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# Valuing the Familiar

**Andrea Luxton, president**

HAVE YOU NOTICED HOW WHAT IS NEW and “amazing” soon becomes customary and taken for granted? I know this ages me, but I still remember the days when I could sign a cell phone out of my office when I went on a trip “for safety.” And then came the first time I owned my own. Or what about those of us who grew up not just without the internet but without computers. Can you remember back to that first computer, probably with challenging coding to get anything done? Or the first time you accessed the world wide web and had knowledge (and misinformation) at your fingertips? Now of course if we leave our cell phone at home and don't have it for a few hours, or the internet crashes, we complain and are at a loss. Then there is that sense of happiness and relief when the cell phone is back in our hands or the internet is reset and starts working again.

I have become acutely aware of this pattern of taking for granted, loss and then experiencing joy at the return to “normal” over the last few months. Have you found yourself loitering a bit longer than you used to in a store that you enjoy, valuing the smell and color in the display of fresh fruit and vegetables? Maybe you have re-found a friendship that you took for granted as you meet again in person. Perhaps it is the joy of breathing in the fresh air and walking alongside others again. Certainly when we were able to have Homecoming on our campus in September 2021 there was a general agreement that this was one of the best ever! There appeared to just be more gratitude, more smiles, more warmth. I know that our team came out of the event tired, yes, but also rejuvenated because of that apparent rediscovery of joy.

This brings me to a point of reflection. How can we remind ourselves of what is good and truly value it, even if it is customary and always there? Do we always have to rediscover in

order to value? I want to talk here about Adventist education, as an example. I firmly believe that Seventh-day Adventist education is a unique gift God gave to this church. I also believe that the strength and depth of the church is directly proportional to the strength of its education program. Yet sometimes it seems that this gift has somehow become so familiar, so much part of what is “there” that we focus on what is “wrong” (or at least what may not be perfect) far more than we value the gift. We hear something we don't like and decide to metaphorically hide the gift in the attic. I know what sacrifices my parents made to give me an Adventist education. And, no, it wasn't always perfect. But I have absolutely no doubt that without that sacrifice I would not be where I am now. So yes, I find it very disappointing to see the contempt that familiarity might bring, impacting our acceptance of this great gift. And not just that but impacting the opportunity of the next generation to experience the gift themselves.

I do hope that one thing we learn from this pandemic is the importance of valuing and taking advantage of all the gifts God has given us, even if they have become only too familiar. To me, Seventh-day Adventist education is one of those gifts.




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## Letter to the Editor

Dear FOCUS:

Around this time 40 years ago, I found out that Dr. Paul Hamel was willing to help students out by purchasing musical instruments for a deep discount. I purchased a 12-string Ovation guitar with a hard case. That November day is etched forever in my memory when I visited his home to take possession of my now 40-year-old musical companion. Together we have served in countless church services, office worships, hospital and assisted living/nursing home visits.

I also took a class from him called Enjoyment of Music. I still have the records that I purchased for that class!! It was my first exposure to classical music as

I had just moved from India to Andrews University. To this day, my favorite piece is Beethoven's 5th Symphony—the second movement! I remember how he would call our attention to the various instruments and their exquisite parts in the piece.

As my 40-year anniversary with my guitar has been approaching, I have been thinking about Dr. Hamel often. I will forever be grateful to him for his service to Andrews University and especially to me. Then I saw the sad news in the FOCUS issue that I just received.

Thank you, Dr. Hamel. God will restore your soul on the resurrection morn!

Allan Willmott (BA '82)

## Campus Update

# Autumn Conference on Religion & Science

*Highlights guidelines for biblical archaeology*

THE ANNUAL ANDREWS AUTUMN CONFERENCE on Religion & Science took place from Nov. 12–13, with a theme of “The Andrews Way of Doing Archaeology.”

Excavations in Hisban, Jordan, were started in 1968 by Siegfried H. Horn, who later founded the Horn Archaeological Museum. The guidelines under which he worked have been established as the “Andrews Way” of doing archaeology—guidelines still followed by workers in biblical archaeology:

1. Be forthright with findings. Do not minimize problems or stretch interpretations of data to explain things away.
2. Do not make claims beyond what the data can support.
3. Be quick and complete in publishing results.
4. Engage and work within mainstream scholarship.
5. Include a diversity of people and specialists.
6. Take the history of the Bible seriously, but do not place upon archaeology the burden of “proving” the Bible.

“Although these guidelines were established for biblical archaeology, they are applicable to other disciplines and their relation to biblical faith,” explains Gary Burdick, dean of research.

Øystein LaBianca, senior research professor and a plenary speaker for the conference, notes, “This conference has over the past several years provided a space where students, staff and faculty can tackle complex issues that arise from their efforts to navigate between the world of secular scholarship, the community of fellow believers and their own faith journeys.”

Additional 2021 speakers included Andrews professor Randall W. Younker, Darrell J. Rohl (assistant professor, Calvin University), Christopher Jenkins (PhD student, Yale University), Carina Prestes (PhD student, Andrews University) and Kevin Burton (director, Center for Adventist Research). The conference was sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Institute of Archaeology and Siegfried H. Horn Museum, Theological Center for Interdisciplinary Dialogue, and the Office of Research & Creative Scholarship.

# LIFE ON CAMPUS



Andrews students were invited to join a Career Fair especially for students in the College of Professions on Oct. 19 in the Andreasen Center for Wellness



Students took advantage of the sunshine and set up study spots outside



At the Sept. 29 Clubs & Organizations Ice Cream Fair, students explored a variety of ways to get involved on campus



Proximity Latino Vespers took place at Pioneer Memorial Church for Hispanic Heritage Month



The Andrews Cardinals women's soccer team played Oakwood University on Oct. 17



As part of Filipino American History Month, the Andrews Filipino International Association (AFIA) and the Korean American Student Association (KASA) hosted a White Rabbit Night Market highlighting their street market cultures

# Fall 2021 enrollment and rankings

*Reflect the significant ongoing impact and realities of the global COVID-19 pandemic*

**As the 2021 fall semester concludes on the Berrien Springs campus, Andrews University is again taking the measure of its current enrollment trends.**

## ENROLLMENT

Fall census numbers offer one lens to best assess Andrews University's successes and challenges.

This semester, our main campus census showed that there were 3,091 students enrolled at (or through) our main Berrien Springs campus—80 less than last year's fall enrollment of 3,171.

That represents an overall decrease of 2.5 percent, which reflects overall enrollment trends throughout the North American Adventist higher education system, which experienced an overall 3.8 percent decrease in enrollment.

"Those decreases reflect a rare combination of environmental factors to create a 'perfect storm' which directly affects our enrollment. That includes the impact of COVID-19 on higher education as a whole which has, in turn, also impacted our international students, who face travel and immigration restrictions," says Tony Yang, vice president for Strategy, Marketing & Enrollment and Chief Communication Officer.

However, student enrollment also showed signs of stability and growth. New freshman enrollment was down only one student (256 this year from 257 last year), undergraduate and graduate transfer enrollment grew by five (103 vs. 98) and new graduate enrollment increased by 28 (345 vs. 317).

"Even as we face challenges in our enrollment, it's been impressive to see this stability and growth and to discover how our faculty, staff and students have nimbly and creatively responded to those challenges. That's made us flexible and responsive to the changing realities and demands of this ongoing pandemic," says Andrea Luxton, president.

Enrollment is also measured through an annual unduplicated headcount report, which tracks the number of students at Andrews over a 12-month period.

In the 2020–2021 report, Andrews' annual unduplicated headcount showed 4,117 students registered (including online courses) through the Berrien Springs campus.

An additional 3,989 students registered through international off-campus programs and the professional development programs offered by our College of Education & International Services.

Altogether, these two sets of numbers represent a combined annual unduplicated headcount enrollment of 8,106 students for 2020–2021.

"Over these last two years our students continue to bring new and urgent meaning to 'World Changers Made Here' as the core message and purpose of Andrews University," says Yang. "Our mission is needed now more than ever—locally here in Michigan, across North America and globally. Our enrollment strategies and plans must adapt to shifting attitudes toward Adventist higher education, challenges for Adventist families who struggle with affordability, and the dynamic and rapidly changing expectations on how we best communicate with and reach students and families."

"Ultimately, as Andrews works together to effectively meet and respond to the challenges of the last two years," says President Luxton, "we continue to remain fully committed to our mission

as the flagship General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists institution, an institution with a world-changing reach and a God-centered purpose that is at the heart of all we do."

## RANKINGS

Each fall, a wide array of school rankings are released.

In the 2022 U.S. News Best Colleges rankings, Andrews continues to be the only Adventist university included in the rankings of nearly 400 national universities (overall, there are nearly 4,000 degree-granting universities and colleges in America).

The "national university" category is used for universities with a full range of undergraduate majors as well as offering master's and doctoral degrees, which draw students from across the U.S. and benefit from a strong focus on research and low teacher-student ratios.

In the Niche 2022 Best Colleges rankings of more than 1,600 colleges and universities, Andrews ranked #4 on diversity and was listed in the top 25 percent of Best Christian Colleges in America.

In College Factual, Andrews ranked in the top third of more than 2,500 colleges and universities included. College Factual again listed Andrews as a "Great Price Value for Your Money" university.





## Fifth annual Change Day

*Continues to seek new ways to serve the surrounding community*

THURSDAY, SEPT. 16, 2021, MARKED THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY of Change Day, Andrews University's annual service day. It involved 36 different locations and well over 700 students, faculty and staff volunteering for organizations ranging from Habitat for Humanity to the Berrien County Humane Society, Neighbor 2 Neighbor, Operation Christmas Child, Pine Ridge Assisted Living, Paris' Purse and many more.

In one of the year's biggest projects, Christmas Behind Bars, sponsored by the Black Student Christian Forum, American Institute of Architecture Students Freedom by Design, and Center for Faith Engagement, over 10,000 packages were assembled for local prisoners (*pictured above*).

Zoe Shiu, senior psychology major, volunteered with a group at the Niles YMCA, helping spread mulch in the plant dividers inside the parking lot. "I thought it was refreshing to do something outside of class that put us out there," Zoe says. "We were doing something actually practical and needed for the community."

At Pioneer Memorial Church, the Red Cross hosted a blood drive with volunteers who either helped draw blood or donated blood. Participant Andrew Remmers, senior finance and accounting major, deeply appreciated Andrews' commitment to Change Day, professing, "It shows Andrews University can go out into the community and make an impact and really put our faith into practice, which I think is super important—to have a faith-centered community but also spread that love through actions."

Reflecting on this year's Change Day, Teela Ruehle, director of student missions & service and event coordinator, says, "It's inspiring to see our students taking initiatives to make their communities a better place."

She also conveys her appreciation and thanks to the local nonprofits and community organizations who work tirelessly to keep the Andrews and Berrien communities safe and strong, explaining, "It was a privilege to connect with them and ask if we could assist or partner in any way."

## SciFEST EXPLORES "SPACE"

*Andrews hosts virtual STEM experience*

THIS YEAR'S ANDREWS UNIVERSITY SCIFEST TOOK PLACE under the theme of "Space." Six STEM departments participated—biology, chemistry, engineering, mathematics, physics and sustainable agriculture. To accommodate 208 high school students, many in boarding school and home-school, activities were conducted remotely.

From Oct. 25–Nov. 7, students logged on to LearningHub to view videos from professors explaining lab activities. After working together to complete each activity, students uploaded pictures or videos of their final creations.

