Graduation 2014

A university publishes two kinds of bulletins, and each one is like a “contract” between the institution and its students. The university bulletin tells students how to be admitted, what courses of study are available, who the instructors are, how much it costs to attend, and what is required to complete each of these courses of study. The contractual part promises that if a student meets the expectations for earning a degree outlined in the bulletin, that student will graduate.

The university also publishes a graduation bulletin (sometimes called program) that too is “contractual” in nature. It is prepared by the academic auditors in the university, generally in the registrar’s office. That bulletin lists the names of students who have met (or are expected to meet) all the requirements for degree completion outlined in the first bulletin, as certified by the faculty and verified by the registrar. Once that is done (and the tuition bills are paid), the student will receive a diploma. We just completed three such festive celebratory graduation services on May 4, and we have another scheduled for August 3.

The recent May graduation bulletin listed 862 names of students approved for graduation. They represented nearly every state in the union and some 51 foreign countries. They have now joined the ca. 75,000-member Andrews University Alumni Association. Without a doubt the enormous worldwide influence of this university far outstrips its modest size. God has blessed Andrews, and we are grateful.

Will all these new college graduates secure employment, and will they find fulfillment in their work? Two recent studies just crossed my desk. The first, supported by the Lumina Foundation and Purdue University (Indiana), asked 10,000 graduates about finding jobs and being engaged in their work. Not surprisingly more jobs were found by graduates from the sciences and business than from the arts, humanities and social studies, but surprisingly, students graduating in their work? Two recent studies just crossed my desk. The first, supported by the Lumina Foundation and Purdue University (Indiana), asked 10,000 graduates about finding jobs and being engaged in their work. Not surprisingly more jobs were found by graduates from the sciences and business than from the arts, humanities and social studies, but surprisingly, students graduating in their work? Two recent studies just crossed my desk. The first, supported by the Lumina Foundation and Purdue University (Indiana), asked 10,000 graduates about finding jobs and being engaged in their work. Not surprisingly more jobs were found by graduates from the sciences and business than from the arts, humanities and social studies, but surprisingly, students graduating in their work? Two recent studies just crossed my desk. The first, supported by the Lumina Foundation and Purdue University (Indiana), asked 10,000 graduates about finding jobs and being engaged in their work. Not surprisingly more jobs were found by graduates from the sciences and business than from the arts, humanities and social studies, but surprisingly, students graduating in their work? Two recent studies just crossed my desk. The first, supported by the Lumina Foundation and Purdue University (Indiana), asked 10,000 graduates about finding jobs and being engaged in their work. Not surprisingly more jobs were found by graduates from the sciences and business than from the arts, humanities and social studies, but surprisingly, students graduating in their work? Two recent studies just crossed my desk. The first, supported by the Lumina Foundation and Purdue University (Indiana), asked 10,000 graduates about finding jobs and being engaged in their work. Not surprisingly more jobs were found by graduates from the sciences and business than from the arts, humanities and social studies, but surprisingly, students graduating in their work? Two recent studies just crossed my desk. The first, supported by the Lumina Foundation and Purdue University (Indiana), asked 10,000 graduates about finding jobs and being engaged in their work. Not surprisingly more jobs were found by graduates from the sciences and business than from the arts, humanities and social studies, but surprisingly, students graduating in their work? Two recent studies just crossed my desk. The first, supported by the Lumina Foundation and Purdue University (Indiana), asked 10,000 graduates about finding jobs and being engaged in their work. Not surprisingly more jobs were found by graduates from the sciences and business than from the arts, humanities and social studies, but surprisingly, students graduating in their work? Two recent studies just crossed my desk. The first, supported by the Lumina Foundation and Purdue University (Indiana), asked 10,000 graduates about finding jobs and being engaged in their work. Not surprisingly more jobs were found by graduates from the sciences and business than from the arts, humanities and social studies, but surprisingly, students graduate...
Good read
Something I rarely do, but I read every word in this issue. From that amazing cover of two of the University’s brightest (and most photogenic) scholars (Furin and Moon), page after page of appealing layout, every page was compelling—beautifully crafted sentences—just plain beggins to read. But the interview with Furin and Moon was astonishing, with pertinent questions and answers—never seen anything better. Their personalities and scholarship was a treat to behold.

Herb Douglass, ThD (MA ’96, BD ’57)

Email notification
We’ve just received the fall 2013 copy of FOCUS, which we always enjoy reading. And we support the idea of the e-format for all international recipients. It would be a nice gesture, though, to receive an email announcing the availability of each future issue—otherwise, there is a tendency to forget to look for it. I guess you do not have a current list of email addresses for subscribers, but perhaps you could include a request in the next issue for international recipients to submit their email addresses.

Thank you for a fine production.

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Editor’s Note
If you would like to receive notification when the next issue of FOCUS is posted online, please provide your email address to alumni@andrews.edu.

Candid and correctable!
As I read many puff pieces and PR publications, it strains credulity to see only positive press. With a bachelor’s degree in journalism and some publication experience (Wall Street Journal, Prentice Hall, Atlantic, peer reviewed journals, etc.), I’ve developed a desire as both an author and reader for candor, correctness and correctability. FOCUS is among the few. Permit me some column inches to cite a couple examples to substantiate these kudos.

In 2006 you issued a challenge and asked us readers why we hadn’t written more about the recent administrative changes where the board fired a few folks and then rehired the president! Without any firsthand knowledge of the situation, I accepted the challenge and based on a few interviews and what I had read, I wrote one night a scathing pseudo-verbatim analysis. Without any type of peer review, I e-mailed it, suspecting the editors would have a good laugh, pass it around the office and delete. Months later in the fall issue in 2006 I was surprised and positively puzzled to find my highly non-complimentary comments in print as lead letter in front section! Now I just read the “Poor Journalism” letter from Alex Currie (MA ’75, EdB ’77) in my latest issue where he uses words like “appallingly” and “misdemeanor” and impersonately qualifies errors of omission. Although it was almost a decade ago, I detect echoes of an unusual journalistic attitude of fortitude that I admire. Rare is the publication that has the integrity to publish such rebukes and also gratefully concede mea culpa and issue a gesture, though, to receive an email announcing the availability of each future issue—otherwise, there is a tendency to forget to look for it. It would be a nice gesture, though, to receive an email announcing the availability of each future issue—otherwise, there is a tendency to forget to look for it. I guess you do not have a current list of email addresses for subscribers, but perhaps you could include a request in the next issue for international recipients to submit their email addresses.

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Andrews University magazine earns national awards
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Envision, a regular publication produced by the Andrews University Department of Communication, was recently named the best mobile publication in North America by the Associated Church Press (ACP). The award was announced at the oldest and largest Christian Press Association’s annual awards banquet, held in Chicago on April 27.

Envision’s prestigious “Best in Class” honor was one of five awards won by the Andrews University student publication from among 1,200 entries submitted for judging in the yearly Best of the Christian Press Awards 2013.

“They are indeed proud of the achievements of Debbie Michel and her students,” says Keith Mattingly, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences. “Particularly nice is the involvement of our students and their deserved recognition.”

Other award-winning entries by the student-produced magazine are:
• Award of Excellence for Student Publications (entire Envision staff)
• Award of Excellence for Reporting and Writing: Feature Article, short format magazine (“Uncalled For? Women in the Seminary”) by Melodie Roschman
• Award of Merit for Reporting and Writing: Personal Story (“Don’t Follow Your Dreams: How to be Miserable, Waste Time and Live an Unsatisfying Life” by Melodie Roschman)
• Honorable Mention: Art Design/Graphic Design Spread or Story (“From Fear to Eternity” spread by Kristiana Mitacck)

In addition to the printed version of the magazine, Andrews alumnus Kenty Ramdatt designed the mobile app, available on iOS and Android devices.

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Alex Swensen focused on stories from Benin for Adventist Frontier Missions

Alex Swensen, junior documentary film major at Andrews University, served as a student missionary with Adventist Frontier Missions (AFM) during the 2013-2014 school year. Based in Berrien Springs, Michigan, AFM recruits students who are interested to seriously consider work overseas for a mission organization.

“AFM is a great place to work for just anyone, he encourages those who are interested to seriously consider working overseas for a mission organization. “Do it,” he says. “It will totally change your outlook and perspective on life and you will be a better person because of it. You will learn a lot about yourself, other people and God.”

