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# The Power of Humility

Andrea Luxton, *president*

I WAS REMINDED RECENTLY OF A TIME when I was so wrong! I was living in England, and a colleague and I had a visit from a friend from Andrews University. I was the UK native and so I was delighted to show the friend around. He was eager to see a cathedral that he had read about and so with me confidently at the wheel, we made our way there. Mistake number one: my renowned bad sense of direction should have confirmed to me that I should not be confident. But we arrived and started looking around. Mistake number two: I could see straight away that this did not look right but I didn't want to admit it. Twenty minutes later after some false impressed smiles from my friends, I had to make the correction!! We made our way out, down the road and there it was! The cathedral in all its true glory. My friends smirked. I cringed! I suddenly became humbled!

Those of us committed to education have so many reasons to be humble! Remember how you walk into a dissertation defense, with all of the unknowns swirling in your head! Of course you do fine because you still know more about this topic than the others in the room, but you also know better than to assume that means you have it all right. The more we study, the more educated we are, the more we realize we don't know, and the more the reasons to be humble.

Those of us who are faithful Christians also have so many reasons to be humble. The closer we get to God, the more we realize our limitations of understanding, the more we know that there is so much we don't know, the more we recognize that God's ways are mysterious and that while we frame our beliefs and actions around what we do understand, what we believe God is showing us, there is still so much we don't know.

Christ's humility is of a different nature than ours. According to Philipians he humbled himself to become

like us, in fact a triple humbling: to leave heaven, to become human and then to accept the indignity of the cross. And there, for a while, in his human state, Christ too did not know, for he experienced that separation from the all-knowing God.

At Andrews University we have adopted several values for our employees: one is that of humility. That value recognizes that yes, we can be wrong. Yes, we can sometimes not know. Not just on an academic level but also even on a human level. We may have been wrong with you sometimes. We may not have represented Christ and the Adventist church as we should. We have reason to be humble. And with humility comes that important understanding that sometimes while we try and make a good parish church be a cathedral because we don't want to be wrong, in reality, God is pointing us to recognize that the cathedral is truly just down the road if we would open our eyes.

That is what I believe makes a good Adventist university great. The humility to realize that there is more: more to learn, more places to go, more of God's voice to hear, always. That is the "great" I want Andrews University to be—consistently.



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## Letters to the Editor

### Dwain Ford's legacy

IT WAS WITH SADNESS THAT I READ about the passing of Dr. Dwain Ford. I took chemistry from him during the years that he chaired the Chemistry department. I do not remember whether it was organic or bio, but I remember that the class was at the terrible hour of 7 a.m. It was a time when few wanted to teach, but it was rumored that he, the chairman, scheduled himself to teach the early class. Even in that dark and dreadful hour, and in that old wooden firetrap of a chemistry building, Dr. Ford was unfailingly energetic and cheerful. He became increasingly enthusiastic as he shared with sleepy students the excitement he felt in chemical processes. At the culmination of an explanation, he would often exclaim the final step in the reaction, "Then the electrons kick in!"

I read with interest all the activities that were part of Dr. Ford's long and service-filled life. They helped make the world a better place. He must have participated and led in each with the same verve, energy and dedication with which he taught chemistry.

At the resurrection I imagine that the Lord will look over Dr. Ford's life and exclaim, "Well done thou good and faithful servant!" Then heavenly electrons will kick in, and Dr. Ford will be happily and forever with his loved ones and with the Lord.

Dana Waters (BA '67)

### Fond memories

MAY I CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE inspiring and interesting issue of the FOCUS magazine.

I am a graduate of the class of 1965 and upon completion of my degree I returned to teach at Spicer Memorial College, Poona, India.

I have always longed to visit AU but because of health issues I am at present unable to do so. I have fond memories of Pioneer Memorial Church and of the James White Library.

May God bless the work of Andrews University.

Jaswant Singh Kapur (MA '65)



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### Don't forget to write

#### Letters are always welcome.

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

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## SHARE YOUR ANDREWS STORY!

As part of our efforts to retell our institutional saga, we are seeking your participation as part of the research for Volume II in the Andrews Heritage Series, the sequel to "As We Set Forth." Volume II, which starts with the transition from Emmanuel Missionary College to Andrews University, is in progress—stay tuned for information about a publication date!

We are looking for firsthand lived-experiences that reflect our diversity and the full scope of stories that tell an accurate picture of our history. For this round of stories we're interested in hearing from alumni who attended Andrews University in the **1960s**. Send us your funny, painful, life-changing, spiritually uplifting, or just everyday stories that especially remind you of your Andrews experience.

Please email your reminiscence (*less than 300 words*) by **Aug. 31, 2022**, to [meredith@andrews.edu](mailto:meredith@andrews.edu). If desired, hard copies can be mailed to Meredith Jones Gray, Office of University Communication, Griggs Hall A, 8903 US Hwy 31, Berrien Springs MI 49104-1000. And keep checking this space in upcoming FOCUS issues; we will be asking for stories from other specific time periods and perspectives. We would love to hear from you!



# LIFE ON CAMPUS



*The Andrews University Theatre Wing presented Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice" on Feb. 11.*



*The International Center for Trauma Education & Care hosted Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI®) training on Mar. 4.*



*Meier Hall hosted a co-ed bench press competition on April 10.*



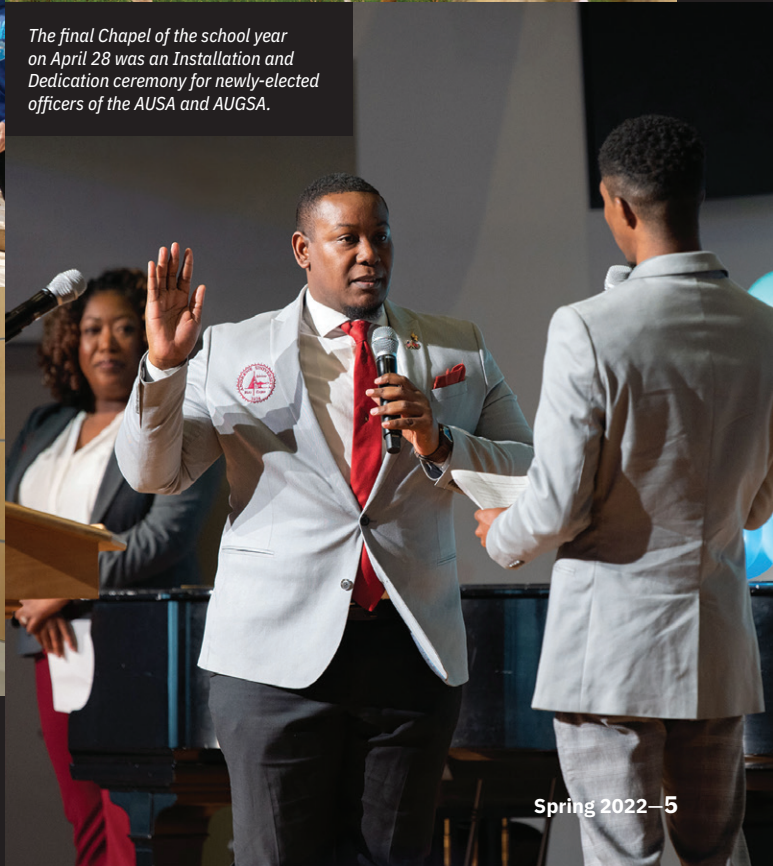
*As part of Earth Week events, a petting zoo was held on April 23.*



*The Andrews Botanical Conservatory hosted an open house on April 17.*



*Students enjoyed massages at Study Break 101 in the Andrase Center for Wellness on Mar. 12.*



*The final Chapel of the school year on April 28 was an Installation and Dedication ceremony for newly-elected officers of the AUSA and AUGSA.*



# Spring graduation weekend

*Celebrating graduates from 2020, 2021 and 2022*

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY'S SPRING graduation took place May 6–8, 2022, when approximately 450 students received degrees over the course of the weekend. Seventy-two graduates from the classes of 2020 and 2021 also planned a return to celebrate in a full graduation ceremony. Events began Friday with two Commencement services and continued into Saturday morning with the Baccalaureate services. On Sunday, three additional Commencement services took place. Other academic and cultural programs occurred throughout the weekend.

Thomas R. Shepherd, senior research professor of New Testament at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, delivered the Commencement address, titled “Unforgettable Experiences,” for the Seminary on Friday afternoon, May 6. Later that evening, the College of Health & Human Services Commencement address, “Each Day a Gift,” was presented by David Village, professor emeritus of physical therapy.

Artur A. Stele, general vice president for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and chair of the Andrews University Board of Trustees, offered the Baccalaureate sermon, “Three Secrets of Success from Paul and Barnabas,” on Saturday, May 7, for both the graduate and undergraduate services.

On Sunday, May 8, Elvin S. Gabriel, professor emeritus of educational psychology and counselor education, spoke at the 9 a.m. Commencement service for graduates of the College of Education & International Services and College of Professions. His talk was titled “Facing



**FROM TOP LEFT, CLOCKWISE:** Graduates line up for the Baccalaureate at PMC ■ Happy grads pose by the flag mall ■ Taking a selfie with President Luxton ■ Roger Pak, honorary degree recipient ■ Nina Atcheson, honorary degree recipient ■ Artur Stele presented both Baccalaureate services

the Future with Resolute Confidence.”

During this service, Nina Atcheson, MRE, curriculum manager and senior editor in the Sabbath School Department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, was recognized with an honorary Doctor of Pedagogy for her commitment to lifelong learning and her innovative development of K–12 curriculum that focuses on the Bible as the textbook. In her career, Atcheson has demonstrated a strong vision and desire to share God and Bible truth with the younger generation.

Sunday’s 11:30 a.m. Commencement honored 2022 graduates of the College of Arts & Sciences (CAS) Divisions of Humanities and Social Sciences, and the 2 p.m. Commencement was dedicated to CAS 2022 STEM Division graduates as well as 2020 and 2021 CAS graduates.

Beverly J. Matiko, associate professor emerita of English and communication, spoke for both CAS services in an address titled “Freedom, Failure, and Fullness on the Road Home.”

At the 2 p.m. Commencement Roger H. Pak, PhD, Associate Research Fellow, Novel Delivery Technologies, Pfizer Inc., was distinguished with an honorary Doctor of Science for his leadership and innovative research in projects that bring positive change to society and the world. Throughout Pak’s career in academia and in the biopharmaceutical industry, he has explored innovative chemistry and biotechnology in order to deliver bioactive molecules in the search for breakthrough therapies.

Central graduation events are available on the Andrews University YouTube channel.



## ANDREWS RESEARCH CONFERENCE

*Supporting young researchers*

THE ANDREWS UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF RESEARCH & Creative Scholarship hosted the eighth annual Andrews Research Conference (ARC) from May 16–18. Themed “Early Career Researchers and Creative Scholars in the STEM Disciplines,” ARC programming included devotionals, exhibits and research presentations, with presenters from both public and denominational universities sharing their discoveries in the context of their faith while building interdisciplinary networks. Subject areas included environmental sciences, mathematics, and physics and material sciences.

Tiffany Summerscales, professor of physics and part of the Nobel prize-winning Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory (LIGO) team that made the first detection of gravitational waves in 2015, delivered a plenary presentation titled “6 Years of Gravitational Wave Astronomy.”

Anthony Bosman, assistant professor of mathematics and world expert on Knot Theory, gave a second plenary presentation titled “Infinity, Omniscience, and Paradox.”

“We are delighted to provide an annual platform for young researchers to share their research and establish professional connections with others who share their faith,” says Gary Burdick, dean of research. “We hope these networks will result in building a stronger community of researchers that promote the Andrews mission to ‘Seek Knowledge. Affirm Faith. Change the World.’”

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*Gary Burdick, dean of research, presents at the Andrews Research Conference*



## President of Andrews to retire

*Luxton announces retirement effective June 2023*

ANDREA LUXTON, PRESIDENT OF ANDREWS UNIVERSITY, announced her retirement, effective June 2023, during her Andrews University Board briefing on Thursday, May 26. Luxton has led Andrews since July 2016.

Following Luxton’s presentation, Artur Stele, chair of the Andrews University Board of Trustees, described the search process to replace Luxton.

That process will begin immediately. It will be overseen by the Andrews University Board of Trustees, guided by University bylaws, working and board policies, and directed by a search committee made up of board members as well as University faculty, staff, alumni and students. Stele will serve as chair of the search committee.

The 13-member presidential search committee will be chosen during an Aug. 1, 2022, Andrews University Board meeting. The search committee will begin meeting in August and September to identify a long list of candidates to review by November. In November and December, the committee will create a shorter list of individuals to identify the final candidates for the position.

Final candidates will be formally interviewed by the search committee in January and February of 2023. Following those interviews, the search committee will recommend two or three finalists to the Board of Trustees for its March 2023 meeting. During that March board meeting, the new president of Andrews University will be elected.

