; he placed high value in his walk with Christ, and that translated to how he worked and treated those around him. I will forever be grateful for his ability to recognize talent in me and encourage me to use my gifts in service to others. For this, Dean Carter will always be my mentor and friend.”

As part of the renaming, the chapel and chapel hallway will go through a refresh this summer, something last done in 2006. Four hundred seats will be reduced to 360, opening up the back of the chapel and creating a place for students to leave their backpacks and coats.

“It was my great privilege to work and minister alongside Dean Carter for all of his 26.5 years at Andrews University,” says Frances Faehner. “Dean Carter's love for his Lord and Savior—and his deep passion to foster the growth of young men to be men of integrity and faith come what may—will be the indelible legacy he leaves on the fabric of this campus and in the lives of thousands of men around the world.”

Carter says, “I have deep feelings of humility in receiving this honor, and I am further inspired to live up to the legacy of being God's man.”

Andrews faculty receives Fulbright Scholar Award

Daniel Gonzalez-Socoloske to research innovative technologies for Amazonian manatees in Brazil

DANIEL GONZALEZ-SOCOLOSKE, associate professor of biology, recently received a Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program award to Brazil in the field of biology. Gonzalez will conduct research at the Mamiraua Institute in Amazonas Department as part of a project titled “Can sonar technology aid in the detection and monitoring of the Vulnerable Amazonian manatee?”

“It is a great honor to receive this award and it is a reflection of the work that my colleagues and I have been doing. As far as I am aware, only one or two other faculty at Andrews have been awarded a Fulbright,” commented Gonzalez.

Recipients of Fulbright awards are selected on the basis of academic and professional achievement, as well as record of service and demonstrated leadership in their respective fields. “I do realize this is a once-in-a-career opportunity and I will make the most of it,” Gonzalez says.

The Fulbright Program is the U.S.

government’s flagship international educational exchange program and is designed to build lasting connections between the people of the U.S. and other countries.

Since its establishment in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late U.S. Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the Fulbright Program has given more than 390,000 students, scholars, teachers, artists and professionals of all backgrounds and fields the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research, exchange ideas, and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns.

Indeed, Gonzalez is hopeful that this Fulbright research opportunity will “bring greater attention to the work we are doing and will create new grant and collaboration opportunities.”

Gonzalez has been working on using sonar for manatee detection for the better part of 15 years. This specific project, in collaboration with Miriam Marmontel,



Daniel Gonzalez-Socoloske

started about three years ago. Gonzalez plans to travel to Brazil in July of 2021 and spend four months during the low water season of the Amazon to complete his research with manatees in captivity, semi-captivity and the wild.

Driven by compassion

Margaret Howell retires from the School of Social Work

ABOUT SEVEN AND A HALF YEARS AGO, Margaret Howell became an assistant professor of social work. She also worked as the director of the graduate dual-degree social work program, coordinator of the school social work program, and faculty clinical trauma facilitator.

Before coming to Andrews, Margaret had worked in clinical social work and as a psychotherapist in a private practice. She also worked at Atlantic Union College as an associate professor of social work, lecturer in the theology department and director of counseling services. Margaret had previously been a Seminary student and her son and daughter both attended Andrews.

“I’ve always been driven by compas-

sion for defenseless people, particularly children. I want God to use me to make a positive difference in people’s lives,” she says.

This drive to help others is evident in Margaret’s dedication to social work. Her favorite quote reflects this attitude: “I shall pass this way but once; any good that I can do or any kindness I can show to any human being; let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.” (*Etienne de Grellet*)



Margaret applied this passion to her work at Andrews. She helped grow the dual-degree program between the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and the School of Social Work, assisted in the process of gaining state approval for the school social work program and taught trauma training to graduate students.

Margaret describes her time at Andrews as a growing process, “My areas of expertise have been strengthened, and it has been an energetic learning environment for me.”

Now that she is retired, Margaret is planning to stay in the area and do some consulting. She is enjoying her free time, reading, traveling, spending time with her family, going to the gym and writing.

Margaret will miss interacting with students and her coworkers even though she is appreciating retirement. “It’s a process, and I have to remind myself of that after working for so many years. I pray for the next steps in this process,” she says.

Room to explore

Bruce Closser retires after 44 years of service

FORTY-FOUR YEARS AGO, BRUCE CLOSSER arrived on the Andrews University campus in the fall of 1976 to begin graduate school. In 1978 he began teaching English composition courses, and he is now retiring as an associate professor.

“I pretty much knew I wanted to be a teacher since my junior year in high school,” he explains.

That year, Closser was invited to teach a world history class during a role-reversal day at Forest Lake Academy. “I don’t remember what my topic was, but I do recall enjoying the process of reading for class, making a lesson outline, creating and administering a quiz, and grading the quiz afterwards,” he says.

Inspired by his favorite academy teacher, Sue Baker, Closser then enrolled at Southern Adventist University (then Southern Missionary College) intending to major in English and earn his teaching certification. “I took a few pre-med science courses,” he recalls. “My performance pretty much confirmed that my prospects lay in education, not medicine.”

He graduated in 1974 and took his first and only other job, teaching English, math, typing, photography and directing the 9th grade school drama production at the Greater Louisville Junior Academy. He worked there for two years until he began his master’s degree in English at Andrews University.

“I fully expected to return to teaching high school level English. Indeed, I had begun the process of submitting resumes to academy principals when an opportunity to teach freshman composition at Andrews arose. When Dr. John O. Waller asked me if I wanted to teach more freshman composition courses, I said yes and never left,” Closser says.

During his many years at Andrews, Closser has grown to love the campus, the atmosphere and, most importantly, the people—his colleagues and students.

“I’ve enjoyed the wide-open, tree-covered spaces on the Andrews campus. It’s a metaphor for the quality of life on campus, a place where there is room to explore ideas under the protective care

of some of the best people one could ever hope to meet,” he explains.

In his courses, Closser has met students from all over the world. When he first came to campus in 1976, a third of the students in his first class were not U.S. citizens. In each of his classes since he has continued to meet students from all over the world and learn about them and their heritage.

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Throughout his career, Closser has had one main goal as a teacher—to help students appreciate and successfully complete their freshman composition courses. He’s noticed that this is often a class that many students dread, and he is happy and proud of

the role he plays in facilitating student success in these courses.

“It’s been my goal to hear students say to me at the end of the semester, ‘Well, that wasn’t so bad.’ I can’t pat myself on the back as well as I used to because my joints no longer quite reach that far, but I can say with a certain degree of pride that I’ve been successful a few times in reaching this goal. I’m thankful that from time to time students I had twenty, thirty, or forty years ago stop by to thank me for helping them through a composition course,” he recalls.

Now that he is retired, Closser plans to stay in the area. Sometimes he considers moving to Florida near his brother and sister, but he’s quickly dissuaded by the heat. “I prefer to remain in Michigan where a sweatshirt is appropriate for much of the year and I can wrap myself in the warmth of my Michigan friends,” he says.

Closser will miss making new friends with his students each semester, but he is planning to enjoy retirement and ramp up his efforts to learn to read Korean.

“My time here at Andrews University has taught me that we are all alike in the most fundamental ways. William Shakespeare has Shylock say in ‘The Merchant of Venice,’ ‘If you prick us, do we not bleed? If you tickle us, do we not laugh? If you poison us, do we not die? And if you wrong us, shall we not revenge?’ That’s a lesson I could have learned anywhere, but I can’t imagine doing it in a better place than Andrews University,” Closser says.



Greg Offenback retires after 41 years

Working for the Farm, Dairy and Transportation

WHILE ATTENDING BROADVIEW ACADEMY in Illinois, Greg Offenback loved working on the 400-acre farm they operated so he decided to attend Andrews University to obtain a degree in agriculture. During his final quarter at Andrews in the winter of 1978, he received a phone call from Bernard Andersen, then department chair and farm manager. Greg says, “When he asked me if I would like to join the staff, he did not have to ask me twice! Bernard was very patient, kind and willing to work alongside the other staff, and we became great friends.”

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Greg began working for the farm/dairy operation as an equipment operator in March of 1978, primarily operating and maintaining farm equipment, planting and harvesting crops for the dairy herd, and teaching classes in farm equipment and irrigation. In 1988 he became the field crops manager.

In August of 1992, Greg moved across the street to Transportation, where his primary job was operating heavy equipment used for maintaining roads and sidewalks, snow removal, underground utilities and excavation. He also drove buses and trucks, logging hundreds

of thousands of miles to areas all across North America.

“Aside from the day-to-day activities of the job,” Greg says, “working alongside and making friendships with others at the University and in the surrounding community has had the biggest impact on me. Even those who have been my superiors were more like friends than just a boss.”

He continues, “As a boy and young man a strong work ethic was instilled in me by various people, including my grandfather and academy farm managers. I have tried to maintain that work ethic. Family was the other aspect of life that has always been important. Sometimes the two conflicted with each other, and it could be a challenge to keep a balance between work and family.”

Summing up his time at Andrews, Greg reflects, “If there is one thing I have learned it is that the only constant in life, besides our God, is change. Over the years there have been many changes at Andrews in personnel, administration, the physical plant and even my job responsibilities. I have learned that rather than reject change to accept it and make the best of it. Often everything works out for the better. I am still learning this lesson every day.”

Greg misses many of the day-to-day aspects of his jobs at Andrews, such as



Greg Offenback plans to spend more time on his motorcycle.

the planting and harvesting of crops that he did in his early years, but most of all he misses the people. Since he lives nearby, he still stops in and helps out from time to time with various activities.

In retirement, Greg most enjoys being in control of his own schedule, with more time to enjoy his many interests and hobbies. Those include motorcycle riding, antique farm engines and tractors, collecting and restoring vintage outboard motors, boating on Lake Michigan and other inland lakes and rivers, and camping in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. He and his wife plan to stay at their country acreage nearby and enjoy spending time with their two children, children's spouses and five grandchildren who also live in the area.

World Changers Made Here.