For the complete story, visit: www.andrews.edu/envision

Thanks for writing
Letters to FOCUS are always welcome. To ensure a range of viewpoints, we encourage letters of fewer than 300 words. Letters may be edited for content, style and space.

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Envision magazine is produced jointly each spring among three classes: Publication Production in the Department of Communication, Studio Photography in the Department of Photography, and Publication Design in the Department of Visual Art & Design.
B. Lyn Behrens, retired president and CEO of Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center in Loma Linda, California, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science during the first Commencement service.

Born in Cooranbong, New South Wales, Australia, Behrens did her medical training at Sydney University School of Medicine, earning her degree with honors in 1964. That same year she began her postgraduate rotating internship at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney. Two years later, Behrens became the first and only pedestrian resident at LLU, and in 1986 she became the first woman dean of the School of Medicine at LLU. She was also the first woman to serve as president of LLU, a role she assumed in 1990. Five years later she became CEO of Adventist Health System/Loma Linda while maintaining her position as University president. In 1999 she became president of LLU Medical Center, retiring in 2008 with the distinction of being the longest-serving president in the institution’s 103-year history.

Rajah received an honorary Doctor of Laws during the second Commencement service. Born in Sri Lanka, Rajah attended a community school administered by a group of Alberta missionaries who had visited in the late 1940s, when he was able to learn English. After his family moved to Canada, Rajah attended the University of Saskatchewan business at University of British Columbia and graduated from Canadian University College in 1981. As cofounder of the Alberta-based volunteer-run aid organization A Better World, Rajah and his team have developed projects that have met a range of needs and enlisted the services of various volunteers and experts to train them in the community. The focus has been on investing in the future of people in need in developing countries by providing education, health, food security, infrastructure and income-generating projects. By 2005, A Better World had expanded to 15 countries and launched a youth division that works with schools and universities to engage the next generation of community leaders. In recognition of his contribution to society, Rajah was inducted into the Alberta Order of Excellence in 2011, the highest honor the Province of Alberta can bestow upon a citizen.

Dana Wales, managing principal at Wales & Associates, was the featured speaker for the final Commencement service at 2 p.m. Her address was titled, “Now That You Have Your Feathers…” Wales graduated from Andrews Academy and Andrews University, then studied economics at the University of Michigan. Since 1987, Wales has been the owner and president of Wales & Associates, a wealth management practice located in St. Joseph, Mich. He currently serves on the University’s Board of Trustees and President’s Advisory Council for Institutional Development, as well as the Board of Trustees for both Lakeland Health Foundation and the Center for Youth Evangelism.

Student Gardens starts mobile farm market
As part of the Be Healthy Berrien initiative in partnership with local agencies

Just a few days after Christmas 2013, Arthur Mulyono, manager of the Andrews University Student Gardens, received a letter informing him that the Gardens qualified for a grant, which would allow the program to participate in a regional initiative to bring affordable healthy food to the community. The deadline for application was December 31.

“Not a grant proposal together in two days,” says Mulyono, “and to our surprise and delight everything went through quickly. Our proposal was accepted.”

The grant was through Michigan State to allow the Student Gardens to be a part of the Be Healthy Berrien initiative. In partnership with the Berrien County Health Department and Planning Commission, the YMCA, Lake- land Healthcare, the cities of Buchanan, Niles and Stevensville, and United Way, the Gardens will be helping host a mobile farm market at strategic locations within the county.

“The county has identified seven locations in Berrien County with a high concentration of low income families who have limited access to produce and groceries,” explains Stephen Erich, mobile farm market coordinator. “These areas are classified as food deserts.”

The Student Gardens food truck will take fresh produce to specific locations within the neighborhoods in these “food deserts,” and will sell it to local families for affordable prices. The mobile farm market will accept Bridgecard food stamps, cash and credit/debit cards.

In addition to providing fresh produce, the Gardens will also be working with Lakeland Healthcare to offer health and cooking classes for the community.

“Everything we’re doing is working toward making Berrien County a healthier place,” says Erich. “Not only is providing local families with tangible things, but we’re also helping to educate them. It’s about building community and taking care of our neighbors.”

In addition to the truck, the Student Gardens will also have a local intern who travels with them to the mobile farm market locations. The intern will learn how to operate the market so they can create similar programs in their own neighborhood, all while gaining business skills and work experience. The Gardens also have about 20 student employees during the summer, planting, tending, harvesting and delivering to those signed up for its produce subscription service.

“Having a mobile farm program in their repertoire, the Gardens has actually planted less produce.”

“We’re emphasizing quality this year,” explains Erich. “We’ve expanded planted more greens like lettuce and kale to encourage people to enjoy them more often, but our fruit production is less—and better. We want our plants to produce as much as possible within each square foot, so we’re applying special styles of planting and tending to encourage healthier, more abundant growth in each individual plant.”

The Gardens are not only reducing and improving their crops, they’ve also developed a more efficient plant succession plan. This means a better variety of plants producing at a better rate, providing more fresh produce throughout the season.

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“Erich White once wrote that if it is pos- sible, produce should be produced as cheaply as possible, but also sustainably,” says Mulyono. “That interests me. If you price the produce too high, it’s not sustainable because the market here can’t handle it. High prices aren’t the answer. Providing good, organic food to the community at an afford- able price makes me feel good about what I’m doing. I’m giving something back to my community and serving others. That’s what being a Christian is all about.”

Though the program is in an experimental phase this summer, if the response is positive they may do it again in the future.

“It’s a wonderful witnessing tool,” says Erich. “As a mission of the church, health is emphasized a lot within the Adventist Church. It’s important for us as Christians and as young people within the church to encourage healthy living and do what we can to provide that opportunity for those in our community who may not otherwise be able to manage it.”
Enrollment challenges and progress on the new Health & Wellness Center were highlighted at President Niels-Erik Andreasen’s board briefing held on Monday, June 2, 2014. In the President’s Report, Andreasen reviewed notable news incidents on campus during the year and reaffirmed the University’s commitment to the fundamentals of good quality Adventist education before turning his attention to progress on the planned Health & Wellness Center. Fundraising is going well, Only 7.8 percent of Adventists have children in the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s official stance on the issue. The President’s Report, Andreasen concluded his address by making reference to Andrews’s impact outside of the campus gates. He announced University participation in a 40-year partnership with Berrien County to improve local sewer and water lines with the ultimate goal of increasing the standard of living in the community. While this project represents a significant financial investment, he explained that the cost will not be problematic due to its spread-out nature, and emphasized the importance of Andrews University being “a good neighbor” to the community. Andreasen also made reference to what he called a flood of recent attention paid to LGBT issues prompted by the Berrien County to improve local sewer and water lines with the ultimate goal of increasing the standard of living in the community. While this project represents a significant financial investment, he explained that the cost will not be problematic due to its spread-out nature, and emphasized the importance of Andrews University being “a good neighbor” to the community. Andreasen also made reference to what he called a flood of recent attention paid to LGBT issues prompted by the Andrews University Student Association, April 12 • Keith Mattingly presents Earlhart Emerging Scholar Award to four CAS students, April 22 • RMES Spring Choral-Concert, May 13

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Please tell us about the recent race you ran. On May 4, 2014, I ran the Borgess Run for the Health of It Kalamazoo Half Marathon. I was inspired to participate in the half marathon when I learned my friend Deanna Doran (BSW ’09, MSW ’10) was coming up from Chattanooga to run with some of our friends: Amanda Jardine (BSW ’09, MSW ’10), Melody (Johnson) Edwards (RBA ’09, March ’10), Katrina Hamel (att.), Isaac Sinnett (BMus ’04), and Cindy Chun (BA ’02).

I first enjoyed running back in elementary school when competing for the Presidential Fitness award. Growing up, my sister and mom ran together and I aspired to be like them. I have many memories of family walks with my mom, dad, sister and the dogs. In January of 2012, I lost control of my car in the snow and hit a tree head on. I suffered neck and back injuries, and for the next two years was in physical therapy with chronic pain. I ran regularly before my accident, but due to my injuries and recovery, my physical activity was limited. This was difficult for me. Late this winter, I decided to start training for a half marathon. I was determined to not let my pain restrict my lifestyle. To my surprise, my pain did not increase, but at times showed improvement. It is now a preferred method of pain management for me.