"Each STEM department took the word 'space' and used it according to what their department focuses on. Students could be creative in their interpretation of how to use space in their activity," explains Monica Nudd, STEM marketing and enrollment coordinator. "For instance, the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry pretended to be on a deserted planet and used vegetables to figure out how to generate electricity."

In addition, SciFEST featured four evening Zoom meetings. These virtual events gave students a chance to meet professors from different departments, as well as chat with alumni and current students. "Our aim was twofold: to engage in STEM and encourage students' interest in attending Andrews," says Nudd.

SciFEST concluded with an awards celebration on Sunday, Nov. 7. Through a live Zoom, students' projects were showcased, and Andrews hoodies were awarded as prizes. Scholarships funded by the College of Arts & Sciences were awarded to students who completed the majority of their LearningHub activities.



## Waller Lectureship features Carissa Harris

*Explores connections between historical and present inequities*

THE ANNUAL JOHN O. WALLER LECTURESHIP for the Arts on Oct. 19 featured Carissa Harris, PhD, associate professor of English at Temple University. Harris presented on the topic “Maternal Fury: Women’s Collective Rage at State Violence, from the Middle Ages to the Movements for Black Lives.” The event took place in Buller Hall and was also livestreamed.

Harris earned her doctoral degree from Northwestern University. Currently, her research and teaching focus on gender and sexuality in medieval England and Scotland. Her work has been published in several academic journals, and she has written for outlets like Slate, Vox and The Washington Post.

In her presentation, Harris covered medieval dramatic renditions of King Herod’s slaughter of the innocents in conversation with mothers’ roles in the Black Lives Matter and #SayHerName movements. Harris noted that plays about the slaughter of the innocents painted women as quick to anger, thus invalidating the

women’s frustration, but she further explained that the women’s anger was righteous and had the potential to activate social change. Harris compared the plays and the reactions of Black women to Breonna Taylor’s murder and explained that this current social and political moment gives new significance to old fictional plays.

“Cross-historical connections challenge our perceptions of both history and the present,” explains Vanessa Corredera, associate professor of English and chair of the Department of English. “If we can identify through lines, in this case regarding women’s anger, it prompts us to identify persistent inequities. Put differently, it disallows us from locating certain gendered injustices as merely applicable to ‘then.’”

The Waller Lectureship was established in 2008 in honor of late English professor John O. Waller, who taught at Andrews University for 29 years, serving 16 of those as chair of the Department of English.



## “The Many Voices of Worship”

*J.N. Andrews Honors Program Church*

THE 11TH ANNUAL HONORS CHURCH service took place on Sabbath, Nov. 6. Honors scholars worked collaboratively to present testimonies, spoken word and music featuring the Honors Choir, a string quartet and other musical selections.

The first section of the service focused on the question “What is worship?” Alexander Navarro, senior, shared his thoughts on the uniqueness of the human ability to worship in a vast universe, affirming that worship is both a personal and universal act.

In “How and why do we worship?” Shania Watts, senior, described a personal experience that taught her about the many forms worship can take for different people, emphasizing the importance of a sincere heart above all.

The third component of the service asked “How can worship be alienating?” Nora Martin, sophomore, told stories of people excluded and ignored within the church and called for a reflection, in order to promote healing, on where worship has pushed people away.

In the final section, Rekha Isaac, junior, addressed the theme “How can worship be healing and transformative?” She suggested that outreach through kindness can be a vital way to repair past wrongs and connect with others.

L. Monique Pittman, English professor and director of Honors, accentuated the importance of a diversely voiced community in the act of worship: “In our effort to return to the presence and proximity of worship in a COVID-19 world, may we be ready to conceive of the church pew as an ever-expanding space, living as worshippers with the mindset that there is always room for one more person in our row.”



# Research Week 2021

*Showcases the Andrews commitment to academic excellence*

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY DEMONSTRATED its commitment to academic excellence throughout Research Week, Oct. 19–22. Four programs were highlighted: John O. Waller Lectureship for the Arts (*see page 8*), Robert and Lillis Kingman Speaker Series on Science & Society (*see page 11*), Celebration of Community Engagement, and Celebration of Research & Creative Scholarship.

The Celebration of Community Engagement took place on Thursday, Oct. 21. Paulette Johnson, dean of libraries and chair of the Community Engagement Council, emphasizes that the event was a “demonstration of how the University lives its mission to change lives at home, at the national and global levels.” The program included musical performances and video presentations highlighting various community service efforts. Presenter Derrick Lea, executive director of Adventist Community Services (NAD), underscored the importance of partnership in service. Presenter Rachel Wade, vice president of strategy for United Way of Southwest Michigan, encouraged her listeners to answer God’s call to engagement within their communities.

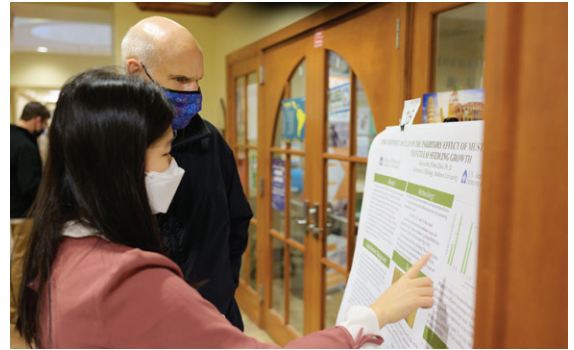
Friday, Oct. 22, marked the annual Celebration of Research & Creative Scholarship. The initial session honored the 2020 and 2021 recipients of the Siegfried H. Horn Excellence in Research & Creative Scholarship Award: Chi Yong Yun, professor of music; Anneris Coria-Navia, professor of curriculum and instruction and director of the Center for Teaching & Learning; S. Joseph Kidder, professor of pastoral theology & discipleship;

and Gustavo Gregorutti, professor of leadership & higher education. After the session, a period of poster presentations and oral presentations took place.

Gary Burdick, dean of research, affirms, “Research provides the means to measure changes in the variables of life. The Andrews University Research Week 2021 demonstrated the value of research in English (Carissa Harris) and mathematics (Eugenia Chen). Both speakers effectively demonstrat-

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ed that research can and should impact the way we engage with our world. In spite of having to cope with limitations on how we connect physically, I was pleased to see the number of departments/schools to the many varied community challenges. I continue to be pleased with the levels of faculty and student participation in the Celebration of Research, which continues to be a forum to showcase the breadth of our research across our campus.”



*Above: Poster presentations at the annual Celebration of Research & Creative Scholarship Middle: Derrick Lea, a speaker at the Celebration of Community Engagement Bottom: Anneris Coria-Navia, Siegfried H. Horn Award recipient, presents her research*



# Congress on Social Justice

*Challenges attendees to care for all God's creation*

FROM OCT. 14–16, THE SEVENTH-DAY Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University hosted the Congress on Social Justice, an event designed to highlight global issues of imbalance as well as the biblical solutions that address them.

Guest speakers at the Congress emphasized humanity's role in caring for creation and addressing existing injustices. Willie Hucks, associate professor of pastoral theology and homiletics and chair of the Congress on Social Justice Planning Committee, explains, "God declared everything He created to be very good; and in spite of sin's entrance into the world, we still have a responsibility to affirm the image of God in everyone He created. We also, like Adam and Eve, have a responsibility to care for nature, because we live in a symbiotic relationship with every element of God's creation."

On Thursday, Oct. 14, Christian Dumitrescu delivered the keynote address, titled "Sex Trafficking and Social Justice." Dumitrescu teaches world mission and intercultural studies and research at the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS) in the Philippines. He is editor for the *Journal of Asia Adventist Seminary* and a regional editor for the *Journal of Adventist Mission Studies*.

Akintayo Odeyemi spoke for the first plenary session on Friday, Oct. 15. His presentation was titled "Female Genital Mutilation and Social Justice." Odeyemi has been an active player in the community development industry, serving most recently as executive director in the ADRA Africa Regional Office with initial responsibilities of programs and planning director as well as emergency management and strategic planning.

Joel Raveloharimisy, associate professor of behavioral sciences at Andrews University, presented "Environment



**CLOCKWISE, FROM ABOVE:** Willie Hucks, chair of the Congress on Social Justice Planning Committee, welcomes attendees ■ L-R: Cristina Adelina Alexe, Wagner Kuhn and Esther Knott lead a panel discussion after Akintayo Odeyemi's plenary on Friday morning ■ The "Musical Worship" program at Pioneer Memorial Church ■ Wintley Phipps during "Musical Worship"

and Social Justice" for the second plenary session on Friday. Raveloharimisy works to alleviate poverty in Madagascar and has raised funds for construction of classrooms, school buildings, clinics and churches there.

On Saturday, Oct. 16, Wintley Phipps delivered the sermon during the worship service. Phipps is a Seventh-day Adventist minister as well as a singer,

**"God declared everything He created to be very good; and in spite of sin's entrance into the world, we still have a responsibility to affirm the image of God in everyone He created."**

songwriter, record producer and founder of the U.S. Dream Academy, Songs of Freedom Publishing Company and Coral Records Recording Company.

Throughout the Congress, a number of breakout sessions covered topics such as "Social Justice, Adventism, and Fundamentalism," "Domestic Abuse and Social Justice," and "Restorative Justice." A musical worship service took place on Saturday evening.

Hucks notes, "Andrews University is seen by so many as the flagship institution of higher learning in Seventh-day Adventism, attracting students from around the world. Issues of social justice are global in their sphere. You put those realities together, and no other venue was better suited to host an event of this magnitude than Andrews." He hopes that attendees will further the knowledge they have obtained from the Congress and use it to make a difference for both their communities and the advancement of God's kingdom.

## Business students win first place

At inaugural Undergraduate Healthcare Business Case Competition

THE ANDREWS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF Business Administration Shores Consulting team won first place in the inaugural Loma Linda University School of Public Health Undergraduate Healthcare Business Case Competition, held virtually on Sunday, Oct. 31.

The Shores Consulting team from the School of Business Administration included four students from different majors who came together to study a healthcare management issue and were given a certain amount of time to solve the problem during the competition. The team members were Marvin Schatzschneider, senior finance/accounting major and team captain; Matthew Shelton, senior marketing major; Jeffrey Gehring, senior management major; and Joshua Deonarine, junior finance major. The faculty sponsor was Quentin Sahly, assistant professor of accounting.

Students reported that they each dedicated about 100 hours of work into this case study over the past three weeks in preparation for the competition. Each student brought their area of business expertise into analysis of the case. During the competition, the team was provided 15 minutes for their presentation with an additional 10 minutes for Q & A from the four-judge panel. After the Shores Consulting team was announced as the winner, the judges commended them for their original solution to the case study that also has the potential to address the real challenges currently facing the healthcare industry. “Your solution was imaginative, but you also showed the ability to apply critical thinking with the application of a well-researched solution,” stated one judge.



The Shores Consulting team, L–R: Joshua Deonarine, Marvin Schatzschneider, Jeffrey Gehring, Matthew Shelton (photo by Kimberly Pichot, College of Professions interim dean)

Schatzschneider stated that he worked for PwC’s Deal Advisory group last summer specializing on financial due diligence for mergers and acquisitions, saying, “I learned the value of presentation and questioning, as clients will often send over enormous amounts of information, and one must be constantly ready to synthesize and draw insights to add to deal value.”

“These four young men have great futures ahead of them. I feel blessed to have been a supporting part of their success,” stated Sahly.