An Andrews University Constituency meeting, also in March 2023, will elect a new Andrews University Board of Trustees, and that new University Board will meet for the first time in June 2023 and re-elect the newly appointed president.

Stele says, “On behalf of the Andrews University Board of Trustees, as well as the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, we are grateful for the remarkable and truly World Changing service that Andrea Luxton has provided Andrews University and the global community it serves.”

# Premiere of “Return to Palau”

*Documentary film showing attracts record-breaking crowds to view the story of the DePaiva family*

ON SATURDAY, APRIL 16, A PREMIERE OF “Return to Palau” took place at the Howard Performing Arts Center. All seats in the Howard Center were filled, and the overflow site in Newbold Auditorium was also filled to capacity. A second showing was added the same evening to accommodate those who were unable to attend the premiere.

The documentary film tells the story of the DePaiva family who moved from Andrews University in 2002 to pastor the Koror church on the island nation of Palau, only to suffer a shocking tragedy. Through recently uncovered archival footage and first-person accounts, an incredible true story of survival, faith and forgiveness emerges.

Michelle Hamel, director and editor of the documentary, is a 2000 graduate of Andrews University. Reflecting on the three-year process of creating the film, she commented, “I was repeatedly surprised at how multi-faceted and far-reaching the story really was and how with each new interview, connection or found artifact, the story deepened and came into sharper focus. I hope the end result honors the legacy

**“[Melissa’s] life is a powerful illustration of how God can take the most unthinkable tragedies and make good come from them.”**



**TOP RIGHT, COUNTERCLOCKWISE:** A record-breaking crowd filled the Howard Center and overflow site in Newbold Auditorium ■ José Bourget facilitated a panel discussion with key individuals involved in the story ■ Dwight Nelson and Melissa (DePaiva) Gibson interact about the film ■ Melissa & Michael Gibson greeted hundreds of attendees after the viewing ■ Family and filmmakers in attendance at the premiere



of the DePaiva family and expands the reach of their incredible story.”

The worldwide premiere of the film took place on March 16, 2022, at the Palau National Gymnasium in Koror to a packed crowd of over 1,300 people, the largest indoor event in Palauan history. A second showing was arranged for March 19 to accommodate additional people who wished to attend. The U.S. premiere took place in Keene, Texas, at Southwestern Adventist University on Friday, April 8.

Surangal Whipps Jr., current president of the Republic of Palau and close friend of the family, shared the following: “Melissa’s life is a miracle and her return to Palau is a gift to our nation. We are truly blessed to have her share her story with us. On behalf of the people of Palau, I want to thank her for coming back and for forgiving us. She will always be one of us.”

Following the showing, José Bourget, Andrews University chaplain, facilitated a discussion with Dwight Nelson, lead

pastor of Pioneer Memorial Church, Gina Wahlen, producer of the “Revival for Mission” television series, Melissa (DePaiva) and Michael Gibson, Elimar and Raquel DePaiva, Loren and Ann Hamel, and Michelle Hamel (*available on the Andrews YouTube channel*). A reception was also held after the event, where many attendees greeted the Gibsons.

Psychologist Ann Hamel, producer of the film, led the team who attended the premiere in Palau. She said, “Melissa’s willingness to share her story is a gift not only to the people of Palau but to all of us. Her life is a powerful illustration of how God can take the most unthinkable tragedies and make good come from them.”

The film won third place for best documentary at the International Christian Film Festival, one of the largest Christian film festivals in the world, on Friday, May 6, in Orlando, Florida. It has also won awards and been nominated in several other film festivals.

Visit [returntopalau.com](http://returntopalau.com) to learn more about the story and view updates.



## Grant to launch Lifestyle Medicine Clinic

*Andrews University receives funding*

THE ANDREWS UNIVERSITY LIFESTYLE Medicine Clinic & Training Center opened Monday, April 25, with the aim to prevent and treat chronic diseases. Andrews lifestyle medicine practitioners, lifestyle medicine wellness coaches, community primary care physicians, and student interns will work together to administer lifestyle interventions, patient assessments and other related services.

The clinic was made possible through a \$97,000 grant awarded in October 2021 by the Ardmore Institute of Health, an organization dedicated to increasing the availability of lifestyle medicine projects through grant-driven efforts.

Padma Tadi Uppala, PhD, MPH, is professor and chair of the Andrews University School of Population Health, Nutrition & Wellness and will also serve as director of the Lifestyle Medicine Clinic & Training Center. Uppala holds a degree in lifestyle medicine from Loma Linda University and, with a team of collaborators, applied for the competitive grant that secured funding for the clinic. She says creation of the clinic was

inspired by a conversation with John Kelly, MD, MPH.

The clinic is located in the Andreasen Center for Wellness and is integrated with Andrews University wellness initiatives. It includes an exercise and health assessments laboratory and a counseling center for dietary and other non-drug modalities. Plans are underway to have branches of the clinic in Benton Harbor, Michigan.

“There is a need for the Lifestyle Medicine Clinic at Andrews University, whose founding principles are to ‘make man whole’ to further the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ, and to spread the Adventist health message,” states Uppala.

Additionally, the School of Population, Health, Nutrition & Wellness is preparing to offer a graduate Culinary Medicine Certificate in fall 2022 that will take place fully online.

*The official opening of the Andrews University Lifestyle Medicine Clinic & Training Center took place on April 25 in the Andreasen Center for Wellness.*



## AdventHealth Student Center opens

*Chan Shun Hall lobby remodeled due to generous donation*

AN OFFICIAL RIBBON CUTTING celebration for the AdventHealth Student Center took place Tuesday, April 19. This long-awaited remodel of the lobby in Chan Shun Hall was completed through a generous donation from AdventHealth, an active supporter and partner of Andrews University.

AdventHealth is a medical network of more than 80,000 skilled and compassionate caregivers in over 10 states that provides Andrews University students with opportunities for internships and residencies and ensures that University faculty are connected to the needs of the healthcare industry.

A collaboration wall was donated to Chan Shun Hall by the Berrien Springs Eau Claire Rotary Club as a part of the lobby remodel, as well.

“The AdventHealth Student Center has transformed the lobby, creating a sense of community in Chan Shun Hall,” says Kimberly Pichot, dean, College of Professions. “Students now collaborate, study and hang out with friends. As educators, it is very rewarding to see things come to life in our building. AdventHealth’s donation has helped our vision become a reality to prepare students to transform their workplace.”



# Andrews hosts inaugural Pitch Competition

*Sponsored by the Office of Innovation & Entrepreneurship*

ON APRIL 8, ANDREWS UNIVERSITY hosted its first annual Pitch Competition. Graduate and undergraduate students presented business and non-profit ideas to a group of judges and a live audience for the opportunity to win cash and in-kind services for their projects. The program was organized by the Office of Innovation & Entrepreneurship, under direction of Matías Soto.

Students began the process by attending information sessions and workshops before applying with a standardized pitch deck. Applications were reviewed and scored by a panel of judges, and the top twelve candidates were chosen to move into the final round. Each individual or team had seven minutes to present in the final round. In total, three non-profit teams and nine for-profit teams presented in the final competition.

**“We hope that you continue to support our student entrepreneurs’ dreams, as their success will be the best evidence of our efforts on campus.”**

Judges for the event included Elizabeth Muhlenbeck, associate professor of management at Andrews University and AdventHealth Endowed Chair in health-care administration, Noel Salgado, HOST/CFO of Randall Residence, Austin Weber, commercial loan officer at Honor Credit Union, and Joshua Sanabria, founder and CEO of GoArchitect. Brandon Williams, a Master of Divinity and Master of Public Health candidate, served as moderator for the event.

A total of \$30,000 in cash and in-kind services from the Office of Innovation & Entrepreneurship were distributed among six winners according to their prize level. The event was possible because of the Bradley family’s generous support. In July 2021, the family of Dr. Fay Bradley gave the University \$2.8 million to launch the Office of Innovation & Entrepreneurship. This annual pitch competition is one of the initiatives sponsored by the new office.

The first-place winner in the non-profit category was titled Yara, a project dedicated to tackling period poverty—a lack of access to feminine hygiene products—in Lebanon. The project is headed by Nilah Mataafa, Nara Mataafa and Kalyapi Humpal.

In the for-profit category, the production company 7th Day Films, headed by

Tyler Kern, took first prize. Kern, a Master of Divinity student in the Seminary, founded the company with the aim of producing high quality faith-based films and documentaries.

Other winners included Challenge Accepted, an app designed by Faith Kaluba and Lisa Kamikazi to help victims of abuse speak out; TimePiece, a calendar app created by Joshua Dulcich, Eric Inae and Matthew Dulcich with the goal of efficient time investment; Meva, a company run by Orlando Joseph Totobesola that markets hand-embroidered home accessories from local designers in Madagascar; and MikeSpace Studios, a marketing and design service run by Michael Davis that targets BIPOC businesses and creatives.

Matías Soto, director of the Office of Innovation & Entrepreneurship, states, “If you are a student, we hope this event encourages you to broaden your horizon and get involved in entrepreneurship. If you are a faculty member, we hope you can partner with us in promoting this event with your students and even helping them develop their ideas. And for the Andrews University community, we hope that you continue to support our student entrepreneurs’ dreams, as their success will be the best evidence of our efforts on campus.”



## Celebrating diversity at Andrews

Office of University Culture & Inclusion hosts collaborative events

DURING SPRING SEMESTER, the Office of University Culture & Inclusion recognized a number of important initiatives.

In March, Andrews University supported the 2022 Women's History Month theme as noted by the National Women's History Alliance: "Providing Healing, Promoting Hope." The theme was "both a tribute to the ceaseless work of caregivers and frontline workers during this ongoing pandemic and also a recognition of the thousands of ways that women of all cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history."

The Office of University Culture & Inclusion partnered with several organizations across campus to provide programming including the March 4 Women's Empowerment Association (WEAAU) Vespers and the Women's History Month Celebration at New Life Fellowship with speakers Kimberly Bulgin (March 5) and Keila Carmona (March 12).

In April, Andrews University recognized Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, starting with a special march and rally called "Take Back the Night." WEAAU, with the Andrews University Pre-Law Society, School of Social Work and Office of University Culture & Inclusion, hosted a march on April 2 that started with a gathering at the globe and ended at Newbold Auditorium in Buller Hall where a brief program showcased solidarity for survivors of sexual assault.

Attendees were also invited to visit the Solidarity Wall constructed just outside the Campus Center and write messages of encouragement to survivors of sexual assault. Representatives from the Center for Faith Engagement, University Wellness and the Counseling & Testing Center were at the wall throughout the week to provide extra support and encouragement.

Also in April, Andrews recognized Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage

**FROM TOP:** *The AUnited Fashion Show celebrated cultural diversity* ■ *Infusion Vespers at Pioneer Memorial Church* ■ *Samoan Sabbath took place on April 30* ■ *Kimberly Bulgin spoke for Women's History Month at New Life Fellowship* ■ *Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM), Apr. 2*

Month. The celebration began with AUnited Weekend, a special event April 8–10 that included Infusion Vespers, the AUnited Fashion Show and the AUnited Cultural Fest. These events involved multiple campus partners, including the Division of Marketing & Enrollment Management, Office of University Culture & Inclusion, Center for Faith Engagement, Office of Student Involvement, Leadership & Activities and a variety of student clubs and organizations.

AANHPI student clubs and organizations also hosted numerous events throughout the rest of the month: South Pacific Islander Sabbath, Balikbayan—Filipino Cultural Night, Andrews Indonesian Club Sabbath, AANHPI Proximity Vespers, South Asian Student Association (SASA) Cultural Night, Korean American Student Association (KASA) Seoul Nights Banquet, an Asian Cuisine Tasting, and Samoan Sabbath.

"Our office counts it a privilege to collaborate with so many amazing organizations and young leaders on our campus to put on these events that celebrate and showcase the beautiful diversity of our campus," says Michael Nixon, vice president for University Culture & Inclusion. "Each year since I have been here, I have had the honor of seeing these celebrations expand as more groups on our campus seek to amplify their voices while inviting the broader campus in to learn from and celebrate with them. I look forward to seeing how the Spirit of God continues to work in and through us going forward. The best is yet to come!"





## ANDREWS PARTNERS WITH GC ON LEADERSHIP

*Global Leadership Institute to train ministry executives*

THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (GLI) WAS BORN IN 2018, when the Andrews University Leadership program was preparing for its 25th anniversary and leadership development was rising to the top of the church agenda. In early 2019, the General Conference (GC) partnered with Andrews with hopes of expanding the program globally.

Currently, the primary service of the GLI is LeadLab, virtual and face-to-face experiences called the “Leader Growth Series.” The series consists of three parts: LeadLab Launch, introductory meetings; LeadLab Core, seven leadership modules; and LeadLab Forward, a multi-day gathering to review and implement into the future.