How long did you train and what was it like? I began a 10-week training plan in March. It helped boost my spirits at the end of a record-breaking winter, which was a fantastic perk! I trained on my treadmill in our garage. On the coldest days, I wore a coat and gloves while I ran—one day it was in the 20s! Two weeks prior to the race, I began running outdoors. It was liberating to run outdoors after being tethered to a treadmill for eight weeks.

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The training was tough for me because of the monotony of the treadmill, the cold, long, busy days at the Howard Center, and my studies/homework. However, I promised myself that if I stuck to the training plan I would be able to run the half marathon. All of these nearly daily runs would pay off. This was a long-term goal, with satisfaction I knew would come on race day, but the sense of accomplishment that came after every run while I trained helped me keep going.

What other types of exercise do you enjoy? With running comes a need for stretching, so I have grown to appreciate yoga. I also enjoy biking with my husband on the KalHaven Trail near our home in South Haven, Michigan.

Are you able to incorporate exercise into your day as manager of the Howard Performing Arts Center? On concert nights there is plenty of exercise to be had—from walking around the building to moving pianos. On a daily basis, I try to get up and walk around when I find myself feeling groggy. I also try to walk rather than drive when running errands across campus, even in the winter.

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June Price named as new University chaplain
Following a comprehensive search process that included participants from the University, campus church, and Lake Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Andrews University announces the selection of a new University Chaplain. June Price, currently the associate dean of Lamson Hall on the Andrews University campus, is already beginning a transition to her new role and will be fully engaged as University Chaplain on July 1, 2014.

"We are delighted to provide an opportunity for June to share with our entire campus community the spiritual gifts and leadership she has so effectively honed and demonstrated over the last decade in her ministry to Lamson residents," says Frances Faehner, vice president of Student Life at Andrews University and chair of the Search Committee. Price holds a master’s degree in counseling with an emphasis in marriage and family therapy from Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tennessee. Prior to her arrival at Andrews in 2006, Price was the worship leader at Missionary Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church in Mission Viejo, California.

"June brings the heart of a pastor, the skills of a dean and the passion of a spiritual leader to her new calling," says Dwight Nelson, senior pastor at Pioneer Memorial Church at Andrews University. "We’re excited about this new chapter and eager to partner with our new lead chaplain.”

Price fills this role following the departure of Chaplain Japhet De Oliveira, who left the position last January to pastor in Boulder, Colorado. "My passion in life is the pursuit of God and His transforming power in our lives through changing the way we think," says Price. "I am humbled and honored to serve the family of God as chaplain at Andrews University, and I pray that the Father will make me useful and pleasing to His Kingdom agenda."

"Please join us in prayer and support for Chaplain Price and the Campus Ministries team as we work together in pursing God’s dreams and plans for Andrews University," says Andrea Laxton, provost.

Felipe Tan provides specialized training
Senior cataloger at James White Library travels to Middle East University
Felipe Tan, senior cataloger at the James White Library, visited Middle East University in Beirut, Lebanon, in March to host a workshop for the personnel of the George Arthur Khoury Library. “The overall goal was to help the MEU personnel re-catalog the growing collection of Islamic, Arabic and theology collections of the library,” explains Tan. “I provided them with the know-how and tools to accomplish this task.”

Farid Khoury, head librarian, emphasized that this transition will serve as a “pilot step after which the overall process will be revisited and evaluated,” and that the entire library would not be converted until the staff had experienced and evaluated the changes brought about by the switch firsthand. "Felipe was very professional and knowledgeable and helped us to consider things we didn’t realize needed to be considered," says Lyndi Khalil, assistant librarian.

MEU is constantly seeking for innovative ways in which their facilities and infrastructure can be positively altered, however, the re-cataloging of the library archives of an entire faculty is exceptionally noteworthy because it would make MEU’s George Arthur Khoury Library the first academic library in Lebanon to utilize the precise and acute Library of Congress Classification System. "I found the MEU library personnel intelligent and eager to learn,” says Tan. "I enjoyed the exposure to the culture of the Middle East and learned a lot from mingling with the people. I was glad for the opportunity to help Middle East University."
Show retires from Medical Laboratory Sciences
He served in the department for 26 years

Richard D. Show moved with his family to the Berrien Springs area in the fall of 1955, and started school in the fifth grade. He graduated with the last Emmanuel Missionary College Academy class in 1963, and then enrolled at Andrews. He earned a bachelor’s degree in medical technology in 1967, then accepted a position as a medical technologist at Hinsdale Adventist Hospital in Illinois.

Show worked there in the Department of Pathology for the next 20 years, serving in the clinical chemistry, hematology and microbiology sections. He took a brief hiatus from the hospital to serve two years as a medical technologist at the United States Army Hospital at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, from 1968–70, before returning to Hinsdale Hospital. After his return he received a series of promotions, working as the microbiology supervisor, chemistry supervisor, and finally assistant administrative director.

Show gained instructional experience both at Hinsdale and in the military, teaching classes in clinical chemistry and microbiology to undergraduate medical technology students, and teaching U.S. Army medical laboratory technicians and military trainees. He also earned his master’s degree in medical technology from Andrews in 1983.

In 1987 Show received an invitation to teach in the Allied Health Department at Andrews, which he accepted, joining the faculty on Jan. 1, 1988. Over the 26 years he worked at Andrews, he taught various medical laboratory science courses, including clinical chemistry, body fluids and clinical laboratory management. In 2013, he received the Andrews University Excellence in Teaching Award.

“The best part of teaching,” Show says unequivocally, “is the students. I find it immensely rewarding to see the ‘light bulb’ turn on in their eyes as they grasp a concept.”

He appreciates the length of his career at Andrews, not only because he loves teaching, but also because it allows him to connect “with former students and watch them succeed in their careers.”

Show has been actively involved in the community since he began working at Andrews, serving as a deacon at Pioneer Memorial Church and volunteering at Neighbor to Neighbor, a local non-profit organization providing secondhand household items and clothing to the community at affordable prices. When he joined the Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences he began working as a consultant for the University Medical Specialties laboratory, and from 2004–2006 he served as laboratory manager. Show was also a member of the board and consultant for International Aid’s Laboratory in a Suitcase program from 2005–2010.

“I view retirement with mixed feelings,” he says. While he will miss the experiences and opportunities inherent in his job, he is looking forward to having “time to do some of the things I have wanted to do for a while.” Show’s favorite hobby is woodworking, and he hopes to be able to devote more time to making keepsakes for his three young grandchildren. 

Freed retires as professor of leadership and qualitative research
Instrumental in beginning graduate and undergraduate leadership programs at Andrews

Shirley Freed, recently retired professor of leadership and qualitative research for the School of Education, has enjoyed a career filled with satisfying teaching opportunities around the world. Born in Alberta, Canada, she taught at several institutions, including Kingsway College and Canadian University College in Canada while serving as dean of women. She also taught education and biology at Pakistan Adventist Seminary, and finished her career at Andrews University.

“When we returned from serving in Pakistan in 1989 we needed to find a way to get our household under one roof,” says Freed. Their children had been attending Far Eastern Academy. “We wanted our family to be together again,” she says.

They took the educational option and came to Andrews. Freed had earned a bachelor’s degree in biology and chemistry from Andrews in 1967 and knew they would find a comfortable home in the international environment.

“My education was our only option for our children,” she says. “They had been in Adventist schools since first grade and we weren’t about to change that.”

So Freed and her husband started doctoral degrees and placed their children in Andrews Academy and the University. Though the GC stayed in touch with them and recruited them back to Pakistan, to the Philippines and other places, the Freeds felt the need to stay together at Andrews, and though they fully intended to eventually return to the mission field, when she received her doctorate in curriculum and instruction from Andrews in 1991 the University asked Freed to help with her education, focusing primarily in literacy. She accepted and their future with Andrews was solidified.

Freed began teaching methods classes such as beginning reading, math methods, secondary education and content reading, and was responsible for the masters in reading program. Soon she took on teaching qualitative research and leadership foundations. She enjoyed it all.

Qualitative research was a relatively new concept in the late 1980s, and Freed enjoyed being a part of something cutting-edge. She was also one of the first to utilize online teaching, for which she received an award from WCET. Her experience and position at the University allowed her the opportunity to be part of the team that started the graduate leadership program at Andrews in 1994 and the undergraduate leadership program in 2008. In addition, she worked with others to set up several international leadership cohorts: two in Europe, one in Peru and the newest one in Brazil.