## Kingman Speaker Series

Eugenia Cheng examines the value of math in understanding others

EUGENIA CHENG, PHD, WAS THE featured speaker for the second annual Robert and Lillis Kingman Speaker Series on Science & Society on Wednesday, Oct. 20. Her presentation was titled, “The Art of Logic in an Illogical World,” the same subject as her 2018 book “The Art of Logic: How to Make Sense in a World that Doesn’t.”

Cheng is Scientist-in-Residence at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and an honorary Visiting Fellow of City, University of London. She obtained her doctoral degree in pure mathematics from the University of Cambridge and aims to rid the world of “math phobia.” In addition to being a public speaker and mathematician specializing in Category Theory, Cheng is an accomplished teacher, author, columnist, concert pianist and artist.

Her talk centered on how to utilize pure mathematics as a way to understand and interact with the world. Cheng insisted that mathematical strategies like abstraction, factoring and cause and effect diagrams can lay the groundwork for intelligent conversation and building relationships with others. “I think that logic can actually help us with understanding other people. It can help us with empathy,” she says. “Maybe that’s why I’m an educator—because I am an optimist. I do believe that we can do better and that, in particular, we can help the next generation to get better.”

Lynelle Weldon, chair of the Department of Mathematics, hoped that attendees, enthusiastic about math or not, “caught a vision of how mathematical thinking can contribute to the analysis of any problem they might face”



and “learned ways to communicate and connect their understanding of math with everyday concerns.”

The Robert and Lillis Kingman Speaker Series on Science & Society was established in 2019 to bring significant speakers in science and mathematics to campus. Robert Kingman taught in the Department of Physics and served as chair for more than 40 years.

**CALENDAR**

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

**Howard Center Presents ... Nicholas Marks**

Nicholas Marks' music is a fiery blend of American Pop music intertwined with a Spanish flamenco beat and Gypsy rhythm. Whether he is holding his guitar high over his head, behind his back or down on his knees, his music mesmerizes.

*Sunday, Jan. 30, 7 p.m.*

**Howard Center Presents ... Anthony Brown and group therAPy**

Anthony Brown is a creative force in music with unparalleled talent as a songwriter, vocal director, producer, worship leader and singer.

*Sunday, Feb. 13, 7 p.m.*

**Howard Center Presents ... Violin Concerto No. 2 "Teshuah"**

Alumnus James Lee's work will be performed by the Andrews University Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Chris Wild with guest soloist Carla Trynchuk on the violin.

*Saturday, March 12, 8 p.m.*



*For tickets, information and a complete listing of performances, call the box office or visit the web.*

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**Clockwise, from top left column:** Heritage Singers 50th Anniversary Concert, Sept. 11 ■ Alumni Gala Wind Symphony, Sept. 25 ■ Alumni Gala University Singers, Sept. 25 ■ Alumni Gala Symphony Orchestra, Sept. 25 ■ Risus Quartet, Fischhoff Grand Prize and Gold Medal Winner, Oct. 9 ■ Wind Symphony Fall Concert, "Hands Across the Sea," Oct. 23 ■ University Choirs Fall Concert, "Sure on this Shining Night," Oct. 30 ■ Voice Students Vespers, Jackson Hayden, baritone, Nov. 12 ■ Duo of Hope, Peruvian cellist Taide Prieto and Mexican pianist and conductor Francisco Fernandez, Nov. 14 ■ Victor Bartley, "Fire That Builds," University Forum, Nov. 18 ■ Symphony Orchestra Thanksgiving Concert, "Journey," Nov. 20 ■ Pianist Chi Yong Yun, Nov. 21

## Philip DeLeon to oversee student involvement

*Bringing a focus to enhancing the student experience*

THE DIVISION OF CAMPUS & STUDENT Life welcomes Philip DeLeon as associate dean for Student Involvement, Leadership & Activities (SILA). He will oversee the strategic direction, implementation and assessment of programming and services that maximize student engagement and leadership development.

“We are so pleased that Philip has chosen to return to campus,” says Frances Faehner, vice president for Campus & Student Life. “As a younger alum, it is his vivid and fond memories of Andrews University that fuel his desire to serve a new generation of students.”

DeLeon, who holds a Master of Public Administration, most recently served as the manager of Patient Experience, Guest Services and Interpretation Services at Garnet Health Medical Center (GHMC) in New York. He provided oversight to GHMC’s comprehensive program driving patient satisfaction.

“We’re excited to have Dean DeLeon



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bring the passion and skills he honed while enhancing the patient experience to creating a first-rate student experience,” says Steve Yeagley, assistant vice president for Campus & Student Life.

During his ten years in healthcare, DeLeon founded several initiatives that continue to positively impact patient

satisfaction and community outreach. He implemented video interpreting services throughout the Medical Center, outpatient facilities and medical group, allowing limited-English, deaf and hard-of-hearing patients the ability to be seen and heard by someone who speaks their language.

When COVID-19 forced restricted visitation at hospitals across the country, DeLeon’s team suited up and facilitated virtual visitation for hundreds of patients and their families seven days a week. It was sometimes the only connection patients had with their families.

As Andrews University begins to emerge from the pandemic, DeLeon will again look for ways to provide connection. “God didn’t design us to live remotely,” he says. “I can’t wait to see how He will bring the campus back to life this year, and I look forward to being part of that renewed energy and experience.”

In addition to leading SILA and overseeing the University’s 60-plus clubs and organizations, DeLeon will serve as general sponsor of the Andrews University Student Association and consultant to the Andrews University Graduate Student Association. He will work collaboratively with colleagues to address students’ emotional, spiritual, physical and social needs.

## Jay Johnson wins award

*From International Association of Geomagnetism and Aeronomy*

JAY JOHNSON, PROFESSOR OF ENGINEERING, was recently awarded the Shen Kuo Award for Interdisciplinary Achievements from the International Association of Geomagnetism and Aeronomy (IAGA). Scientists within the IAGA study the magnetic and electrical properties of planets. The organization focuses on both geomagnetism, the study of the magnetic field of earth, and aeronomy, the science of the upper atmosphere.

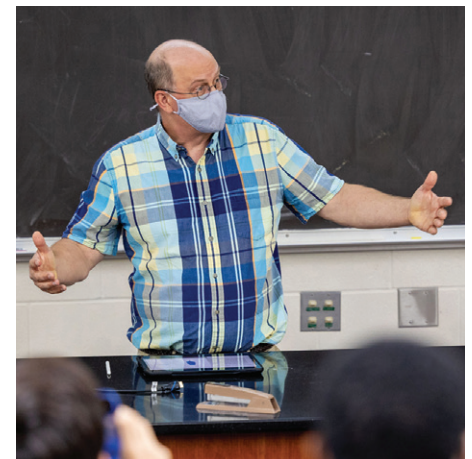
Johnson’s work within the organization has spanned several divisions of the IAGA throughout the years, contributing

to sessions on magnetopause transport (2003), magnetosphere-ionosphere coupling (2005), sources and sinks of the plasma-sheet (2009–2012) and magnetotail dynamical processes (2021).

His research stems from the modification of a calculation performed during his time as a post-doctorate at Princeton University. The computation centered on “single particle trajectories of an ion in an Alfvén wave.” Over 20 years later, his findings have become foundational for studies relating to the acceleration and heating of ions in the auroral region, magnetosheath and solar wind.

Johnson notes, “I am delighted and honored to have been selected for this prestigious award.”

He adds, “I am thankful for the support of Andrews University and the engineering and physics departments



that have made it possible for me to maintain a strong, active research program, and all the talented students at Andrews who have contributed to our research projects.”

## A calling fully realized

*Susan Zork retires after nearly 30 years of service at Andrews*

SUSAN ZORK HAS FOSTERED AN INTEREST in ministry ever since she was young. She recalls, “When I was probably 8 or 9, I used to go and ‘preach’ from an old stump in the woods behind my house ... I had one ‘good’ sermon and I would preach it over and over again.”

Although Susan’s interests diverged and changed over the years, she still found herself called to a life of teaching and service. She obtained her undergraduate degree in education, started her career as dean of girls at Maplewood Academy, and later became a religion teacher and dean of girls at Shenandoah Valley Academy. Afterward, she worked as an assistant registrar at Walla Walla College for two years.

In 1991, her husband, Stephen Zork, was called to be director of choirs and choral studies at Andrews University. They moved to Michigan with their four children, and she decided to pursue an advanced degree at the University—a choice that was guided by God.

Susan says, “I clearly remember sitting in the Administration Building parking lot at Andrews and earnestly praying about what master’s program I should pursue. And seemingly out of nowhere, the memory of my childhood preaching in the woods came to mind. I hadn’t thought about it for 30 years! Alone in my car, I asked God out loud ... ‘seriously?’ And though he didn’t give an audible answer, the message was loud and clear: go into formal ministry.”

She went on to complete a master’s degree in religious education as well as her doctoral studies and comprehensive exams for the PhD in religious education. Simultaneously, she worked at Andrews—first as an administrative assistant, then in the Student Success Center, where she managed undergraduate advising.

In 2003, Susan was hired into the Department of Religion & Biblical Languages as an assistant professor teaching theology, spirituality and discipleship. She also taught classes in spirituality and healthcare for the

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nursing department and physical therapy and went on to become one of the founding teaching pastors for One Place Fellowship.

She states, “My calling was finally and fully realized and I knew it was exactly where I was supposed to be, doing exactly what God had called me to. And I have loved and cherished every moment since.”

In addition to teaching, Susan’s memorable experiences at Andrews have included conducting counseling sessions, officiating marriages, giving Bible studies, preaching sermons, functioning as a mentor and baptizing students. She additionally notes, “I have always sung with my husband in University Singers—the combination of wonderful music, singing with students and having

my amazing husband direct the choir ... remains the cherry on top of my experiences here at Andrews.”

The most important part of Susan’s career at Andrews, however, has always been her students. She considers the mutual exchange of learning and care to be central aspects to her experience at Andrews, stating, “To be able to live and grow in my faith alongside seeking minds and young people is one of the defining and greatest experiences of my life.”

Although in retirement she misses her students, Susan enjoys “the freedom on any given day to do whatever filters to the top.” She explains, “I have family that need visiting. Grandchildren that need playing with. I still sing, I still preach, I still teach on occasion, and I still love Jesus and people as always—but now, with a lot less stress.”

One of her favorite verses is Zephaniah 3:17: “The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing” (NIV). The verse reflects a continuing lifelong goal for Susan: “I have simply wanted to honor Jesus all my life.”



## Mission accomplished

*Thomas Lowing retires after 25 years at Andrews*

THOMAS LOWING HAS SERVED AS full-time faculty teaching architecture at Andrews University for 25 years. “It would have been hard to imagine the pathway God opened for me to become a faculty member here at Andrews,” he recalls.

Prior to teaching, Thomas participated in professional practice full-time for 15 years. After receiving his professional degree, he worked in Battle Creek, Michigan, as an intern architect, later becoming licensed as well as an associate at a firm in Kalamazoo, Michigan. During this time, he and his wife were raising three children.

In the early 1990s he connected with Andrews through the Southwest Michigan Chapter of the American Institute of Architects via an invitation to present the design principles of the Americans with Disabilities Act that had recently become part of federal civil rights legislation.

Then, in 1995, an experienced professional was needed to teach construction technology. “I originally started teaching as an adjunct professor just two years after opening my own practice in the Kalamazoo area,” he explains. “I continued to consult in the profession and commute from Holland, Michigan, as an assistant professor in what was then the Division of Architecture, became an associate professor as we became the School of Architecture, and also served as assistant dean of the College of Health & Human Services for a year and a half while the School of Architecture & Interior Design transitioned into its new home in the College.”

