This summer I will leave my post as college president after serving 26 years in two institutions. It is bittersweet to realize that all things, even good things, come to a conclusion. So I could perhaps be forgiven for using column inches here to enumerate what has been accomplished. However, I much prefer to think of what lies ahead and what we can still do for our students here at Andrews.

So what can we really do to serve our students better? That question drew my attention to a project of the Harvard Graduate School of Education, called “Making Caring Common” (MCC). Professor Richard Weissbourd is the director. Its purpose is to support moral and social development in children and students, at home and in school. Perhaps it might be objected that a university as wealthy as Harvard, filled with privileged students, can have little to say about child development in ordinary families. Or perhaps it would have a lot to say, precisely because it enrolls mostly privileged students!

One initiative in this ongoing project involves an evaluation of admissions practices to our best colleges. It is entitled “Turning the Tide: Inspiring Concern for Others, and the Common Good through College Admission.” Here college admission officers are asking what helps young adults to succeed in college and in life following graduation. Is it a high GPA, super ACT/SAT (college admission) scores, support by mentors and tutors, lots of AP (Advanced Placement) courses, travel abroad and cultural enrichment—all the good things wealthy families can provide for their children before sending them off to college?

The answer of the study is remarkable and quite close to the educational ideals of Adventists. Instead of asking applicants to demonstrate simply how smart they are, applicants could also be asked to show how mature, how good and how caring they have become, and they could do that even if they are underprivileged or coming from a poor family. They could demonstrate community spirit by caring for elderly neighbors or being taskforce volunteers. They could help their own families at home, by looking after younger siblings while their mother is working. They could do all that without trying to overachieve in grades or scores, and still maintain good health, balance in life and high personal standards.

But would such applicants succeed in college and prosper after graduation? The answer more often than not is yes. Good health, a balanced life, caring for others, strong moral principles and kindness is the stuff of which college success is made, and it is achievable by rich and poor alike, high classes or low, new Americans or established families, of any ethnic or national origin. “Making Caring Common”—demonstrating kindness, upholding ethical standards, service to others and willingness to help—make for success in college and beyond. We could ask students to prepare for and then demonstrate these traits in their college application, give them preference in admission, and offer them good scholarships. They will most likely become our star students and make us proud. By making these characteristics central in our admission processes, we will also affirm everything that is best about Christian education.

Niels-Erik Andreasen
President

Making Caring Common
features

14 Historic Wavelengths: Andrews Professor Part of Groundbreaking Accomplishment
by Becky St. Clair

Tiffany Summerscales, associate professor of physics, is one of 1,000 worldwide researchers on the LIGO team. On February 11, 2016, the National Science Foundation and LIGO announced that they had directly measured a gravitational wave for the first time. This is being heralded as one of the biggest scientific accomplishments since the early 1900s.

16 A 43-Year Odyssey Ends with Publication

Four Andrews University mathematicians persevered for more than four decades to publish a book that modernizes and updates Euclid’s classic principles of geometry.

18 Celebrating the Andrews Family with Hygge

It was an evening of warm fellowship, delicious food and important recognition for members of the Andrews University family.

departments

2 from the President’s desk
4 campus update
9 Howard happenings
10 faculty & staff
12 healthy lifestyles
27 alumni calendar
29 class notes
31 life stories

On the cover: The collision of two black holes—an event detected for the first time ever by the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory, or LIGO—is seen in this still from a computer simulation. Credit: Simulating eXtreme Spacetimes (SXS) Project (For more information, visit black-holes.org)

Above: These plots show the signals of gravitational waves detected by the twin LIGO observatories at Livingston, Louisiana, and Hanford, Washington. The signals came from two merging black holes, each about 30 times the mass of our sun, lying 1.3 billion light-years away.
Luxton voted as president-elect at Andrews University
Having served as the University’s provost since 2010

On Tuesday, March 1, 2016, the executive session of the Andrews University Board of Trustees elected Andrea Luxton to serve as the sixth president of Andrews University (and 24th president overall since Andrews University first began as Battle Creek College). Luxton replaces Niels-Erik Andreasen who is retiring this spring following 22 years of service as president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s flagship university. Prior to becoming president-elect, Luxton has served as provost of Andrews University since 2010. Before coming to Andrews University, Luxton served as president and vice president for academic administration at Canadian University College (now Burman University), as an associate director of education at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and as principal/president of Newbold College in England. She holds a PhD in English from Catholic University of America and a postgraduate diploma in Institutional Management and Change in Higher Education from University of Twente, Netherlands.

“I am excited and humbled by this opportunity to serve and lead at Andrews University,” says Luxton. “I look forward to the opportunity to carry on the incredible heritage of Dr. Andreasen’s two decades of leadership at Andrews University, and to find powerful and strategic ways to continue to support and serve the constituencies of Andrews University—both on our Berrien Springs campus and in our Andrews University family around the world.”

Luxton, who is now president-elect of Andrews University, will be formally confirmed as the University’s next president by a vote of the newly seated Andrews University Board of Trustees at its June 2, 2016 meeting.