“I have a really low tolerance for ‘stuck places and people’ and Andrews allowed for forms of innovation that have been deeply satisfying for me,” she says. “It wasn’t easy, but definitely meaningful and joyful.”

She continues, “The best part of my career teaching at Andrews was definitely the students,” she says. “Our leadership program attracts a wide variety of active professionals, all of whom teach me a lot about leadership and research.”

Despite her heavy teaching workload, Freed always made time for students, no matter where they were located.

“It’s hard to walk away from emails from doctoral students in faraway places when they’re asking for help,” she says. “I just can’t do that, so it has meant many long hours. It’s been a challenge, but one in which I have found much satisfaction.”

Over the years Freed has served on more than 100 doctoral dissertations, chairing over half of them. She also coedited and authored 100 “little books” for an early literacy project with colleague Louise Moon. She has authored many academic and professional articles and presented seminars and trainings for many diverse groups. She has served as the managing editor for the Journal of Applied Christian Leadership (JACL) for the past several years and will continue in that role in retirement.

Freed is committed to helping several doctoral students finish their dissertations. She also hopes to spend more time at home with her family.

“I’ll clean my house and find that recipe book I had once called ‘Cooking for Two,’” she says. “My husband will like that. So will I.”

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Beikmann leaves legacy of landscape design

Born and raised on a grain and livestock farm in Washington, Kansas, attending Lutheran parish schools, Stanley Beikmann never dreamed he would work at Andrews University.

His love for plants, flowers, and the outdoors took root during his high school. “I wanted to be a meteorologist, a Lutheran pastor or a horticulturist,” he recalls. “I had a great grandfather, uncles, and other relatives who were pastors and teachers, and they inspired me.”

By the time he was 17, Beikmann had built his first garden and had a collection of 200 iris. In 1970 he graduated from Kansas State University with a bachelor’s degree in horticulture and began working for the Kansas Highway Commission as a landscape architect. A year later he married his college sweetheart, Sheri, who is a wedding florist and has her own company.

“I’ve always cared about them and it gave me great pleasure to help students improve, grow and even thrive.”

“You can see which major career interest won out,” says Beikmann with a smile. “I love the history of Andrews,” he says. “I consider this time a transitional time,” says Beikmann. “Preserving some of that with the campus arboretum and grounds I have worked on is also something I want to do.”

In 2009, Beikmann was awarded the J.N. Andrews Medalion for the Advancement of Knowledge and Environmental Stewardship. Though he still feels he didn’t deserve to be named among other Who’s Who awardees, he feels very honored.

“I don’t know who the colleagues were who chose to award me this year,” he says, “but I consider it the finest honor of my career and I am continually grateful. I give all credit to God for getting me to this point.”

Though Beikmann retired in the spring, he will continue teaching one on-site class and working on developing the first online course for the Department of Agriculture, slated to be offered spring semester 2015. He took a group of students to Jordan for three weeks in May and will also continue to consult with Arboretum and Grounds seasonally.

In his free time Beikmann hybridizes hostas and other garden plants. He and his wife want to travel and see more of their children and perhaps continue to assist with Tel Hesban field school projects in Jordan, where they hope to ultimately establish an agricultural education center.

“I consider this time a transitional time,” he says. “I think it’s better than quitting everything cold. I’m not sure I know what retirement really is. I’ve worked for 46 years and have never not worked. A friend of mine uses the phrase ‘permanent’ for a lot of life’s events, and I think that works for me. Retirement is ‘emergent’ and I like the prospect of what’s next.”

Eileen Lesher retires after 30 years of service

Known as the resident expert on international educational systems and services, Eileen Lesher retires after 30 years of service to Andrews University.

When Eileen Lesher was 8 years old her parents moved to Egypt due to her father’s job. Her father was an agricultural specialist in the Middle East and her family’s only contact with America was through visits to their relatives. “Their family made it to the Middle East to serve as missionaries. They spent three years in Lebanon and five years in Egypt, helping us get to know different countries during their time there.”

In 1986, Lesher began her dedicated journey with Andrews University when she started working as a specialist for the international students office. In this role she answered letters sent from international students and completed their verification of enrollment. Over the years she continued to serve international students at Andrews in various capacities, including that which she retired from in 2014: international transcript analyst for off- and on-campus graduate programs.

“I’m sure my growing up years were helpful in dealing with international students at Andrews,” she says. “Our travels throughout the Middle East started my love of history and geography, and helped me better understand international applicants and what they were facing when coming to a country that was new to them. From 1986 to 2000 Lesher served as the graduate admissions supervisor, processing applications, answering mail, sending files to the appropriate academic departments when an application was complete, and evaluating all academic documents.

“The best part of my job was working with the applicants and being able to help them reach their goals of continuing their education,” she says. The number of applications Lesher processed over the years is innumerable. Since she evaluated all applications, not just those that were accepted or eventually enrolled, the number is quite high.

She started working at Andrews with the intention of acquiring her master’s degree by using her benefits for a small number of free credits each semester. She had already completed both an associate’s and bachelor’s degree in agriculture from the University of Arkansas and Walla Walla University (respectively), but wanted a higher degree to enhance her educational qualifications.

Utilizing her nursing skills, Lesher worked throughout the 1970s in various places and capacities in hospitals, nursing homes, state infirmaries for the mentally challenged, and in private duty nursing. She was able to complete her master’s degree in nursing.

“Due to challenges with arthritis Lesher has suffered from since her teen years, she had her left hip replaced while working at Andrews. In order to put less weight on her loosening joints Lesher was forced to first walk withutches and then utilize a wheelchair. She continues to cross campus to be extremely helpful during this challenging time.

“I am so grateful to all those who opened doors for me, helped me carry things, and did even more during the past ten years when my mobility was challenged,” she says. “I certainly think my kindness was part of the reason I was able to continue to work full-time for as long as I have.”

In early May, Lesher retired after 30 years of service to Andrews University. At the beginning of the month she moved with her parents to Loma Linda, California, where her sister and brother-in-law live with their family.

“I haveased a lot of friends and crafts I’ve had since I retired. I plan to join Facebook and start corresponding with friends I haven’t connected with during the last few years.”

Though she will be living more than 2,000 miles away, Lesher will not be disconnected from her Andrews family. She plans to stay in touch with the team in the Office of Graduate Enrollment to help with any questions they may have concerning international transcript evaluations, and emphasizes that she would love to have her friends from Andrews visit her in California.

“I am looking forward to this new part of my life,” she says with a smile. “I will be very happy to get rid of my alarm clock!”
Snorrason retires
After assisting hundreds of students at the Student Success Center

At age 19, just after completing junior college, Erling B. Snorrason entered denominational employment as the teacher in a one-room school in the Westman Islands, Iceland. Following this adventure he graduated in 1966 with a bachelor’s degree in theology from Newbold College in England, and in 1970 completed a master’s in education at Andrews University. It was at Andrews where he met his wife, Jeanette, and for the next three years they taught in the Illinois Conference, during which time Snorrason obtained a master’s degree in religion from Andrews. In 1973 the Snorrasons returned to Iceland, intending to teach for a few years then return to Andrews for further education. “Those ‘few years’ in Iceland became 20,” he says, “and both of our daughters were born there.”

While in Iceland Snorrason worked as teacher, principal, departmental director, and served as both secretary and then president of the Iceland Conference. Then they returned to Michigan so their girls (and they) could attend Andrews.

In 1996 he began working as assistant director for Academic Support & Advising Services, now the Student Success Center, where he worked until his retirement in the spring of 2016. During this time Snorrason earned his doctoral degree in education from Andrews. His work at Student Success was twofold: Running tutorial services and coordinating general and interdisciplinary studies. “Early on, Tutorial Services consisted of group tutoring for classes that students found to be difficult, such as sciences, Greek and Hebrew, languages and research methodology,” Snorrason recalls. “Later we also offered one-on-one tutoring.”

Snorrason and his team grew the tutoring program into what it is today. Currently, nearly 100 tutors serve around 120 students each semester. The central part of his work in general and interdisciplinary studies was developing and streamlining the General Studies degree program. During his time in the program, Snorrason saw over 170 students graduate with a general studies degree. “The major level courses, known as the focus of the degree, are individually designed to fit the student’s interest and future plans,” he says. “Working with these students requires considerable advising and counseling, as well as developing a final degree plan to serve as a checklist for graduation requirements.” Of course, not all students who inquire about or even change their major to general studies continue in the program to graduate. So the number of students Snorrason has met with and advised over the years is in the hundreds. “The greatest satisfaction in this work is seeing students who might otherwise have dropped out of college persist to graduation,” he says.