Thomas’s students have made a particularly positive impact on his teaching experience. “The students I have known are both eager to learn and to serve,” he says. “This culture of service was evident wherever I have gone with students. ‘Students’ joy in sharing the zest of living college life is also inspiring, especially

when traveling together. I remember an architecture trip where two students carried their colleague in a wheelchair up the stairs of a towering structure to experience the view together as a class.”

Thomas says that Andrews became his home away from home. “It is a family-centric culture for education, where I was privileged to teach 20 graduating classes as I witnessed their growth over five-and-a-half years to their professional degree,” he shares. “My favorite part besides witnessing

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each student’s growth was to meet their families and see them in celebration at their graduation. The network of relationships and family connections is so fascinating! I love to hear from alumni and witness their further growth, as well.”

While at Andrews, Thomas has appreciated the opportunity to not only meet colleagues and students from around the world but also share in the joys of Christian education. “I had become a committed Christian just a few years before the opportunity to teach,” he explains. “Moving from an environment where opportunities to share one’s faith openly in the marketplace were distinctively rare, I soon found it refreshing to be teaching where sharing the aspects of faith integrally within the course of my discipline was encouraged. It was certainly fertile ground for my own spiritual growth, and I hope it was for many students.”

Thomas is proud of his involvement

during the early stages of development of the architecture program at Andrews. He explains that the faculty at the time worked together, aiming to establish a distinctly Adventist mission for the program based on the principles of Romans 12. “Part of



my decision to retire was based on the fact that almost two-thirds of my colleagues on the architecture faculty were once my students. I believe my primary mission at Andrews was accomplished,” he adds.

In retirement, Thomas and his wife Vicki Jo have moved to Tennessee. Thomas plans to assist a new, start-up architecture program in Nashville become accredited. He looks forward to summer visits to see family in Michigan and notes, “I will always be very thankful for my ‘Andrews family,’ as well.”

# Homecoming

September 23–26, 2021



From top, clockwise: *Wes Christiansen Memorial Golf Outing* ■ *Denis Fortin & Kris Knutson present at Women's Scholarship Brunch* ■ *Historic Sundial Rededication honoring Donald & Rebecca May* ■ *Spirit of Philanthropy & Homecoming Banquet* ■ *Classic Car Show* ■ *Campus Bus Tour* ■ *Carscallen Mission Workshop ribbon cutting*



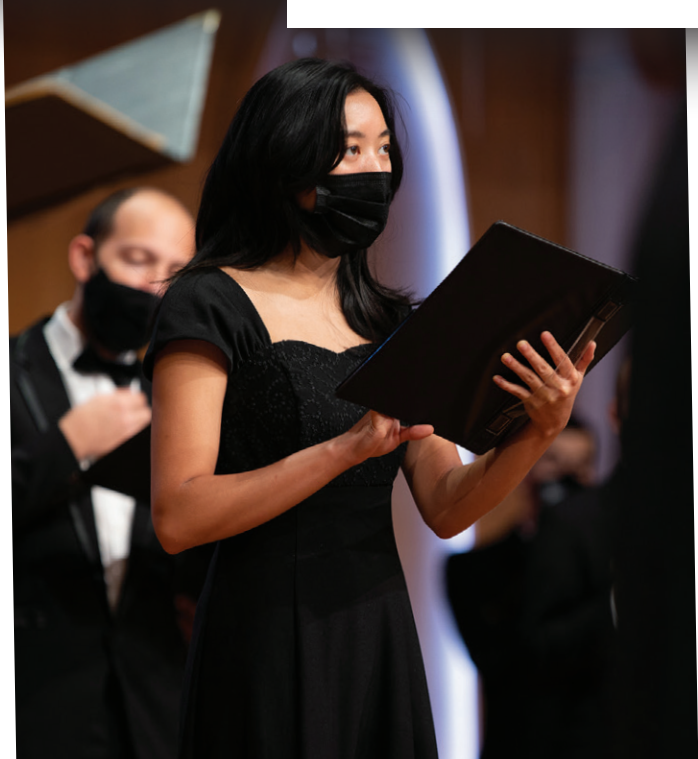


From left, counterclockwise: *Deliverance Mass Choir anniversary concert* ■ *Ndubuisi Nwade, speaker at Impact* ■ *Carlton Byrd, guest speaker for University Vespers* ■ *International Flag Raising Ceremony* ■ *34th Annual Homecoming Parade* ■ *New Life & BSCF Alumni anniversary celebration*





From top, left to right: Harvest wagon tours  
 ■ Walter Douglas at Church History Suite dedication ■ Class reunion luncheon buffet  
 ■ Bruce Closser and Beverly Matiko at their Retirement Recognition Reception ■ Bill Knott, PMC worship service ■ Japhet De Oliveira, One Place 10th Anniversary ■ Agriculture Education Center Open House ■ Harvest Picnic  
 ■ University Singers, PMC worship service





From top right, clockwise:  
 Wind Symphony, Alumni  
 Homecoming Gala ■  
 Aviation Annual Fly-In  
 ■ Earl and Edwina  
 Bradley ■ Bradley Family  
 Harvest Run ■ Botanical  
 Conservatory Open House

## A brief history of BSCF

by Wanda Cantrell

Andrews University has always been known for its superior academics. That is one of the reasons that African Americans, Caribbeans, Africans and other minorities' parents sent their children to Andrews. The advice I received from my uncle, David Cato, who attended Andrews in the mid-60s, was to get my academic foundation at Andrews University my freshman year, go somewhere else my sophomore year, then return to Andrews for my junior and senior years to complete my education as strongly as possible.

I noticed when visiting my uncle that there was always a group of minority students that got together. One such group was the choir, Les Concertantes (co-directed by my uncle). But it wasn't until the late 60s/early 70s when difficult times arose that made an "official" Black minority group on campus necessary. After several cross burnings, meetings with President Richard Hammill, and eventually a charge of institutional racism, the Black Student Christian Forum (BSCF) was formed. This group provided not only a voice for the Black minority students but also provided positive social interaction as they met together. BSCF was formed in 1972 (as documented by The Student Movement) followed by BSCF Alumni in 1980.

In 1969, Julius Locklear had started a Sabbath School class in his dorm room. BSCF held Friday night programs and still does to this day (called Impact). All these were precursors to New Life Fellowship church service.

2022 marks the 50th anniversary of the Black Student Christian Forum. 2020 was the 40th anniversary of BSCF Alumni. God has blessed both groups with interaction and longevity.



# A Time to Celebrate

by Brandon Williams

HOMECOMING 2021 WAS A WEEKEND of celebration for several historic communities of worship at Andrews University. This year marked the convergence of three landmark anniversary celebrations: the 50th anniversary of the Black Student Christian Forum (BSCF), the 30th anniversary of New Life Fellowship, and the 25th anniversary of Deliverance Mass Choir.

At Impact, the BSCF Friday night vespers experience, programming began with a call to "Return to Your Roots" in which a mixture of current students and alumni led in worship and praise, followed by a message from Ndubuisi Nwade.

On Sabbath, New Life Fellowship featured a celebration of the legacy of leadership that grew a small community of gospel worshippers

into a staple worship experience on campus. Carlton Byrd received the Honored Alumni Award and delivered the sermon following a dynamic praise and worship service.

In the afternoon, Deliverance Mass Choir hosted a reunion concert. It was a powerful journey of music that testified of the goodness and faithfulness of God through the lyrics of masterfully performed choir classics like "Ride On King Jesus" and "Follower of God."

Overall, this weekend constituted a powerful spiritual experience, highlighting the faithfulness of God in the legacy, leadership and community of worship and service on this campus. Here's to what God will do in the future.

"The energy in the building today was off the charts ... it was like doubling the blessing."

—KEITH BULLARD

"Spirit filled, infused with the Holy Ghost, and blessing to me because the words spoke to my soul."

—CHRISTINE NARVAEZ





## The BSCF Community

by Khaylee Sands

MY NAME IS KHAYLEE SANDS, AND I am the current president of the Black Student Christian Forum. I became a faithful member of the club during my freshman year in 2019 and attended every event. In the officer elections during the pandemic quarantine, I was elected as the social media director for the upcoming year.

As my sophomore year came to a close, I was asked to take the torch of presidency for the 2021–2022 school year. I remember saying yes right then and there to what I believe is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I recall comparing myself to Jesus' disciples and their task to be world changers. Although they may have felt ill-equipped, Jesus equips all that He calls, and I would not have been asked if I was not capable.

The most enjoyable part of BSCF for me has been and continues to be the sense of community the club provides for Black students like myself on our campus. Personally, I view BSCF as your typical large Black family, and every time the club has events, it feels like a big family reunion.

BSCF is one of the largest clubs on campus with a current population of nearly 300 students. Even though our club focuses on the cultivation of the Black community on our campus, it also seeks to educate and showcase our culture to our campus community at large, and our membership is not exclusive.

Here's what a couple friends of mine within the club had to say about BSCF:

*"I appreciate that BSCF has always ensured a safe space for Black students to worship, as those before us didn't have that privilege. To have kept that over so many years is so amazing. Also I appreciate that BSCF welcomes students from all races to be educated and experience Black culture in a safe way."*—Camberley Berkel

*"I appreciate the community that it creates. Anything we do, we do it as a team and everyone pulls through to support. I love that I never have to think I am doing something alone and that I have a team I can count on."*  
—Patrice Robinson

BSCF has impacted the lives of students on our campus for 50 years, and my hope is that it continues to do so until the end of time. A continued safe space for the students in our Black community, no matter which diaspora they represent, is my wish. I want BSCF to continue to experience religious freedom and showcase our beautiful culture beyond our campus walls. Overall, my hope is for all Black students to always be proud of being a part of this club, to always feel represented in the best ways possible, to continue to be the beautiful Black kings and queens they are, and to have fun while doing so.

## A brief history of New Life Fellowship/Deliverance Mass Choir

by Danielle Pilgrim

New Life Fellowship began in 1991, as African American students expressed their desire for a church service that reflected the culture and worship experiences in their home churches. Newton Hoilette, then vice president for Student Services, responded to the need and, working with other Andrews staff, created New Life.

Five years after the start of New Life, Hoilette tasked then-student Carlton Byrd with starting a choir, which became Deliverance Mass Choir. A number of vocal groups on campus joined until its members totaled 200.

Following Byrd, some of DMC's directors have been Patrick Graham, Delroy Brooks, Damian Chandler, Anthony Bolden, Adrian and Leilani Langdon, Christina Hunter, Carl Cunningham, Demaris Morris and current director Jillian Vulcano. DMC remains an integral part of New Life.

The first pastor for New Life was a doctoral student in the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Kenneth Mulzac. Mulzac created a number of ways for students to be involved, and when Mulzac passed away, PhD student Donald Edwards stepped in. Edwards was followed by Clifford Jones, then associate dean of the Seminary. Timothy Nixon, who served as associate chaplain for Campus Ministries, later became New Life's first salaried pastor.

New Life continued to grow, and for its services in the Seminary Chapel every seat was filled, as were many in overflow rooms. During Michael Polite's five years as pastor, New Life's Sabbath service was moved to the Howard Performing Arts Center. Student Jannel Monroe, administrative pastor, then held the role of interim pastor until current pastor Danielle Pilgrim joined the team in 2020.