Effecting change and bringing joy

Celebrating Keith Mattingly's 40 years of service at Andrews

"I'VE ALWAYS FOUND JOY IN EVERY JOB I ever did," says Keith Mattingly of his 40-year experience at Andrews. "What I particularly enjoyed is being able to play a role in effecting change that brings joy and improvement to other people's lives."

During his time at Andrews, Keith taught in and chaired the Department of Religion & Biblical Languages, served as dean of the College of Arts & Sciences (CAS), and most recently was associate provost and dean of undergraduate education.

In 1971 Keith entered into pastoral work in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference. Keith had never thought of being a teacher. In 1979, while pastoring the

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Cocoa Church in Florida, his wife Margarita received an interest inquiry on her willingness to teach in the Andrews University physics department. Initially, due to Margarita not yet earning a PhD, the physics department indicated it would continue its search.

Shortly after that Keith happened to run into the current Andrews president at the time, Joseph Smoot, in the Florida Conference office. There he learned that the physics department was offering Margarita the position. Smoot asked Keith if he had ever thought of teaching. It was the first moment Keith had ever thought about teaching. "Margarita had sacrificed her career up till then to support me, and I decided that it was her turn for me to support her even though there was no promise of employment for me by Andrews administration," he says. After coming to Andrews, Keith taught on class-by-class contracts in the religion department for five years and entered full-time teaching in 1984.

Since then, he has taught 25 different classes, including Issues in the Great Controversy, which he taught 35 times. Keith also started two classes which pre-

viously had not been offered to students in the religion department: Beginning Hebrew and Hermeneutics.

"I really enjoyed teaching, it was very special," he says. "I certainly had a great time with students in all my classes. In checking the record I've had the great privilege of teaching 5,741 students."

Over the years, some of Keith's most satisfying moments have been seeing how God uses his personality and talents to make a positive difference. Whether it is a former student who tells him how his class made a difference in their spiritual lives or when he was able to make changes in the Department of Religion to improve student training, each of these moments brought him joy.

In addition to teaching, Keith was involved in Chapel Choices, a program which provided multiple small groups for students to join. "I really enjoyed organizing and seeing to it that they worked," he says. He also served as the executive director of the Jordan Field School at Tall Hisban, Jordan, for two summers with Øystein LaBianca, senior director and professor of anthropology.

Keith values the connections he formed with students during his time at Andrews and the relationships he witnessed between students. "I am often reminded of relationships built with couples whose weddings I had the privilege to officiate," he says. "It is especially pleasant to see students who have become somebody—we as teachers always want to see our students do better than we did."

He appreciates, too, the staff who contributed to his positive experience at Andrews. "In terms of staff, I've enjoyed working with friends from Custodial, Grounds, Plant Services, University Communication and Information Technology Services whose support made a gigantic positive difference in my career at Andrews University," Keith says. "My peers in the religion department were great partners. The CAS dean's office staff always exceeded my expectations, and without them I would never have lasted as the CAS dean."



Keith Mattingly displays a gift at his retirement party held on Jan. 9, 2020, in Buller Hall.

In working with these individuals, Keith created a catch phrase, "Welcome to another beautiful day in southwest Michigan." At first it started out as a joke for days with particularly bad weather, but then he shifted to using it every day.

As time went on Keith began to think more about heaven and how all places there are good. In response to this he started to add on another phrase, "Let's all plan to meet in the southwest corner of the New Jerusalem on the 2nd Sabbath we are there." Indeed this phrase captures what has been a guiding belief for Keith—the promise of heaven and the call to treat others with kindness and care on earth in preparation for heaven. "I look forward to spending time with the thousands of students and friends I've made over the years," he says.

Altogether, Keith's experiences at Andrews and working with these students and friends have changed him. "The big change that came over me was the willingness to take steps to make a difference, steps that ordinarily I would never have otherwise taken," Keith explains.

In retirement, Keith will stay in the area to support Margarita, who is still working in the physics department, and catch up on long-neglected projects.

Mentoring toward success

Spencer Carter retires after 26.5 years of service

SPENCER CARTER FIRST ARRIVED AT ANDREWS in 1973 as a proud alumnus of Northeastern Academy in New York City. He earned his BS in communications and his master's degree in what was then known as community counseling. After graduation, Spencer worked for nine years as the program director at a local counseling center in St. Joseph, Michigan, and then as an outreach counselor for the State of Michigan's local Department of Social Services.

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During this time Spencer stayed active in the Andrews community. Many of his friends were involved there and his wife, Nancy Carter, taught for the nursing department. After the Meier Hall assistant dean, David Knight, transferred to Walla Walla College, Spencer started getting phone calls suggesting that he apply for the job. He prayed about it and felt impressed to look into it.

“The rest is history,” he says. “It was in the back of my mind that I would do something at Andrews at some point. It was crystallized when the opportunity was presented.”

Spencer began as the assistant dean of men for Meier Hall in 1993. This past December, 26.5 years later, he retired as the dean.

He credits much of his growth and success as a dean to the careful mentorship of Don Murray, former dean of men at Meier Hall. He describes Murray as a visionary and one of the grandfathers of deaning.

“For Murray, residence life and deaning was a place where we could mentor young men and we could encourage them to partner with us toward their success: success academically, success socially and success spiritually. From day one I was introduced to how to build that kind of relationship with students,” Spencer says.

Additionally, Spencer is very thankful for his counseling background and skills. “It gave me confidence to sit down with students and be willing to listen, facilitate and help direct them toward what needs they had.”

Over the years, Spencer's favorite aspect of deaning was getting phone calls and emails from his former residents to tell him about their careers, marriages and children. “Those are precious moments that I'll never forget,” he says.

Spencer is also grateful for the relationships he built with his coworkers, including his fellow deans and Frances Faehner, vice president for Campus & Student Life. For him, Faehner consistently demonstrated quality leadership with an emphasis on care. “As a team we were together through the highs and



lows. We got a chance to see each other's hearts,” he says. Being an active part of this team is what Spencer will miss the most in retirement.

“The time I've spent here has been the biggest blessing in my professional life. I learned a lot about leadership, a lot about myself and a lot about programming,” Spencer reflects. “I learned a lot about God's leading and guidance—how when we are committed to letting Him guide and lead us, He will give us opportunities to be a blessing. That's always been my prayer, ‘Can I be a blessing to somebody?’”

Now that he is retired, Spencer will remain in the area with his wife. He plans to enjoy vacations, work on several projects and remain active in his local church.

In honor of Spencer's dedicated service at Andrews University, the chapel in Meier Hall was recently named the Spencer Carter Chapel (*see pages 12–13*).

Assisting workers in ministry

Rita Pusey served almost two decades in the DMin program

RITA PUSEY ALWAYS KNEW SHE WANTED A job or career that involved service. She received her BS in education from Andrews University in 1972 and then started her career as a faculty member and girls dean at Union Springs Academy in New York state. When her children were born, family became a priority.

“I left the professional world for a while to be a full-time mom and during that time did some work as a substitute teacher and licensed daycare provider. I went back to full-time work when my youngest was 8 years old,” says Rita. She worked for 13 years at the Edward Lowe Foundation in Cassopolis, Mich-

igan, before her current position as an administrative assistant in the Doctor of Ministry program at Andrews.

When Rita transitioned from a secular work environment to Andrews University she noticed the difference. “It seemed like a rare privilege to attend chapels and staff worship as a part of my work day. To be free to drop everything to pray together with staff or students—whether for their needs or mine—has been a wonderful thing,” she says.

Many things have changed at Andrews over the course of Rita's employment, both in the physical building of the Seminary and in Rita's work teams. When she was hired, the program had only one director and herself. Now there is a director, four full-time staff and a graduate assistant. There were slightly over 100 students in the program when she began, and currently there are about 350 ministry professionals at varying stages in the program. She has worked with four directors during her tenure, and Rita states, "I have learned valuable things and appreciated working with each one."

Rita's job has been to guide and assist students through their educational program but, she adds, "Many times they have graciously ministered to me. The job involves a great deal of tedious detail that must be conscientiously attend-

ed to, but the purpose of it was to take care of people who are 'working on the frontlines.' That is our part in the bigger picture, and it is a privilege."

She has greatly appreciated the nurturing work environment and wonderful colleagues who have become her good friends. She relates one event in particular. "When my son-in-law was killed in a plane crash and I needed to take extended time off to support my daughter, my colleagues pooled some of their vacation time and donated it to me. What they did was unexpected and a loving gift that was very meaningful to me."

Rita will remain in the area to tend to the needs of her 99-year-old mother and assist her building contractor spouse. Gardening, camping, hiking, biking, visiting family members across the country and working on creative projects are in her future plans.



She has been asked to provide occasional support with special projects for the DMin program on a contract as-needed basis, so she hopes to not completely "disappear" from Andrews quite yet.

Called to serve

David Village retires after 25 years of teaching physical therapy

IN 1988, DAVID VILLAGE GRADUATED from Andrews University with a master's in physical therapy. Prior to attending Andrews, he was a literature evangelist from 1977 to 1984. After he received his MSPT he worked at the Kettering Medical Center for seven years before returning to Andrews in 1995 to begin teaching for the Department of Physical Therapy.

For Dave, teaching at a university was not what he had initially imagined as his career. However, 25 years later he has taught numerous courses in kinesiology, general medicine and geriatrics—his area of expertise. He has also served as assistant dean of the College of Health & Human Services.

"Working at Andrews has changed me in many ways," he says. "Being a professor provided many opportunities to serve the local community through service learning and consultation as well as physical therapy colleagues through research."

During his years at Andrews, Dave found it very satisfying to be part of a team that provides training for students. While he never considered himself an administrator, he also enjoyed assisting

the dean of the College of Health & Human Services, Emmanuel Rudatsikira.

"Andrews students are extraordinary," Dave says. "Faculty often have the opportunity to counsel and pray with students, but the roles were reversed when my wife became ill and eventually died. Students came by my office to check in on me, let me know they cared, and pray with me."

Support and prayers were not the only things Dave is grateful for. He's also appreciative of the mentorship he received from Bill Habenicht, Wayne Perry, Kim Ferreira and Rudatsikira.