One of his favorite stories from his work is about a student with no idea what he wanted to do who came to Snorrason with two options: drop out of college, or give General Studies a try. He opted for the latter, graduated, and contacted Snorrason two years later to tell him he was at the top of his class in law school. “My years at Andrews University have been challenging and very rewarding,” says Snorrason. “To see young people succeed and become contributing members of society, and especially followers of Christ, means more to me than words can express.”

His plans for retirement include volunteer work in the church, missionary work, becoming reacquainted with his local library, traveling, gardening and carpentry. “And of course,” he adds, “the all important ‘honey-do’ list!”

Panigot named Advisor of the Year
At the annual Awards Assembly held April 22, 2014

Jillian Panigot, physical therapy admissions director, was named the Undergraduate Advisor of the Year for the 2013-14 school year. The award is based on results of online evaluations that students complete in March. Comments included: “Nothing could be done to improve my advising experience—my advisor is the best!” “My advisor prays with me after our sessions which I find to be very thoughtful and helpful with the rest of my day.” “I can always count on Jillian to brighten my day, give fantastic advice, and offer to pray for me. She truly cares about her students and I believe her students care about her. Believe me, I’m one of them. I couldn’t have asked for a better advisor.” Jillian says, “It’s a privilege to serve my students and I especially appreciate it when some offer to pray for me as well!”
On Sunday, May 4, graduates from the class of 2014 received their hard-earned degrees in different academic fields from Andrews University. Among those who marched across the platform in Pioneer Memorial Church and received their degree was Tariq Ismati, the Deputy Minister for Programs at the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) in Afghanistan. Ismati serves as a senior government official under H.E. President Hamid Karzai’s administration in Afghanistan.

As deputy minister for programs, Ismati serves the rural needy population of Afghani stan with rehabilitation and development programs that target the improvement of human wellbeing among 70 percent of the population of Afghanistan. Ismati ensures the social, economic and political wellbeing of rural society, especially the poor and vulnerable, through the provision of basic services, strengthening of local governance and promoting sustainable livelihoods free from a dependency on illicit poppy cultivation.

Ismati has already pursued his first executive master’s degree with specialization in general management with high standings. With the degree he received this spring in international development, Ismati now holds two advanced degrees, which will benefit him greatly in his career.

Ismati leads five programs designed to benefit the rural communities through the socio-economic projects and development interventions his ministry serves. Each year his ministry punts $150-600 million into tangible developments for more than 45,000 villages in the country.

“We provide mutual advantages not only for implementing MRRD’s programs, but also, by partnering with governmental and non-governmental organizations, facilitate appropriate rural development interventions in close coordination to build a platform of collective mechanisms for fighting against poverty,” Ismati adds.

In 2005, Ismati decided to accelerate his efforts to obtain the highest academic achievements and to develop his professional skills to benefit his country and his future. He began searching through various media outlets to identify educational programs that would fit his interests and line of work. Within a short period of time, Ismati stumbled on the term IDP—International Development Program.

Shortly thereafter he discovered the IDP at Andrews University. “For the last 15 years I have been engaged with community development work and humanitarian assistance, mostly through non-governmental organizations (NGOs),” says Ismati. “Before I even became involved in the government, even during Taliban regime, this was my focus and my passion. I hoped for something that would help me bring a more international experience to help build the programs in which I was involved.”

In 2008, after working through all the issues surrounding enrollment in an international educational program, Ismati began taking classes through Andrews University. “Throughout the courses I attended I further developed my skills, improved my current practices, and exchanged knowledge and insights with experts in my field from many different backgrounds,” he says. “While my experience in the IDP at Andrews will indeed benefit my future, it has already proven to be invaluable to me in my career as I have applied what I have learned in a very practical way.”

Ismati would like to see a more physical Andrews University presence in Afghanistan. “Compared to any other developing country, Afghanistan has the highest number of international aid workers, development efforts and grants,” he says. “People around the world have invested much in trying to help us get out of our misery as a results of the conflict we have endured, and a development program such as the one Andrews provides would greatly benefit the Afghan people.”

His vision is not solely for his own countrymen, however. Ismati would also like to see neighboring countries capitalize on an IDP in Afghanistan once it was established. “I think a reputable program such as this would attract many,” says Ismati. “Countries such as Pakistan are going through crises very similar to what we are just coming out of. They will need international aid like we did and do, and providing the opportunity to train young people and government officials to lead in the development of their countries is invaluable.”

He would like to remain in the government in such positions where he can help his country and its people to the best of his ability utilizing the knowledge he has gained through his experiences both in his career and in class.

“I’ve learned that in my senior strategic position I am able to help more than I could without it,” he says. “I believe very strongly in humanity and humanitarian support, and I want to serve my people through such positions that directly affect the rural lives of the Afghans. I want to improve their livelihoods and assist them in their fight against poverty, unemployment and other socio-economic issues.”

A love for learning is something Ismati is proud to claim, and he encourages the younger generations to not take for granted the education they have worked so hard to receive. He adds that wisdom is the power that enables us to use knowledge for the benefit of ourselves and others.

“A degree isn’t just a nice-looking document to hang on the wall,” he says. “It’s a load of knowledge you have received and now it’s your job to transfer it in a most practical and efficient way. Graduating doesn’t mean you’re finished; rather it is a commitment to another responsibility to transfer the knowledge to others. And that load is heavier than the load of the studies you went through. Don’t neglect this responsibility and it will serve you and your fellow man well.”

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For many people, Andrews is an Adventist heritage site—but for me, it’s a personal heritage site too. When I started classes as a freshman at Andrews four years ago, it was the beginning of my college career, yes—but it was also the continuation of a tradition three generations old.

**FIRST GENERATION**

My grandparents, Norma & Earle Greenidge, and my mother, Jan Pickett, moved from Barbados to the United States in 1962. After living in the Philadelphia area for a number of years, they decided to transition to Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan in 1975.

My grandpa took classes in the seminary and my mom attended Andrews Academy. Grandpa took a break from classes and worked at Andrews University Press and then as the principal at Beverly Hills SDA School in Illinois. Later he decided his interest was teaching, so he returned to Andrews University where he received his Master of Arts in education in 1986.

About a year after moving to Berrien Springs, my grandma had a desire to go back to school. Someone suggested she take the reference class at James White Library, which was a requirement for students who wanted to work there. She took the class and was hired when she started school full-time. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in behavioral sciences and a minor in library science in 1980 and then continued working full-time at the library while taking free classes. She received her master’s in developmental psychology in 1993 and then her PhD in educational psychology in 2000.

She has seen many graduates move away, but then return when their children were ready for school, or send their young adults back to Andrews. My grandma believes that Berrien Springs is one of the best places to raise a family and the University schools and Andrews can provide them with an excellent education, so she is especially happy that her own family returned and her grandchildren are being educated here.

**SECOND GENERATION**

My uncle, John Greenidge, has always loved drawing and painting. He spent hours perfecting his artwork and designs. After graduating from Andrews Academy, he wasn’t sure what he wanted his major to be in college. He finally decided to major in what he loved–art.

In 1995 he graduated from Andrews University with an associate’s degree in graphic design. From the time he started high school until he left Berrien Springs my uncle was on the Gymnastics team. For many years he also taught the younger kids who were on the team. He enjoyed performing, both with the entire team and his men’s four group. Gymnastics had a great impact and influence on his future activities, including coaching gymnastics at Hinsdale Adventist Academy, training cheerleaders at various high schools, and now working as a personal trainer.

My dad, Andrew Pickett, decided to go to Andrews University through the influence of his friends. For financial reasons he went into the military first, right out of high school for four years (1979–1983). He attended Andrews from 1983–1989, graduating with a BA in architecture. He was also a member of Gymnastics all through college. He loved the special opportunities and experiences he had, such as traveling to Hawaii and Tobago to perform. “I loved the food!” he remembers. “They always fed us well on the team.”

After graduating from Andrews Academy, my mom decided to continue on to Andrews University. She had been interested in being involved in adoptions since she was young, so she majored in social work. She graduated with a BSW in 1983, took a year off, and then got her master’s in education with an emphasis in community counseling in 1986.