Erich Baumgartner, director of the GLI, and Randy Siebold, associate director, work with other Adventist experts to produce the series material. Content includes lessons on professional identity and personal vision, emotional intelligence, innovation, mission and strategy, assessing programs, and more.

Siebold notes, “We believe that a great leader is always learning, so the program is designed to instill habits of growth.”

The Leader Growth Series is managed through a website called the LeadLab Network. In the future, Baumgartner envisions the site as a social media platform for Adventist leaders.

So far, LeadLab prototype experiences have been carried out in the Inter-European Division and South Pacific Division of the GC. In follow-up meetings with the GLI team, the GC expressed an interest in a long-term goal: making LeadLab available to all 13 divisions of the church and its attached fields. Currently, LeadLab is being improved for implementation to a wider audience.

Baumgartner affirms, “The purpose of these programs is to help build and strengthen the leadership of the church—to help leaders have a higher level of competency, a stronger faith in our church and its mission, and to give them the opportunity to build the habits of a growing leader.”



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## Engage Conference

*Emphasizes innovative ministries*

THE FIRST ENGAGE: LIVE ON PURPOSE CONFERENCE was held at Andrews University from March 9–13 and aimed to inspire and equip students and young professionals to be EPIC World Changers by living mission-based lives.

The conference was sponsored by the Andrews University Graduate Student Association, the iCanvass Club, the Center for Faith Engagement and the Office of Innovation & Entrepreneurship.

Programming included corporate worship, prayer-focused gatherings, exhibits, small-group interactions in Conversation Corners and the opportunity to connect with the community during a Sunday canvassing and GLOW tract outreach.

“After Proximity vespers on Friday night, most attendees stayed in the [Howard Performing Arts Center] lobby area for refreshments and the exhibit floor,” notes Matías Soto, director of Innovation & Entrepreneurship. “Many interacted with staff at the Mission Exhibit booths and learned more about current projects taking place through different Seventh-day Adventist organizations and on campus ministries.”

He says, “I hope attendees understood what it means to live on purpose and saw examples of how to find and engage with their purpose. I also hope many will take the next step and get involved with a ministry, a literature evangelism program or as student missionaries—that they experience living life with purpose.”





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# J.N. Andrews Medallion Recipients

*Denis Fortin, Anneris Coria-Navia and Katherine Koudele were honored*

THREE FACULTY MEMBERS RECEIVED THE prestigious J.N. Andrews Medallion at Commencement services during the spring 2022 graduation weekend.

At the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary Commencement on May 6, Denis Fortin, professor of historical theology, was honored for his leadership as a scholar and educator.

“What an honor and surprise to receive the J.N. Andrews Medallion at the Seminary Commencement. I am humbled by this recognition of my contributions to the University, the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and the world of academic scholarship in my field of historical theology,” says Fortin.

Fortin received a BA in pastoral ministry from Canadian Union College, now Burman University, in 1982. He earned an MDiv from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in 1986 and a PhD in theology from the Université Laval in 1995. Fortin is married to Kristine Knutson and they have three children.

Fortin joined the Seminary faculty in 1994 as assistant professor of theology. Since then, he has also served as associate professor of theology, director of the Master of Divinity program, associate dean, chair of the Department of The-

ology & Christian Philosophy and dean from 2006–2013.

He participates in a number of scholarly societies and has also served on numerous committees for the Seventh-day Adventist Church and on the Commission on Faith and Order of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA.

Fortin has authored many publications on Adventist history and theology. His latest work includes “Oneness in Christ,” a Bible study guide on unity in the Church, and “One in Christ: Biblical Concepts for a Doctrine of Church Unity.” His annotated 125th anniversary edition of the Ellen G. White classic “Steps to Christ,” published in 2017, received widespread support and praise. He co-edited “The Ellen G. White Encyclopedia,” published in 2013, and

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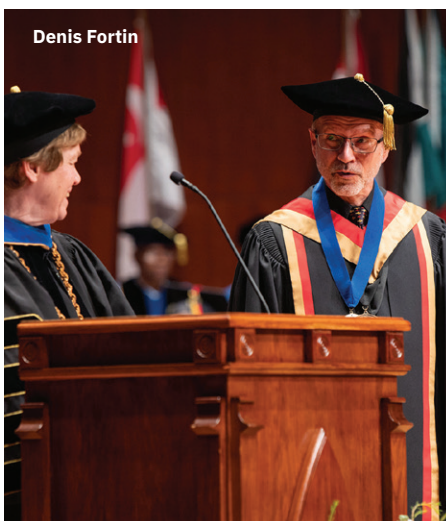
*~ Anneris Coria-Navia*

“Adventism in Quebec: The Dynamics of Rural Church Growth, 1830–1910,” published in 2004. Forthcoming publications include a biography of Adventist church leader George I. Butler.

Anneris Coria-Navia, professor of curriculum and instruction and director of the Center for Teaching & Learning (CTL), was recognized at the Commencement service for the College of Education & International Services on Sunday, May 8. She was acknowledged for outstanding leadership in faculty development.

Coria-Navia earned her Bachelor of Music in piano performance and music education from Universidad Adventista del Plata in 1990. In 1995, she received a Master of Music in music education at Andrews University followed by an MA in educational administration and leadership in 2001. She earned her EDD in educational administration and leadership from the University of Southern California in 2005 and an MA in Spanish in 2010 from Miami University. Coria-Navia is married to Benjamin Navia and they have a son and daughter.

Coria-Navia says, “I am profoundly humbled and honored to have been recognized by my peers to be deserving of this prestigious award. It should go without saying that it is shared with each and



Denis Fortin



Anneris Coria-Navia



Katherine Koudele



every one of my colleagues, who day in and day out care deeply for our students and each other in ways that are inspiring and courageous.”

In 2014, Coria-Navia began her Andrews career as professor of curriculum and instruction. In 2016, she became director of the CTL. As a professor, some of Coria-Navia’s primary responsibilities include the design and development of graduate courses, mentorship of graduate students, serving as a dissertation advisor and K–12 field supervisor, and contributing to departmental projects regularly. As director, she is responsible for vision casting, budget oversight, program development and delivery, support for teaching and faculty life, the celebration of teaching excellence, innovation in teaching and learning, faculty wellbeing, connecting and collaboration of learning units, and University-wide professional development.

Coria-Navia has served in numerous capacities related to faculty development. One of her most recent projects is to establish a system-wide society for professional learning and networking for Adventist faculty in the North American Division.

The final recipient was Katherine Koudele, professor of animal science and chair of the Department of Sustainable Agriculture. She was honored at the College of Arts & Sciences Commencement on May 8 for her creativity and positive advocacy for her students and discipline.

Koudele earned a BA in biology in 1979 and MS in biology in 1983, both from Andrews University. She earned her PhD in animal science at Michigan State University and joined the Andrews faculty in 1995 as associate professor of animal science and pre-veterinary professional advisor. During this time she co-managed the

Andrews University Dairy until 2013. Koudele began serving as professor of animal science in 2006 and became chair of the Department of Sustainable Agriculture in 2016.

Koudele shares, “It is a humbling experience to receive the highest award Andrews University gives its employees. Any accomplishments I have achieved are due in large part to the talented people I have working with me. They have supplied the knowledge and energy needed to improve the educational experience for our students. We are blessed to have such a great team in our area of the University.”

Koudele was key in championing the formation and subsequent vibrancy of the Department of Sustainable Agriculture, which emphasizes environmentally sustainable practices and stewardship of the earth’s resources. One of the department’s signature programs is the animal science program, from which many students go on to veterinary school. A few years ago, with the formal closure of the Andrews Dairy, the agriculture program was at risk. Undeterred, Koudele secured funding to start an Agriculture Education Center with a vast array of animals, creating an academically strengthened program.

She has spearheaded several development projects, such as modifying curriculum, increasing online communication, and developing online resources for the department. Koudele has also positively impacted the wider campus through her service on multiple committees. She participates in local 4-H clubs and the county youth fair. With her students, she has visited inner city areas and nursing homes with farm animals and pets for educational and entertainment purposes.

## Art professor showcases career in area exhibition

*Greg Constantine’s retrospective at Goshen College*

GREG CONSTANTINE, ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE AND research professor of art, emeritus, at Andrews University, showcased his art experience since 1974 in a retrospective exhibition titled “My Art Journey.” The exhibit ran from Jan. 23 to Mar. 13 at Goshen College, Indiana, where Constantine serves as the 2021 Eric Yake Kenagy Visiting Artist.

From the beginning of his life to the present, Constantine has been thoroughly invested in the world of art, having held 22 solo exhibits in premier New York galleries and participated in 43 years of formative teaching work at Andrews University. He has exhibited nationally since 1969 and internationally since 1975.

Over the span of his art career, Constantine engaged with many different eras of art inspiration, styles and subjects. His collection ranges from sculptures to sketches to paintings, with creative mediums such as license plates and picture frames. His art has led him all over the world, where he has had the opportunity to touch the lives of many people.

Constantine offers three pieces of advice for other aspiring artists who might wish to pursue a similar path: “You have to have a body of work, and then go persevere by knocking on doors and not stopping with rejections. You really have to have a lot of ambition and you have to believe in yourself.”

He states, “I have had prayers answered before I prayed them. I don’t know if that happens very often, but I was going to pray about something and here I had the solution already. I had to thank the Lord for directing my life.”

Constantine considers it an honor to be a part of the Kenagy visiting artist program and commented on the gallery saying, “I’m amazed at how this exhibition looks, all in one place. I’m very thankful. These are works that have been created over the last 59 years.”



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## Anthropology Professor Publishes Book

*On Eastern Mediterranean history and culture*

ØYSTEIN S. LABIANCA, SENIOR RESEARCH PROFESSOR OF anthropology, recently completed a decade-long book project revealing the history of human cultural production in the Mediterranean region. The volume, which LaBianca edited with Terje Stordalen, professor of Hebrew Bible and Old Testament studies at the University of Oslo, is titled “Levantine Entanglements: Cultural Productions, Long-Term Changes and Globalizations in the Eastern Mediterranean.”

The idea for “Levantine Entanglements” first came about in 2007 when Stordalen invited a broad range of scholars to participate in a workshop. During the event, LaBianca and Stordalen discovered they had an overlap in interests about the local communities and daily lives of people along the Eastern Mediterranean.

“Levantine Entanglements’ argues that the agency of these local communities is a key to understanding the history of long-term change and cultural production in the Levant. Stordalen was in the process of developing a method for answering these questions combining biblical texts, archaeological finds and comparative ethnography in order to uncover clues to that silent majority,” explains

LaBianca. “[They] neither built great monuments nor left much in the way of writings, but nevertheless managed to survive under the often oppressive rule of local elites, powerful kings and emperors in the region.”

As a cultural anthropologist and archaeologist, LaBianca contributed to the project with knowledge of a methodology for uncovering silent majorities through archaeological food systems research.

“It is an approach pioneered

by our team at Tall Hisban for detecting changes over time in how local families and whole communities went about providing for such basic needs as food, water, shelter and protection,” shares LaBianca.

Research was cross-disciplinary with source materials spanning three millennia. Contributors to “Levantine Entanglements” include scholars on specific places and ideologies, ideology, practices and communities, localities and global discourse and local communities and trans-local formations.

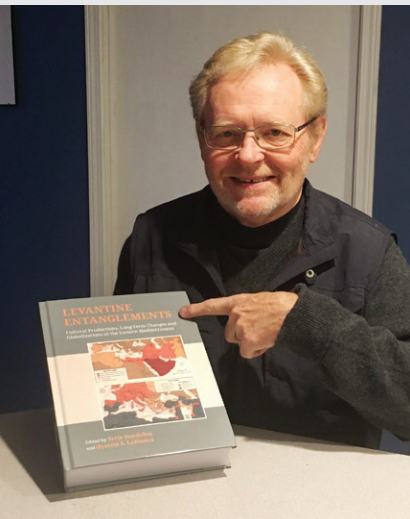


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## Andrews archaeologist on major Egyptian project

*Field epigraphist Baker reproduces oldest known peace treaty between world superpowers*

L.S. BAKER JR., ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ANDREWS UNIVERSITY Press and archaeologist, was part of a field project in December to Luxor, spending two weeks as an expert field epigraphist.

In cooperation with Egypt’s Supreme Council of Antiquities, archaeologists from the University of Memphis and the University of Quebec, joined recently by Mark Janzen from Louisiana Christian University and a team from Lipscomb University, have been working on the Karnak Great Hypostyle Hall Project. The long-term initiative uses the latest technology to record in the highest detail the thousands of inscriptions and reliefs carved on the walls and columns of the giant complex.

Baker said Janzen’s team is specifically tasked with accurately recording the wall reliefs relating to one pharaoh’s battle conquests of the southern Levant in the 13th century B.C. In the middle of those reliefs is the famous, and earlier, Hittite Treaty originally inscribed under Ramesses II.