Throughout his career, Dave has seen each day as a gift from God to try and make the lives of others a little better. "The first two verses I read from the Bible as a young man before conversion are still among my favorites: Romans 8:31 and Philippians 4:13," he explains. "The experience that has guided my life and career is the ongoing realization of the passion God has to lead me to His salvation and His power to help me share with others."

Now that he is retired, Dave plans to stay in the area and contract teach undergraduate courses for the exercise



David Village at his retirement party on Jan. 10, 2020

science degree, travel, spend time with family and friends, continue working on his hobbies—gardening and back-country canoeing in Canada—and help with missions. He is also assisting Terry Dodge Jr. in completing a Sam Campbell documentary film. Dave is engaged to Teri Anzures and says, "I am looking forward to this new journey full of possibilities and adventure."

"What I will miss the most about Andrews is seeing on a regular basis what God can do through humble, dedicated individuals," he concludes.

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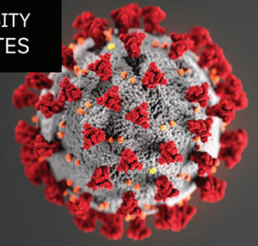
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**Andrews University's
response to the
COVID-19 pandemic**

Compiled by Hannah Gallant and Gillian Panigot

At Andrews University, “World Changers Made Here.” is more than a tagline. These four words help tell the story of our long-standing mission to “Seek Knowledge and Affirm Faith in order to Change the World.”

The past few months have forced us to reimagine how we, as World Changers, use our talents, resources, passions and skills to make the world around us a better place—how each one of us can be a World Changer in this changing world.



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How it happened

The impact of COVID-19 on Andrews University began in late January and early February. Our provost and vice president for Campus & Student Life sent a series of letters explaining public health issues surrounding the new virus as well as steps to keep individuals and our community healthy and safe.

The COVID-19 pandemic's impact on operations unfolded on Monday, March 9, with an announcement suspending current plans for any University-sponsored international trips—including work assignments and study tours.

On March 10, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer declared a State of Emergency following two confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the eastern part of Michigan. The next day she conducted a conference call with private colleges and universities, including Andrews University, regarding higher education and the spread of COVID-19 across the United States.

In response to Michigan's State of Emergency and this conversation with the Michigan State governor, and with further review and planning, Andrews University's academic and administrative leadership made the formal decision to switch to remote learning at the end of spring break.

"The administration at Andrews University places the highest value on the health and safety of our students and employees," says Christon Arthur, provost. "When it became clear that students and employees, because of their upcoming spring break travels, would be at risk of contacting COVID-19 as they traveled from campus for spring break or on their return trip to campus after spring break, we made the decision to minimize that risk by switching to remote learning. The shift to remote learning provided faculty and students the opportunity to continue with rich and intellectually stimulating learning from the safety of their own homes."

As Andrews University prepared to share that decision, Provost Arthur and Andrea Luxton, president, hosted a Town Hall for faculty and staff in Pioneer Memorial Church (PMC) that evening, March 11.

Immediately following the Town Hall, an official email was sent to faculty, staff

and students detailing these updates and announcing the cancellation of upcoming scheduled events including the International Food Fair, Passion Play and Gymnics Home Show. Residence hall students were also notified that it would be necessary to leave their residence by the end of spring break unless they met certain criteria to remain.

That same day, Andrews University launched a formal COVID-19 website to provide ongoing updates—it was the central point of communication through the remainder of spring semester, providing resources to learn remotely, work remotely, teach remotely and thrive remotely.

Later that evening, each of the residence halls held mandatory informational meetings to review the information in the email and field initial questions from the students.

Alisa Sorensen, dean of Lamson Hall, describes the transition for moving students out of the residence halls. "As can be expected, there was a lot of hustle and bustle through the halls and rooms of the residence halls. Students were trying to figure out travel plans as well as how they would get their rooms packed, emptied and cleaned before leaving. It was an abrupt way to end our time together in the residence halls, but the deans pulled together to make a plan. We acknowledged the difficulty and stress of the situation but reminded the residents that we were here for them through this challenging time."

The next day, on March 12, the president and provost led a student Town Hall during University Chapel in PMC regarding the University's decision to switch to remote education.

University administrators continued to provide almost daily updates to faculty, staff, students and parents as numerous changes occurred. The Andraesen Center for Wellness and James White Library closed operations in response to an Executive Order by Michigan Governor Whitmer. University-sponsored domestic travel was suspended. Spring break was extended by one week, and in-person spring graduation ceremonies were postponed.

Academic Records, Campus Ministries, Campus & Student Life, the Counseling & Testing Center and Student Success began

COVID-19 Changes Timeline

JANUARY 9, FEBRUARY 1

Campus letters from provost and vice president for Campus & Student Life regarding a new public health crisis and potential global "outbreak of pneumonia caused by a new strain of coronavirus, '2019 Novel Coronavirus' (2019-nCoV)." At the time, there were 7,344 cases worldwide and 132 deaths from the disease.



MARCH 8

Sandi Patty Concert

MARCH 9

Suspension of University-sponsored international trips

MARCH 10

State of Emergency declared in Michigan following two confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the eastern part of the state

MARCH 11

- Town hall for faculty and staff in Pioneer Memorial Church
- COVID-19 website launch
- Switch to remote learning announced
- Major upcoming campus events canceled



MARCH 12

Town Hall for students at University Chapel

MARCH 16

- Andrasen Center for Wellness and James White Library closed operations
- Spring break extended
- Spring graduation ceremonies postponed
- Suspension of University-sponsored domestic travel

MARCH 17

- Suspension of in-person committees and meetings
- Non-essential classrooms/buildings closed
- Sandi Patty announced positive COVID-19 test

MARCH 18

Campus community notified of Sandi Patty's positive COVID-19 test



PHOTO: Valerie Pichot

MARCH 20

University posts online remote learning/teaching resources

MARCH 21

University notified of positive COVID-19 test for two Andrews community members

MARCH 24

- First "Stay Home, Stay Safe." Executive Order takes effect
- Only essential employees report to campus



MARCH 25

Remote Faith Engagement opportunities announced

MARCH 30

- Remote learning/teaching begins
- First issue of Need to Know newsletter distributed



to develop strategies to maintain connections with students even from a distance. The campus community was also asked to adhere to social distancing guidelines and avoid group gatherings as mandated by state and federal governments.

An additional challenge was presented on March 17, nine days after vocalist Sandi Patty's concert at the Howard Performing Arts Center, when she announced the positive results of her COVID-19 test. Andrews immediately began working closely with the Berrien County Health Department and shared an official email detailing Sandi Patty's diagnosis and the steps to be taken by those who attended the concert and had been in close contact with Patty.

Following an investigation and testing, the Berrien County Health Department released a joint press release with Spectrum Health Lakeland on March 21 announcing the "first two positive cases of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Berrien County." Both of the individuals had been self-isolating and were receiving medical care at home.

"While it is unfortunate for any crisis to occur, it has been and continues to be a blessing to see our community come together throughout the COVID-19 pandemic to provide support and keep each other safe," says Ben Panigot, director of Campus Safety. "No job was too small or difficult for our employees, who readily volunteered to take on the extra work and risk. Even in the early conversations of how COVID-19 changes would affect students, faculty and staff, some of the first questions asked by employees were not

how they would personally be impacted but how our students would be supported in responding to the changes."

Panigot adds, "We also had overwhelming support from the Berrien County Health Department, Spectrum Health Lakeland, and local emergency services. With our community's support, Andrews University had routine access to subject matter experts and the resources to help keep our campus safe and supported."

Two days later, Governor Whitmer announced the first "Stay Home, Stay Safe." Executive Order 2020-21 (COVID-19), which directed Michiganders to stay in their homes unless they were part of the critical infrastructure workforce, engaged in an outdoor activity, or performing tasks necessary to the health and safety of themselves or their family.

"COVID-19 has been a constantly changing and challenging emergency—the biggest challenge being how to best support our employees who are either working from home or who, because of the pandemic, were temporarily furloughed. Throughout the event, it has been heartwarming to see leaders across the University show their commitment to ensure that their colleagues are taken care of and are able to navigate the pandemic to the best of their ability," states Darcy De León, director of Human Resources.

Caring for our community

As Andrews continued to understand, react and respond to the global spread of COVID-19, it began to adjust its "Made to Thrive" whole-person wellness strategy

to reflect the physical distance of the campus community. Campus Ministries announced remote faith engagement opportunities under the theme “The Disruption: Finding Joy in the Unknown.” Programming featured Facebook live-stream vespers programs, weekly study guides, prayer opportunities and panel discussions. The first two Facebook Live Friday vespers events (March 27 and April 3) reached a combined 7,000 views.

Jeff Boyd, then research support specialist in the Office of Research & Creative Scholarship, relaunched the Andrews Speaks podcast for a 15-episode season, “Pressing Together.” The Counseling & Testing Center began a Zoom-based support group for students and families feeling isolated.

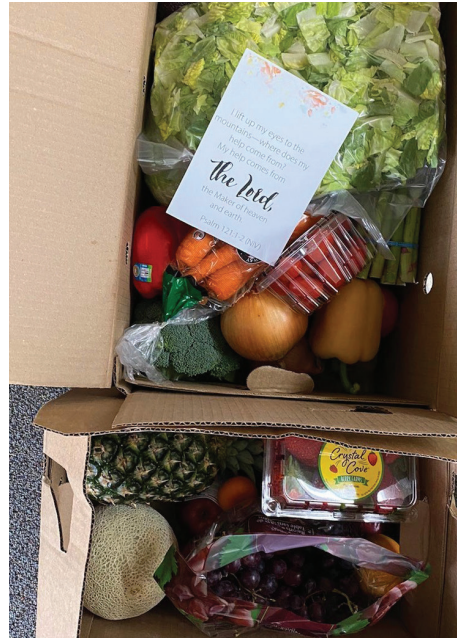
José Bourget, University chaplain, was encouraged by the response of the campus community. “In a climate of global uncertainty, our students responded in one chorus—well, many choruses. They fueled their resilience by engaging in worship of the Sovereign God. And as we continued through the ripples of the great disruption, University administrators, faculty, staff and students leaned into prayer and the promises that God will take care of us.”