At that same meeting, Ben Schoun, who has retired from his role as a general vice president at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, will also step down as chair of the Board of Trustees, and Artur Stele, general vice president at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, will serve as the next chair of the board. Stele already served on the Presidential Search Committee as an invitee with no vote.

“It’s bittersweet to think of what comes next, after Andrews University has meant so much to my education, life and work,” say Niels-Erik Andreasen, retiring president of Andrews University. “Between my years as a student and president, I’ve spent about one third of my life passionately dedicated to this campus. But as my wife and I move on to what is next for our own lives, I have great faith in Luxton and in the leadership that she will offer Andrews University, in God’s continued blessings for this Andrews University community that Luxton will lead, and for the global Seventh-day Adventist community that Andrews is honored to serve in its role as the church’s first and flagship university.”

For further information on the search process: andrews.edu/presidentssearch
First formal farewell event for President Andreasen
Board of Trustees members and the University’s top administrators gather to honor the Andreasens

On the evening of Feb. 29, 2016, the eve of the conclusion of the search committee’s work to appoint a new president for Andrews University, the University Board of Trustees and University’s top administrators gathered for a formal dinner to honor Niels-Erik Andreasen for his 22 years of distinguished service as president.

A string quartet provided dinner music and Board Chair Benjamin Schoun hosted the occasion. Schoun began the tributes with insight into the qualities of being Danish, and read letters of tribute sent by Robert Kloosterhuis and Gerald Karst, former board chairs, as well as tributes provided by former Andrews University president W. Richard Lesher and Jan Paulsen, retired General Conference president.

Ted N.C. Wilson, president of the Seventh-day Adventist world church, was present to give words of appreciation and tribute “for your endeavors to expand the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church around the globe.” Rebekah Wang Cheng, board member, provided a tribute for three of Andreasen’s outstanding attributes—equanimity, intelligence and compassionate, competent communicator. Loren Hamel, also a board member, reminisced about amusing details of serving on the search committee in 1994, and the subsequent “Say Yes to Andrews” campaign when Andreasen visited the campus.

Demetra Andreasen, unfortunately, was ill and unable to attend the tribute dinner intended for both Andreasens. Regretful of her absence, the board was pleased to present the Andreasens with a painting by local artist Kristin Hosbein, depicting Lake Michigan and the St. Joseph lighthouse.

In accepting the gift and the tributes, Andreasen reflected on how viewing the lighthouse in St. Joseph, as they considered their decision in 1994 to accept the responsibilities of president of Andrews University, provided inspiration to them both, to do what they were called to do—be guided by the light and share the light.

Donald Livesay, vice chair of the board and president of the Lake Union Conference, concluded the evening with a blessing.

Farewell tribute website
Share your memories with the Andreasens

An overview of Niels-Erik Andreasen’s career is now online at andrews.edu/president. View images of his tenure at Andrews University, read editorials and features from FOCUS and take the opportunity to send an email of appreciation or memory to share with the Andreasens.
Digital Commons (DC) at Andrews University is a revolutionary service provided by the Andrews University Libraries. Research and creative scholarship included on the website has been selected and deposited by individual on-campus University departments and centers.

Digital Commons seeks to provide both the faculty and students of Andrews with a voice in global conversations through their research. Additionally, it aids in telling the Andrews story through the digital archiving of campus publications, public documents and images. Lastly, DC helps share the unique teaching resources of Andrews for the benefit of the global community.

“We have a rich heritage of research here and we’re starting to share that heritage around the world in a digital way. We’re starting to see our name pop up in some cool places as a result,” said Terry Robertson, seminary librarian.

Digital Commons allows users to see the parts of the world their research has been downloaded and what institutions have accessed it.

Users can search by department, faculty publications are organized by year, and there are even “selected works” on the left featuring particularly active faculty.

Faculty are able to log in and see where their papers have been downloaded and whether the download was by a government institution, educational institution, commercial institution, etc.

“We worked a lot through the provost’s office and key faculty members and deans council. From there it expanded until most faculty have gotten excited about this,” said Larry Onsager, dean of libraries.

Eventually DC would like to have archives of images as a display, particularly archaeological items or images of all the trees since the University is an arboretum.

“We know that within any given 30-day period, 100 countries hit the library website. This is a global interest,” says Robertson.

To access archives:
digitalcommons.andrews.edu

Event-packed Black History Month
Guest speaker Damian Chandler, forums, sermon series and more

Throughout the month of February, several notable events occurred across the Andrews University campus in celebration of Black History Month (BHM). The Black History Month Committee, chaired by Debbie Weithers, associate dean for Student Life, planned a series of forums: “The Black Experience,” featuring the topics of Women, Men and Black on Black Love which occurred successively on the Saturdays of the month.

Committee members included Michael Polite, assistant chaplain, and undergraduate students Shenika McDonald, Adrian Marston, Jannel Monroe and Esther Battle.

Notable speaker Damian Chandler, senior pastor of the Capitol City Seventh-day Adventist Church in Sacramento, California, spoke during the first chapel of the month on Thursday, February 4, as well as for Lighthouse Vespers on Friday evening and New Life Fellowship on Sabbath morning.