At New Life, 35 volunteers regularly give of their time to maintain a safe, vibrant worship space where those attending can experience "Christ, Change and Community."





# My New Life Fellowship Journey

by Danielle Pilgrim

## A Place to Belong

by Leilani & Adrian Langdon

COMING IN AS FRESHMEN, WE EACH had experiences with the Deliverance Mass Choir that led us to be a part of this ministry. Whether it was the energy, the expressive worship, or the power of a collective group of young people lifting up the name of Jesus, we both were drawn to the unique gift that is Deliverance Mass Choir (DMC).

We sang in the choir and served in various leadership roles within the choir under multiple directors. However, it wasn't until January 2009, when Damian Chandler was transitioning out of Seminary, that Chaplain Timothy Nixon asked us to be the next directors of this ministry. We knew this would be the next step in our ministry journey, but we would have never imagined the impact the next six years would have on us.

One of the main challenges we were informed of as we took over was the challenge of keeping upperclassmen engaged, as they tended to move on to other things after singing with the choir the first year or two. We discussed different incentives at our disposal. More trips? More concerts? More DMC swag? But none seemed like the answer, until God led us to our mission statement for the choir that guided everything we did: "Discipling through music as a family." It's that "family" part that has always made the difference. Twenty-five-plus years ago, Deliverance Mass Choir began because students of color had left their families back home and were looking

for a place to belong. Many weren't attending church services available to them at that point. However, in its inaugural weekend, 200 students showed up for the first DMC rehearsal, with even more showing up for the New Life church service that followed. Old faces, new faces, smiling faces, tired faces, all just looking for a place to belong.

It was this "family" focus during our time as directors that caused the choir to continue to grow by leaps and bounds. With upperclassmen becoming the backbone of the organization, each week we would gather as students poured in. And it was this focus that also shone through when DMC celebrated its 25th anniversary on Sept. 25, 2021. We were invited to be a part of that experience alongside former directors Christina Hunter and Anthony Bolden. Saturday afternoon was filled with excitement and energy as we ran into many past "family members" that we invited to join our family reunion concert. There was so much to do in preparation that much of it seemed like a blur. Until the moment the choir began to sing an original song called "Tears of Joy." It was that moment that encapsulated DMC's power and anointing. As people worshiped, cried, surrendered their hearts to God we could see all those faces on stage. Old faces, new faces, smiling faces, and tired faces, no longer looking for a place to belong because they know that they will always have a family in Deliverance Mass Choir.

Never in a million years would I have imagined that I would be back at Andrews University serving as associate University chaplain and pastor for New Life Fellowship. It was not a position I had ever thought about nor a position that I actively pursued. However, I consider it an honor to be the first Black female to serve in both positions. As a student, attending New Life services was often the highlight of my weekend. New Life served as a space where I could worship God freely, experience community, and become enlightened and challenged theologically. As I reflect on our recent 30th anniversary, I feel a sense of joy being able to continue to create a space where all students, particularly students of the African Diaspora, can have an experience similar to my own as a student.



Celebrating 30 years of New Life Fellowship is significant not simply because of the longevity of the Fellowship but because for over 400 years, the Black church has been pivotal in the African American community. The Black church for African Americans was home, a happy place, and a haven. It was distinctive in its preaching style, music and, most importantly, the church helped Blacks realize that Jesus identified with the oppressed and marginalized. Additionally, I think many of our forefathers would agree that the church for Black people gave us a sense of value and belonging. In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., church gave us a sense of "somebodiness." In other words, the church is where many of our grandparents developed their identity, talents, skills and self-confidence.

I can attest that it was in the church where I developed my identity as a Christian as well as a Black woman. It was in the church where I developed my gifts for singing and preaching, but I also learned that my black skin was beautiful. For decades, the Black Church, although it has not been perfect, has been the place where young people have been supported and uplifted in Christ. It is for these reasons that celebrating the 30th anniversary of New Life is significant. New Life has been a safe haven, a happy place and a foundation for many. It is our goal that New Life will continue to be that space where students' identities will be affirmed and that they will also experience Christ, change and community.



# FIRST CLASS:

## *An Andrews Alumnus Remembers the Beginnings*

*by Scott Moncrieff*

**W**hen Marshall Chase was a young man, growing up in the Black Hills of South Dakota, traveling church officials would often stay at his parents' house. One of them was George Sather, "a nice man, a real gentleman," recalls Marshall, and he drove a 1942 Oldsmobile. Sather happened to be a conference treasurer. Marshall thought he'd like to be somebody like that someday. A seed was planted. When Marshall attended Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska, he majored in theology and minored in business. Then, after interning for the conference, he took a year off and went back to Union College to take nothing but business classes so he could qualify as a double major, building the foundation for becoming a conference treasurer.

Meanwhile, events in the larger Adventist educational system were setting the stage for Marshall's future. In October of 1958, President Rittenhouse announced to the students of Emmanuel Missionary College that Potomac University (home of the then-current Adventist theological seminary), situated in Washington, D.C., would be relocating to Berrien Springs, Michigan, bringing university status to campus.<sup>1</sup> Students wishing to attend the seminary in the fall of 1959 would drive straight to Berrien Springs.

Marshall graduated from Union College in the spring of 1959. Some of his theology classmates went directly to Potomac University, which was the prescribed pathway for those beginning seminary in the summer, but Marshall and some others needed to



Marshall Chase

work during the summer to pay school bills and generate savings.

When September rolled around, Marshall drove up to Berrien Springs in his red and white 1955 Chevy Bel Air, which had a bench seat across the front. The three-speed car had no air conditioning and no seat belts—in installing seat belts became required by law in 1968, although wearing them was not mandatory until the great majority of states adopted such laws in the 1980s and 1990s. Marshall's arrival in Berrien Springs coincided with the first production year of the Corvair, and Marshall remembers that the Lake Union president drove one. Nationally, gas was about 30 cents a gallon, a bit lower in the Midwest.

The school got a lot of rain that fall, so much that angeworms covered the sidewalk, and after a couple of months the rain turned to snow. "We had so much snow that year," says Marshall. "I mean it was unbelievable." We believe you, Marshall.

Marshall had a girlfriend at Atlantic Union College, so he took a carload of other students on a road trip to New England during Thanksgiving break. Unfortunately, his car had a transmission breakdown in a little town in the middle of Ohio, late the night before Thanksgiving. Fortunately, a dedicated local mechanic was able to

get a needed part, and he worked on the car while Marshall and his friends huddled around a little wood stove in the mechanic's one-car garage. With the car fixed around two in the morning, they resumed their trip to Massachusetts.

Back in Berrien Springs, Marshall recounts that four classrooms had been remodeled in the space above the printing press (the current IT building), and that's where all the seminary classes were held. Construction of the new seminary building began in December of 1959, but it was not ready for occupancy until the summer of 1961.

When Marshall arrived, the seminary still went under the name Potomac University, despite the fact that the Potomac River was more than 600 miles away. Emmanuel Missionary College shared the campus with the university—the two had not yet become one. But a new name and a new organizational structure combining the college and the seminary was under hot discussion. The board in Washington, D.C., approved the name "Lake Michigan University"—which the EMC administration rejected as having only a geographical connection and missing out on the mission of the school. President Rittenhouse favored "Maranatha University," but apparently some thought that name "a little too far out," according to Rittenhouse. The situation was resolved when the name of J.N. Andrews, the first official Seventh-day Adventist missionary, came to the fore, and "Andrews University" beat out "Maranatha University" by three votes, becoming the new name of the combined institution, with the decisive board action occurring in April of 1960, in good time to be printed on Marshall's graduation diploma in August.<sup>2</sup>

Stepping back to the summer of 1959, Marshall received a letter from a foreign student, a young man who had graduated with a licentiate in theology from Marienhöhe Seminary, in Darmstadt, Germany, and had gone on to Atlantic Union College to spend a year working on his English. He had colporteured for the summer in upstate New York, and now he was

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coming to the seminary and looking for a roommate. Would Marshall be interested? The young man's name was Gerhard Hasel, and he later served as a Seminary professor for 27 years and dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary from 1981–1988. So, Marshall and Gerhard agreed to become roommates.

Marshall came hoping to move into Garland Apartments, but they were "not near half finished," he says, and so many of the seminary students—34 men and one woman graduated in the first class—were housed across the St. Joseph River in cottages at Pennellwood Resort (now the training center for Adventist Frontier Missions).

While the cottages provided acceptable living space during the summer, as soon as the air turned cool and the leaves began to fall, Marshall and the other residents had a problem: the only source of heat was a tiny heater in the wall that inadequately served the rooms on both sides. Garland Apartments would not be ready, it appeared, until February or March, so not wanting to perish in the vigor of youth, Marshall, Lewis Anderson (part of Marshall's graduating class at Union College) and Gerhard Hasel found a rental apartment in the upstairs of a blue-gray, two story house on Third Street. "It's still there," he says. This rental unit was in the process of being remodeled, but it had the most important ingredient for surviving a Berrien winter—adequate heat—and the young men persuaded the owners to let them move in while the remodeling was being finished. Gerhard set up his bed in the kitchen, next to the half-done cupboards, and Lewis and Marshall put their beds in the adjoining room. They shared a bathroom.



With the scholarships he had earned from successful summer canvassing, Gerhard did not need to work during the school year and could devote himself to scholarly interests. Marshall paid his way by combining his summer earnings, a sponsorship of \$100 per month from the Oklahoma Conference, and a job at College Wood Products, where he would typically run the glue machines or the planers, helping turn out what he describes as “generic, middle-class furniture” but made with solid wood. Marshall would often work the night shift, 5–11 p.m. He doesn’t recall his exact pay rate but supposes it was around a dollar an hour. Marshall’s dad gave him a Hudson gas station credit card, so with this outside assistance and his job at College Wood Products, Marshall was able to pay his way.

For recreation, Marshall played a lot of basketball and volleyball, and then there were Saturday night lectures, concerts and roller skating. He also sang in the seminary men’s chorus, accompanied by pianist (and undergraduate) Doris Loge. Church services took place in the newly constructed Pioneer Memorial Church. The building had been completed in 1958, and the new (and current) name was given in 1960. Marshall also spent considerable time interning at a church in Benton Harbor.

**BELOW:** Marshall and his wife Shirley at the 2021 Spirit of Philanthropy & Homecoming Banquet

The course of study lasted for a 12-month year—compared to the three years of today’s program—and nearly everyone did the same master’s degree: systematic theology. The professors included Kenneth Strand (an editor of *The Student Movement* in his undergraduate days and, as a professor, the specialist in church history); Earle Hilgert (New Testament—he studied under Karl Barth at the University of Basel); Alger Johns (an Old Testament specialist and author of “*A Short Grammar of Biblical Aramaic*”); and T. Housel Jemison (a “recognized authority on the life and writings of Ellen G. White,” according to President Rittenhouse).<sup>3</sup>

At the end of the school year, his Andrews professors told Marshall and two or three other students, “Your grades are good enough that you don’t have to sit all day for written exams.” Instead, he spent an hour with a couple of the professors who asked him questions about what he had studied,

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“more or less a conversation,” and then they told him, “You passed!”

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After graduating from Andrews, Marshall, fulfilling his youthful vision, worked for many years as a conference treasurer, including spending five years in Singapore, and spent the last 14 years of his career as an associate treasurer of the North American Division, assigned to be the general manager at the Media Center in Simi Valley, California, working with the Voice of Prophecy, *It Is Written*, *Breath of Life* and other ministries. All told, he recorded 50 years of denominational service.