Andrews began remote learning on Monday, March 30. In the midst of the adjustments, the importance of supporting students both academically and in their day-to-day financial needs became apparent.

As a result, Andrews approved a pass/no credit grading option after considering a petition from students. They also arranged for a “Home Edition” of May Express and for all summer courses to be provided remotely.

Another aspect of encouraging student success recognized the financial needs of students who previously relied on jobs for food, rent and tuition. Dining Services created a sponsor-a-box program to provide fresh fruits and/or vegetables to alleviate some stress regarding meals for many international students who live in the University Apartments.

Under the provisions of the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Andrews received stimulus funding of around \$1.2 million. Half of this was to support students in areas such as rent and food, and the



other half was to offset operational institutional costs. As of June 1, \$372,000 had already been distributed to 437 eligible students.

Unfortunately, the CARES Act does not allow international students to receive funding from this stimulus package. Through generous gifts from friends of Andrews University, the Student Life COVID-19 Emergency Fund was established. So far, 262 qualified international students have received a total of \$157,200 from the amount of funds already received by the University.

“The impact of the Coronavirus and the loss of jobs left many of our students struggling to meet the most basic of human needs, food and housing. Thus, our students have expressed deep gratitude for the gifts of love they have received from friends of the University. Nevertheless, the prolonged impact of restrictions related to the virus likewise prolongs the struggle our students are continuing to face on a daily basis to feed and provide for their families,” says Frances Faehner, vice president for Campus & Student Life.

Celebration and planning for the future

Even with the changes brought on by remote learning, Andrews still found ways to celebrate student achievements with a virtual Undergraduate Recognition & Awards Ceremony on May 1. They also held a Virtual Commencement and Celebration of Graduates from May 1–3 with



- Andrews Speaks podcast relaunched
- Stimulus funding announced

APRIL 1
Thrive Remotely site launched

APRIL 2
Counseling & Testing Center begins Zoom-based support group

APRIL 3
Pass/No Credit Option approved

- APRIL 6**
- Student Life COVID-19 Emergency Fund created
 - Marketing & Enrollment Management launches site for future students
 - Andrews Academy and Ruth Murdoch Elementary School switch to remote learning



APRIL 7
“AUeats,” a chef-made lunch delivery service, begins

APRIL 9
“Stay Home, Stay Safe.” Executive Order extended

APRIL 14
Student Life COVID-19 Emergency Fund opened for applications

APRIL 21

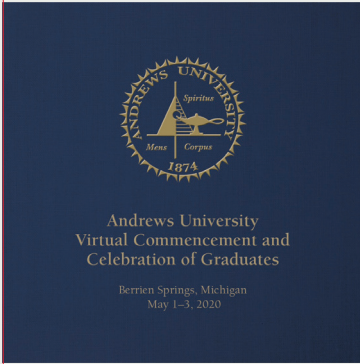
Online summer classes announced

APRIL 24

“Stay Home, Stay Safe.” Executive Order extended

APRIL 30

State of Emergency Order extended



MAY 1-3

Virtual Commencement and Celebration of Graduates

MAY 4

May Express Home Edition begins classes

MAY 7

“Stay Home, Stay Safe.” Executive Order extended



MAY 12

Luminaries displayed for frontline workers

MAY 14

Fall semester plans announced

MAY 15

Virtual Commencement and Celebration of Graduates plans announced for summer graduation

MAY 18

Andrews announces plans to reopen with in-person instruction on August 24, 2020



plans to commemorate summer graduation in a similar fashion.

On May 12, Andrews expressed gratitude to those in the local community who serve as frontline workers and caregivers in the Spectrum Health Lakeland health-care system and around the world. A team of 20 dedicated Andrews University friends and family members honored these individuals by lighting 500 luminaries at the University entrance.

Andrews now plans to re-open campus and start fall semester classes on August 24. Marketing & Enrollment Management has been working to connect with future students and guide them through this unique application and admission process.

“What has made these last few weeks manageable,” comments Luxton, “has been the incredible collegiality, creativity and positive attitudes of the campus employees and students. I have been proud to work alongside them throughout this crisis. That also gives me immense confidence for our future as we move to hopefully reopen in August 2020 for the fall semester.”

A “Re-Open Planning Group” meets regularly to discuss the University’s

continued response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Through the work of that campus group, and the support and inspiration of employees and students and their families, Andrews is ready and committed to respond to—and impact—a fast-changing world and a “new normal” reality for university communities.

Everything has changed

Or has it? All classes are engaging in remote learning right now, but professors are still teaching with the same passion for knowledge. Campus might be closed, but the Andrews University community isn't. There was no in-person graduation this year, but the accomplishment is still the same. How we're doing things has changed, but our goal to change the world remains.

“World” may seem a little bigger. “Changers” becomes a much more immediate need. “Made” is still happening with students transforming into global citizens every day. “Here” could be anywhere, instead of just on-campus.

COVID may have paused all the physical aspects of Andrews University—the cafeteria, the classrooms, the residence halls—but our spirit is still the same. We're still Andrews University. We're capable. We're courageous. We're World Changers for a changing world. ■

Employee Awards Night 2020



EMPLOYEE AWARDS NIGHT 2020 WAS held Sunday, March 1, in the Howard Performing Arts Center. Employees of Andrews University gathered to celebrate each other's accomplishments and enjoy time together. As guests entered the Howard Lobby, an ice sculpture of a Cardinal showcased the evening's theme: Golden Cardinal Awards. After an hour of food and fellowship, attendees moved to the auditorium.

The program began with a warm welcome by President Andrea



Luxton. **Ryan Hayes**, professor of chemistry, and his wife **Suzi** set a light tone for the evening as they introduced each of the six Golden Cardinal Awards throughout the program. Six "fun and fake" awards were presented: Best Regalia, Best Office Fit Break, Best Employee on a Skateboard, Best Southern Accent, Best Sam's Chicken Dipping Sauce and Best Climate World Changer.

At the conclusion of the night, Artur Stele, board chair and General Conference vice president, expressed his appreciation for the people of Andrews, closing the evening with a prayer of blessing.

A total of 33 faculty and staff were individually honored for their years of service to Andrews University as well as for excellence in service, teaching, research, faith development and wellness. ■

Visit andrews.edu/agenda/55683 to access links for the video tributes presented to each recipient and additional images.



FAITH DEVELOPMENT LEADERSHIP AWARD
Adriana Perera-Larrarte



DANIEL A. AUGSBURGER EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD
Oliver Glanz, pictured with his wife
NOT PICTURED:
Desrene Vernon-Brebnor

SIEGFRIED H. HORN EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH & CREATIVE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Gustavo Gregorutti, pictured with his wife

NOT PICTURED:
Joseph Kidder



STAFF EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE AWARD

L-R: *Ada Mendez, Lynn Merklin*

NOT PICTURED:
Maxwell Jardine



25 YEARS OF SERVICE

BACK ROW,
L-R: *Erich Baumgartner, Roy Gane, Dan Hamstra, Bill Greenley, Tom Goodwin*
FRONT ROW, L-R:
Emma Tenorio, Betty Oakley

NOT PICTURED:
Sara Snider



30 YEARS OF SERVICE

L-R: *Curt VanderWaal, Arlen Springer*

NOT PICTURED:
Lori Adler, Mickey Kutzner, Bill Wolfer



35 YEARS OF SERVICE

L-R: *Jim Massena, Lorena Bidwell, Lois Grimm*



40 YEARS OF SERVICE

L-R: *Margarita Mattingly, Don Smith*

NOT PICTURED:
Richard Davidson, Norma Greenidge, Don May, Becky May, Dianne Wilson



45 YEARS OF SERVICE

L-R: *Bonnie Beres, Ron Neumann*



WELLNESS CHAMPION AWARD

Deby Andvik



Regional events



Orlando, Florida

Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020

Andrews University's Florida regional event took place at the Highland Manor near Orlando. With approximately 130 alumni, prospective students and supporters of Andrews University in attendance, it was a full event! **Tomas Bennett** (MA '81) gave opening prayer, which was followed by a welcome from **David Faehner** (MA '72), vice president for University Advancement. Attendees enjoyed a delectable, expansive brunch while visiting with fellow alums and students. Pictures and updates from Andrews University's campus additions and projects were shared by University Advancement representatives, then David Faehner answered questions during a Q&A session.



Phoenix, Arizona

Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2020

Alumni, prospective students and supporters gathered at the Old Spaghetti Factory on a warm, sunny January day. Attendees welcomed Andrews representatives as they shared memories and stories from their time at Andrews. **Charles Scriven** (BD '68) offered opening prayer, then **Laura Malcolm** (BBA '11), associate director of Alumni Services, shared pictures from Homecoming 2019 and spoke about some of the changes Andrews has seen over the past year. **David Faehner** (MA '72) handled a Q&A session after the presentation, as well as shared several of the potential upcoming projects, before James Warren III closed the evening with prayer. It was a wonderful time to share memories with each other and to talk about Andrews!



Denver, Colorado

Thursday, Jan. 23, 2020

Nearly 50 alumni and friends of Andrews University gathered at Cinzetti's Italian Restaurant. **Dick Stenbakken** (MA '64, BD '65) opened the evening with prayer as attendees began to converse with tablemates. **Laura Malcolm** (BBA '11), associate director of Alumni Services, shared a presentation full of pictures and updates about Andrews before **David Faehner** (MA '72), vice president for University Advancement, spoke further about some of the changes Andrews has seen over the years. Attendees had the opportunity to ask questions before **Michael Goetz** (MDiv '08, DMin '15) closed out the evening with prayer.



