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Dear Seminary Students,

Welcome to your new, international, and friendly Seminary family, and to a new experience at this outstanding institution! On behalf of the Andrews University community and especially the Theological Seminary's faculty and staff, I would like to warmly greet you as well as any family members who may have accompanied you and invite you to become an integral part of our committed community of faith. We are delighted to have you here.

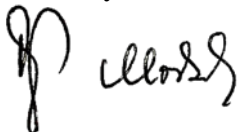
Together we want to form a unity of love, faith, and hope around Jesus and His Word. God is smiling on us, so we can smile on each other and encourage one another. You have the privilege of joining a vigorous learning and worshiping community. Together we want to fulfill God's mission, live a theocentric life, and do everything to the glory of God. Beyond learning to lead congregations and teaching the truth of the Bible, we want to be molded by the Spirit of God and create a place of contagious Seventh-day Adventist Christianity. As never before, this is the place to learn and live ministry at its best.

Here you will have the opportunity to experience the richness and variety of the global Seventh-day Adventist Church. You will be rubbing shoulders with devoted church leaders and students from around the world. Do not miss the opportunity to connect with them and form eternal friendships.

God has called you to ministry and brought you here to prepare you for a great future in the service of the Lord. I pray that we will continue this journey together in an attitude of humility, determination, consecration, praise, and thanksgiving. Use the privileges He gives you and always be faithful to Him and His calling, because He is constantly faithful to you! Set your priorities straight and do not be distracted even by useful things! Turn all your assignments into prayers and devotionals.

May the experiences of Seminary life help you to grow in the Lord and increase your knowledge of Him. May our gracious and awesome Lord richly bless you in your life and studies, helping you to find a proper balance in all your various activities, and give you joy in working closely with Him to fulfill His mission in your life. May this new academic year be for you an awesome walk with the Lord! May He enable you to take up the challenges with courage and wisely use the opportunities which are ahead of you! May He grant you grace, peace, wisdom, a good memory, joy, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Never forget God's promise to you: "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you" (Ps 32:8 NIV). Let Him be your strength always (Hab 3:19; Phil 4:13).

Cordially,



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