Through the years, Marshall, or shall we now say “Elder Chase,” was very thankful for the training he received at Andrews. As a treasurer he wasn’t required to have a theology degree, but he felt it was most helpful to have the dual training in theology and business. Unlike some treasurers, he took many speaking engagements over the years, for which his training in systematic theology and his homiletics classes at Andrews University and Union College, he says, prepared him well. Elder Chase says that his study at Andrews helped him to have a better understanding of the teachings of the Bible, and he sincerely hopes that today’s students will receive “a solid background in both Bible and Spirit of Prophecy beliefs.” ■

Scott Moncrieff is a professor of English at Andrews University.

Special thanks to Meredith Jones Gray for information about the naming of the University, which was garnered from the manuscript of her forthcoming book about Andrews University history.

<sup>1</sup> From Jones Gray manuscript (original source, *The Student Movement*)

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>3</sup> Details obtained from obituaries of individuals mentioned

<sup>4</sup> From Jones Gray manuscript



# 2021 Honored Alumni



The Andrews University Alumni Association Medallion is presented to Honored Alumni who have been nominated by fellow alumni and approved by the Alumni Board of Directors to be recipients of this award. Please contact the Office of Alumni Services to nominate a fellow alum for this award. Honored Alumni are selected on the basis of outstanding service to the University, unusual achievement in a profession or occupation, and contributions to the community or church. Congratulations to this year's recipients!



## Carlton Byrd

(MDiv '96, DMin '07)

CARLTON BYRD CURRENTLY SERVES as president of the Southwest Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Byrd is a graduate of Oakwood University, Tennessee State University and Andrews University, where he earned both a Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry.

In his 26 years of pastoral leadership Byrd constructed and renovated churches and schools, baptized over 20,000 individuals, and served on numerous denominational and community boards, along with serving as a guest minister on several religious television networks. While he was speaker/director for Breath of Life, four new Breath of Life churches were planted and started across the United States.

A very active participant in the community, Byrd founded the Berean Outreach Ministry Center in Atlanta, Georgia. Additionally,

under Byrd's leadership during his pastorate at the Atlanta Berean Church, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded a \$5.2 million grant to the church, and the church constructed a 50-apartment Senior Citizens' Housing Facility for church and community senior adults.

In his former position as lead pastor of Oakwood University Church, over 750 individuals were baptized, the church was completely renovated, and two new buildings were constructed.

Byrd is the recipient of numerous honors and achievements, author of three books, and a columnist for Message Magazine. He is happily married to his wife, the former Danielle Mounter, and they are the proud parents of three daughters.

During his time at Andrews, Byrd founded the Deliverance Mass Choir, a gospel choir that is still a blessing to this day.

## Paul Stokstad

(Att. '80-'81)

PAUL STOKSTAD WAS BORN IN NEW YORK IN 1944, living there until his parents moved to California. He completed two undergraduate degrees and a master's degree from Dartmouth College and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science from Andrews University in 2000.

Paul started PASCO scientific in his college dorm room and ultimately grew it into a company headquartered in Roseville, California. Today PASCO is the global leader in developing technology-based solutions for hands-on science and serves educators and students in more than 100 countries.

In the 1980s, Paul experienced a personal spiritual awakening, suspending his business involvement to study for a year at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University. Faculty and staff encouraged his personal walk and commitment to be involved in church family life, spiritual leadership and development.



He left Andrews with a deep appreciation of Christian education.

A few years later, Paul was invited to join the Andrews University Board of Trustees. Now, he has served on the Board for 30+ years.

Paul challenges alumni to find means of engagement with the

Andrews experience, saying, "Many of you will interpret that to mean only dollars and cents, and yes, funding is necessary. Yet each of us brings unique gifts along with our presence, so adopt a cause here at Andrews, or adopt a student ... Only from a Heavenly perspective will the weight of your influence be known. Capture your opportunity on this visit to campus—your opportunity is now! Thank you for this honor."

Kit Watts, Andrea Luxton and Courtney Ray



## Kit Watts (MA '80)

AS A JOURNALIST, COMMUNICATOR/pastor, librarian, teacher and editor, Kit (Catherine) Watts pioneered the way for women in ministry in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

In 1966, she graduated from Union College as one of the only Adventist women to earn her Bachelor of Arts in theology.

Kit joined the Sligo Church pastoral staff in 1973 and, in her role, wrote on the emerging debate about women elders. The debate's results deeply impacted Kit, as did a female friend's fight for equal pay. During Kit's service on the first General Conference Council on the Role of Women in the Church, she met numerous influential Adventist women and says, "There I realized I was not alone in Adventist church ministry and leadership. And so it was that in 1973 I found my life-long avocation of seeking to facilitate policies that would help Adventist women become equal partners with men in the church's mission and ministry."

While at Sligo, Kit earned a Master of Library and Information Science from

the University of Maryland. She then enrolled at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in 1978. After her first year of classes, Kit accepted the position of periodicals librarian at Andrews.

Kit went on to serve as assistant editor of the *Adventist Review*, director of the La Sierra University Women's Resource Center, and communication director for the Southeastern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

She says, "I'm deeply touched (and greatly surprised) by the honor that Andrews University has chosen to share with me."

## Courtney Ray (BA/BA '00, MDiv '03)

COURTNEY RAY IS AN ORDAINED Seventh-day Adventist minister, clinical neuropsychologist, neuroscience researcher, adjunct professor at City University of New York and Fairleigh Dickinson University, and founder of Array Psychological Assessments, a private practice that services clients in northern New Jersey and metropolitan New York. Additionally, she serves as president of the Society for Black Neuropsychology.

Courtney earned bachelor's degrees in theology and psychology at Andrews University, a Master of Divinity from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University and her PhD in clinical psychology from Loma Linda University. She has pastored churches in Baltimore, Maryland, and Hanford, Compton and Inglewood in California and served as chaplain for Fresno Adventist Academy from 2007–2009.

When she began her time at Andrews at the age of 15, Courtney was one of the few female students in the Department of Religion & Biblical Languages and the first theology student to complete a double major in four years. She also engaged in several extracurricular activities.

Courtney is actively involved with clinical assessment research and has contributed to multiple research publications. Her first book, "Just Pray More and Other Church Myths About Mental Health," is currently at press. She is also an article columnist for *Spectrum Magazine* and serves as a forensic evaluator for Physicians for Human Rights.

Courtney is the daughter of Charles and Sarah Ray, sister of Duke, Virgil and Chris Ray, and the proud aunt of Eddie, Victoria, Grant, Samantha and Alex.

# Honored Classes



## Classes of 1950 & 1951

**LEFT–RIGHT:**

*Beverly Doll, Don Schlager*



## Classes of 1960 & 1961

**FRONT ROW (L–R):**

*Judy Patterson, Stanley Applegate,  
Greg Constantine, Herbert Stickle*

**BACK ROW (L–R):**

*John Sangerloo, Murray Lofthouse,  
Marshall Chase, James Myers*



## Classes of 1970 & 1971

**FRONT ROW (L–R):** *Glenda (Slate) Brenner,*

*Michael Brenner, Lila Tidwell, Bonnie Beres, Faith Gregg, Bonnie (Bogar) Hicks, Everett Jackson, Marlene Legg Rich, Peter van Bemmelen, Maria (Rago) Newbold, Soneeta Grogan, Carmelita Richardson*

**MIDDLE ROW (L–R):** *Denise (Snyder) Grentz, Siegfried Grentz, David Buckman, Douglas Gregg, Øystein LaBianca, Ingrid Rogers, Harry Rogers, Dee Cooley Bowers, Cherie Forsythe, Lee Forsythe, Bonny (Elie) Calkins, Mary Sellers Robinson, Sharon Leach, Virginia Crouse*

**BACK ROW (L–R):** *Robert Barnhurst, Judy (Saye) Nelson, Gary Herr, Irene Dennison Herr, Ann Steinweg DiCicco, James Newbold, William Fagal, Robert Slaughter, Verlyne (Bartlett) Starr, Don Warren Dronen, Herbert Stickle, Gloria Brown*

### Classes of 1980 & 1981

**FRONT ROW (L–R):**

*Kit Watts, Marla Matthews, Tari Popp, Leola Innocent, Laurice Howell, Pam Burton, Gloria Barenie*

**MIDDLE ROW (L–R):**

*Joyce Webber, Keith Calkins, James Battenburg, John Rorabeck, Nancy Helm Church, Marcia Kilsby*

**BACK ROW (L–R):**

*Carol Ann Bradfield, Neville Bradfield, Gus Bell, Daniel Bidwell, Harvey Kilsby*



### Classes of 1990 & 1991

**FRONT ROW (L–R):**

*Deanna Hanson Watts, Michelle Chin, Keith Calkins, Ellen Siregar*

**BACK ROW (L–R):**

*Wendy Munroe, Jeff Sajdak, Betsy (Boehmke) Sajdak, Scott Muhlenbeck, Liz Boulieris Muhlenbeck, Mark Howard*



### Classes of 1995 & 1996

**FRONT ROW (L–R):**

*Darlene Barnhurst, Larry D. Burton*

**BACK ROW (L–R):**

*Fernando Ortiz, Oriol Paulino, Douglas Krull*



# Honored Classes



## Classes of 2000 & 2001

### FRONT ROW (L-R):

*Karla (Goulart) Newbold, Courtney Ray, Stashina Oladunjoye, Annie Lopez*

### BACK ROW (L-R):

*Timothy Newbold, Phaidra Wright, Judith Fisher*



## Classes of 2010 & 2011

### FRONT ROW (L-R):

*Janet Ledesma, Adrianne Osano*

### BACK ROW (L-R):

*Kristina Penny Daley, Ehren McLarty, Judy Clippinger*



## Classes of 2015 & 2016

### FRONT ROW (L-R):

*Gillian Webster Howard, Amanda Moore, Donna LaVanture, Tunisia Peters, Christine Rorabeck, Julie Logan*

### BACK ROW (L-R):

*Veronica Penny, John LaVanture, Nathalia Richards, Joseph Hearn, Mindy McLarty, Bakar Razmadze*



## Classes of 2020 & 2021

### LEFT-RIGHT:

*Amanda Moore, Brenda-Joice Markert-Green, Yasmin Merchán, Nathan Ruedinger-Quispe*

# REGIONAL EVENTS ARE BACK!

WE ARE EXCITED TO AGAIN PLAN FOR REGIONAL ALUMNI events in 2022, and we invite you to join us as we work cautiously to resume our in-person get-togethers.

Please note that due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we will adhere to all local COVID regulations. Event registration is required for attendees, as event space is limited and the schedule is subject to change (individuals registered for each event will be notified of schedule changes by email as necessary).

Visit [alumni.andrews.edu](http://alumni.andrews.edu) to RSVP early so we can save a spot for you! We also invite you to monitor your health as we get closer to the event. If you do not feel well enough to attend, simply cancel your RSVP so we have space for other alumni.