Dallas, Texas

Sunday, Feb. 9, 2020

Another large group of just over 100 local Dallas/Fort Worth alums came out to have brunch with the Andrews team. After a presentation by **Andriy Kharkovyy** (BBA '06, MBA '09), director of Alumni Services, all those in attendance had the opportunity to hear President **Andrea Luxton** (MA '78) share various plans for Andrews University.



Roseville, California

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020

A lively group of local alumni from around the Sacramento/Roseville area came together at the Old Spaghetti Factory to get updates on upcoming plans for Andrews University. While President Luxton was not able to make it to this event due to other commitments, **David Faehner** (MA '72), vice president for University Advancement, spoke about various initiatives from the President's office and other updates from campus. After a presentation from **Andriy Kharkovyy** (BBA '06, MBA '09), Alumni director, David Faehner held a Q&A with those in attendance.



Napa, California

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020

This event in a picturesque area of Northern California is always a nice way to catch up with old friends and make some new ones. Besides a loyal group of Andrews alumni from the area, several prospective students who attended had a chance to speak to President **Andrea Luxton** (MA '78) and ask her various questions. After a brief presentation by the Alumni director, Andrea Luxton and **David Faehner** (MA '72), vice president for University Advancement, discussed challenges facing education and how Andrews is preparing to deal with them.



Loma Linda, California

Sunday, Feb. 16, 2020

This event is a great opportunity to mingle with over a hundred alums from various corners of the Loma Linda area. This year attendees gathered on the campus of Loma Linda University where alums enjoyed a catered meal. The director of Alumni Services then shared updates and a visual presentation, after which President **Andrea Luxton** (MA '78) gave everyone an opportunity to ask questions. It was especially enjoyable to see a number of future Andrews alums in attendance.

Virtual regional event

Thursday, March 26, 2020

When Andrews University's southern regional events were canceled due to the COVID-19 situation, the Office of Alumni Services decided to host a new type of event—a virtual event. Nearly 20 alumni from the southern U.S. gathered around their laptops and phones to listen to Chaplain **José Bourget** (BA '03) start the virtual event with prayer. President **Andrea Luxton** (MA '78) then shared updates regarding the impact of COVID-19 at Andrews.

Alums had the opportunity to type in questions for the president, which Luxton answered. Following her talk, a visually appealing slideshow full of pictures from Homecoming and updates about the Andrews campus were presented by **Andriy Kharkovyy** (BBA '06, MBA '09), director of Alumni Services. Considering the circumstances it was still great to connect with alumni through Zoom!

Homecoming 2020 POSTPONED to Sept. 23–26, 2021

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Andrews University's leaders have set social distancing and travel guidelines in place for fall 2020. In order to protect the health and safety of our Andrews on-campus student population, visitor and guest access to campus as well as large group gatherings will be affected. We have therefore made the difficult decision to postpone Homecoming 2020 to Sept. 23–26, 2021. We look forward to joyfully celebrating with you in 2021 when we can gather together fully as an Andrews family once more.

Homecoming 2021 Honor Classes:

1950, 1951, 1960, 1961, 1970, 1971, 1980, 1981, 1990, 1991, 1995, 1996, 2000, 2001, 2010, 2011, 2015, 2016, 2020, 2021

If you have questions, please contact the Office of Alumni Services at alumni@andrews.edu or 269-471-3591. Please visit alumni.andrews.edu/homecoming for Homecoming 2021 updates over the coming year.

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A Global Celebration of Andrews
September 25–27, 2020

Join us from wherever you are around the world to celebrate your alma mater—virtually!

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New webinar series launched

IN APRIL, THE OFFICE OF ALUMNI Services launched a brand-new Andrews webinar series highlighting subjects presented by Andrews alumni, faculty and students.

Many people were quarantined at home due to COVID-19 this spring, so the series started off with six weekly presentations. Since then, it has transitioned into monthly webinar sessions.

The sequence began with an exciting virtual “stay at home” workout led by **Christine Wallace** (MSA '08), an Andrews alum and wellness professional living in Toronto, Canada. The coming weeks saw presentations about personal finance and then manatee research, presented by **Scott Schalk** (BBA '92, MBA '93) and **Nina Woodard** (BS '20) respectively. An-

draws music student and violinist Simon Luke Brown performed a mini concert, “Eine Kleine Quarantinemusik,” then a board-certified psychiatrist and alum based in Georgia, **Dr. Adam Meadows** (BS '04), gave an excellent talk about “Finding Wellness in Difficult Times.” Andrews faculty member and alum **Liz Muhlenbeck** (BBA '91), spoke of “Change Management—Navigating the Space in Between,” and most recently President **Andrea Luxton** (MA '78) discussed Andrews updates and took questions in a Q&A session.

The Office of Alumni Services anticipates continuing to offer a wide range of topics over the coming months. “For years we’ve thought about offering alums continued learning in the form

of webinars. This past spring gave our office the time to finally put this idea into action, and we’ve had a positive response from alumni so far. It’s a great way to connect with and hear from alums all around the world,” says Laura Malcolm, associate director of Alumni Services.

What’s next on the schedule? **Dr. Samara Sterling** (MS '13), an Andrews alum who is currently research director for The Peanut Institute, will be interviewed during “Plant-Based Nutrition for Disease Prevention” on July 1.

You can learn more about the series, register for upcoming webinars and watch the recordings of previous presentations at alumni.andrews.edu/webinar.

Class Notes

1960s

In 1970, **J. Bjornar Storfjell** (BD '69, PhD '83) went to Middle East University in Beirut, Lebanon, to teach biblical languages. After three years he was back at Andrews University in 1974 starting studies toward a PhD.

Occasional teaching in the Seminary led to a position as assistant curator of the Siegfried Horn Archaeological Museum. After completing a PhD in 1983 he was offered a teaching position at the Seminary where he taught until 1999.

During his years at Andrews Storfjell served as acting director of the Institute of Archaeology from 1986–88 and director of the MA in religion program from 1987–93. In 1999, he started working with his wife, **Suseela Yesudian** (MA '95, MA '96), as an archaeological consultant in Azerbaijan doing work for the Royal Norwegian Department of Foreign Affairs. This work continued until 2003. During this period he became acquainted with Norwegian explorer Thor Heyerdahl of Kon-Tiki Raft fame and worked as his director of excavations in Azov, Russia, in 2001 and in 2002 after the death of Heyerdahl the same year.

Before Heyerdahl died he established the Thor Heyerdahl Research Centre which Storfjell

directed from 2002–07, participating in an excavation in Samoa in the South Pacific in 2003.

In 2006, Storfjell served as external lecturer in anthropology at Kingston University in London, and the following three years he taught world archaeology at the Open University, Oxford Campus. For the last decade he has taught the course “Archaeology of the Bible Lands” for the Department for Continuing Education, Oxford University. Storfjell has served two terms (2001–05 and 2011–15) as a member of the board of directors of the Palestine Exploration Fund, the oldest professional organization dealing with the archaeology and history of the Levant, having been founded in 1865. He has now taken up the position of editor of the Palestine Exploration Quarterly, a peer reviewed journal published by the same organization since 1869. Storfjell lives in Amersham, Buckinghamshire, United Kingdom.

2000s

Rachel Maldonado (BSW '03) launched a Life Coach business in 2020. She believes in the human spirit and any moment of connection. Her website is rhaldonado.com.

2010s

In January 2020, **Stacy Horner Young** (PhD '13) was named president of Montcalm Community College in Sidney, Michigan.



Jamie (BA '14, MDiv '19) and **Madeline** (BS '10) **Ricketts** were married in 2016. They moved to Orlando, and Jamie is working as a hospital chaplain with AdventHealth. Madeline recently began a job as a medical receptionist with AdventHealth.

After graduating from Andrews University, **Sandra Patterson** (BS '17) worked for two years at Brightsprings Health Services as a housekeeper in a residential facility. Her son, Ayinel, graduated from Ocala Christian Academy. They then moved to Tennessee where Ayinel is a freshman at Southern Adventist University. Sandra works as the special events childcare coordinator at the Collegedale Church of Seventh-day Adventists on campus. She is also working toward an online graduate degree.

Colin Fenwick (BA '19, current student), 24, of Three Rivers, Michigan, died unexpectedly in Berrien Springs, Michigan, on April 21, 2020.

He was born on April 2, 1996, in Three Rivers, Michigan, to Robert (Bob) and Cindy (Roberts) Fenwick.



Home-schooled until age 13, Colin afterward attended and graduated from Kalamazoo SDA Junior Academy. He worked many summers for Park Township mowing and trimming the five township cemeteries and two summers at Kadant Johnson in the maintenance department.

Colin received a BA in music in August 2019 and was scheduled to graduate in May 2020 with a Bachelor of Health Science in physical therapy from Andrews University. He was a member of Phi Kappa Phi and was an outstanding student in the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program.

Colin was a member of the Centreville Seventh-day Adventist Church in Centreville, Michigan, where he joined the Centreville Sentinels Pathfinder Club at the tender age of seven months and earned his first honor at age 4. He cared very deeply for people and loved volunteering wherever there was a need.

He was very devoted to his family and friends and loved the outdoors and animals, most of all his beloved dog,

Nellie. Colin especially loved playing his violin and viola as a five-year violist for the Kalamazoo Junior Symphony and, since 2015, as a violist for the Andrews University Symphony Orchestra.

Colin's favorite performance was with his newly organized string quartet "Lirion," which recently performed the only chamber music string quartet concert recital in the history of Andrews University.

Colin is survived by his parents, Robert and Cindy (Roberts) Fenwick; sisters, **Audrey Fenwick** (current student) and Deidre (Shaun) Uhl; niece, Lily Uhl; grandmother, Beverly Fenwick; girlfriend, Megan Kerr; special friend, **Katharina Burghardt** (BMus '20) and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Nanette Emilie Wuchenich (BA '69, MA '70), MD, passed away on April 6, 2020, surrounded by family. She was born on June 25, 1947, to John and Mildred Medic Wuchenich, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

She loved learning, and as a child she attended art, ballet, piano and drama classes. Her love and appreciation of the arts continued throughout her adult life.