She always knew she wanted her children to attend Andrews because of the excellent education she received and the wonderful memories she had from her time there. So she returned to Berrien Springs in 2011 and enrolled my brother in Andrews Academy.

**THIRD GENERATION**

I basically grew up around Andrews University. My family and I visited my grandma, who lives very close to the campus, almost every other week. Even though I lived in Illinois, I was a member of PMC Sabbath School. I always liked to be updated and notified about everything that had to do with Andrews. From the time I was about 6 years old, I would tell everyone that I was going to Andrews University when I was old enough to go to college.

Like my uncle, I loved art from the time I was a kid. Unfortunately, there weren’t any art classes offered at my school. During the last two years of high school, I joined the yearbook staff and enjoyed taking pictures and designing layouts. I graduated from Hinsdale Adventist Academy in 2010 and then excitedly went to Andrews University for college.

My experience at Andrews University was a growing experience and a great blessing. Every day I was met with different challenges and sources of knowledge. The campus is very diverse so I was able to meet and learn about new people. I was extremely shy when I first arrived, but because of the events, my classes, and all the interactive opportunities, I gradually overcame my shyness and started truly enjoying myself with the many friends I made.

Andrews was a home away from home for me, mostly due to the fact that I had family nearby. Almost every other Sabbath, my grandma would open up her home to my friends and me. She would serve up to 20 college students home cooked meals that I grew up eating, and my friends instantly loved it all. Over time, they began addressing her as “Grandma” just as I did—they weren’t just guests anymore. These gatherings encouraged me to be more comfortable and welcoming to people. My family became my friends’ family; my home was their home.

I learned a lot at Andrews, studying under brilliant professors and building my portfolio. There were a lot of tears and stress, but I believe that all of it helped me become a good designer. Every day being in the studio, taking classes, and just spending time around other designers left me so inspired.

Three generations of my family all agree that Andrews University is a great training ground for your future. The faculty and staff are committed to helping you succeed and achieve your goals in a continuing tradition of excellence. Andrews is a great place for you to express yourself and become the great success God wills for you to be.
As we walk up to march into Pioneer Memorial Church at the time of our graduation, someone notices that my dear friend and fellow pseudo-film major Tiffany is out of order and kindly asks her to return to her place, one spot farther away than where she was. She plays it off perfectly, as if she hadn’t realized her mistake, and obediently switches places with the person in front of her. We are both devastated. This is our last time seeing each other for a very long time, and after having realized earlier that we were only one person away from sitting next to each other, we had quite intentionally gotten ourselves out of order.

I met Tiffany sometime in two thousand ten or eleven, after I had returned from being a student missionary in Palau. She had just transferred that year from the fashion design program at Parsons, and our groups of friends briefly mixed. One of the few moments we shared that year involved a game of capture the flag, which we played in Riffel Hall, in the dark, on both levels—all of us running half blind at full speed the entire game. I was partly responsible at one point for Tiffany busting her lip against a wall, as she tried to avoid running into me. After checking to make sure she was okay, I put her in jail.

We didn’t run into each other very much after that, for various reasons, until this past year. We were both on AUSA and both working on senior documentary film projects. We spent a lot of nights editing together: talking about our future in film, our goals for our senior documentary film projects. We were both on AUSA and both working through our films. Though very different narratives. Because it’s the people that matter, not the place. Although Tiffany and I became good friends as we worked through our films. Though very different, they both touched on the tension that sometimes arises between love and ambition, and as we cut scenes, constantly reviewing and revising and envisioning the endings to them, we wondered at what life would be like on the other side of that Sunday morning in May—how our time at Andrews would end.

And now we are here. After we walk into the church, and stand in our rows, and watch hundreds of friends and classmates all, we wondered what life would be like on the other side of that Sunday morning in May—how our time at Andrews would end.

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And then it’s over. We are carried outside by the sounds of loud pipes and the smiles of too many familiar faces. In the crowd that spills down the steps and over the lawns we lose each other and find ourselves with family members and dear friends. Pictures are taken, congratulations are given, and slowly the crowd scatters, until there is almost no one left. Numerous goodbyes go unsaid as people are swept away by their families and taken away before any more words can be exchanged.

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As we walk up to march into Pioneer Memorial Church at the time of our graduation, someone notices that my dear friend and fellow pseudo-film major Tiffany is out of order and kindly asks her to return to her place, one spot farther away than where she was. She plays it off perfectly, as if she hadn’t realized her mistake, and obediently switches places with the person in front of her. We are both devastated. This is our last time seeing each other for a very long time, and after having realized earlier that we were only one person away from sitting next to each other, we had quite intentionally gotten ourselves out of order.

I met Tiffany sometime in two thousand ten or eleven, after I had returned from being a student missionary in Palau. She had just transferred that year from the fashion design program at Parsons, and our groups of friends briefly mixed. One of the few moments we shared that year involved a game of capture the flag, which we played in Riffel Hall, in the dark, on both levels—all of us running half blind at full speed the entire game. I was partly responsible at one point for Tiffany busting her lip against a wall, as she tried to avoid running into me. After a short while, I hear a small commotion, and circumstantial proceedings take place. We sit. And now we are here. After we walk into the church, and stand in our rows, and watch hundreds of friends and classmates all, we wondered what life would be like on the other side of that Sunday morning in May—how our time at Andrews would end.

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Alumni Homecoming
September 25–28, 2014

Honor Class Reunions

Please go online to update your class member information and the missing classmates list.

For up-to-date information, schedule of events, or to RSVP and access forms, please visit alumni.andrews.edu/homecoming.

Highlights of the weekend will include:
- Wes Christiansen Memorial Golf Outing
- Harvest Picnic and Wagon Tours
- Grand Opening of the Andrews Trails
- 5K/10K Run and Fitness Expo
- Homecoming Gala Concert
- Alumni Homecoming Featured Artist: Angela Canada Hopkins

Note on this commissioned work: Unlike much of her work, the organic cell-like shapes are not “cancer cells.” The artist is building on past work and has referenced the broad spectrum of the micro-cosmic world.

Angela Homecoming Featured Artist

Angela Canada Hopkins

Angela Canada Hopkins was born and raised in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Between 1997 and 2001 Angela earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Andrews University.

In 2003, Angela and her husband James moved to Chicago, Illinois. She worked as a florist and product designer while James attended law school. She also continued focusing on fine art by exhibiting in galleries and alternative spaces while she lived in Chicago. After losing her father to cancer in her last year of art school, the bittersweet and therapeutic irony began to spill out onto the canvas. She visually deconstructs the cancer cell and re-builds them with a vibrant triumphal message of hope.

In 2006, after tiring of the anonymity and loneliness of a metropolis, Angela and James settled in Loveland, Colorado. This change created the opportunity for Angela to focus solely on fine art.

She currently is dedicated full-time to creating new works of art in her downtown studio. View more of her work at CanadaHopkins.com.

For further information visit her work at CanadaHopkins.com.

Honor Alumni 2014
- Glenn (BA ’54, MA ’68) and Mary Alice (BA ’54, MA ’68) Hill
- Dwight Rose (MA ’74)
- Samir Serrano (BA ’94, BS ’94)

Artwork by Angela Canada Hopkins. Learn more about this year’s artist on the following page.

1960s
- Ervin K. Thomson (BA ’64, MA ’68, BD ’82, DMin ’77) served for more than 40 years as a pastor of churches in Michigan, Arizona, California and Texas. He has specialized in the study of the book of Revelation as the revelation of Jesus Christ. He is best known for his “Victory Over the Beast” seminars, with their intensively practical applications, taught in churches and conventions in the United States, New Zealand and Denmark. His most recent book, Identity Protection, The Supremacy of God’s Firewall, exposes the damages of spiritual identity theft in our lives. It is available on amazon.com or Kindle.