Additionally, New Life Fellowship and the Black Student Christian Forum (BSCF) held two sermon series entitled “Overcomers” and “Forged by Fire,” featuring Jameel Daniels and Polite as speakers.

“We chose the ‘Overcomers’ theme because we were able to find parallels between black history’s chronicling of a people that overcame much and the Bible’s chronicling of individuals who overcame much,” said Polite. “This parallel exhibits proof that oppression, both sociological and spiritual, can be overcome by a determined persistence.”

The Forged by Fire series “communicated that despite all the things we have dealt with in our past, today God is still trying to refine and help us come out stronger than before,” said Monroe, junior theology major and president of the Black Student Christian Forum (BSCF) at Andrews. “Forged by Fire” occurred each Friday night in UT Auditorium.

“Black Like Me: A Comedic Story Slam Event” occurred in the Howard Performing Arts Center Lobby where students and faculty shared five-minute comedic stories centered around amusing experiences in their lives.

Black History Month events at Andrews concluded on February 27 with a viewing of “The Wiz” and featured a flashback costume competition where attendees came dressed representing their favorite decade in black history.
Health, healing and hope
First Wellness Fest takes place on campus

In January, University Health & Wellness held its first Wellness Fest, a campus-wide event focused on increasing interest in healthy lifestyle choices. The two-day event featured fit breaks, workshops, a 5K walk, plunging challenges, and an attempt at a Guinness Book of World Records title (see below).

The featured guest speaker was Chidi Ngwaba, a world-renowned physician from London, United Kingdom, and director of health for the South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Dr. Chidi, as he prefers to be called, has a passion for helping people who are worried about or already have lifestyle illnesses, and is known internationally for his ability to reverse or prevent almost any disease.

“I work to reverse their illnesses or prevent them from getting ill in the first place,” says Chidi. “I want to get them off of meds and back into normal life.”

His approach to prevention and healing is a system he calls Life Colours. Each major lifestyle disease has a color: Diabetes is purple, cancer is green, high blood pressure is red, etc. This color-coded system is based on all the research Chidi could find on each major illness, as well as the Bible.

Being from one of the most secular countries in the world, Chidi understands how difficult it can be to share the Word of Christ. So he approaches the idea in a practical way. First, he helps them make the changes they need to in order to be healthy, such as diet and exercise. Then they talk about the reasons they choose to eat what they do, even if their choices are bad for them.

“I want to reverse their illnesses or prevent them from getting ill in the first place.”

“Lifestyle doctor” is not a typical med school track. Anyone interested in this specialty must acquire much of his or her knowledge independently, though this idea is becoming more and more popular within the medical world.

“Basically a lifestyle doctor asks his patients what they want to achieve and where they want to go,” says Chidi. “I do all the research I can to see him personally, so he has put his Life Colours concept into a book written not for academics, but for “regular and common people.” The book comes complete with workbooks for each color so people can work together in groups to support and teach each other on their paths to healthy living.

“Everyone needs good health,” says Chidi. “My main goal right now is to get ‘Life Colours’ rolled out throughout Britain, Europe and, ultimately, the world.”

Despite being active and eating well, Chidi faces lifestyle challenges just like everyone else. For him these come in the form of giving himself enough rest and relaxation while doing this work he enjoys and saying no to certain opportunities.

“Everything is exciting and wonderful,” he says, “then the BBC calls. It’s hard to say no to the BBC. Learning to prioritize my time and ask myself what I’m here to do helps. I’m not here to promote myself or gain a big empire. I just want to get the gospel out to as many as possible, and as Adventists we have a wonderful tool in the health message.”

And what is Chidi’s personal secret to a life well lived?

“I take time at seven points in the day to pray,” he says. “I take a few moments and relax while reading His Word and talking to Him. I exercise every day and follow a delicious and non-restrictive vegan diet. I think these are habits every average person can incorporate into their life, as well. They’re habits that encourage me throughout the day and give me hope for a happy, healthy future. I wish that same hope for everyone.”

Follow Chidi on Twitter @DrChidiMD

Far left: Chidi Ngwaba (Dr. Chidi), from London, United Kingdom, was the featured guest speaker.

Left: On Wednesday, January 13, 2016, 522 participants filled Johnson Gym hoping to set a Guinness world record for the most people doing sit-ups simultaneously for over one minute. The crowd consisted of Andrews University students, faculty and staff, community members and over 230 Andrews Academy students and staff.

Two attempts were made and both were just shy of the 503 mark set by Hathershaw College in the U.K. (current world record holder), with the second coming as close as 496 people doing sit-ups continuously with proper form. Participants expressed eagerness to try again in the future, and had a great time coming together as a community to promote healthy choices.
Team Meherah represents Andrews
At the international Hyperloop Challenge held at Texas A&M University

“The Hyperloop is a new form of transportation using a pod traveling inside a vacuum tube at 700–800 miles per hour. It uses magnetic levitation, allowing the pod to ride on a film of air so there’s never contact between it and the ground.”

This is how junior mechanical engineering major Jonathan Penrod describes the futuristic invention of Elon Musk, CEO of Tesla. This idea isn’t as far into the future as we might think. SpaceX engineers are currently experimenting with five miles of test tracks near their headquarters in California.