Nanette graduated from Blue Mountain Academy (Hamburg, Pennsylvania) and received a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in education from Andrews University. She was active in the University's student government and president of The Girls Club.

Following graduate school, Nanette worked for two years as assistant dean of women at Loma Linda University. She then returned to Pittsburgh to complete her pre-med requirements. In 1975 she entered medical school at Loma Linda University, graduating in 1978.

Before entering her obstetrics and gynecology residency, Wuchenich took a year of internal medicine to broaden her understanding of general medicine. After residency, she worked for two years in a pri-

vate ob/gyn practice in Tracy, California.

In February 1986, Dr. Wuchenich opened her solo private practice in Redlands. She loved practicing medicine and would often comment that she never worked a day in her life.

Nanette was an active board member of the Loma Linda University School of Medicine Alumni Association, a long-time member of the University Church of Seventh-day Adventists, and a founder of the John and Mildred Medic Wuchenich Foundation.

Nanette's nieces and nephews and grandnieces and grandnephews were the apples of her eye. She attended countless recitals, band concerts, sporting events and graduations. Her many travels included her showing them the world.

Nanette is survived by her siblings **Danielle Wuchenich** (BA '71), **John** (BA '72, MA '74) and **Gayle Rawles Wuchenich**, **Valerie Wuchenich-Nelson**, **Christopher and Melanie Wuchenich Jobe**, and her nieces and nephews, **Adam and Kara Nelson Hubbard**, **John and Stephanie Pan Wuchenich**, **Friedrich and Danielle Wuchenich Dengel** (BS/BA '08), **Peter and Mica Wood Nelson**, **Marlene Wuchenich Jobe**, **Christina Wuchenich Jobe**, and **David Wuchenich**. She was predeceased by her brother **Gary Wuchenich** (BA '73) in 2018.

Robert "Bob" Don Moon Jr. (former staff), 83, of Berrien Springs, Michigan, died peacefully in his sleep at Gilead Elder Care on March 25, 2020.

Born June 22, 1936, Bob "Donnie" was the only child of **Robert Don Moon** and **Beatrice Elizabeth Olsen Moon**. He grew up in various communities in Southern California and Michigan and attended Pacific Union College in Angwin, California, where he met his bride-to-be, **Marie Louise Penner**, and they married Sept. 14, 1958.

Bob completed an under-



graduate degree in chemistry in 1959, an MA in education at Michigan State University in 1963 and later completed a PhD in curriculum and instruction at MSU in 1972.

In 1960 Bob and Louise came to Michigan where Robert III was born, followed by Cami in August of 1963. During those years he taught at Grand Ledge and Andrews academies. Jim was born in 1972 when the family lived in Silver Spring, Maryland, as Bob was completing his doctoral dissertation. Once completed, they returned to Michigan where he directed the Twin Cities Area Child Care Center in Benton Harbor, followed by about 40 years of service in many different capacities at Andrews University until he retired at the age of 62 and again at 70 after serving at Adventist Information Ministry for several years.

Not one to "sit still" in retirement, he liked helping others reach their potential such as assisting in homeschooling a granddaughter, guiding a Seminary student in completing his dissertation, and transporting a needy friend to appointments.

Hobbies included photography, painting, gem/mineral collecting and polishing, bicycling, and growing his photo collection while vacationing in National Parks.

Bob is survived by his wife of 61 years, **Marie Louise Penner Moon**; children: daughter **Cami** (BS '85) and husband **Dan** (AET '77, BET '79, current staff) **Cress**, son **James** (BA '95, MDiv '98) and wife **Ingrid** (MA

'95) **Moon** and daughter-in-law **Annette Moon** (BBA '83); grandchildren: Kara Moon, **Alison Moon-Peterson** (BBA '14), **Robert D. Moon IV** (BBA '17), Kristina (Wander) Cress Meira, **Benjamin (Hyejin) Cress** (BBA '15), JayJay Moon, Maggie Moon, and Samuel Moon, "adopted" Alexandra (Troy Wang) Lee; and great-grandchildren: Menasha Meira and "adopted" Cassidy Wang.

He was predeceased by his son **Robert III** (CERT '81, BBA '84) in 2017.

Shirley Miriam Owens Thiel (BA '48), 92, of Fairfield, Washington, passed away on March 24, 2020, in Walla Walla, Washington.

Shirley was born May 23, 1927, to Rannels and Alfreda Owens in Ann Arbor, Michigan. After graduating from Lakeview High School, Battle Creek, Michigan, she attended Emmanuel Missionary College, graduating in 1948 with a BA in biology. She next attended the College of Medical Evangelists (now Loma Linda University School of Medicine), graduating in 1952. Shirley then completed a one-year internship in general practice at Deaconess Hospital in Spokane, Washington. Afterwards, she practiced classic small-farming-town family medicine in Palouse and then Fairfield, Washington, until her retirement in 1990.

Shirley met **Francis Andrews Thiel** (BA '48) in college when he returned as a GI. They graduated together in 1948, entered medical school and were married in her parents' home in 1950.

Children Arthur, Loren, Norman and Nancy blessed their lives and kept Shirley busy as a full-time mother and part-time small town doctor.

She and Francis practiced together in Fairfield and were active members of the Fairfield Adventist Church. They enjoyed hosting several generations of young people in their swimming pool by welcoming them when "the flag was down."

When out and about, Shirley made quick connections and conversation. Countless family and friends enjoyed birthday and Christmas cards for years after initially meeting her. Her social networking skills developed long before computers.

Besides providing medical care, Shirley also loved supporting her extended church family both in action and in giving. She passed on the gift of education with the care given to students of Upper Columbia Academy and by supporting higher education for her children.

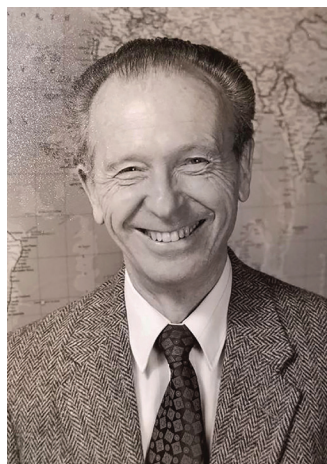
She is survived by her son Arthur (Shelley) and grandchildren Tiffany and Cedric; son Loren (Vicki) and grandchildren MacGuire and Craig; son Norman (Sharon) and grandchildren Hannah, Rachel and Lydia; and daughter Nancy.

Shirley was predeceased by her husband, her parents, her brother, Richard, and sister, Patricia.

Werner Konrad Vyhmeister (BD '68) passed away on March 21, 2020, after a brief bout with pneumonia.

He was born on Sept. 5, 1931, in Los Angeles, Chile, as the second of eight children born to Guillermina Bishop and Walter Vyhmeister.

Werner attended the Deutsche Schule, the Liceo de Hombres de Los Angeles and the Universidad de Chile in Santiago for a master's degree in history and geography.



After receiving his master's he taught theology at the Colegio Adventista de Chile and was the general vice president of the school. He then transitioned to the Potomac University in Washington D.C. to obtain a master's degree in theology.

In 1958, he went to the General Conference session in Ohio as a delegate. While there he met Nancy Weber. Werner and Nancy married in July of 1960. They moved to the Adventist University in Chillan and welcomed their first child, Heidi, in 1961. They then moved to Argentina to the Colegio Adventista del Plata. Their second child, Ronald, was born in 1962.

In 1966 the family went to the United States. By 1968 Werner had completed his MDiv, defended a dissertation for a PhD in history from the Universidad de Chile and returned to the Colegio Adventista del Plata where he worked as the dean of theology.

Over the next few years he held several positions, serving as the education director for the South American Division, working in the Philippines while AIIAS was created, and as a professor and later dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University.

While at Andrews, Werner received the J.N. Andrews Medallion and the General Conference Education Department Medallion of Distinction.

In 2000, Werner retired from full-time educational work and moved to California with Nancy. By 2018, he was placed in a memory care facility due to Alzheimers.

Werner is survived by five siblings (Gerald, Edwin, Lucy, Ellen, Helga), his wife **Nancy** (MA '67, EdD '78), his children **Ron** (MBA '85) and **Heidi** (BS '80), son-in-law Christian Prohaska, daughter-in-law **Shawna Vyhmeister** (BS/BSELED '86, MAT '90), and grandchildren **Alex** (att.), **Joy, Erik** (BS '16), **Emily** (BS '19), and **Konrad** (current student).



Esther Harriott Ottley (BA '54) passed away on Feb. 19, 2020.

She was born on August 24, 1928, in Panama, to Wilfred Solomon and Euphemia Heron Harriott.

Esther was homeschooled until she entered Ferncourt High School. In 1948 she graduated with an education degree from the West Indian Training College (now Northern Caribbean University) and was hired to teach mathematics at the college.

Esther graduated from Emmanuel Missionary College in 1954, becoming the first person of color and the first woman of color to have graduated with a BA in mathematics from EMC. She then earned a master's degree in education from Columbia University.

While at EMC, Esther met **Neville Ottley** (BA '53), whom she married in 1955. They moved to Washington D.C. where Esther, a wife and mother, joined the faculty of Howard University while pursuing her doctorate in math/physics education from American University, which she earned in 1965.

She spent the rest of her academic career at Howard University where she became a tenured professor. Later she became the founding associate dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and was the first woman to serve as the interim dean of the graduate school (1986–88). After her retirement in 1994, Howard

University honored her with the endowed “Esther Ottley Graduate Scholarship.”

Christian education was a hallmark of Esther Ottley’s philosophy of life, and she was heavily involved in providing funding and serving on the boards of several schools and universities. She was a sought-after speaker, an exemplary administrator, church leader, organizer and counselor and, in the words of her children, “a fabulous mother, wife, grandmother, family member and friend.”