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Arthur Hamann (MA ’91) lives in Beloit, Wisconsin and is in his 18th year of teaching special education/social studies classes at at-risk kids at The Bolan Education Center in Dunlap, Illinois. In addition to teaching, he enjoys Bible study, coin collecting with his son Stephen, gardening and hiking. His wife Madeline has worked for 14 years as a registered nurse at Beloit Memorial Hospital in Beloit, Wisconsin. She also homeschools their children Ysabella and Stephen, and is studying to be a nurse practitioner. Ysabella is 11 years old and enjoys writing and her schoolwork, and playing piano and violin. She is very active in the Monroe Trailblazers Pathfinder Club and recently participated in the NAD Bible Experience Finals in Takoma Park, Maryland, where her team placed first for the second year in a row. II Samuel was this year’s Bible book of study. Stephen is 6 years old and loves learning at his homeschool too. He enjoys hiking and playing outside, and loves doing yard work as well as having a garden plot of his own. Stephen plays the piano, violin and cello. He uses his talents often during worship service at church. The family enjoys visiting Andrews every now and then. They came this March for round three of the Lake Union finals of the Bible Experience, and they’ll be visiting again in July for meetings about 1888 and Righteousness by Faith.

2000s
Wendy and Marc Engelmann (MAYM ’05) are happy to announce the birth of their second son, Caleb Leonardo Engelmann, born on Oct 3, 2013. Marc is still enjoying the work of a youth director in the Baden-Wurttemberg Conference in Germany.

2010s
Kathryn (Bearce) Mayer (BSELED ’14) and Stephen Mayer (BS ’10) are happy to announce that they were married on Dec. 22, 2013 at the Andrews University Seminary Chapel. They currently reside in Chicago, Illinois.

Nashville, Tennessee
Monday, March 31, 2014
Alumni and friends met at the Old Spaghetti Factory, a new location for us this year in Nashville. Guests enjoyed catching up with each other and sharing their favorite Andrews experience/story. Local alumnus and former administrator Bill Richardson (BA ’58, MA ’63, MDiv ’76, PhD ’85) offered prayer for our group, and Audrey Castelbuono (BS ’78), Tami Condon (BS ’91, MA ’01), and Bebe Soares (BS ’85) shared updates and news from campus. Pictured are Tara McGee (BS ’06) and Monique Cadet (BS ’05).

Asheville, North Carolina
Wednesday, April 2, 2014
Close to 40 guests joined us at Asiana Grand Buffet, for what has become a fond tradition for our students and friends. Honored Alumna David Bauer (MA ’57, EdS ’82) offered prayer. President Andreassen shared updates and took questions, while David Fastner, Bebe Soares, Audrey Castelbuono and Tami Condon helped host guests.

Centerville, Ohio
Sunday, April 13, 2014
Nearly 40 guests joined us at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace for a lovely Sunday brunch. Local alumnus and President’s Council member Dan Hotelling (BBA ’84) shared exciting news on the progress of the Wellness initiative at Andrews. Audrey Castelbuono, David Fastner, John Hilderbrandt (BS ’85), and Andry Kharkovyy (BA ’06, MBA ’09) helped host guests.

Graduation Ceremonies
Sunday, May 4, 2014
Tami Condon, director of Alumni Services, welcomed three new groups of graduates to membership in the Alumni Association. Each graduate also received a leather portfolio as they marched out of Pioneer Memorial Church.
Alumni news

For more information visit online at www.andrews.edu/alumni or contact the Office of Alumni Services at 269-471-3591 or alumni@andrews.edu.

June
14 Indiana Camp Meeting Event 5 p.m. Heartland Academy Cincin, Indiana
21 Lake Region Camp Meeting Event 5 p.m. Camp Wagner Cassopolis, Michigan
21 Michigan Camp Meeting Event 5 p.m. Fellowship Hall, Cedar Lake Church Cedar Lake, Michigan
28 Wisconsin Camp Meeting Event 5 p.m. Andrews University cabin Camp Wakonda, Westfield, Wisconsin
28 Southern New England Camp Meet- Indiana
29–30 Homecoming Weekend immediately following lunch and 8 p.m. SNE Campground South Lancaster, Massachusetts

July
5 Northern New England Camp Meet- 9 a.m., Pierce Memorial Church 2:30 p.m. Andrews University Berrien Springs, Michigan
5 All/Michigan Regional Event 5 p.m. DeVos Place Convention Center 1303 Monroe Ave NW Grand Rapids, Michigan
13 Michigan Regional Event 1 p.m. Buco di Beppo, the Cardinal Room 38888 Six Mile Rd, Livonia, Michigan
25 Illinois Camp Meeting Event 5 p.m. Camp Akere 1864 Knox Rd, 1200 N, Gilson, Illinois

August
2 Michigan Upper Peninsula Camp Meeting Event Immediately following lunch and 8 p.m. Camp Rapolo Crystal Falls, Michigan
5 Combined Commencement Service 9 a.m. Pine Tree Academy Freeport, Maine
13 Michigan Regional Event 5 p.m. DeVos Place Convention Center 1303 Monroe Ave NW Grand Rapids, Michigan
We look forward to meeting with local alumni and those who will be attending the All Conference. More information will be available at the Andrews University booth for confer- ence attendees.

September
26–28 Homecoming Weekend See page 26 for details.

RSVP for an event: RSVP for the above gatherings online at AU&ME, our alumni community: alumni.andrews.edu/rsvp.

Who are alumni?
If you’ve attended, worked or taught at Andrews University we consider you an alumni! And if you’re a parent or a potential student considering Andrews, you’re invited to be our honored guest at one of the above alumni gatherings.

Alumni calendar of events

Deaths
Bob Garner (att.), 68, died on Wednesday, May 15, 2014, in his home in Martinsville, Ohio, fol- lowing a courageous battle with cancer. After graduating from Mount Vernon College in 1963, Bob attended Andrews University from 1964–67. He went on to earn a PhD in psychology and initially began his career as a school psychologist in Ohio, working with mentally chal- lenged children. After a number of years, Bob moved to Alaska, working in the same capacity. Following a couple of years in Alaska, Bob returned to Ohio to be near his ailing parents. From 1986 until his retirement in 2009, Bob worked with mentally chal- lenged adults. He is survived by his brother, James, of Oregon and his ad- opted son who lives in Florida.

Erlinda Rugless (BI ’74) died on April 26, 2014, after a 15-month battle with cancer. Erlinda was born in Kingston, Jamaica on Nov. 28, 1949 to parents Earl Jennings Parch- ment and Linda Reutice (Moyen) Parchment, the second of four children.

As a child, she lived in Bar- had, Trinidad, British Guyana and Jamaica, before the family moved to Ontario, Canada in 1964. In Canada, Erlinda studied at Kingsway College, and then graduated from the Branson School of Nursing in Toronto in 1971. In 1974 she completed a Bachelor of Science in nursing at Andrews University. She worked for a number of years at Branson Hospital in Toronto, serving in many hospital departments, including intensive care, cardiac care, geriatric care, and psychology. In 1976 she moved to Man- deville, Jamaica, where she served for five years as director of Health Services at West Indies College, as well as teaching in the Nursing Department. Under her leadership, Health Services expanded its treatment options. Following her teaching at West Indies College, Er- linda met Oswald (Oz) Rugless (BI ’73 MA ’86). They were mar- ried on April 15, 1984, and moved to Tokoma Park, Maryland in July of that year for Oz to teach computer programming and analysis and Erllinda to work at Washington Adventist Hospit- al. In 1988, in response to the failing health of parents on both sides, they moved to the Ontario area so they could more closely care for them. Erllinda worked as a nurse at Florida Hospital, Sunbelt Health & Rehabilitation Center, and various other agen- cies. Erllinda enjoyed gardening, spending time with people, and visiting family and friends in Jamaica. She knitted scarves and blankets for children and was actively involved in her church.

Erlinda is survived by her husband and Az, brothers and sisters, and nieces and nephews.

Hector Guillermo Lopez Gittens (MA ’90) passed away unexpectedly April 8, 2014.

Hector was born in Venezuela on Sept. 23, 1960, to the late Hector Lopez and Adriana Amelia Git- tens de Lopez. In 1980, Hector moved to the U.S. He married the love of his life, Karen Holzbeg de Lopez, on August 1, 1982. They were the perfect couple, always complimenting one another, and always by each other’s side.

He graduated from Indiana State University with a Bachelor of Electronics Technology and a Master of Science Administration in engineering from Andrews University. He was a division manager/engineer at UNI TEK UNITEK for more than 24 years. Hector was a wonderful husband and father. Family was the first priority in his life. He was very intelligent and wanted to make a good life for his family and lead a good example to his sons. He was kind, funny and generous.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Holzbeg de Lopez, and their two sons, Dr. Joel Lo- pez and Miguel Lopez. A brother, Jorge Enrique (Leomnis) Lopez Gittens, also survives.