“One of the benefits of a small school like Andrews is that more of us can participate because we’re a small, focused department.”

In an effort to build an affordable prototype, Musk issued a challenge to all ABET (Accreditation Board for Engineering & Technology) accredited institutions, inviting them to attend a Hyperloop Challenge at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. One hundred and fourteen teams from 20 different countries attended the event, including Team Meherah—meaning “haste” and “speed” in Hebrew—made up of six Andrews University students.

When Phillip Coleman, sophomore electrical engineering major, heard about the Hyperloop challenge in September, he asked around until he found other students who were also interested. Team Meherah chose to create an emergency propulsion system. “If the primary power source fails, the pod needs to get to the next station,” explains Penrod. “We incorporated a landing gear style similar to that of an airplane, which retracts into the pod.”

At the event, each team displayed their prototypes and shared materials explaining their invention. Many teams were interested in Team Meherah’s lightweight design.

Each team also gave a presentation to a group of judges from various universities and engineering firms. Team Meherah’s judges included engineers from SpaceX and Hyperloop Technologies, companies currently competing to be the first to successfully develop the Hyperloop concept.

“One of the benefits of a small school like Andrews,” Penrod continues, “is that more of us can participate because we’re a small, focused department. It’s helped me realize what types of people I work best with, gain experience with team projects, and problem-solve creatively.”

In addition to Coleman and Penrod, the team consisted of Harper Hazen, senior fine arts major; Brian Shockey, senior mechanical engineering major; Jeremy Tiffany, sophomore engineering major and pilot; Nathan Verill, junior electrical engineering major; and George Agoki, professor of engineering and faculty sponsor of the team.

Raoul Dederen returns to campus for a visit
Accepting a posthumous honor for his late wife Louise Dederen and teaching a class

On Feb. 7, 2016, the Center for Adventist Research held its annual Friends Dinner, and presented a posthumous honor to Louise Dederen, founder of CAR (formerly the Heritage Room of the James White Library).

Louise’s husband, Raoul Dederen, emeritus professor of theology, was present to accept the honor on behalf of his wife who died in December 2015. He provided a touching and personal overview of his wife’s winsome but powerful contribution, beginning with her witness to him as a young Adventist in Belgium, resulting ultimately in Raoul’s conversion from Catholicism to Adventism.

Both Louise and Raoul received the prestigious J.N. Andrews Medallion from Andrews University. Raoul noted with a grin that his wife received the medallion before he did.

Darius Jankiewicz, current chair of the Department of Theology & Christian Philosophy, invited Dederen to return to the lectern to teach the class Dederen taught for years, The Doctrines of Christ. He received a warm reception from a crowded classroom. Jankiewicz was the last doctoral student Dederen supervised before retirement, and Jankiewicz is honored to have attempted to fill Dederen’s very large shoes in his department.

Dederen currently lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and enjoys contributing to his local church and sharing in the lives of his family.
Fall 2015 at the Howard

Visit howard.andrews.edu for a schedule of more upcoming events and to purchase tickets online. Schedule is subject to change.

Second Sunday Concert: Chi Yong Yun, solo recital
Sunday, April 10, 4 p.m.
No tickets required
Andrews University Department of Music professor Chi Yong Yun performs in an afternoon of piano pieces. Chi Yong Yun is the director of piano studies and assistant professor of piano.

“A Place to Grow” Film Showing
Sunday, April 17, 7 p.m. & Monday, April 18, 7 p.m.
$1 handling fee for reserved seating
The Berrien Film Project has produced a documentary about the community of Berrien Springs-Oronoko Township. Pieter Damsteegt (BFA ’13) was the lead videographer. Make sure to reserve your seat for this important event that will include musical selections, a brief historical talk by Bob Myers from the Berrien County Historical Society, and local dignitaries.

“The Romantic Orchestra” Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra Concert
Sunday, May 1, 4 p.m.
$37 adults, $32 seniors, age 65+, $5 full-time students
The Lake Michigan Youth Orchestra joins the SMSO side-by-side for two of Brahms’s most beloved Hungarian Dances—Nos. 5 and 6. Wagner’s beautiful and intimate “Siegfried Idyll” begins this concert, which ends in blazing glory with Bruckner’s “Seventh Symphony.”

Clockwise from top left: John Lomacang, Employee Christmas Party, December 3 • Welcome Christmas, December 4 • Wind Symphony Holiday Concert, December 5 • Farewell for Howard Manager—Erica Griessel, December 7 • RMES Christmas Choral Concert, December 14 • Hyveth Williams, Graduate Consecration Service, January 8 • Whitney Watson Memorial Service, January 10 • Berrien Springs Scholarship Pageant, January 16 • Phil Wickham, January 17 • AU's Got Talent, January 23 • Lyndon Johnston Taylor, Vivaldi’s “The Four Seasons,” January 24 • Ladysmith Black Mambazo, February 7

Tickets are now available online! Visit howard.andrews.edu or call the Box Office at 269-471-3560 or 888-467-6442 to order by phone.
Lynnetta Hamstra began her new role as manager of the Howard Performing Arts Center on March 1. She replaces Erica Griesel, who accepted another position locally in December.