Baker was specifically assigned the Hittite Treaty section of wall. He has been tasked with helping to produce, with the help of computerized photogrammetry, the most detailed renderings of each hieroglyph (character).

“Through the generations since the treaty was discovered, there have been many renderings of varying accuracy and quality,” Baker said. “These have been the basis for the standard published transliterations and translations of what the treaty says. Standard photographic techniques cannot discern some of the imprecision of the characters, because of the challenges of light and shadow and the wear and tear of time.”

According to Baker, it is unlikely that the team’s work on the Hittite Treaty will result in any serious changes in translation or new understanding of its content. “But it will be the most exact recording of the hieroglyphic inscriptions ever produced,” he said, “and probably will be the standard state-of-the art source for Egyptologists and historians for years to come.”



## A career at Andrews

*Ruth Gardner retires after more than 40 years of University service*

WHEN RUTH GARDNER ARRIVED at Andrews University, she never imagined that it would eventually be the home of a lifelong career. Now, after over 40 years of dedicated service to the University, she is retiring from her position as manager of Central Mail Services on campus.

Ruth first moved to Berrien Springs at the beginning of her junior year of academy. She went on to study at Andrews University, where she received an associate degree in secretarial studies. After getting married, she started work, filing insurance claims for a doctor's office.

One day, she received a message letting her know that a position for an insurance supervisor at Andrews was opening up. Ruth was encouraged to apply for the job, and she followed the call. She states, "I got the job and worked it for 10 years, processing claims and paying them."

After a decade of insurance work, Ruth eventually transitioned to managing the on-campus post office, where she remained for the next 30 years. She was grateful for many aspects of her job, noting, "I enjoyed meeting people and interacting daily with so many different ones. I liked being close to where my children were in school and being accessible to them. Not having to worry about Sabbath issues was a huge blessing."

Over the span of her career, Ruth has always made people her priority. She enjoyed meeting students, employees and community members, and she especially appreciated getting to foster the growth and success

of young people. Ruth emphasizes that she "loved getting to know so many students. The varied cultures were educational, and students had so much enthusiasm. There were several students I got to be a 'mom away from home' to." She explains, "I tried to take the approach of treating others the way I would want my children to be treated by someone else."

Ruth also experienced personal growth throughout her time at Andrews. She learned to make her own choices about how to face life, identifying, "I grew more confident in myself and learned a lot about being part of a team." Ruth also

**"I tried to take the approach of treating others the way I would want my children to be treated by someone else."**

learned to lean on God and to keep looking forward. She states, "You have to be responsible for how you live your life and keep looking to Christ and asking for His direction. Time passes way too quickly to be looking back with regrets."

In retirement, Ruth looks forward to spending more time with her husband—traveling, going for walks and working in the yard. She will continue living locally, close to her two grandchildren, where

she will get to be present in their lives, babysitting and attending school functions. In addition to enjoying family and the Berrien Springs area, Ruth conveys, "I enjoy sewing, knitting, reading, and sleeping in later in the mornings."



"I feel Andrews made for a better future for my entire family," Ruth expresses. "I really love it here, watching the seasons go by." Though she will miss her encouraging interactions with people on campus, Ruth strives to be a "glass half full" kind of personality, always looking for the good in others, and will continue to make a difference in her community for years to come.



# Excellence and spirituality in music

*Claudio González retires after a career made whole*

WHEN ANDREWS UNIVERSITY BEGAN the search for a new conductor for its symphony orchestra in 2003, Claudio González, who had recently completed his Doctor of Musical Arts in orchestral conducting and was an accomplished solo performer, teacher and chamber musician, applied for the job. Although he had never taught at an Adventist institution before, he was drawn to the opportunity to freely combine excellence and spirituality in music. In 2004, he joined the Andrews faculty as director of orchestral studies in the Department of Music where he faithfully served as conductor of the Andrews University Symphony Orchestra and taught conducting, music education and music performance.

Although Claudio grew up studying and playing the violin at his school, church and home, he did not consider it as a job until the end of high school. The career path proved to be challenging at times, especially as a Sabbath-keeping performer, and in college he initially intended to pursue a double major in music/economic sciences or foreign languages. However, he states that, “In the end, music prevailed and it became my profession.”

Claudio worked as a violinist and conductor in Venezuela, including as a teacher and conductor at two of the country’s main universities for over 25 years. He co-founded El Sistema of Orchestras, a music education program sponsored by the Venezuelan government with the goal of making an impact



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on music in Venezuela and other countries teaching music through orchestra. He found the experience to be professionally rewarding, but when he received the call to teach at Andrews, the opportunity to work with young individuals who shared his faith and passion for music led to his decision to relocate to Michigan. He says, “My music career could not have been whole without my Andrews experience.”

Throughout his time at Andrews, Claudio encountered successes and learning experiences alike. He recalls the difficulty of teaching conducting, a lifelong learning process generally obtained through experience, to graduate students. Despite the challenges, Claudio expresses gratitude and pride in his students’ accomplishments and affirms, “I learned a lot from my students.”

One of his greatest achievements was the development of the orchestral program. When Claudio arrived at Andrews, the Howard Performing Arts Center had been newly inaugurated. He and the orchestra built out their repertoire, offering the gift of music to both local and international communities through tours, music festivals and holiday concerts.

*Claudio González with the Andrews University Symphony Orchestra at the Howard Performing Arts Center*

Some of Claudio’s favorite memories with the orchestra were moments leading up to performances. He remembers gathering in a practice room “to have a conversation focused on confidence, trust and the musical challenges of each concert.” Before going out on stage, they prayed, both for humility and “to invite angels to come and play” with them. Claudio voices that after each prayer “we always had certainty that we worshiped God through our music in that place.”

One of Claudio’s service activities as a faculty member was a collaboration with Adventist universities in Asia, where he helped create a music program at Central Philippines Adventist College and directed orchestra clinics in multiple countries. In retirement, he is committed to continue serving as a volunteer music clinician in Latin America. He also looks forward to spending more time in his workshop, restoring and repairing string instruments.

Claudio will miss the diversity of Andrews and values the impact it has had on his career. He professes, “I am grateful to God for the opportunity to have Andrews University in my working journey.”

## A new chapter

*Audrey Castelbuono retires after 14 years of service*

OVER THE COURSE OF HER 14 YEARS in the Andrews University Office of Development, Audrey Castelbuono influenced the lives of students on campus in a meaningful, important way—her efforts in building philanthropic partnerships with donors resulted in funds for key scholarship and campus improvement projects for the University.

Audrey has always wanted to work with students. After graduating from Andrews in 1978, she went on to serve as high school principal at Lansing Christian School. Later, in 2008, she and her husband were called to return to Southwest Michigan. While her husband pastored the Michiana Fil-Am Seventh-day Adventist Church and the Saint Joseph SDA Church, Audrey began work at Andrews as manager of capital campaigns and senior development officer for the Midwest region. Two years later, she transitioned to the role of associate vice president for Development.

Although the area of development was one she had not considered until moving back to the Andrews area, Audrey found it to be one of the favorite chapters of her career. She notes, “Even though I didn’t have contact with students on a daily basis, I knew what I was doing was impacting their educational experience in a dramatic way.”

Some of her proudest accomplishments in Development stemmed from her work with the President’s Council, administrators and the Advancement team on fulfilling the University’s strategic plans. Audrey helped to grow endowments and scholarships as well as cultivate two important capital projects: Buller Hall and the Andraesen Center for Wellness.

One of Audrey’s favorite aspects of working at Andrews has been her interactions with other people. Having traveled throughout the country to visit alumni and donors, she notes, “I’ve been deeply inspired by their stories,



Photo courtesy: Audrey Castelbuono

their successful career journeys, and their continued interest and financial partnership with Andrews.” She saw firsthand the true magnitude of the University’s reach on communities worldwide and was encouraged by the fact that the vast majority of individuals contribute to Andrews out of a desire to help future students succeed.

Audrey also found herself encouraged by the diversity of Andrews students, faculty and staff and has appreciated the collaborative working relationship with colleagues across campus. In particular, she recognizes the impact of the joyful attitudes of the custodial staff. She

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expresses, “I’m not sure they realize how much they lifted my spirits on a daily basis as well as during crunch times preparing for major events. Their cheerfulness while setting up chairs, tables, podiums and stages was evident at all times. They are a blessing to our campus!”

Although she will miss her colleagues, Audrey is excited about her next chapter. She and her husband plan to retire in the St. Joseph area, and she notes, “I’m really looking forward to exploring new hiking spots, visiting European historical posts, panning for gold in Alaska, writing some children’s books and most importantly having plenty of time to spend with my grandchildren!”

Throughout her life, Audrey has been guided by Micah 6:8: “He has shown you, O man [or woman], what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?” (NKJV). It has been Audrey’s motto, mission and purpose over the years and will continue to be so in her new ventures.



# Guided by God

*Darah Regal retires after a fulfilling journey*

THROUGH HER WORK IN THE DEPARTMENT of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology (now School of Communication Sciences & Disorders), Darah Regal has left a lasting impression on the Andrews University community.

As an undergraduate student at Andrews, Darah began an ongoing journey with speech pathology, audiology and education. Her audiology professors challenged, encouraged and expanded her knowledge. She states, “I realized the thrill of learning—not memorizing—learning/applying/understanding.”

**“The best part of the ‘job’ at Andrews was being part of the spiritual journey of young people ...”**

Having found her passion, she eventually applied for graduate school in audiology and was awarded an assistantship with full paid tuition.

After graduation, Darah worked for an ENT in Indianapolis and then as an educational audiologist in West Virginia. The experience with the ENT provided a strong medical background in audiology. As an educational audiologist, Darah collaborated with educators, students and parents to coordinate optimal education opportunities for hearing-impaired children in the classroom. She now realizes that developing a successful auditory processing program in coordination with speech-language pathologists was only the “beginning of a journey and God had even bigger plans to fulfill my professional, personal and spiritual journey.”

In 1996, she moved with her husband, Jeff, and two children to the Berrien Springs area. Her search for part-time work as an audiologist led her back to Andrews, where she was hired as a

contract teacher. By 2000, when she began teaching full-time as an assistant professor of audiology, she had fallen in love with being an educator. She expresses, “Teaching future speech-language pathologists and audiologists about auditory processing, allowing them to see, firsthand, children who struggle with auditory processing and seeing appreciative parents was a very rewarding experience for me. Former students have carried forward the information and are helping people with auditory deficits around the world.”

In addition to prioritizing student success for graduate programs and future employment, Darah was invested in helping grow their spiritual lives as well. She maintains, “The best part of the ‘job’ at Andrews was being part of the spiritual journey of young people, developing Christian attributes as future healthcare workers.” Darah has enjoyed watching her students eventually become her colleagues and has continued to learn from them as they have become specialists. Darah also voices her appreciation for the many faculty and staff members, from various departments on campus, who served as mentors and friends

throughout her working experience. She notes, “The spiritual journey is a lifelong journey and I was privileged to work with people who demonstrated God’s love toward me and helped me through the hard times and cheered for me during the great times.”

During her time at Andrews, Darah was asked to help start an auditory processing program at the University in order to help re-establish a clinical site on campus. Over the years, she developed a strong referral base from the community, offering appointments, on-site therapy, testing and referrals. She explains, “Developing, implementing and growing the auditory processing program was one of the best achievements at Andrews. The number of community members impacted in positive ways is still a blessing to me.” She was also especially moved, in 2019, to receive the Undergraduate Research Mentor Award based on student responses.

In the future, Darah will stay engaged with her community. She is currently providing medical audiology services at South Bend Clinic and serves as a volunteer on an executive committee for HydroHub, an online course teaching hydrotherapy. Darah has also returned to teaching at Andrews, developing an asynchronous online course as a contract teacher. She affirms, “Once again God has given me the desires of my heart—ministry, teaching and professionally working as an audiologist.”



Photo courtesy: Darah Regal



*Andrews University Edition*

# 2022 Employee Awards

The theme for this year's Employee Awards Celebration was "Where in the World is Andy the Cardinal? Andrews University Edition." José Bourget, Master of Ceremonies, guided the interactive online event from the Visual Arts, Communication & Design Studio in Smith Hall on Sunday, March 6. President Luxton and Andy the Cardinal also made guest appearances during the program.

Throughout the program, Kahoot was used by the online audience to vote on where Andy the Cardinal was in four video segments. Andy was shown checking out various Michiana locations, including the Andrews University Trails, Houndstooth Restaurant in Benton Harbor and George Wilson Park and Gallery 2910, both in Mishawaka, Indiana.

A total of 106 people were recognized for a combined 1,520 years of service at Andrews University, in addition to nine more individuals for their excellence in teaching, faith engagement, research, creative scholarship and service.