She is survived by her son Dr. Mark Ottley (Deborah); daughter **Dr. Dawn Nelson-Barnes** (BS ’83) (LeRoy); sister Carmen Timothy (Eric); grandchildren Jeremy Ottley, **Maya Nelson** (BSW ’20) and **Avery Barnes** (att.); sisters-in-law Marva Sothman (Walter) and Dr. Lois Phillips (Leon); nieces and nephews Lynna Scott Carnegie, Wendell Timothy, **Chandler Timothy** (BA ’95), Adam Carnegie, Dr. Arthur Phillips, Robert Sothman, Lisa Sothman-Belanger, Rodney Sothman and a wide circle of devoted friends.

She was predeceased by her husband, **Dr. Neville Ottley** (BA ’53), and her sister, Rena Mae Young.

Mary Jane Cunningham (former staff), 97, of Berrien Springs, Michigan, died Jan. 7, 2020, in Stevensville, Michigan.

Born August 15, 1922, Mary was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She worked for Andrews University as a hostess in the lounge and later in the cafeteria in the Campus Center. After her retirement from the cafeteria, she worked in the University bookstore until the age of 90.

Mary loved her family and created a beautiful home. She also loved her many friends. She was generous and ex-

pressed her deep Christian beliefs by helping many people.

She is survived by her daughter, Penny Sisson; son, **Loren Cunningham** (BA ’51); grandchildren Angelique Webb, Audie Sisson, Lance Cunningham and **Loren Cunningham II** (BA ’72); and five great-grandchildren—Anneliese, Valary, Avelina, Vedalee and Liam.

Marceil Louise (Straman) Moore (BS ’54), 90, of Berrien Springs, Michigan, passed away on Jan. 1, 2020, in Niles, Michigan.

Marceil was born March 9, 1929, in Lima, Ohio, to Peter and Ellen (Shenk) Straman. She moved to Berrien Springs with her family in 1944 and attended Emmanuel Missionary College Academy, from which she graduated in 1947. Marceil studied pre-nursing at Emmanuel Missionary College and then entered nurses training at Hinsdale Sanitarium, Hinsdale, Illinois.

She married Ennis M. Moore on Oct. 10, 1954, in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Marceil worked as a registered nurse for Memorial Hospital in St. Joseph, Michigan, from 1953–74. After her retirement, she served her friends by coordinating a natural food co-op out of her garage.

Marceil is survived by her sons, **Brian** (Janeen) of Buchanan (BBA ’05) and **Barth** (Rebecca) of Georgetown, Texas. She also has four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1991 and brothers, **Russell Straman** (BA ’54) of Berrien Springs and **George Straman** of Lima, Ohio.

Melvin West (BA ’52) passed away on Dec. 27, 2019, in Portland, Oregon. Memorial services were held in Portland and at the University Church in Walla Walla, Washington.

Born in St. Paul, Minnesota, West was fascinated with music from an early age. He grew up in California, attend-



ed Union College in 1948 and obtained a BA in organ from Emmanuel Missionary College in 1952. He then served as organist at Faith for Today in New York City before joining the faculty of Atlantic Union College in 1953. While there, he received an MMus from the University of Redlands (1955) and a DMA in organ from Boston University (1959).

In 1959 he accepted a position as music chair at Walla Walla College, where he remained for 18 years. Within eight years he achieved program accreditation in the National Association of Schools of Music and gained departmental membership in Pi Kappa Lambda, both firsts for Adventist colleges and universities; brought about the construction of a large, fully equipped music and art facility, which was named for him in 1995; and oversaw a comprehensive pipe organ installation. West also expanded the size of the music faculty and co-founded an evensong program with his colleague, Dr. Loren Dickinson, that continues to this day.

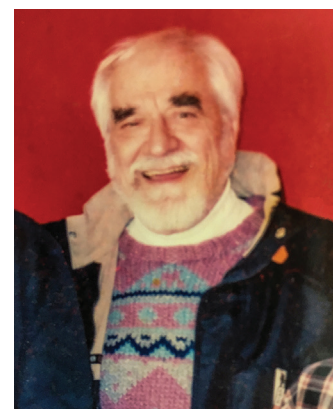
In 1977 West left WWC to become minister of music at the Adventist church in Kettering, Ohio. He then went to Lincoln, Nebraska, where he taught and served as director of development and alumni affairs at Union College and served as minister of music for the Collegeview SDA and Westminster Presbyterian churches.

In the 1980s, West served as chair of the Tunes Committee for the current Seventh-day

Adventist Hymnal, which was released in 1985 and includes over 30 of West’s arrangements and hymn tunes. In 2014 he received a Lifetime of Service award from the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Maryland.

West and his wife Betty Ann (Nilsson) retired to the Northwest in 1988, where West served as organist for the Sunnyside Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Arnold Farenick (BS ’71), 84, of Berrien Springs, Michigan, passed away Dec. 22, 2019, in Stevensville, Michigan.



Arnold was born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, on Jan. 22, 1935, to Kosma and Martha (Meleshanko) Farenick. He grew up on their family farm in Saskatoon until they moved to Toronto, Ontario.

Arnold always had a strong work ethic. He enjoyed working on the farm during his high school years taking care of the chickens at Kingsway College in Oshawa, Ontario, where he graduated in 1955. He also met the love of his life at Kingsway, his future wife L. June Fessenden. They married in 1961. He graduated from Atlantic Union College and also Andrews University. While there he traveled to Peru to collect bird specimens, which are still on display and used for research.

His love for travel and adventure never ceased. In addition to traveling around Canada and the United States, he spent great times traveling in Russia, Ukraine, England, France,

Switzerland, Germany, Wales, Monaco, Italy, Belgium and Luxembourg where he saw their Queen as she waved at him.

Arnold worked many years as an educator in Michigan, Ohio, Massachusetts and eventually back in Ontario, Canada, where he retired. He loved teaching and interacting with his students even decades after they graduated. His passion for teaching never subsided, and he enjoyed helping any student with their math homework, which he did even in his 80s.

He leaves behind his daughter, **Diane (Farenick) Myers** (BT '91, current faculty); granddaughters **Zoe** (current student) and **Raven Myers**; plus many nieces, nephews and extended family members whom he dearly loved.

He was predeceased by his wife, June (Fessenden), son **Mark Farenick** (BSIT '91) and second wife Joan Werner.

Gary Warren Stanhiser (BA '65, BD '68) passed away on Dec. 22, 2019.

Gary was born on Jan. 3, 1943, in Watervliet, Michigan, to Otto Stanhiser and Eleanor Danneffel Stanhiser. When he was 5 years old, the family moved to the Adjutant General Records Depository in the Philippines where his father was stationed as a Captain in the U.S. Army. Two years later, they moved to Berrien Springs, Michigan, where Gary attended Ruth Murdoch Elementary School and Andrews Academy.

He went on to complete a bachelor's degree in speech and a Master of Divinity at Andrews University. He spent summers colporteur, and during his Seminary training he was the boy's dean and Bible teacher at Cedar Lake Academy. His first pastoral call was to Grand Rapids, Michigan, after which he was a youth pastor in San Diego and taught Bible at San Diego Academy.

Gary then became the youth pastor at the Campus Hill Church. While there, he ran inner city projects and engaged students in multiple

outreach projects. He also started a large neighborhood garden, a daycare center and a vegetarian restaurant. This outreach resulted in multiple baptisms and a new church—The Valley Fellowship SDA Church. During this time he met **Ruth Swan** (att.) and they were married in 1972.

For the past three decades, he was a business consultant. He planned frequent mission trips and coordinated international and local shipments of food, medical supplies and other essentials. He spent much of the past 10 years mentoring others in helping the less fortunate. He was also involved in mission projects in Brazil, Russia, Ukraine, Belize, the Philippines, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Peru, Haiti and others. Recently, he served on the board of Giving Children Hope and the Loma Linda Broadcasting Network.

Gary is survived by his wife, Ruth; his children, **Daniel Stanhiser** (att.), Joshua Stanhiser and Tiffany Priester; his sister, **Barbara Fisher** (BS '81, MA '82), and a handful of grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his older brother, Otto Jr.

Bonnie Jean (Nutt) Pollitt (att.), 85, passed to her rest Dec. 17, 2019, at home from congestive heart failure.

Born April 14, 1934, in Kadoka, South Dakota, she was the eldest daughter of Bonnie Berben "Ben" and Arthelda "Toddy" (Howie) Nutt. Six other children joined the family, all but one surviving into adulthood.

Ben Nutt was a Methodist, and the young family attended the Methodist Church in Missoula, Montana, for a time. When Bonnie was about 5 years old, the family heard a series of meetings; her parents were then baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Shortly afterward, they moved to Indiana. Bonnie was also baptized at the age of 12, later attending Indiana Academy in Cicero, Indiana. While there,

she was greatly impressed by the dean of girls. She decided to become a dean, as well as a registered nurse. Bonnie attended Emmanuel Missionary College and Hinsdale Hospital, graduating in 1957. She passed her boards and began working as a nurse. In 1959 she went to Wisconsin Academy as dean of girls, then in 1963 to Indiana Academy, also as girls' dean.

On August 8, 1965, Bonnie married Gordon Wayne Pollitt in the recently constructed Seminary Chapel at Andrews University. They welcomed three children into their home.

Bonnie was an intelligent woman who dearly loved to read. Her favorite book was "Pollyanna" and her favorite author James Michener. She enjoyed swimming, golf and traveling to places like Yellowstone Park in the family camper. She loved roses and the color red. Her favorite food was popcorn and for dessert, hot chocolate pudding. Bonnie loved game nights and a good laugh. She believed in Jesus and the Resurrection—her favorite verse was Isaiah 41:10.

Bonnie is survived by her children Kevin Wayne, Shannon Marie and Brendan Ray Pollitt, all of Berrien Springs, as well as her brothers Quentin Elroy of Thompsonville, Illinois, Bruce Elbert of Hinsdale, Illinois, and Robert "Bob" Eldon of Sawyer, Michigan, as well as numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Gordon, in 2002, her sister Arthelda "Tana" Montana and brother **Charles "Chuck" Oliver** (MA '62), all residents of Berrien Springs, and an infant sibling.

Richard Martin Ritland (former faculty) died on Dec. 13, 2019, in Olympia, Washington.