“I’ve always dreamed of somehow combining my business degree and my love for music,” Hamstra says. “Managing the

Howard Center is a community outreach and it’s an important one. I want to continue that. I want people to know that when they come here they’ll get good service and good programming and that they’ll leave knowing this is a beautiful place with kind people.”

Managing the Howard Center is a demanding job, and Hamstra admits with a grin that she’s up for it.

“I’m both excited and a bit nervous, as the scope of this job is quite large,” she says. “Comfort will come with time and experience, and that’s a challenge I look forward to.”

Merlin Burt edits book on Ellen White’s ministry

Merlin D. Burt, director of the Center for Adventist Research at Andrews, director of the White Estate Branch Office and professor of church history at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, recently edited “Understanding Ellen White,” a book that builds a foundation for interpreting White’s experience with God and her ministry. The book, while published by Pacific Press Publishing Association, is a product of the Ellen White Estate.

“This has been a project of several years and is multi-authored,” explains Burt. “The original content from many of these authors was quite lengthy; we eventually reduced them to this compact book which contains solid material.”

The book aims to address several of the major issues often surrounding Ellen White and her ministry.

“Some of the attacks on Ellen White are disingenuous and unfair,” says Burt. “We wanted to address issues where people have questions in a substantive and foundational way. That was the main idea when the book was in the planning stage.”

The book deals with issues that relate to Ellen White, such as inspiration, the Gift of Prophecy in the modern era, as well as some issues that are regularly questioned such as the shut door, Ellen White’s literary use of sources, her statements on science, health reform and more.

Burt says, “All of these questions are addressed in a careful, scholarly way that is readable and widely accessible.”

Plans to translate the book into several languages are in the works. The General Conference Spirit of Prophecy Committee provided subsidy in order to translate the book.

While preparing the book, Burt had three needs in mind:

1. A college or graduate level reader on Ellen White issues for classes on the Gift of Prophecy and Ellen White
2. A resource that helps pastors who are working with church members and study interests to understand Ellen White
3. A resource for the world church, particularly where there are limited materials on Ellen White available

Of the various writers for the book Burt commented, “I am grateful we have such solid authors with concise explanations. The authors represent key scholars for the Church.”

Overall, Burt describes the work as “a trustworthy and excellent resource for those trying to understand Ellen White.”
During the 2015–2016 school year, Andrews administration made changes to two of its schools and colleges. As the school year began, the School of Architecture, Art & Design operated with two functional areas: architecture (which included an interior design degree program) and visual art and design. The school’s visual art and design degree programs were transferred to the College of Arts & Sciences’ Department of Communication. With that transfer, a new Department of Visual Art, Communication & Design was then created within the College of Arts & Sciences.

**Hansen believes several areas under his new purview will see significant growth in the near future.**

Following the transfer of its visual art and design programs, the architecture school was renamed the School of Architecture & Interior Design.

“A number of things that happened in communication and things that happened in visual art and design overlapped,” explains Steve Hansen, newly appointed chair of the new department. “Things like magazines, film and broadcast media programs, and others. It seemed responsible to save monumental effort by joining the two and allowing them to work together better.”

Documentary film, formerly part of VAD, and broadcast journalism, formerly part of the Department of Communication, have what might be a surprising amount of overlap. Both areas require cameras, editing equipment and studio space.

“Someone acting as a producer or cameraman for documentary film does much of the same work as someone producing a news story or short format film,” says Hansen. “While there are notable and important differences between organizational approaches, editing style and purpose, at the nuts and bolts level they do share many of the basics.”

Hansen believes several areas under his new purview will see significant growth in the near future. For example, Hansen feels the recently furnished broadcast media studio will attract more majors, and that partnering photography and graphic design with communication will also make the programs even more appealing.

“Andrews is pushing forward in a very meaningful way in broadcast media,” he says. “Students have the opportunity to explore being in front of the camera or behind it; producing news or developing short films or documentaries. Our Adventist subculture needs things like this for video outreach, and we’re providing the opportunity for our young people to become involved in even more areas of Adventist ministry.”

A fine artist by trade, Hansen has been teaching at Andrews for nearly 30 years, and spent 12 of those years as chair of the Department of Visual Art & Design. He also studied journalism in college, so is familiar with the workings of the communication side as well.

“In some ways chairing this department isn’t really that different from being chair of the Department of Visual Art & Design,” he says. “In VAD it wasn’t just my specialty—fine arts. There was graphic design, film, art education, etc. So the chair doesn’t necessarily have a degree in every single program under their jurisdiction, but it doesn’t stop them from successfully filling that role. It’s all about managing people and being willing to continue learning.”

**CFRE certification earned**

*By Hebe Soares & Dennis Hollingsead from the Office of Development*

CFRE International is an independent nonprofit organization whose sole mission is dedicated to setting standards in philanthropy through a valid and reliable certification process for fundraising professionals.

Those professionals who have a CFRE are highly esteemed in the field of philanthropy, and sought out by nonprofits.