*We look forward to seeing you at one of the regional events listed below!*



## JANUARY

- 9 **Orlando, Florida**—11 a.m.  
*Highland Manor Crystal Ballroom*  
604 E Main St  
Apopka, Florida 32703

## FEBRUARY

- 8 **Dallas, Texas**—6 p.m.  
*Reata Restaurant*  
310 Houston St, Sundance Square  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

- 9 **Phoenix, Arizona**—6 p.m.  
*The Old Spaghetti Factory*  
3155 W Chandler Blvd #9  
Chandler, Arizona 85226

- 16 **Sacramento, California**—6 p.m.  
*The Old Spaghetti Factory*  
731 Sunrise Ave  
Roseville, CA 95661

- 17 **Napa, California**—6 p.m.  
*Fireside Room*  
Pacific Union College Campus  
Angwin, California 94508

- 20 **Riverside, California**—7 p.m.  
*The Old Spaghetti Factory*  
3191 Mission Inn Ave  
Riverside, California 92507

**Who are alumni?** *If you've graduated, attended, worked or taught at Andrews University we consider you alumni! And if you're a parent or a potential student considering Andrews, you're invited to be our honored guest.*

## Class Notes

### 1980s

**Keith Groves** (BS '84), Institute for Scientific Research, Boston College, was awarded the Space Physics and Aeronomy Richard Carrington Education and Public Outreach Award by AGU.

### 2000s

**Genaida Benson** (MMus '08) now works as a nurse at Mayo Clinic, where her father, Verlyn Benson, a former dean and staff member at Andrews University, received cancer treatment. She has added impromptu piano concerts to her nursing work at Mayo.

### 2010s



**Ashley Polski** (BS '16) graduated in 2021 from the Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California. She plans to participate in glaucoma research and continue pursuing her interests in translational medicine and community outreach as a resident at the Moran Eye Center. Ashley was recently named a recipient of the 2021–2022 Outstanding Scholar Award, from the ARCS Foundation Utah Chapter, which will support her research throughout residency.

**Fred Meseraull** (BA '61), 83, died Sept. 30, 2021, at his home in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Fred was born in Owosso, Michigan, on Dec. 21, 1937, to Elva and Reo Meseraull. After attending Adelphian Academy, Fred went to Andrews University, graduating in 1961.

He then found employment with Your Story Hour, working in both Berrien Springs and Ohio, recording and producing the programs. Your Story Hour is a dramatized radio program, using professional actors, and is currently heard around the globe on several thousand radio stations and the internet.

In 1969 Fred was asked to join Faith For Today in the production of their television

programs in New York. He worked both with film and audio tracks for these programs. When Faith For Today transferred to California, the family relocated there, where he refined his skills with both film and audio.

After four years working with Faith For Today, the family felt it best to move back to Michigan so their children, Jon and Sheri, could be raised there. He was again asked to join Your Story Hour as a producer for the program.

Within a few years, Your Story Hour voted to expand their programming to include a Spanish version. Fred traveled extensively in Central and South America, looking for talent for this new venture.

Although never completely fluent in Spanish, Fred learned enough to produce the programs in Spanish. Much later, as Your Story Hour explored the possibility of recording in Chinese, Fred's travels took him to China and Hong Kong.

In the early 1990s, Your Story Hour decided to expand into producing stories in the Russian language. Fred traveled several times to Moscow to record professional Russian actors for the program.

Fred's production abilities were much appreciated, no matter the language in which he was working. In 2015, Fred retired, but he continued to provide assistance or counsel when asked.

Fred was preceded in death

by his parents and his children, Jon Meseraull and Sheri Meseraull Reitmeister.

He is survived by his wife, **Virginia Meseraull** (BA '62, MAT '64); stepchildren, Jennifer Jewell and Angela Jewell; grandchildren, MyKyna Meseraull and Haleigh Jewell; two great-grandchildren; his sister, Lois Soper; his brother, Don Meseraull; and four nieces and a nephew.

**Gabrielle (Gabby) Breanda Hamilton** (BHS/BA '18), age 28, passed away Sept. 29, 2021, at Spectrum Health Lakeland in St. Joseph, Michigan.

Gabby was born May 20, 1993, in Berrien Springs, Michigan, to Lloyd and Eunice (Samuels) Hamilton. She gradu-

**Dwain Ford** (BA '49), emeritus professor of chemistry, quietly passed away at his Gilead Assisted Living home on Nov. 7, 2021, at age 93.

Dwain was born in Nevada, Iowa, on Dec. 21, 1927. He was number two of six brothers born to Paul and Orpha Ford. He married his life-long companion Lorraine in 1947. Dwain taught at Wisconsin Academy from 1949–1957 before leaving to study at Clark University in Massachusetts where he earned his doctorate in chemistry.

He arrived at Andrews University in Berrien Springs to begin his teaching there in 1962. He became chair of the Department of Chemistry in 1963. He held that position until 1971 when he became dean of the College of Arts & Sciences until 1981. When a vacancy opened in the chemistry department, he chose to return there to teach organic chemistry. He also assumed the role of the first Andrews University ombudsman for the next eight years. For 22 years, he also served as the administrator and backup analyst for the Berrien County Forensic Laboratory, where drugs are analyzed on behalf of law enforcement officials.

When he halfway retired in 1993, he continued to teach part-time in the Mathematics and Science Center Program until 1995. Dwain received numerous



awards for his teaching, including being chosen "Teacher of the Year" three times by the student association. He was a member of the American Chemical Society for more than 30 years and was an active member of Sigma Xi. Dwain held several National Science Foundation Fellowships and participated in a steroid training program sponsored by the National Institute of Health.

His retirement included serving on the Biblical Research Institute Science Committee, studying geology and fossils for 25 years. His basement should have been a museum!

Over the years, Dwain and Lorraine opened their home from time to time to

provide food and housing for a total of 20 students attending Andrews University. This practice continued into retirement.

Dwain spent 1996–1998 as the volunteer coordinator for the addition of two wings to the Pioneer Memorial Church. He went from there to Battle Creek, Michigan, to work for a few years on the restoration of the Historic Adventist Village.

The remainder of his time on earth was spent working with Habitat for Humanity and Maranatha, constructing and repairing homes. In his spare time he continued gardening and preserving their food supply and following his passion for cutting down trees for anyone that needed tree removal. His evening hobby was pursuing his family genealogy, ultimately producing a lineage back to 274 A.D.

His was truly a life fully lived.

He was preceded in death by his wife Lorraine, son Larry and great-grandson Joe.

He is survived by two children, son David (wife Nancy Leland) in Washington state and daughter Diane in Berrien Springs; three grandchildren, including Jim Ford (wife Lisa) in New Hampshire, Jes Ford (husband Lee Wence), and her sister Alison Ford in Salt Lake City, Utah; and one great-grandson Christopher Ford (wife Sarah) in Maine.



ated from Andrews Academy in 2011, then continued her education at Andrews University receiving her bachelor's degrees in speech pathology and Spanish, graduating in 2018. Gabby worked for Centria Autism as a behavioral therapist. When Gabby entered a room people gravitated toward her not only for her sense of style but for her warm and loving personality. Gabby truly never met a stranger. She was a talented musician, playing five different instruments, and loved to sing. Some of her hobbies included traveling, roller skating, playing sports, attending social gatherings, and enjoying long afternoon naps.

Gabby is survived by her parents: **Eunice** (BS '00, MS '04) and **Lloyd** (M.Div. '94, MSW '09, current faculty) **Hamilton**; sister **Lydian** (BS '15) (husband Anthony) **Mitchell**; grandmother **Dothilda Hamilton**; nieces and nephews **Arcani Mitchell**, **Malani Mitchell** and **Jakori Mitchell**; close friend **Shane Pierre** and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

**Erwin Roy Gane** (MA '63, BD '67, MTh '68) died in Fort Collins, Colorado, on Sept. 26, 2021, at the age of 90.

Erwin was born in Oakleigh, Victoria, Australia, on March 18, 1931. He studied theology and served as a Bible teacher, religion professor, and pastor throughout his career. Erwin was married to **Winsome Lillian Baron** from 1953 until her death in 2017 and they had two sons, **Roy** and **Calvin**.

In Australia, Erwin taught at **Sydney SDA High School** (1952–1955) and **Avondale College** (1956–1961) and pastored at **Cessnock** in New South Wales (1961–1962). He emigrated to the United States with his family in 1962 in pursuit of graduate studies in theology, which he obtained at Andrews University and the University of Nebraska (PhD '76). Erwin

taught religion at **Union College** (1964–1973) and **Pacific Union College** (1974–1981) and pastored in Michigan, New Jersey and California. He served at the **General Conference** in the **White Estate** (1981–1983) and as the editor of the **Adult Sabbath School Quarterly** (1986–1995).

Over the course of his life, Erwin wrote nine books and several scholarly and professional articles. His burning ambition was to provide readable explanations of the Advent message and the books of **Romans**, **Galatians** and **Revelation**.

Erwin found great joy in discipling students and church members and leading them to a closer walk with Christ. He taught Sabbath School well into his 80s.

Erwin was preceded in death by his wife, **Winsome**. He is survived by two sisters, **Marie** (m. to **Lyle Munro**) and **Ruth** (m. to **Wallace Irvine**); sons **Roy** (current faculty) and his wife **Connie (Clark)** (current faculty) and **Calvin** (m. to **Amy Grimes**); grandchildren **Adam Gane** (m. to **Mandi Griffin**), **Tiffany Gane** (m. to **Paul Seever**) and **Sarah Gane** (BS/BA '13, MA '15) (m. to **Kevin Burton** (MA '15, current staff)); and seven great-grandchildren.

**Norma Mae French** (MA '81) died on Sept. 7, 2021.

She was born in Alpena, Michigan, on Dec. 1, 1935. She grew up in Alpena and attended **Alpena High School** and **Alpena Community College** before transferring to **Central Michigan University** to complete her bachelor's degree in elementary education.

On June 21, 1958, she married **Lloyd Andrew Timm**. They settled first in **Cheboygan** and then in the **Grand Rapids** area, where she taught at the **West Newhall Public School**. They had two sons, **Steven Charles** and **John Edward**.

Norma then taught for 11 years at the **Grand Rapids Junior Academy**, during which time she completed her **Master of Arts** at Andrews. Later she taught for four years at the **Traverse City Adventist School**.

After her classroom teaching career was done she devoted the majority of her life and effort to developing seminars on stress and human relationships. She enjoyed music, both playing the piano and singing.

Norma was predeceased by her parents, her husband, her son **John Edward**, and three of her older siblings, **Elizabeth**, **William** and **Evelyn**.

She is survived by her son **Steven Timm** (BA '87, MS '88) (**Katherine Williams**), and her sister **Marjorie O'Henley** as well as a large number of nieces and nephews.

**Betty C. (Patterson) Spalding** (BMus '69, MMus '87) died on Sept. 6, 2021, in Lexington, Kentucky.

Betty was born Jan. 9, 1947, in **Berrien Springs, Michigan**, to **Robert** and **Etta Patterson**.

She grew up on **College Avenue** in **Berrien Springs** and attended **Andrews Academy** and **Andrews University**. She was married to **Robert Willauer** (BA '69) the day of her graduation from university.

They moved to **Alberta, Canada**, where she taught music lessons at **Red Deer College** and played violin in the **Red Deer Symphony Orchestra**. She was pivotal in starting the **Suzuki Violin program** in **Central Alberta**. She returned to Andrews to get a master's degree and then moved to **British Columbia, Canada**, to teach violin, play in the **Kamloops Symphony** and conduct a chamber orchestra.

Betty taught music in **Puerto Rico** then came back to the U.S. and married **Arthur Spalding**. She taught private music lessons while Art worked various contract jobs. After he passed



away, Betty taught in **Jamaica** at **NCU** and then later in **Boston** before she retired.

She continued to play in orchestras and chamber groups and performed special music on her violin the rest of her life.