Richard was born in Grants Pass, Oregon, on July 3, 1925, to Martin and Mae Ritland and grew up in the Willamette Valley of Oregon.

After graduating from Portland Union Academy he



attended Walla Walla College (1942–46). His early interest in the Bible and nature as ways to know God led him to study both theology and biology.

Following graduation he married a classmate, **Juanita Hansen** (MA '68), who shared his interests and goals.

While he was attending the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in Washington D.C., he received a call to teach biology at Atlantic Union College (1947–54). This led him to pursue graduate work in biology at Oregon State University and later to get his PhD at Harvard University. He taught at Loma Linda University from 1954–60.

Richard's concerns about issues in science and religion led him to accept a call to assist in developing a research center, Geoscience Research Institute, to help with questions facing the church. While there, he led many field trips with students, faculty and church leaders.

In his studies he was always in search of "truth" wherever it might lead. He expressed many of his thoughts in his book "A Search for Meaning in Nature" (Pacific Press, 1970).

He returned to teaching at Andrews University in 1971 where he mentored many students. He enjoyed interacting with his students and continually encouraged excellence.

Richard was devoted to his family and enjoyed sharing his love of nature with them. Retirement allowed him to travel

to many parts of the world observing and studying birds and other wildlife.

It has been remarked that Richard's "friends and colleagues will remember a great man whose influence stretched far wider than he ever knew."

Richard is survived by his wife Juanita; daughter Beth and husband Fred Barrett; and sons **Stephen** (BA '71) and wife Wendy, **Stanley** (BS '74) and wife **Alice** (BS '73), **John** (BS '77) and wife Sandra and **Forrest** (BS '78) and wife Kathleen.

Frank "Darrell" Booth (BA '71), 73, passed away on Dec. 12, 2019.

He was born Sept. 2, 1946, in Mio, Michigan, to the late Frank W. and Bernice E. Hill Booth. He attended grade school at the Seventh-day Adventist School in Mio. He then attended and graduated from Adelpian Academy in 1965 in Holly, Michigan. He graduated from Andrews University in 1971 in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

In 1979 he came to Lansing to pursue a career in piano technology at Michigan State University. He was formerly employed by James Reeder Pianos for 25 years as a piano technician and restorer. He loved his work and was a perfectionist in his field. In fact, he was able to restore a beautiful grand piano for himself, which he named "Gertrude Steinway." Darrell retired in 2001 due to health reasons.

He was a faithful member of the Lansing Adventist Church and always looked forward to his weekly Sabbath School class with his special friends, Marge and Jock McPhee.

Darrell enjoyed cooking, reading, gardening, crossword puzzles, jigsaw puzzles and the arts. He was a classical music enthusiast and listened to WKAR radio every day. He always looked forward to family

gatherings with great food and good times.

He is survived by his partner of 38 years, Michael Sessions of Lansing, and his sister, Marilyn (Larry) Butcher of Wheeler, Michigan.



Sandra Kay (Van Eman) Richardson (DIP2YR '60, former staff) died Nov. 20, 2019, in Bells, Tennessee.

She was born Aug. 28, 1937, to Erma and Blaine Van Eman in Elgin, Ohio. While in elementary school, a visiting cousin introduced her to his friend, Bill Richardson. A few months of letter writing followed, after which the friendship flamed out. Later they met again on the campus of Mt. Vernon Academy. They married on June 8, 1958, after their junior year of college, a marriage which would last 61 years after four years of courtship.

Following Bill's graduation from the Seminary, they moved to a pastorate in Columbus, Ohio, where Sandra taught in a one-room, multi-grade elementary school. In February of 1961 their eldest daughter, Cindy, was born, followed two years later by Cheri. Three years later they were at a boarding academy in Massachusetts where Sandra taught a small elementary school class in their home.

In 1967 they moved to Keene, Texas, where Sandra taught third grade in a large elementary school. In 1971 their son Steve was born.

Sandra then worked in the college library in Keene until their move to Angwin, Califor-

nia, where she again worked in the library at Pacific Union College. In 1977, Bill accepted a call to Andrews University in Michigan where again Sandra worked in the University library. After a few years, Andrews hired Sandra to be the executive administrative assistant in the new physical therapy department, where she worked until retirement. She came out of retirement for two more years when the Department of Communication was in need of a departmental administrative assistant.

In 2009, they moved to Bells, Tennessee, to be near Cindy and **Roy Schmidt** (BS '80). The first year Sandra lived alone while Bill served as interim provost at Andrews University.

In 2013, Sandra was diagnosed with Alzheimers, which caused her death six years later.

Survivors include her husband **Bill** (BA '59, MA '60, MDiv '70, PhD '83, former faculty), two daughters, **Cindy** (att.) and her husband **Roy Schmidt** (BS '80) and **Cheri** (BS '85) and her husband **Ken Leffler** (CERT '82), son **Steve** (att.) and his wife **Andrea** (BSD '02), and eight grandchildren. All three children, their spouses and three grandchildren attended Andrews.

Marilyn Jane (Jensen) Dry (former faculty) passed away peacefully on Oct. 1, 2019, in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

She was born on Sept. 6, 1920, as the second of four children and spent her childhood in Tennessee and Iowa.

From a young age Marilyn was known for her persuasive and precocious personality. By age 8 she knew she wanted to be a teacher.

Marilyn graduated as valedictorian from the Goodlettsville High School in Tennessee in 1948. There she was known for her love of literature and poetry. She spent her first year in college at Southern Adventist University and her last three at Madison College where she majored in English and graduated in 1952.



Throughout her college years, Marilyn was known for her love of studying and helping others.

Marilyn began her first teaching job at Oakpark Academy in Iowa. During the fall of 1954, she boarded a ship and moved to a mission school in what was then Southern Rhodesia, Africa (now the eastern side of Zimbabwe). It was there she met her husband **John Dry** (MAT '77, MA '84). He was born in South Africa, attended Helderberg College, and had also been working as a missionary teacher prior to meeting her.

They were married in 1956 at the Nyazura Mission in Zimbabwe. In late 1962, they moved to the Chipembi Mission in Northern Rhodesia. There they helped to build a new school and ran a successful camp meeting in 1963 where 23 individuals were baptized.

In 1966, they moved back to America where they remained in Collegedale for several years. They then transitioned to Michigan in the summer of 1969. That next summer Marilyn began teaching at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School where she taught for the next 35 years.

They were both long-time members of the Village Seventh-day Adventist Church, and they were known for their commitment to God and for making the community around them a better place.

Marilyn is survived by her sister, Anne, and her daughter, **Eileen Dry** (BA '82, MAT '84). She was predeceased by her husband John.

Healing

By Dr. Lowell Hamel (BS '76)

FOR MORE THAN 33 YEARS IT HAS BEEN A distinct privilege to participate in the healthcare of Andrews University faculty, staff and students. As one of the providers at University Medical Specialties, on the edge of the Andrews campus, it has been a joy to feel connected to the University's mission. This spring I was struck down with COVID-19 and was overwhelmed with how the Andrews community became a provider of loving and life-saving care.

When the coronavirus pandemic began, all my professional efforts shifted to preparing Spectrum Health Lakeland for the looming challenges. As the chief operating and chief clinical officer, there was no shortage of strategic decisions and urgent tasks. We were all as careful as we could be, but at the time, there were only enough isolation masks for the bedside care of a COVID-19 patient. Our leadership team rounded repeatedly on the COVID floors in support of our clinical staff.

In early April, I developed a low-grade fever. A negative COVID-19 test and no known exposure brought some hope, but I remained in self-isolation. My symptoms worsened, and at the end of the week I was admitted to our hospital with a positive COVID-19 test. Each day my oxygen levels dropped and my breathing became more labored. On Thursday, April 17, the decision was made to begin mechanical ventilation. With a chance of regaining consciousness below 10 percent by my estimation, I received what I thought might be the last phone calls from my wife and children.

Sabbath morning two days later, having passed near death, my decline came to an abrupt halt with hopeful clinical evidence that I might recover. Although ventilation was required for five more days, my survival, if not my unimpaired recovery, seemed more likely. My suffering was the worst on Thursday night and Friday after coming off the ventilator—the oxygen flow and concentration was about as high as it could go yet I still

felt short of breath. Then on Sabbath my breathing improved by the hour and the oxygen was turned down to the lowest setting. By Monday, April 27, I was home without supplemental oxygen. For several weeks I have been back to work at the health system and in the medical office with good evidence that my recovery will be complete.

My survival, I believe, was dependent on a superb medical team and their well-timed interventions, the skilled

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and loving support and intervention of family and friends, and the power of hundreds if not thousands of dedicated prayer warriors.

I am thankful beyond words for each of the members of the Andrews and Adventist family who called, wrote and prayed in support of my family and me. I am not surprised that God hears prayers for what can he *not* do—what surprises and inspires me is when a person hears the voice of God calling them to action or prayer and they wholeheartedly respond. Many have recounted experiencing a strong and specific calling to prayer for my healing, for my family, and for the fight against COVID-19.

For those of you who prayed and fasted, may your faith, like mine, be strengthened and may you have joy in your heart for what you chose to do and for how God answers prayer. Your generous kindness provided courage, hope and unequivocal proof of the loving community of which we are a part.

The physicists remind us that relationships are not just important, rather relationships are all there is. During this time of social distancing, fear and the loss of so many, remember the relationships that matter most to you. Perhaps like me, your connection to the Andrews family is dearer now than ever. The COVID pandemic is not just striking down our friends and neighbors but also businesses and educational institutions.

As Christian and private universities around the country face unprecedented financial and recalibration challenges, remember Andrews University with your generous support and with the power of your prayers.

Lowell Hamel (*seated*) with his wife Judy. Lowell graduated from Andrews University in 1976 and from Loma Linda School of Medicine in 1981. He is chief operating and chief clinical officer for Spectrum Health Lakeland and a practicing physician. Judy earned a Bachelor of Science in nursing from Andrews in 1977. They live in Berrien Springs, Michigan. (PC: Michelle Hamel)



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