## Faith Engagement Award

**Benjamin Panigot**, *Assistant Vice President for Campus Safety, Office of Campus Safety*

## Siegfried H. Horn Excellence in Research & Creative Scholarship Award

**Petr Činčala**, *Associate Professor of World Mission, Department of World Mission; Director, Institute of Church Ministry*

**Jay Johnson**, *Professor of Engineering, School of Engineering*

## Daniel A. Augsburg Excellence in Teaching Award

**Anthony Bosman**, *Assistant Professor of Mathematics, Department of Mathematics*

**Elizabeth Muhlenbeck**, *Adventist Health System Associate Professor of Management, School of Business Administration*

## Staff Excellence in Service Award

**Dayle Birney**, *Crops Manager, Andrews University Farm*

**Beverly Brown**, *Associate Director, Office of Human Resources*

**Teela Ruehle**, *Director of Student Missions & Service, Center for Faith Engagement*

## J.N. Andrews Service Award

**Todd Freeman**, *Programmer/Analyst, Office of Information Technology Services*

## Eight individuals were recognized for 25 years of service:

**Rodrick Church**, *Manager, LithoTech*

**Randy Graves**, *Director, Bridge to Success Program*

**Kenneth Logan**, *Adjunct Professor of Music, Department of Music*

**Thomas Lowing**, *Associate Professor of Architecture (retired), School of Architecture & Interior Design*

**Mark Moreno**, *Associate Professor of Architecture, School of Architecture & Interior Design*

**Pedro Navia**, *Chair & Professor of Spanish, Department of International Languages & Global Studies*

**Ricardo Norton**, *Associate Professor of Leadership & Church Growth, Department of Practical & Applied Theology*

**Ronald Whitehead**, *Assistant Professor of Youth Ministry, Department of Discipleship & Lifespan Education; Director, Center for Youth Evangelism*

## The following seven employees have served for 30 years:

**P. Richard Choi**, *Professor of New Testament, Department of New Testament*

**Sharon Dudgeon**, *Manager, WAUS 90.7 FM*

**James Ford**, *Associate Professor of Library Science, College of Arts & Sciences; Associate Director, Center for Adventist Research*

**Terry Robertson**, *Professor of Library Science, College of Arts & Sciences; Seminary Librarian, James White Library*

**Carla Trynchuk**, *Professor of Music, Department of Music*

**Robert Zdor**, *Chair & Professor of Biology, Department of Biology*

**Stephen Zork**, *Professor of Music, Department of Music*

**Three employees have devoted most of their professional careers to Andrews University. They have each spent 35 years serving this institution:**

**Mari Aker**, *Administrative Office Assistant, University Apartments*

**Loretta Nave**, *Executive Assistant, Division of Financial Administration*

**Allen Wellborn**, *Manager, Office of Custodial Services*

**Forty years of service is a major commitment to the life of Andrews University. These two individuals have both achieved this distinction:**

**Ruth Gardner**, *Manager (retired), Central Mail Services*

**Tari Popp**, *Director, Office of Planned Giving & Trust Services*



**James Curry**, *Truck, Bus & Heavy Equipment Operator, Andrews University Farm, received special recognition as*

**the longest-serving individual still employed by Andrews University: 55 years of service!**

*Photos and individual tributes may be viewed online at [andrews.edu/services/hr/employeeawards](https://andrews.edu/services/hr/employeeawards)*



# Andrews University

## *2022–2025 Strategic Plan*

by Andrea Luxton



# Our Story

Andrews University has always been a place of belonging and a place for World Changers. From its beginnings until now, Battle Creek College, then Emmanuel Missionary College, and now Andrews University has consistently invited the world to be part of its community and then sent its graduates back to the world to bring positive missional change. It has been central to the Seventh-day Adventist world church, helping build capacity and supporting and partnering with the church and its institutions from its inception. Of course, how that world changer commitment is worked out changes with the times, yet at the core it remains essentially and importantly unchanged. We remain a strong Seventh-day Adventist university, committed to creating in our students a desire to be active followers of Jesus Christ and engaged members of the church, whether as a pastor or an engineer, a teacher or a physical therapist. And as a university we continue to be active partners and servants to the church, its institutions and the wider community, desiring to model how Seventh-day Adventist education can truly be transformational and world-changing.

In 2022 our passion for being World Changers is as strong as ever. Yet there are increasing headwinds pushing against the patterns of the past in all higher education. To belong seems harder; to bring change, more complex, yet essential. Yet there are also huge opportunities.

So, in this strategic plan for 2022–2025, we share the outline of our new and yet ongoing narrative. We seek to grow by expanding our access to current and prospective students. We hope to deepen our commitment to shared values and broaden our opportunities to understand how to serve even better. And we recognize to do this, we must strengthen our resilience. As we seek to expand our revenue base, we will find new resourcing to allow us to do what we do well, even better!

## Storyline One:

# Access

“If I could only find a way to bridge the gap?”

For Christopher that gap is a gap of finance. He is from a single parent home, but his parent’s earnings are still just above the cap for receiving Federal financial aid. After all the scholarship awards are in and he looks at what loans are available to him, the gap to come to Andrews still seems too much.

For Adele that gap is a gap of academic background. She had some illness early on in her academy years. That left her behind in some classes. She has caught up very well considering, but she is still fearful that there is an academic gap that will make it difficult for her to be successful at university.

For Jeffrey the gap is one of direction. He is smart, but he just doesn’t know what to do! How can he not waste time and money while he finds out?

For Jasmine it is a gap of time. She wants to take a professional program that requires a graduate degree, but she is really worried about how she can manage all the years of education that will take because she has other family and financial responsibilities. How can she navigate that long path of education ahead of her?

And finally for Barry the gap is geographical. He just cannot see how he can travel to Michigan to study, but he really wants an Andrews education. How can he get flexibility in learning?

The environment in which Andrews University now operates is so different from ten years ago. The demographics have changed considerably. There are less traditional-age students looking for a university education. Some see alternative routes to careers, with good money being possible through other routes to education (such as trades) or even from no further education at all. Some are reluctant to take loans and are looking for cheaper options than those possible in a typical higher education environment. Add to that the falling number of 18-year-old students and those in Seventh-day Adventist academies, along with the pull of staying close to home, and Andrews University has to change the way we view our market. We must provide increased flexibility, focus on where current market and mission meet at all levels of education, and seek pathways for students who may be less traditional. All this leads to our plan to increase our student numbers by increasing access so more students can engage in a world-changing education. This is the first storyline of our strategic plan. Let me share just a few of the ways we plan to do this.





One of our recent successes has been the introduction of a new program for freshmen called Bridge to Success. This program is open to students who may not meet our traditional entry qualifications but who, with references and academic profile, we still believe will succeed. A tutor/mentor works with the cohort, provides them with additional skills and then on an individual level helps them integrate into the full University academic program. A very high proportion of students in



these cohort groups have been retained and have done well. This is just one of our programs intended to give access to a broader range of students and increase retention. Andrews University has also increased its physical presence at community colleges; we even have an identified space at Lake Michigan College, staffed by recruitment staff and faculty. This is new and we are hoping for good results! And then we have our growing international partnerships with other Adventist colleges and universities worldwide. We have created and continue to create what we hope are win-win partnerships that allow students to start studying in their own countries and then transfer at an appropriate time to Andrews to complete their studies. Each of these intentionally focused plans should increase our undergraduate student numbers. And these are just a few of our plans.

Another area of focus at Andrews University is in the area of student support. As we expand our student base, more support will be important. But beyond that, the pressures on university-age students have increased exponentially in recent years, with resulting increased needs. If students are going to succeed, if we are going to retain them, then we need to have the systems in place to enable that to happen. We were delighted recently to receive a grant as a minority-serving institution to increase our career support and also our support systems to reach out to underserved communities. The funding has enabled us to develop a new career center, as well as expand mentoring opportunities. Our grants and other fundraising initiatives are simultaneously focused on deepening our endowment base to support our students in the challenging financial market. In yet another

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initiative, the University will be significantly expanding mental health support for its students through an external partner who will work directly with our Counseling & Testing Center. Strong support systems will result in increased satisfaction and increased success.

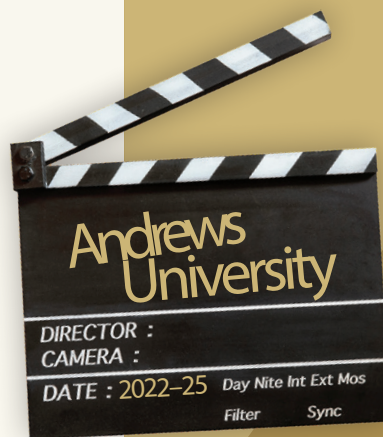
One of the unique strengths of Andrews University is its graduate programs. Over the last few years the graduate programs and student numbers have increased so that currently our graduate headcount is around the same as the undergraduate. This gives us the opportunity to develop a rich graduate culture. But it does more than that: it allows for the graduate experience to bring increased depth to the undergraduate. Over the last couple of years one of our thrusts in marketing has been what we call More for Less. This means students can shave maybe a year off their total educational experience by starting with an undergraduate program at Andrews; that then has a seamless connection with the graduate programs. So our physical therapy program, for those who qualify, will be three

years undergraduate and three years graduate; our master's degree in speech-language pathology is a two-year program after only three years of undergraduate study. Architecture is four years plus one. And so we can continue. The number of programs that fall under this umbrella is increasing, and our strategy is to increase these even more. One advantage for students is of course that in these programs there may be one less year of tuition to pay. However, more than that is the depth that comes to the total program as more advanced undergraduates interact with graduate students, and faculty who are qualified to teach at the graduate level also bring enhanced quality to undergraduate students. Increased access is also enabled as, especially in competitive programs, students will be in a favored position to "make the cut."

Finally, I want to talk about new programs and how those might impact access for the future. Right now we have several new programs starting: in the music department, a degree in music composition will round out our offerings, bringing to us a new group of students who are not so focused on performance. A BS in cybersecurity should provide a cutting-edge option to our Department of Computing. We have a new master's concentration in social innovation, funded by another external grant, in the Department of Leadership. In this program students will focus on how to develop and implement projects that will bring positive social change in their communities or church. This will be one of the growing number of Andrews University programs delivered online, also providing greater flexibility and access. Then, in the College of Health & Human Services, plans are continuing to launch a doctorate in occupational therapy (OTD), following the DScOT which recently began. Finally, in the School of Business Administration, we are beginning to offer a PhD in business administration, focusing on preparation of business teachers in higher education. Together we believe this new suite of programs will again increase access.

What then do we hope for? No, we cannot be all things to all people. Our resources require that we focus even while we seek growth. And our mission requires that as we seek to grow we do so in a way that will deepen our mission commitment to our students and to the wider church and community. You will continue to hear stories of how the strategies I identify are being rolled out and how we hopefully see the increasing access which we believe will strengthen our future.

And in a look ahead, in our next edition of FOCUS I will show how our second storyline on deepening our campus culture will help us ensure that all our students, whoever they are and wherever they are, will discover Andrews University is a place that is committed to making World Changers of faith, passion and commitment. ■



FOCUS will continue to feature articles on the additional storylines in the next two issues. View the strategic plan at [andrews.edu/president/strategicplan](https://andrews.edu/president/strategicplan).

#### **Storyline One: We will grow by increasing access for more students to engage in a world-changing education.**

Andrews University is committed to providing a high quality, accessible, world-changing education to eligible students at all levels of higher education, through on-campus and remote experiences, dependent on mission, market and need. By the beginning of the 2025–2026 academic year, the University intends to grow to 1,800 undergraduate students and 1,800 graduate students studying on or through the main campus, with a first to second year retention rate of 87 percent and an overall persistence rate for undergraduates of 90 percent and graduates of 85 percent. These figures exclude continuing education/certificate students studying through the Adult Education Center and students studying at international locations.

#### **Storyline Two: We will deepen and sharpen our community culture and sense of belonging to further enrich our world-changing experience and commitment.**

Andrews University is committed to a community culture where faith is active in service, evidenced in calling, and where institutional values are experienced in the University's commitment to diversity and inclusion, building leadership, encouraging holistic wellness and nurturing innovation. A robust liberal arts program, particularly as experienced in ACE or the J.N. Andrews Honors Program, and intentional graduate programming will bridge the students' academic experience with the community experience, and shared values will together increase the sense of belonging of all campus demographics. Together these become world changing.

#### **Storyline Three: We will intentionally increase our resilience to bring rich and innovative planning to our future.**

Andrews University's mission is to educate students to be World Changers for the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the wider community. To continue effectively with this core mission, it will be critical for the University to increase its financial resilience and be committed to thoughtful innovative planning and change. This will strengthen the University at all levels as it continues to serve its students and constituents well beyond its 150th birthday.



## Regional Events & Alumni Calendar

### Orlando, Florida | Sunday, March 20, 2022

Andrews University hosted its first regional event since the pandemic started at a beautiful venue, the Historic Dubsdread Ballroom, in Orlando, Florida (*below*). With around 75 people in attendance, alumni seemed enthusiastic about gathering together in person once again. **David Faehner** (MA '72), vice president for University Advancement, gave a welcome before attendees enjoyed a delicious brunch. The Alumni office's associate director shared pictures and updates about the University. President **Andrea Luxton** (MA '78) next talked about the University's upcoming plans and answered questions by attendees. It was wonderful to see our alums in Florida once again!