Karen Schwartz (MA ’90) of Connerville, Michigan, passed away April 8, 2014, at her home.

Karen was born in Muskegon, Michigan, on Nov. 10, 1943, a daughter of Samuel and Jewel (Zeckner) Stitt. On Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23, 1972, she married James A. Schwartz in Goshen, Indiana.

Karen graduated from Mt. Carmel High School in Vancleve, Kentucky, in 1964. She contin- ued her education at Kentucky Mountain Bible College in Van- cleve, receiving an associate’s degree in mime in 1964. Karen later attended Goshen College receiving her bachelor’s degree in sociology in 1971. She then pursued the nursing profession, receiving a master’s in nurs- ing from Andrews University in 1990 and a PhD in nursing from Wayne State University in 2002.

Karen began her career as nursing instructor at Glen Oaks Community College serving from 1990 to 1997 and at Western Michigan University from 1997 to 2001. She has held the title of graduate program nursing direc- tor at Bethel College since 2005 and served as dean of nursing from 2008 to 2010. Karen has also served as a nurse at Three Rivers Health since 1997 and was active in the hospice program from 1989 to 2001.

Surviving are her husband James A. Schwartz; sons James (Kelly) Schwartz Jr. and their children Leonard and Joel (T) (Tanya); Schwartz and their chil- dren Colton and Dakota; sisters Nancy Miller, Leah (Robert) Antoniewicz and Esther (George) Davis; brothers James (Ophilia) Stitt, Ronald (Pauline) Stitt, Terry (Shirley) Stitt, Bert (Linda) Stitt, Sam (Peggy) Stitt III and (Christ) Stitt; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Gloria Spence (BI ’76) age 79, passed away on April 3, 2014, in Seffing, Florida.

She was born the first child of Cyril George and Enid Levy on October 26, 1934, in the district of Russell, St. Elizabeth, Jamaica W.I. Early education began at the Primary School and ended at age 13. After that, she taught for eight years of elementary education ended. Additional studies after school hours ended when she received a three-year scholarship to the Shortwood Teacher Training Col- lege in Kingston Jamaica.

Three years later in December of 1956 came graduation day when college was over and the work world became a reality. One year was spent in Kellita as a re- lease teacher for the headmaster U.C. Wolfe who was president of the Jamaica Union of Teachers. Her next teaching position was at Port Maria primary in St. Mary, for one year and four months. Marriage to Dr. Spence (MA ’72) took place in April 1959 in Kingston, Jamaica. A year later on May 19 their son Richard was born. Teaching jobs in Bogue St. Elizabeth and Balanaca spanned the years until 1962 when her husband was transferred to Ha- nover. They lived in Montego Bay where she taught at Bogue Hill School and later on at the Girls School in Montego Bay.
Gary Gene Land (former faculty) was born as Gary Gene Booth in San Francisco, California, on August 22, 1944, to Elliott Booth, a longshoreman and Navy veteran, and Virginia May (Bradley) Booth, a nurse. After the couple divorced, Gary lived briefly with his father and stepmother until they too separated. Then for a short time he lived with his Aunt Bernice and Uncle Bo. By age 3 he had been sent to live with his mother’s sister, Barbara Pennington, and her husband who lived in Riverside, California. But when they decided to place him in an orphanage, his Uncle Bob Bradley and Aunt Audrey, Seventh-day Adventists who had adopted him, took him in. He lived with them as a foster child until they adopted him in 1966. As a foster child, he stayed with Audrey’s father and stepmother, Audrey and Thelma (Gil-lop) Land, Seventh-day Adventists who had adopted him. After the couple divorced, Gary lived briefly with Thelma, his aunt, and great friend to many of students over the next 40 years, 22 of them as chair of the department. On August 19, 1973, Gary married Edith Marie Stone, and together they had two children: Jeffrey Alexander, born October 14, 1978, and Jasuny Elizabeth, born March 1, 1981.

During his academic career, Land was a prolific scholar, authoring eight books and contributing to 137 other books and publications on Adventist, American and base-ball history. His articles appeared in the Journal of Adventist Education, College of Journalism and University Dialogue, Spectrum, Adventist Heritage, The American Historical Review, among many others. He also served as a graduate program director and assistant dean in the College of Arts & Sciences. Andrews University bestowed on him his prestigious JN. Andrews Medallion and the Researcher of the Year Award for his outstanding contributions to the University. Active in community service, Gary was a member of the Berrien County Historical Association’s Board of Directors; a children’s Sabbath school director and teacher at Pioneer Memorial Church; a member of the Spectrum editorial board; and served on the organizing committee for the Ellen White Project.


Gary passed to his rest at the St. Joseph Medical Center in Mishawaka, Indiana, on Sabbath afternoon, April 26, 2014. He is survived by his wife Edie, his daughter Jessica of Hollywood, California, and his son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Cassandra Land of Seattle, Washing- ton. He will always be remembered as one who held a deep love of baseball, music, books, stamp collecting, model building, and thought provoking conversations with good friends.

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Sharing God’s Love in Tamale, Ghana

On October 1, 2013, my husband, Morris, and I traveled from Huntsville, Alabama, to Tamale, a predominantly Muslim city in northern Ghana, West Africa, on our mission of global outreach. We teamed up with 25 Maranatha volunteers to build a 12-classroom elementary school and to conduct Vacation Bible School and outreach ministries.

We arrived safely at the hotel where we would spend two weeks in the mission of sharing God’s love. Excited volunteers from across the United States and Canada boarded the bus for the construction site. Upon arrival, local workers were busy preparing slabs and putting together materials for the classrooms. The construction supervisor presented an overview of the project, and volunteers enthusiastically began their mission of building classrooms. I was deeply impressed by the energy and knowledge with which they tackled the assignment.

Volunteers worked extremely hard. Some carried materials from the storage building to the construction site using their heads, shoulders or hands; set up metal frames, raised metal siding, installed windows and assembled desks and benches, etc. It was strenuous manual labor carrying sheets of metal siding in extremely high temperatures, but the inspiration we felt gave us the stamina to endure. Most importantly, God was with us, and that made the difference.

Our first Sabbath was spent in a village a far distance from our hotel. Roads were covered with water-filled potholes making for a bumpy ride on the bus; however, we enjoyed the scenic views. Church members welcomed us, and we joined them for outdoor worship under tall stately trees and white fluffy clouds cascading the bright blue skies. This lovely outdoor natural setting gave a feeling of closeness to heaven.

Following divine worship and lunch, volunteers distributed clothes, shoes, books, crayons, balloons, etc. to the children. Afterward, we walked to the village to meet the chief and to request permission to distribute rice and beans. He and his representatives were pleased to learn of the work of Maranatha and happily granted permission. An exhilarating moment was watching the faces of women and children light up with joy as they received gifts.

“We learned from one of the pastors that the greatest need of his church was seating accommodation for his new membership, which had grown from 25 to 75 after a recent evangelistic campaign. We provided funds to purchase new benches.

Let me share two episodes of God’s intervention and awesome power during this mission trip. The first occurred when, midway through the construction, Ron Kodas, the Maranatha support leader, received word that the night prior to our last day of work, and we were able to accomplish our mission. It was marvelous to watch God do His thing. So often in our frail human nature, we tend to forget that He is a limitless God who specializes in impossibilities.

In addition to building classrooms, female volunteers conducted outreach ministries and Vacation Bible Schools in four villages. Hundreds of children with bright eyes and beautiful smiles were blessed to hear Bible stories, sing, and make interesting crafts. Another highlight of our mission trip was the dedicatory service. Workers and volunteers gathered together in a candlelit classroom where we sang, shared testimonies, prayed, and rededicated ourselves to continue to make a difference for God’s kingdom.

According to Pastor Fred Agyeibaah, “Because of the work of Maranatha Volunteers, we now have our own school, owned and operated by Seventh-day Adventists; and we can choose our own Adventist teachers to teach our children.” Pastor Phil Aboungo wrote: “We can never forget you and your team in Tamale. It made such an impact that the community still makes comments about it.” We gave profound gratitude to our great God for the opportunity to share His love!”

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W. Richard Lesher, president of Andrews University from 1984–1994, and his wife Veda were honored at a farewell reception held outside the Office of the President on Thursday, May 8. They are moving, along with their daughter Eileen, to Loma Linda, California. Many came by to wish them the best and thank them for their service to the University and broader Andrews community.