Hebe Soares, senior development officer, and Dennis Hollingsead, prospect management officer, have both obtained CFRE certification in the past two years.

Hollingsead says, “The commitment to study for the exam needs to be taken seriously, and the process of documenting the educational and organizational goals was time consuming. After all was finished, it was a very worthwhile task; although at times it did not seem like it. I have no plans to ever leave Andrews University, but the CFRE gives me additional credibility and marketability in this uncertain economy.”

Soares received her certification in July 2014 and Hollingsead received his in December 2015.
Jose R. Barboza  
(MDiv student)

How did you end up at Andrews University as a seminary student?  
As a part of the internship program of the Oregon Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, who is sponsoring my study.

What prompted your decision to live healthier?  
Last January [2015] I decided to work on three things: to lose weight—because I knew I was headed for big health problems; to have a better relationship with God; and thirdly, I’m a volunteer/paid PP firefighter and I had a dream of entering the full academy firefighting course to become a certified firefighter. So I started to plan to achieve those three goals.

Where do you currently work as a firefighter?  
I serve my community in the Pipestone, Berrien Township, Eau Claire Fire Department.

When did you begin running?  
Feb. 4, 2015 was the first day I decided to run—I ran .19 of a mile. That first day was a really sad day because I realized I was completely out of shape and had to do something. I had thought I would be able to run two miles. So I was crying, there, in the middle of the Eau Claire High School running track. I had a good conversation with God. I said, “I know that I can’t, but I know that you can.”

May I ask how old you are, how much you weighed at your heaviest, and your current weight?  
I’m 29. I weighed 364 pounds in January of 2015 and currently weigh about 235.

That’s an amazing weight loss! Did you have a support network?  
Yes, my wife Lorraine Justiniano, who is a nutritionist; Harold Altamirano, a pastor friend, and his wife Belkis; my father, my brothers, an online running group (see below) and others.

What goals did you initially set?  
After my “failure” at running, I decided to walk at least three miles every day, because initially I couldn’t run. I divided the miles like this: the first mile I’d tell God about my problems; the second mile I’d tell him about my dreams; and the third mile I’d listen to God.

The first two months were crazy, painful. Every day, up at 5 a.m., exercise, hustle to school and then work. But the third month was a little bit easier. At that point I decided to run one mile a day, then walk two or three miles. Then my friend Harold sent me a request to join a Facebook group called “Run 1,000 mile challenge.” So I accepted with the goal of running 1,000 miles in 2015.

That goal sounds really challenging. How did you do?  
With this group, you post every day how many miles you have run. When I joined, I was able to post about 75 miles I had run since February 4. I had logged all my previous exercise on my phone.

Six months later I was running four miles a day, and walking two miles. My main goal wasn’t to lose weight. I weighed myself the first day, and then I didn’t look at the scale again for a long time. I could just see that I was losing weight by my clothes not fitting. In August I weighed myself again and I was around 300 pounds. Sixty-four pounds less.

That month I decided to do an extreme effort, eight miles a day, in order to reach the 1,000 miles, which I reached on November 1. From Feb. 4, 2015 up to today (March 8, 2016), I have run 1,886 miles.

Did you participate in any races during the year?  
I ran the Thanksgiving 10K in Niles [Michigan], and then spontaneously decided to run the 5K that started about 20 minutes after I finished the 10K. On March 20, 2016, I will be running my first half-marathon (13.1 miles) in the 2016 Publix Georgia Marathon & Half Marathon in Atlanta, Georgia. My goal is to do my first marathon in November 2016.

You said when you started exercising it wasn’t very pleasant. Do you enjoy running now?  
Yes! I need to run every day. If I don’t, I feel like something is wrong. I run Saturdays also. It’s not just running; it’s my time with God.

What advice would you have for people who would like to get in better shape this year?  
I have three phrases that I live by in this regard: (1) “I can’t but God can” (2) “Progress, even if it’s slow, is still progress” (3) “Get out the door”

What positive results have you noticed from your improved health?  
For one thing, I don’t get sleepy during the day any more. I have much more energy. I can sleep much better and I’m more involved in outdoor physical activities.

Did you incorporate any other lifestyle changes in the past year?  
I have included more salad, starchy vegetables such as yucca (which is a non-processed form of complex carbohydrates), lean cuts, and more water. Also, I have decreased my eating-out, not that I never eat-out but it’s less often than before.

What does your wife think about your change over the last year?  
She’s happy, obviously, not just for how I look, but also for my improved health. And she’s a health professional, so I owe her a big thank you. And thank you to Harold for motivating me with the running challenge, and to the 1,000-mile running group for all their encouragement.

What’s your ultimate weight goal, taking into consideration that this process takes a long time?  
Yes! It is a long process. My goal is to reach 190 pounds.
On February 11, 2016, the National Science Foundation and LIGO (the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory) announced that they had directly measured a gravitational wave for the first time. This made great waves (yes, we went there) in the science and technology world, and also on the Andrews University campus. Tiffany Summerscales, associate professor of physics, was one of 1,000 worldwide researchers on the LIGO team, working out how to prove a theory Einstein posited a century ago—which they did. Becky St. Clair, media communications manager, talked to Summerscales about her experience on this project, lessons learned, and hopes for the future.
WHAT’S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GRAVITATIONAL WAVES AND GRAVITY WAVES?
Gravity waves are liquid or gas driven into waves by gravity. Sometimes when you look up in the sky you see wavy clouds layered in stripes, and that’s because of a gravity wave in our atmosphere—a wave in the gases. Gravitational waves are ripples in space itself. These ripples are very weak, so it’s impossible to see their effects in everyday life.