Photo credit: Laura Malcolm

### Northern California | Thursday, April 14, 2022

Andrews University's second regional event in two years took place at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Roseville, California. During this combined Northern California event, Andrews representatives including David Faehner and **Donald Bedney** (M.Div. '90, MS '91), director of Development, greeted alums and supporters of Andrews who drove across the Sacramento and Napa areas to hear updates and see pictures from Andrews as well as network with fellow alumni. It was a smaller, cozy event with around 35 attendees, allowing for lots of great conversations. President Luxton gave an excellent talk sharing updates from Andrews and led a Q&A session.

### Loma Linda, California | Sunday, April 17, 2022

Alumni and supporters of Andrews converged in Loma Linda, California, for a regional event at Napoli Italian Restaurant. David Faehner gave a warm welcome to alums, and Development team members including Donald Bedney and **John Hilderbrandt** (BS '79), senior development officer, greeted and visited with attendees. After enjoying a delectable Italian dinner, attendees viewed a slideshow presentation about Andrews given by Alumni office representative **Laura Malcolm** (BBA '11). President Luxton spoke about Andrews updates and took questions at the end of her presentation. With nearly 120 people in attendance, it was a packed but fun event!

## AUGUST

### 5-7 Summer Commencement 2022

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### Upcoming Regional Events

Visit [alumni.andrews.edu](https://alumni.andrews.edu) for event updates and for details once we are able to plan a regional event near your area again. You may also contact the Office of Alumni Services at [alumni@andrews.edu](mailto:alumni@andrews.edu) or 269-471-3591.

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## 1970s

In May, **Terry Koch** (MMus '73) received a Doctor of Sacred Music as a member of the Class of 2022 from the Graduate Theological Foundation. "Retired" (in name only) from a 46-year career teaching music K-4 in public school, and pre-school through college for the denomination, Terry lives in Walla Walla, Washington, where he is the choir director. He also rings in the handbell ensemble in a Methodist Church at which his wife, **Terri Hansen Koch** (MMus '73), is the director of music, organist and choral accompanist. In addition, Terri teaches piano and serves as the music coordinator and organist at the College Place, Washington, Village SDA Church.



Due to his birth in the Moravian city of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, Terry's doctoral emphasis was based on the Moravian denomination and their custom

of Lovefeast. His paper was titled "Love—the Connector of Fellowship" and his exit project was the creation of an original sacred service for choir and orchestra based on and adapted from the Moravian Lovefeast format with musical selections by 18th- and 19th-century Moravian composers who resided and worked in Bethlehem. Conducted by Terry, the Lovefeast, which included his two sons and daughter-in-law as vocal soloists and his wife as organist, was presented at the College Place Village Church on Jan. 30, 2022.

After graduating from Emory University School of Law, Judge **John A. Des Jardins** (BS '74) was elected District Attorney in Oconto and Outagamie counties, Wisconsin. He served as a prosecutor from 1980-1994 and tried the longest jury trial in Wisconsin history in 1988.



John was elected to Circuit Court Branch 7 on Aug. 1, 1994, and served until March 2021. During his term he was passionate about working with juveniles and served in various

capacities involving juveniles of Outagamie County. He also volunteered as a Big Brother in Oconto and Outagamie Counties. He founded CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of the Fox Cities to help abused and neglected children. In 2010 he led a group, with the help of the U.S. Justice Department, to integrate Evidence-Based Decision Making throughout Outagamie County systems. In 2012, John started Outagamie County Veterans Treatment Court. He formed the Outagamie County Victim Impact Panel in 1995, which continued past his retirement.

During his years as a public servant, John donated over 26 gallons of blood to the Community Blood Center. He also worked for over 20 years at a part-time job on the Green Bay Packers Chain Gang and was awarded a Super Bowl ring in 2011.

**John Robert Clough** (BS '78) is marking 35 years as a family physician in Livingston, Tennessee—PriorityCare Clinic is the first and busiest primary care/urgent care clinic in the tri-county service area. He also serves on the Livingston Regional Hospital Board of Trustees, Livingston City Council and Livingston Planning Committee. His wife Ginger is the PriorityCare business manager and nursing director. John is grateful to



the Andrews University Department of Biology and the pre-med program for an excellent education.

After his time at Andrews University, **Abraham A. Kuranga** (BA '78, MA '79), PhD, completed doctoral studies and became a tenured professor. He has worked as an instructor in both Adventist and public universities, and his students are all around the world. In 2009, he published a book, "Spiritual Breakfast: The Best Meal for the Day."



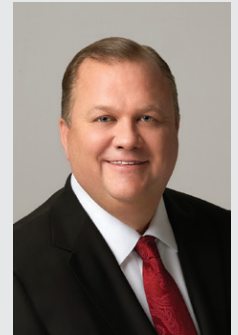
Abraham and his wife, **Eulin** (BA '70), are now retired. They are blessed with three biological children, Kemi, a lawyer; Abraham, a medical doctor; and David, who has

his PhD from Rutgers University. They have also adopted many children and have many grandchildren.

**Eddie Lewis Butler** (att.) was married to Georgina C. Butler on Nov. 23, 2007.

## 1980s

**Dana Wales** (att.), CFP® of Wales Wealth Management Group, a private wealth advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial in St. Joseph, Michigan, was named to the list of "Best-in-State Wealth Advisors" published by Forbes magazine. The list recognizes financial advisors who have demonstrated high levels of ethical standards, professionalism and success in the business. The rankings are based on data provided by thousands of the nation's most productive advisors. Wales was chosen based on assets under management, industry experience, compliance record and best practices in his practice and approach to working with clients.



Dana, a current member of the Andrews University Board of Trustees, and his wife, Dawn, reside in Berrien Springs, Michigan. They have two adult children.

## 1990s

**Marianne Dyrud** (BA '93, MA '20) is currently working as the executive union secretary for the Norwegian Seventh-day Adventist Church after working in the same position in Denmark from 2016 to 2020.



**Robert Lee Burns** (MDiv '93) retired from Seventh-day Adventist ministry in February 2021 after more than 40 years of service. His wife, Kerry L. Arnold-



Burns, also retired from her nursing career at the same time. They are enjoying their four grandchildren and working on their five-acre homestead as well as serving in various ways as members of the Forest Lake Seventh-day Adventist Church. They also enjoy a shared interest in travel.

**Jan Sigvartsen** (BA '94, MA '98, PhD '16) currently works at the Theologische Hochschule Friedensau, Germany, as an associate professor of Old Testament, PhD Programs coordinator and co-director of the Institute of Biblical Studies and Archaeology. He created Friedensau's new Biblical Studies specialization in their Master of Theological Studies program and currently digs with the Balu'a Regional Archeological Project in Jordan. Jan is a representative for the Gesellschaft für Bildung und Forschung in Europa (GBFE) and serves on the Biblical Research Committee for the Inter-European Division.



Jan has recently had two academic books published by Bloomsbury T&T Clark in their Jewish and Christian Text Series and selected for their specialist collection of scholarly works that have made a significant contribution to the biblical studies discipline and its research.

Both books were based on his dissertation submitted at Andrews University and identify, define, discuss and diagram the afterlife and resurrection beliefs found in the Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha.



**Maria Acevedo** (MA '97) lives in Florida where she works as a science teacher. Her greatest treasure is her children, who are both now young adults. Maria is part of the praise team at Celebration Seventh-day Adventist Church. She says, "I love the Lord with all my heart. Not all my dreams and desires have been accomplished but each day is a new opportunity and a challenge ... I have the tools to make all things happen with God's strength and wisdom."

Maria is grateful for the help and support her professors in the Department of Teaching, Learning & Curriculum provided during her time at Andrews. She says, "I got my degree, had friends from all over the world and an unforgettable experience that will last forever. I also remember singing in that special Christmas program transmitted on TV, 'The First Noel' (December 1994)."

At the third quinquennial session of the Atlantic Caribbean Union in December 2021, **Henry R. Moncur** (MDiv '98, DMin '18) was elected as the ADRA, Communication and PARL Director.

## 2000s

**Juan Perla** (BA '03) was promoted to partner, effective Jan. 1, at Curtis Mallet-Prevost Colt & Mosle in New York. Focused on international and appellate litigation, Juan has been a lead associate on several of the firm's recent high-profile matters.

Juan joined the firm as a summer associate in 2011 from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law, where he earned his JD with certificates in international and business law. He earned a Master of Public Administration from the University of Southern California, School of Policy, Planning and Development (now the Price School of Public Policy), and graduated summa cum laude from Andrews University.

Juan is admitted in New York and the District of Columbia, and he speaks Spanish and French fluently. He has advised private companies in international commercial disputes and transactions. He has also been active in the firm's pro bono practice and serves as a member of the Diversity & Inclusion Committee.



**Julie LaVanway** (BBA '05) was recently promoted from vice president-chief financial officer to president of Hanson Mold, a division of the Hanson Group in St. Joseph, Michigan. She now leads the well-known tooling company, which specializes in building precision molds and dies for

automotive international brands. Julie is a 2005 graduate of Andrews University, where she earned her degree in accounting. She joined Hanson Mold in 2018 as controller and was named VP-CFO in 2021.

Julie and her husband Jake reside in Eau Claire, Michigan. They share four children and two grandchildren, enjoying time at their home and a cabin near Baldwin, Michigan.

## 2010s

**Maksym Krupskyi** (MA '15, DMin '16) works for Hope Media Group as the Ukraine CEO.





**Burton L. Wright** (MA '56, MDiv '79) died Jan. 16, 2022, in Apopka, Florida.

He was born April 16, 1928, in Union Springs, New York,

to Clara and **Kenneth** (BA '23) **Wright**. At the age of 5, Burton developed a life-threatening high fever due to mastoiditis and pneumonia but was miraculously healed after being anointed.

The family moved to Southern Junior College in 1943. Burton spent a year at La Sierra College, then returned to Southern Missionary College to graduate in 1951 with a degree in education and religion.

Burton married Myrna L. Jensen on July 29, 1951, in Takoma Park, Maryland. They had four children—Judy, Jim, Jeannie and Jon.

He taught at Spencerville

Adventist Academy, then at Forest Lake Academy as Bible and history teacher and was ordained as a minister in 1963.

In 1963 Burton also received a call to serve as a missionary in the Trans-Africa Division. The family's trip to South Africa began 17 years of dedicated mission service in Africa, including work at Bethel College and Solusi College.

When the family returned to the States, Burton served at Holbrook Mission School as well as in Kentucky before retiring.

Burton and Myrna moved to Avon Park, Florida, and served their community for 30

years during their retirement. Burton was a chaplain in the Civil Air Patrol for 12 years, chaplain of Prison Ministries and served at Meals on Wheels. He also assisted in building the Chickamwazi church in Malawi, Africa.

Burton and Myrna moved to Apopka, Florida, to be closer to family in 2018, where he served as an elder of his church and met many new friends at Florida Living Retirement Center.

Burton is survived by his four children, Jim Wright, Jon (Dawne) Wright, Judy (Jim) Clarke, and Jeannie Bankston; two grandchildren and one

**Mary (Marguerite) Sarah Ross** (BA/BA '50, former faculty), long-time teacher and volunteer at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School, died April 11, 2022.

Marguerite (known to many as Aunt Mary) was born in Quincy, Massachusetts, on July 5, 1923, to Alexander and Bernice (Clark) Ross. Her father died when she was 5 years old, leaving her mother to raise Marguerite and older brother Francis. At age 14 she moved in with another family in town and finished up eighth grade.

The next year was a turning point in her life when she enrolled in the West Lebanon Adventist School, where she met her beloved teacher, Violet Hall. With Mrs. Hall's love, nurture and encouragement, she gained a healthy self-worth and her eyes were opened to a fascinating world she could discover through books and learning. Mary graduated from Union Springs Academy in 1941.

Hugh and Ida Bailey also made a significant difference in her life when she became their foster daughter.

Mary began teaching in Seventh-day Adventist denominational schools in 1943 at the age of 20, with five years in Connecticut and Massachusetts. The Atlantic Union Conference sent her to Emmanuel Missionary College (EMC) for two summers to develop a new third grade reader. During her second summer she was encouraged to stay at



EMC to complete her college studies. She graduated in 1950 with a degree in English and elementary education with minors in math and science. She began teaching math and English for seventh graders on a part-time basis at the "demonstration school" of EMC during the 1949–1950 school term. Those seventh graders loved her and she loved them, and that group of students had reunions with her every year for many years after.