Betty will be missed by all but she left a legacy of handmade quilts, music and years of genealogy research that will be enjoyed by those who loved her for many years to come.

Betty is survived by her siblings, **Leroy**, **Alberta** and **Julie**. She leaves behind three children, **Erik Willauer**, **Mark Willauer**, **Shelley Szekeres**, and five grandchildren.

**Wilma Sarita Minisee Darby** (BA '47, former faculty) died on Aug. 28, 2021.

She was born March 16, 1924, to **James** and **Mildred Minisee**. She was the second of four children, **Winetta**, **Darwin** and **Richard**. She graduated from **Emmanuel Missionary College** with a bachelor's degree in French and from the **University of Michigan** with a **Master of Social Work**.

Wilma was married to **James Darby** (BS '58), and three daughters were born to the union. Wilma was blessed with an excellent professional career, retiring as a professor from **Andrews University** in 1989. After retiring she and **James** spent time traveling around much of the world.

Wilma was preceded in death by her parents; sister,

Winetta; brothers, Darwin and Richard; her husband of 42 years, James; and grandson, Anthony C. Greene II.

She is survived by her daughters, **Yvonne** (BA '82) (Anthony) **Greene, Dawn** (BS '83) (George) **Ray and M. Winetta** (CERT '82, CERT '82) (Allen) **Powell**; sisters-in-law, Margie Minisee, Delores Minisee and Linda Darby Ingram; nine grandchildren; nephews, nieces and a host of cousins; along with adopted sons and daughters.

**Patricia "Pat" Ann (Rodenberg) Mauro** (DIP2YR '48, BS '63, MAT '71) died Aug. 18, 2021.

Pat was born on Jan. 2, 1928, the daughter of Henry and Thelma Rodenberg. She was the second of four siblings, including brothers Gene and Bill and sister Norma. Her early years were directly influenced by the Great Depression and World War II.

In 1946, Pat graduated from Indiana Academy and enrolled in Emmanuel Missionary College (EMC). Upon entering EMC, she met her future husband, **Willard "Knobby" Mauro** (BA '48, former faculty). Their life together of nearly 72 years was defined by having fun with family and friends and helping folks in the community.

Knobby's teaching career of 41 years, as a high school teacher and principal, was punctuated by the meals Pat made and the pool parties she gave for his students. Pat's family and friends considered her remarkable for her contributions to his career. She also held full-time teaching positions at St. Joseph High School and Andrews University. Her teaching career primarily focused on family studies.

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself" was a one-sentence summary of her life. It is what she lived and taught. In Pat's worldview, everyone was her neighbor.

Pat is survived by a son, **Steve** (BA '73, MA '75, PhD '87), a daughter, **Nancy** (BS '77, MA '81) **Gerard**, their spouses, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



**Lyle Q. Hamel** (BS '49), 98, of Waverly, West Virginia, died Aug. 11, 2021, at his residence.

He was born Feb. 3, 1923, in Abbotsford, Wisconsin. Lyle was a U.S. Army Veteran having served during World War II. He was an educator, musician and principal at Seventh-day Adventist schools and was a member of the Parkersburg, West Virginia, Adventist Church. He was an accomplished musician and also loved flying his private plane, woodworking and traveling abroad.

Lyle started playing in the Bethel Academy band when he was in the 4th grade. By the time he graduated he had distinguished himself on both the sousaphone and clarinet, winning numerous first-place awards in state solo contests.

World War II interrupted his college years but he later graduated from EMC in 1949 with a degree in science and teaching certification in agriculture, biology and chemistry.

He retired from the Adventist educational system in 1986. He and his wife, Helen, moved to Yucaipa, California, where they enjoyed many years. In 2006 they moved to Linda Valley Villa, a senior retirement home in Loma Linda.

They moved to West Virginia to live next to their daughter and son-in-law, Valerie and Daniel Morikone, in 2008.

In addition to his parents, Lyle was preceded in death by his wife, **Helen M. Hamel** (att.) in 2008; two sons, Orlyn and Bryan; and his siblings, Louis, **Paul** (DIP2YR '40, BA '48), **Neal** (BA '43) and Beryl Hamel.

He is survived by his two daughters, Valerie Morikone (Daniel) and Lynette Hamel; daughter-in-law, Betty Hamel; four grandchildren; three sisters-in-law; and many nieces and nephews.

**Joan Mierez-Weekes** (BS '81), 78, died on June 18, 2021.

Joan loved her 12 siblings and often recalled stories of their childhood experiences, including a visit from two Adventists who conducted a Vacation Bible School. Eloise, the oldest sibling, was the first to become an Adventist. Later, all the children and their mother were baptized.

Joan's early education at Palo Seco Elementary School prepared her for employment with the Seventh-day Adventist Community Hospital in St. James, Trinidad, West Indies.

Joan migrated to the U.S. and attended Oakwood College. She later graduated with a Bachelor of Science in public health from Andrews University. After graduation, Joan was hired by Andrews as a graduate assistant dean of women at Lamson Hall. While pursuing a degree in the nursing program she received a call from Oakwood College.

She served in many capacities at Oakwood College: associate dean of women (Peterson Hall), head dean (Carter Hall), associate dean (Wade Hall) and associate residential life coordinator. She also did post-graduate work toward a master's in nursing.

Concurrent with her employment at Oakwood, she

continued her graduate studies in counseling at A&M University. Joan was the recipient of several awards and recognitions for excellence in service at Oakwood. She faithfully served Oakwood for more than 22 years and enjoyed singing with the Oakwood Aeolians.

Joan is survived by her brother, Hollis Mierez; three sisters, Annie, Joyce and Rita; foster children, Ellysiana, Delilah and Samantha; sisters-in-law, Sylvie, Helena and Theresa; 13 nieces and 11 nephews.

**Arthur Robert Fuller** (MBA '87) died on March 19, 2021, after a long battle with cancer.

Art became a math teacher after graduating from the University of Maryland in 1967 with a Bachelor of Science in math education. After his baptism into the Adventist Church in 1970, Art and Rita taught at Mount Vernon Academy in Ohio from 1971-1978. Later Art served as assistant treasurer of the New Jersey Conference from 1978-1986.

The family spent the following year at Andrews University where Art earned a Master of Business Administration. In 1987 the family settled in Silver Spring, Maryland, where Art worked at the General Conference until he accepted a position at ADRA in 1998. He thoroughly enjoyed working for the Lord until his retirement in 2006.

He is survived by his wife, Rita, his two sons Bryant and Robert, and twin granddaughters, Brynlee and Brielle.

**CORRECTION:** The obituary for Norman Charles Farley in the summer 2021 issue of FOCUS incorrectly stated that he was a "co-founder of the Five Day Plan to Stop Smoking." The co-founders of the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking were Dr. J. Wayne McFarland and Elman J. Folkenberg.

# God has been so good!

by Shirley C. Iheanacho (BS '68)

FIFTY-SIX YEARS AGO, AUGUST 1965, I arrived on the campus of Andrews University carrying a grip (luggage) that held all my earthly possessions. Never in my wildest dreams did I envision God's incredible plans for me or the profound impact Andrews University would have on my future.

Studying was not easy. I had difficulty adjusting to being back in the classroom and the freezing weather, unlike my warm country. With God's help, in June 1968 I walked across the platform of Pioneer Memorial Church and received my degree. A few months earlier, on the steps of the James White Library, I met a handsome, kind and caring young man named Morris Achor Iheanacho from the continent of Africa. Initially I wasn't interested, but God worked on my heart and changed me. On Aug. 17, 1969, we said, "I do." Thus began our journey.

God blessed us in 1970 and 1972 with two beautiful daughters, Ngozi and Chio-ma. Unexpectedly, in fall 1975, Morris received a call from Richard Hammill, then president at Andrews University, inviting him to serve as head librarian at the Adventist Seminary of West Africa in Nigeria. The seminary was seeking affiliation with Andrews University, and it was imperative to have a professional librarian head the library. My husband was not interested. Having served as a pastor in Nigeria, he was aware of the disparities between the salaries and benefits of missionaries and nationals.

God changed Morris' heart after much prayer and removed the obstacles. In December 1975, our whole family said goodbye to family and friends and headed into the unknown, confident that God was in control and He would work everything out for our good.

Later that month we arrived safely on the beautiful campus of the Adventist Seminary of West Africa. Hours later, I became very ill. The nurse suspected I had contracted malaria, so she gave me a chloroquine injection; I immediately



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fainted. A similar episode some months later convinced the doctor that I was allergic to chloroquine.

We settled in quickly. Morris spent long hours upgrading the library, and I taught secretarial science courses. Our two daughters loved their new friends and campus environment. They still consider their time in Nigeria as their best childhood years. God blessed us far beyond our expectations, and in December 1977, I gave birth to our Nigerian-born daughter, Akunna.

We completed our four-year tenure in December 1979 and returned to the U.S. We thank God for the opportunity to impact the lives of many students who serve professionally in various leadership and other roles and to have met Andrea

Luxton, a student missionary at the time, now president of Andrews University.

God showed us favor again. Morris accepted a position in January 1980 as a catalog librarian at Oakwood College, now Oakwood University, where he served more than 27 years. Two years later, President Calvin Rock invited me to work in the president's office, where I served for 20-plus years. For the last five years of my career, I was the administrative assistant to the provost and senior vice president.

Morris and I retired in 2007; however, we continued our mission service through participation with Maranatha Volunteers International, building churches and schools and conducting vacation Bible schools in Mozambique, Ghana and Panama. Locally, we ministered weekly to residents in nursing homes.

God blessed again with my book, "God's Incredible Plans For Me: A Memoir of An Amazing Journey," published in 2017. Proceeds from the sale of my book provide scholarships for students at Andrews University, Oakwood University and academies in Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago.

August 17, 2021, was an extraordinarily high day; Morris and I celebrated 52 years of marriage. What an incredible adventure it has been! God's grace kept us through our ups and downs, twists and turns, sickness and health, joy and sorrow. Meeting my husband at Andrews was the best thing that happened to me. I'm forever grateful.

To God, I give all glory and praise. To Andrews University, my heartfelt "thank you."

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Shirley Iheanacho retired after 34 years of denominational service and resides with her husband, Morris, in Huntsville, Alabama. In spite of the COVID-19 pandemic, God provided opportunities for Shirley to speak virtually and share her testimony with others. She is grateful to God for His extraordinary love and for the amazing journey as He continues to order her steps.

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### Golden Hearts Club

*(Class of 1971 and earlier)*

**FRONT ROW (L-R):** Lila Tidwell, Sandra Stickle, Beverly Doll, Carmelita Richardson, Soneeta Grogan, Bonnie Beres, Judy Patterson, Marlene Legg Rich, Sylvia Marsh Fagal, William Fagal, David Buckman

**MIDDLE ROW (L-R):** Siegfried Grentz, Judy (Saye) Nelson, Denise (Snyder) Grentz, Herbert Stickle, Edith (Metzger) Applegate, Stanley Applegate, Jack Burns, Peter van Bemmelen, Margaret Whidden, Woodrow Whidden, Gloria Brown, Lee Forsythe, Cherie Forsythe, Luz (Journet) Earp

**BACK ROW (L-R):** Glenda (Slate) Brenner, Michael Brenner, Bonny (Elie) Calkins, Eileen Moon Horne, Ann Steinweg DiCicco, Rob Barnhurst, Irene Dennison Herr, Gary Herr, Verlyne (Bartlett) Starr, Sharon Leach, James Myers, Robert Slaughter

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