WHY IS THE DISCOVERY OF GRAVITATIONAL WAVES IMPORTANT?
These waves come from very violent and exciting events in the universe—events that are very mysterious—things we don’t know a lot about because they don’t give off much light, such as black holes, neutron stars, stellar remnants, very dense asymmetrical objects bumping into each other during orbit, supernova explosions. For example, black holes don’t give off much light, but they do give off gravitational waves. If we can study these waves, we can learn more about the astronomical events that produce them. It would be very exciting to find gravitational waves somewhere we didn’t expect.

SO WHAT NOW? WHAT’S NEXT FOR THE LIGO TEAM?
I’m part of a team of LIGO researchers developing and testing a computer algorithm that analyzes the gravitational waves we can now detect. This algorithm pulls out as much data as it can from each wave it detects, such as where the wave came from, what its shape is, etc. We need to improve this algorithm so it can collect as much information as possible.

WHAT DO YOU THINK WAS THE LAST REALLY BIG DISCOVERY IN ASTRONOMY?
Hubble just announced it has seen the farthest galaxy that’s ever been seen, so that’s pretty incredible. But I think the most recent big discovery that’s excited me was the New Horizons flyby of Pluto. The pictures we got and the things we learned about Pluto are amazing. We thought it was a boring lump of icy rocks, but it has mountains, and the mountains have snow, and this snow isn’t made of water, it’s made of methane. We have so much to learn about our universe.

WHAT INSPIRED YOUR INTEREST IN PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY?
In high school my favorite class was math, so when I got to college and had to pick a major, I picked the one with the most math: physics. And I’ve always enjoyed looking up at the stars and thinking about how big the universe is. I remember my parents showing me the Big Dipper when I was very young, and I loved seeing the northern lights while growing up in New Hampshire. I have a well-worn edition of National Geographic Magazine with pictures from Voyager 2, back in the day when it flew by the outer gas giants. That was in August 1990. The pictures we have now make these images look so grainy, but I remember seeing these pictures of Io [one of Jupiter’s moons] with the volcanoes and it really excited me.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE A YOUNG PERSON INTERESTED IN STUDYING SPACE AND THE UNIVERSE LIKE YOU DO?
If you want to be involved in astronomy or any branch of physics, make sure you study as much math as you can. Math is very important. It’s also important to learn all you can about everything and be curious about why things are the way they are. Always ask questions and try to find the answers. Then study more math.

WHAT’S SOMETHING YOU STILL REALLY WANT TO KNOW ABOUT PHYSICS?
The biggest question I still have is what happens inside a black hole. That’s something nobody knows.

WHAT DO YOU THINK THE DISCOVERY OF GRAVITATIONAL WAVES MEANS FOR THE FUTURE OF ASTRONOMY?
Every time we’ve found a new way to look at the universe we’ve discovered something new. Now we have a new way of doing astronomy, and hopefully we’ll be able to use that to learn things about the universe we never knew before.

WHAT’S SOMETHING YOU STILL REALLY WANT TO KNOW ABOUT PHYSICS?
The biggest question I still have is what happens inside a black hole. That’s something nobody knows.

WHAT DO YOU THINK THE DISCOVERY OF GRAVITATIONAL WAVES MEANS FOR THE FUTURE OF ASTRONOMY?
Every time we’ve found a new way to look at the universe we’ve discovered something new. Now we have a new way of doing astronomy, and hopefully we’ll be able to use that to learn things about the universe we never knew before.

WHAT DO YOU THINK THE DISCOVERY OF GRAVITATIONAL WAVES MEANS FOR THE FUTURE OF ASTRONOMY?
Every time we’ve found a new way to look at the universe we’ve discovered something new. Now we have a new way of doing astronomy, and hopefully we’ll be able to use that to learn things about the universe we never knew before.

THIS IS ALL WORK TALK; TELL ME SOMETHING YOU DO FOR FUN.
I love to read. And I love to read about space. I highly recommend “The Martian” by Andy Weir. It’s a fictional piece about the first astronaut to walk on Mars. He’s left behind during a dust storm and has to use his scientific know-how and human ingenuity to survive. It’s a fantastic book; a really exciting read.

AT ANDREWS WE TALK A LOT ABOUT INTEGRATION OF FAITH AND LEARNING; HOW DOES THIS CONCEPT COME INTO PLAY IN YOUR WORK?
I believe God is Creator and that His creation shows us elements of His character. Studying the universe has shown me that God is imaginative and loves variety. His creation also has such great depth that we will never run out of surprises or things to explore. And as a scientist and a Christian, I absolutely love that.
IN the ancient world, geometry was a practical subject with many uses. It was the Greek philosophers who went beyond practical problems, observing interrelationships among the statements they made about points, lines, planes, triangles, rectangles and circles. Euclid of Alexandria (active c. 300—265 B.C.E.) identified certain statements about these which seemed to him to be “self-evident truths,” and in his “Elements” he undertook to show how every statement in geometry is a logical consequence of these. Thus, the mathematical discipline of geometry was born, and Euclid’s work has come to be regarded as one of the great triumphs of the human intellect.