She taught every grade except eighth grade and kindergarten at the "lab school" from 1949 to 1988 when she retired. She also served as vice principal for one year. She spent a summer in

Chiapas, Mexico, to improve her Spanish, taught in the Republic of Ireland from 1989–1991 and taught children's literature at Pacific Union College for two summers.

In the summer of 1952, she began master's studies at the University of Michigan, which included children's literature, since she was being asked to teach the course at EMC. She completed her master's degree in 1955. She continued teaching children's literature at EMC for the next 35 years.

Mary couldn't stay out of the classroom. After retirement, she volunteered at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School for close to 30 years.

She loved to travel, especially with her friends to places like New England, Eastern Canada, China, Europe and especially her beloved Scotland. She loved baking cookies, antiques, collecting Christmas creches, spoons from her travels, and everything Beatrix Potter.

Most of all, she loved Jesus, had a close walk with Him and an amazing prayer life, and was an active member of the Pioneer Memorial Church. Mary lived a long and fulfilling life of more than 98 years and prided herself on remaining mentally alert.

Mary is survived by her younger foster brother Roy Dickerson and a large "honorary family" made up of the Regazzi and Augsburg families.



great-granddaughter.

He is predeceased by his parents; his siblings, June Frame, Walter & Kenneth Wright, and his dear wife of 70 years, Myrna Wright.



**Pamela Ann (Mantell) Swanson** (MA '90, former staff) died peacefully at her home in Berrien Springs, Michigan, on Jan. 13, 2022.

On Feb. 28, 1939, Pam was born to Philip and Sheila Mantell in Cape Town, South Africa. She spent her early years in the city of Port Elizabeth where she completed her primary and high school education at Collegiate School for Girls. She earned a secretarial diploma and completed teacher training at Helderberg College in Somerset West. In 1990 she graduated from Andrews University with a master's degree in teaching English.

As a respected and well-loved elementary school educator, she taught in six Adventist church schools in South Africa prior to immigrating with her husband and three daughters to America in 1978.

Pam loved entertaining colleagues and guests in her home in Berrien Springs.

Her 26-year career in the Seminary as administrative assistant and office manager brought her much fulfillment, and numerous students that she advised testified about her

friendliness, competence and helpfulness. While working for the Institute of World Mission she traveled with the team that prepared missionaries and their families for the conditions they would face in many parts of the world.

Pam was a lover of all things beautiful, especially the ocean, and was famous among her acquaintances for her gorgeous flower garden. She enjoyed playing tennis, even into her later years. Music was also an important part of her life.

Her parents preceded her in death, as did her firstborn daughter, Lee-Anne. She is survived and mourned by her brothers, Vincent and Fraser Mantell and their families; **Peter Swanson** (MA '80, MA '84, PhD '99, professor emeritus), her husband of 57 years, and his extended family; her daughters, **Shel** (BA '93) and Mandy and their families; the Danforths; 10 grandchildren; and countless friends.



**Kenneth Russell Morrison** (MDiv '82), 71, of Berrien Springs, Michigan, died on Jan. 11, 2022.

Born Oct. 25, 1950, in Chicago to Kenneth and Emily Morrison, he grew up in Berwyn. His neighbor, a blue-ribbon Italian chef, gave him his love for cooking. In his early 20s he was introduced to the Seventh-day Adventist faith and was convicted

of Bible truth. He earned a bachelor's degree in business and psychology, followed by a Master of Divinity at Andrews University, where he met and fell in love with his beloved wife, Robin. He pastored several Midwest churches and led many to Christ.

His hobbies included woodworking, children's ministry, learning, and fixing everything. He was an amazing cook, baker, storyteller and gospel illustrator.

He is survived by his wife, Robin Morrison; his children and their spouses: **Sebrena Sawtell** (BS '00) (Nathaniel), **Daniel Morrison** (BSELED '14) (Joelle), **Kemily Lawrence** (BS '11) (David), **Kalicia Clements** (BSELED '13, MA '19) (Kristopher), **Kyler Morrison** (Annissa); his sister, Christine Morrison Blaszczyk (Gary); and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.

**Hope P. Muir** (BS '03, BS '12, former staff) of Berrien Springs, died on Jan. 7, 2022, at Spectrum Health Lakeland in St. Joseph, Michigan.

She was born Oct. 10, 1967, in Kingston, Jamaica, to Clifton and Greta (Smith) Muir.

Hope spent her childhood, adolescence and early adulthood in New Jersey before moving to Berrien Springs to attend Andrews University. Hope graduated from Andrews University with a bachelor's degree in nursing in 2012. Just prior to her passing, Hope was employed at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in South Bend. She previously worked at Spectrum Health Lakeland and Lakeland Urology in St. Joseph.

Hope was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. To know Hope was to know the love of God. She loved the Lord with her whole heart and loved others through her generosity

and care of and for them.

In her free time, Hope enjoyed photography, cooking, fitness and spending time with **Guyton Emmanuel** (BArch '01, MArch '03), whom she loved deeply.

Hope is survived by her parents: Clifton and Greta Muir of Atlanta; her brother, Clifton Muir Jr., of Atlanta; a host of aunts, uncles and cousins; the love of her life, Guy Emmanuel of Benton Harbor, Guy's brother, **Clyde Emmanuel** (BSET '07) of Benton Harbor; and special friends Scheryl Moore of Benton Harbor, Shelly Temple of South Bend, Indiana, and **June Scott** (BT '90, current staff) of Berrien Springs.



**Kelvin Carl Krantz** (BS '79), 64, beloved husband, father, grandfather, neighbor, business owner, chauffeur, humorist and friend, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Berrien Springs on Jan. 7, 2022.

Born to Nelson and Betsey Krantz on June 3, 1957, Kelvin graduated from Adelphian Academy in 1975 and Andrews University in 1979 with a bachelor's degree in communication. He founded Krantz Food Brokerage in 1988 and continued this successful business until his death. Kelvin loved working outdoors and meeting people, and out of that love he started a lawncare business and transportation service.

Kelvin devoted his life to serving others generously and joyfully, making hundreds of trips chauffeuring passengers to and from the airport. His passengers included guest artists and speakers for the Howard Performing Arts Center and Mendel Center where he volunteered since each opened their doors.

Additionally, Kelvin gave many hours of his time to reading with children at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School. True to his benevolent character, Kelvin spent the last morning of his life clearing snow for friends and neighbors.

Kelvin had a gregarious, bright and welcoming spirit. His humor was uplifting and infectious, his Facebook profile filled with one-liners, ponderings and creative puns often signed with his signature “K2.” The light of joy Kelvin emanated will remain eternal in the many, many hearts he touched.

Kelvin leaves behind the love of his life and wife of 45 years, Barbara; children: **Danae** (BBA '02) (Andrew) Atkins, Janelle (Daniel) Rogers, and Erik (Lana) Krantz; and grandchildren Ty and Jade Rogers and Connor and Lilly Atkins.

Kelvin is also survived by his sisters: Glenda (Richard) Hubbell; **Joyce Krantz** (BS '73); **Janet** (BS '76, BS '76, MAT '81) (Charles) Chase; and Ellen (Steve) Edwards; as well as nieces and nephews. Kelvin was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Nila.

**Robert “Bob” G. Burgess** (MA '62), PhD, died Jan. 1, 2022. He was born in Pembroke, Ontario, Canada, on Sept. 30, 1927.

Robert was a Kingsway graduate of the Class of 1947. Over the course of 43 years, he held roles as union treasurer, hospital president and university professor. He worked for 10 years in the Northern Califor-

nia Conference and spent 15 years internationally, in Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Korea and China. He was a lifetime member of Kiwanis International, serving as president and lieutenant governor.

He is survived by his son, Marlowe Burgess; daughter, Beth Miracle; and five grandchildren.



**Kenneth L. Scribner** (MDiv '77), 74, of Berrien Center, died Dec. 16, 2021, at Spectrum Health Lakeland in St. Joseph, Michigan.

Ken was born Oct. 25, 1947, in Benton Harbor, Michigan, the son of Gordon and Bethany (Hutchings) Scribner. He was everybody's friend, and he loved people. He earned his Master of Divinity and preached the three angels' messages of Revelation 14:6–12 boldly and fearlessly. He taught school in Florida and pastored several churches in Vermont, Maine and Michigan. He left a legacy of teaching and preaching the Word and stood firm on the King James Version of the Bible. He was currently serving at the Edwardsburg Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Ken is survived by his wife, Kathryn Scribner of Berrien Center; his son, **Kenneth A.** (BA '95) (Cornelia) and their children, Sierra and Michael; his father, Gordon Scribner; sister, Jan Horn; stepdaughter, Marlene (Richard) Cottier; and

many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Bethany; and two brothers, James and Charles Scribner.

**Grace Sumie Carlos** (DIP2YR '65, former staff) went to sleep peacefully on Dec. 3, 2021, during Friday night family worship. She had courageously battled pancreatic cancer for two years.

Grace was born on March 13, 1944, to George and Kimi Aso, the third of four children, with siblings William, Jerry and Esther. She was born in the Topaz, Utah, internment camp for Japanese-American citizens during World War II. Grace attended Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University), where she studied secretarial science, and would later graduate from La Sierra College with a bachelor's degree in business education. She married **John Carlos Jr.** (former faculty) on June 3, 1969.

Throughout her life she developed two of her passions: working with young children and cooking. She worked with Donna Williams, as associate director in the Children's Ministries Department at the Florida Conference, for over ten years.

In 1995, the family moved to Dayton, Ohio, where Grace worked as administrative assistant for the Andrews University Physical Therapy Department. In 2004 the family moved to Andrews University. Grace worked in several areas on campus including Chemistry, Physics and Financial Services. She further refined her event planning skills during this time but then began a new joy: catering. Grace planned many receptions and banquets, including the Faith & Science Conference, SciFest and Engagement Encounter weekends, and

many other special events on- and off-campus.

She leaves no greater legacy than that of being a prayer warrior. Many who knew her brought concerns to have her pray for them. God used her to show the power of prayer and how to intercede for others.

Grace was the cherished wife of John and the loving mother of J and his wife Evelyn, **Janine** (current staff) and **Jonathan** (BHS '07, DPT '09), and cherished grandmother of grandsons Benjamin and Brayden.

**Shirley Ann (Wheeker) Winslow Hamilton** (att.) died on Dec. 24, 2021.

Shirley was born on July 6, 1926, in Detroit, Michigan, to Lillian Mae (Truscott) and Frank Charles Wheeker.

Shirley attended Almont High School and graduated from Adelpian Academy, then continued her education at Emmanuel Missionary College (Andrews University), eventually graduating with a teaching degree from Wayne State University.

She retired from the Lapeer, Michigan, public school system after teaching Kindergarten–3rd grades for 33 years. After moving to Berrien Springs, she enjoyed working at Apple Valley Market and volunteering at Berrien General Hospital, Your Story Hour, Neighbor to Neighbor and several other community organizations. She was an avid puzzle maker, loved to read and enjoyed cooking, cooking programs, and tasting new foods.

She was a dedicated, prayerful Seventh-day Adventist Christian who loved going to church and eagerly looked forward to meeting Jesus and spending eternity in heaven.



**Norm R. Perry** (BA/BA '67) died on Dec. 12, 2021. He was born Nov. 24, 1946, in Stoneham, Massachusetts, to Carroll and Milicent Perry. During his childhood he lived in Cicero, Indiana, and graduated from Indiana Academy in 1963.

While attending Andrews University, he met **Bonnie Berlin** (BS '68, MAT '78). They married on June 15, 1969. Norm pursued his coursework in business and history, then attended Willamette University of Law and graduated in 1970 with a JD.

Norm loved the Boston Red Sox. He and Bonnie enjoyed live theater together. He was known as an excellent bread baker and provided loaves of bread weekly to clients, neighbors and friends. As an attorney he was well-respected by his colleagues and loved by his clients.

Norm is survived by his wife, Bonnie, of 52 years; cousin, David Perry (**Helen** (BS '80, MA '90)); and step-sister, Donna Burland (Tim). He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Kerry Hoxie.



**Paul Ashbourne Warsop** (former staff) died on Dec. 7, 2021. He was born June 1, 1955.

He was a beloved husband, dedicated father, precious grandpa (papa), faithful employee, talented chef and dearest friend. Paul came to

Andrews University Dining Services in 2014, where his vast culinary expertise, strong leadership, and unique sense of humor endeared him to students, faculty, staff and coworkers alike. Chef Paul's famous macaroni and cheese will long remain on the menu as it is the unrivaled favorite.

Paul left behind his wife, Cheryl; his five children, Camille, Sherdal, Antonique, **Sebastian** (current staff) and Dartanian and four adored grandchildren.



**Marylin Joan (Schilling) Hill** (att., former staff) died on Nov. 28, 2021. She was born Jan. 10, 1934, in Kalamazoo, Michigan, to Clare and Edna Schilling. During her childhood she lived in Kalamazoo and Battle Creek and graduated from Battle Creek Academy in 1953.

While attending Emmanuel Missionary College, she met **Kendall Hill** (BS '59, former faculty). They married on Aug. 18, 1957. While Kendall pursued his coursework, Marylin taught at the Village SDA Church School. After her kids were grown up, she worked as a secretary at both Village and Ruth Murdoch Elementary Schools. Marylin was very happy and fulfilled working in schools for faculty and student needs.

As a member of the Village SDA Church, she was active

in kids' Sabbath School and arranged flowers for the church altar. She also served as assistant treasurer for a number of years when Kendall was treasurer.

Throughout her life she provided a listening ear, prayer and counsel to many women seeking help in their personal relationships. In the years of raising her children, she pursued the role of homemaker with enthusiasm by developing a safe haven for the neighborhood children to play in the backyard and house. She loved her backyard flower and vegetable gardens.

Marylin is survived by her husband, Kendall; daughters, Merita (Doug) Ross of Longwood, Florida, and Julie Hill of Berrien Springs; sisters-in-law, Judy (**Bruce** (BA '55)) **Zimmerman** of Berrien Springs and **Deb** (BA/BA '74) (**Rick**) **Burlingame** of St. Joseph; brother-in-law, Charles Fortney of Lincoln, Nebraska; nephew, Marty (Michelle) Fortney of Lincoln; and grandchildren, Lanny Ross, Douglas (Olivia) Ross and Austin Frambach.

She was preceded in death by her parents, son Mark, sister Linda, and brother Tommy.

**Kenneth Randolph Riley** (MA '67, BD '67), 91, died on Nov. 27, 2021. He was born Dec. 28, 1929, in Saint Michael, Barbados, to the late Thelma Forde and Livingstone Riley.

Ken believed in the value of education and earned degrees in theology from Caribbean Union College and Andrews University. He later earned his doctoral degree in higher education administration from Michigan State University while working as an assistant dean for Lake Michigan College.

Ken had a keen interest in investments and devoted sev-

eral hours a day to honing the skill or reading. He was also a people person and never met a stranger. Ken enjoyed teaching his Sabbath School class at Pioneer Memorial Church. He relished engaging countless international students, over the last 40-plus years, in philosophical debates after Sabbath lunch. However, he cherished the time spent cheering on his grandchildren most of all. His warm smile and gregarious personality will be dearly missed.

Ken leaves behind his beloved wife, **Linnet (Hinds)** (BA '66, MA '67); their daughter, Renée (Michael) Fleming; and his grandchildren Khalil, Dominique and Akira; siblings, **Esther Gill** (att.), Claudine Murrell, Lorretta Mason and Lorenzo Riley; and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sibling, Gershon Forde.



**Doralee Marie (Griffith) Klein** (att.), 89, died Nov. 18, 2021, in Knoxville, Tennessee, after surgery for a broken hip.

She was born Sept. 3, 1932, and grew up near Emmanuel Missionary College, now Andrews University, attending church school and graduating from Emmanuel Missionary College Academy in 1951.

**Alvin Richard Klein** (BA '54) first saw Doralee in 1950

when she was singing in the church choir in the old Chapel building at EMC. They met roller skating in the gymnasium and married on Aug. 10, 1952. After Al's graduation, they entered full-time ministry for the Seventh-day Adventist Church—their 40 years of service took them to Minnesota, Iowa, Tennessee and Georgia.

Doralee was an exceptional pastor's wife, secretary, Sabbath School teacher, Pathfinder leader, pianist and organist. She gave counsel and encouragement, solved problems in the church, and graciously kept an open door for church members.

Doralee was a devoted wife and a dedicated mother to their four children, Theresa, Eddie, Kay and Lorinda. She was an excellent seamstress, making beautiful garments for her children. She was a marvelous cook, and many of her recipes were shared with family, friends and the younger generation. Doralee loved to play the piano while family members sang Gospel songs and hymns. She was also an earnest prayer warrior, a diligent Bible student and had a passion for reading.

Doralee was predeceased by her parents Wilber and Dorothy Griffith and sister Verna (Neil) Hadley. She is survived by her husband of nearly 70 years Alvin Klein, children Theresa (Larry) Doran, Eddie (Debbie) Klein, Kay (Barry) Mann, Lorinda (Myron) Mills, plus her sister Birdie (Edward) Burnside, brothers Wilber (Carole) Griffith and Dale (Rosalie) Griffith, in addition to six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, many cousins and a host of friends.

**Arnaldo Contreras** (BA '06), 44, died on Nov. 10, 2021, at his home in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Arnaldo was born May 14, 1977, in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, the son of Marino and Minerva Saldana Contreras. He worked in finance as a trader.

He is survived by his wife, **Yailin Contreras** (BA '01); son, Diego Alejandra Contreras; daughter, Ana Daniela Contreras; his parents; brother, Marino Eduardo Contreras Saldana; his sisters, Marinerva Contreras Saldana and **Madelyn E. Contreras Saldana** (AS '03); and many friends.



**John Burton Oddie** (MA '75) was born Jan. 30, 1938, in Oldham, England. He died peacefully at home, Oct. 24, 2021, surrounded by family.

He attended Oldham School of Art during his high school years, then graduated in 1963 as a Registered Nurse from St. Luke's Hospital, Bradford, England. He did post-graduate studies in surgical techniques at the Charing Cross Hospital in London in 1964 and graduated with a BA in theology from Newbold College in England in 1968. Later, in 1975, he received his MA in church history from Andrews University.

John married his fellow nurse and sweetheart, Hazel Everett, 57 years ago in Sheffield, England. He was the father of four children, Dawn, Suzanne, Duncan and LeRoy.

He began his ministerial internship in 1968 in central

London, becoming a pastor in 1970 in Cambridge and Ely, England. John moved his family to Ethiopia in 1971 to serve as a mission station director. After three years, he and his family moved to Andrews University to continue his studies before serving as an ordained minister for Seventh-day Adventist churches in Wyoming, West Virginia, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Maine. He also planted two churches.

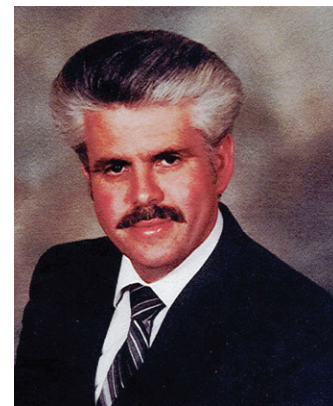
John had a wide variety of interests including painting and drawing, traveling through some 47 states and overseas to England, Scotland and Israel, as well as many other countries. He loved to explore art museums, castles and lighthouses. He especially enjoyed attending symphonic concerts and "The Messiah" at Christmas, his favorite season. He also enjoyed fixing things, reading and studying, especially church history and his Bible.

Although John suffered much these last years from dementia, he is remembered for his positive outlook, sense of humor, kindness, caring and compassion to others.

John is survived by his wife, Hazel; his two daughters, Dawn, her husband, Todd, their sons, Neville and **William** (BS/BS '14) **Tritch**; Suzanne, her husband, Bob, their children, Elle and Slade Thompson; and two sons, Duncan and his wife, Marlene Oddie, and LeRoy and his wife, Michelle Oddie.

**Jerald Wesley Jones** (MDiv '71) died from metastatic esophageal cancer at his home in Poulsbo, Washington, on Sept. 27, 2021.

Jerry was born to Herman and Sylvia Jones on Aug. 24, 1945, in Nampa, Idaho. He attended high school at Gem State Academy in Caldwell,



Idaho. His college years were at Walla Walla College (now University) in College Place, Washington, where he met his wife, Sharon (Laughlin) Jones.

He earned a Master of Divinity from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University and later was ordained to the gospel ministry. He was a gentle shepherd in his pastoring throughout churches in the Pacific Northwest. In later years he undertook chaplaincy training at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, and they called him the "chaplain's chaplain."

His hobbies were gardening and creating stained glass art—his residence testifies to both—as well as blessing others with these skills. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, pastor and friend.

Jerry is survived by his wife Sharon Jones, his son Chris Jones (Julie), his daughter Cheris Jones-Curry, his grandchildren Sharmi Jones-Curry and Chantel Jones-Curry, Roegan Jones, Willow Jones and his sister Marjorie Brown.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Robert.





**Hazel (Henderson) Beck** (BS '49), 95, died June 30, 2021, at her home in Fort Worth, Texas.

A native of Ontario, Canada, Hazel came to the United States to study nursing. After receiving her diploma at New England Sanitarium and Hospital, she went on to complete her baccalaureate degree in nursing from Emmanuel Missionary College (Andrews University) and her master's degree in nursing at DePaul University. Throughout her nursing career, she practiced in Canada and the U.S., holding multiple roles in education and administration until her retirement from Kettering Medical Center in Kettering, Ohio.

She filled her retirement years with volunteer service, most notably as a reading tutor at Oakview Elementary School in Kettering and Fort Worth Adventist Junior Academy.

She was preceded in death by her husband Adolf Beck, her brother Bruce Henderson, and her parents Ray and May Henderson.

Hazel is survived by her daughter **Lavonne Beck Adams** (MS '92, PhD, '03) and son-in-law Doug Adams of Fort Worth, Texas; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

**Harold Washburn Jr.** (BS '75), 74, died June 25, 2021, at the Bath VA Hospital in Bath, New York, after a battle with cancer.

Born on Aug. 6, 1946, in Batavia, New York, he was the son of the late Harold Washburn Sr. and Elizabeth (Learn) Washburn. He graduated from Union Springs Academy and Andrews University.

Harold was an electrician by trade and worked for his church in Africa managing construction at Malamulo Hospital and Leprosarium, Makwasa, Malawi. These were some of the happiest days of his life.

He served his country in the U.S. Army as a medic in Okinawa with an honorable discharge at E5 in 1969.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Rita Washburn-Jacobs, her husband Lloyd and his brother, Clair Washburn.



He is survived by his sister, Nancy (Ed) Happ; his nieces, Sue (Bob) Anthony, Julie (Greg) Fuller, Lisa (Ken) Fridmann; his nephew, Bruce (Marilee) Jacobs; several great nieces and great nephews, and several great-great nieces and nephews.

**Everet W. Witzel** (BA '57), died April 23, 2021, at Loma Linda University Medical Center after suffering with pulmonary fibrosis for 10 years. Everett was surrounded by his wife, **JoAn** (DIP2YR '57), and all of their children, **Eddy Witzel** (PhD '14), Judy Harper, Larry Witzel and Lynda and Sean Ruud.

Everet attended Wisconsin Academy and Mt. Ellis Academy. After a year at Walla Walla College, he spent his last three college years at Emmanuel Missionary College where he met the love of his life, JoAn Myers, and graduated with her in 1957. They were married in 1957 and headed out to Loma Linda to start medical school.

Everet was proud that he graduated from Loma Linda University (LLU) four times. He divided his second year of medicine into two years while working on a master's in anatomy. After graduating in 1962 with his MD, he interned at Hinsdale Hospital, followed by a year at the University of Chicago beginning work on a PhD in neuroanatomy.

In 1965, Christian Medical College in Vellore, India, was searching for an anatomy teacher holding both an MD and a master's in anatomy. It was there that Dr. Andy Haynal trained Everett how to do Five-day Stop Smoking Clinics.

In 1967 the family was back in Loma Linda where Everett finished his PhD while teaching anatomy. By this time, the family had grown to four children. A family practice became available in Ukiah, California, which he quickly built to overflowing with patients.

The Witzel family moved to Hinsdale Hospital in 1974, where Everett developed a family practice residency. Within

four years, the residency was accredited. Florida Hospital heard about this success and invited Everett to move to Orlando and help get their residency accredited. This was accomplished in just two years.

In 1980, Everett was asked to move to Singapore to serve as health director of the Far Eastern Division. During six years there, he developed a hospital system with guidelines for the 21 hospitals and 39 clinics in the division. With his wife as managing editor, he started a monthly newsletter for medical personnel. He set up hospital accreditation surveys and partnered with LLU to educate hospital administrators toward getting a master's in health administration, from which he also graduated.

When the family returned from Singapore, Everett went into practice again before then joining the V.A. until he retired in 2000 in Ridgecrest, California. He continued to serve the church in various capacities.

Among the many honors and awards Everett received over the years, the one he especially treasured was from Andrews University at his 50th reunion in 2007.

Everet is survived by his wife of nearly 64 years, four children and their spouses, 10 grandchildren, and a two-year-old great grandson.





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The School of Communication Sciences & Disorders, the Center for Teaching & Learning, University Wellness, the School of Rehabilitation Sciences, Human Resources and individuals in the graphic design program collaborated to create a Voice Awareness Day program on Thursday, April 14. Voice Awareness Day focused on how factors like posture, neck and shoulder tension, and constant use of voice put individuals at risk for vocal fatigue. Faculty and students offered training, individual screenings, and materials to help attendees identify risk factors and take care of their voices. **PHOTO:** *Randy Ramos, University Communication student photographer*