One reason Euclidean geometry has long been considered an essential part of a literate person’s education is that it teaches the student how to reason—how to draw non-obvious conclusions from a collection of statements that are accepted as true. The study of geometry does not involve political, religious or other emotionally charged issues that might distract the student from studying the reasoning process itself, and it is accessible because one can draw pictures to illustrate it.

Several attempts have been made to modernize and update Euclid’s geometry; one of the most influential was that of David Hilbert in his 1899 paper “Grundlagen der Geometrie” (Foundations of Geometry). The most recent update to Euclid’s work is a 527-page book, “Euclidean Geometry and its Subgeometries,” authored by four Andrews University mathematicians and recently published by the Swiss technical publisher Birkhäuser/Springer (available also at Amazon).

Shandelle Henson, current chair of the Department of Mathematics, states, “The Department of Mathematics at Andrews University has a long and distinguished history of excellence in research and student mentoring, and our current departmental culture and success can be traced back directly to the leadership of Ed Specht and Harold Jones. Don Rhoads, associate professor emeritus and former chair, along with Keith Calkins, have continued in that long tradition. Ed Specht and Harold Jones were wonderful scholars and teachers. I am incredibly pleased to see their efforts continue to flower in this masterful Birkhäuser volume.”

Edward Specht, the principal author, was chair of the Andrews University Department of Mathematics from 1947 to 1972. He had a special love for Euclidean geometry and began in the early 1970s to work seriously on a set of class notes for teaching it. Specht was assisted in this enterprise by Harold Jones, who served some 40 years on the Andrews faculty (and was the father of Meredith Jones Gray, currently professor of English).

Specht and Jones decided to approach geometry in a way that is genuinely modern, using the widely taught concepts of sets and mappings. They decided to make their axioms independent, meaning that no axiom, as it is added, can be derived from any combination of those previously invoked. They did so even though building a theory from independent axioms always entails extra work to get to key theorems. Specht’s and Jones’ approach is close to that of Hilbert, but, unlike Hilbert, they use reflection mappings to access the ideas of isometry and congruence which play such a prominent role in geometry.

Keith Calkins taught gifted high school students in the RESA Math and Science Center until 2011 and is now on the faculty of Ferris State University. Because of his computer expertise, as well as his familiarity with geometry, he was “drafted” to keyboard Specht’s handwritten notes into LaTeX, the typesetting language used by mathematicians. Keith, in fact, had taken a course at Andrews in the 1980s that used an early version of these notes as a text. “I enjoyed it immensely and produced a list of errors for it,” he says. The stack of original notes, now in the Andrews University Archives, measures 3½ inches in thickness.
That keyboarding project, which took Keith four years, involved extensive editing and consultation with Specht, who, as a reward, made him a co-author of the work.

The fourth author, Donald Rhoads, chaired the Andrews University Department of Mathematics for six years, retiring in 2006. Shortly afterward, Specht asked him to finish a chapter on the Jordan Curve Theorem—a theorem which is uncommonly hard to prove from axioms, but which, according to some wags, every cow knows—she knows that if she’s in the pasture and wants to get out, she has to cross the fence.

When Specht made him a co-author of the book, Don decided that if his name was to be on it he should see what was in it. “I came into the project intending to be a high-powered stenographer—one who knows the difference between a good and a bad proof,” he says. “But it turned into a lot more than that. Being retired, I had time to be the penman for the final set of revisions—whereas Keith was still working full-time.” Ironically, the original chapter for which Specht enlisted Don’s help does not appear in the book; it is available online as a supplement.

Henson continues, “Don Rhoads and Keith Calkins have accomplished a herculean task. Finishing a book written by another mathematician is unbelievably difficult. One must eventually rediscover every theorem and proof for oneself, obtain new results to plug up holes, find an academic publisher, persist through the arduous and seemingly interminable task of responding to reviews and making revisions, and finally check every line and symbol of the galley proofs.”

Don’s chief graduate school mentor, Professor Arlen Brown, of Indiana University, told him once, “Given the great influence that Euclidean geometry has had on western civilization, someone ought to do it right!” The new book is a major attempt at doing just that. For Keith Calkins and Don Rhoads, it is also an homage to two greatly beloved teachers and colleagues.

Meredith Jones Gray, current chair and professor of English, says, “It’s very rewarding to see Ed Specht’s and my father’s lifelong work finally in print. My dad dedicated his professional career to Emmanuel Missionary College and Andrews University. As was true of so many of the Andrews scholars of his era, his service to the University—his administrative and faculty duties and especially his teaching—always came first—before his own research and publication. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Don and Keith for bringing this project to fruition and enriching Ed’s and my father’s legacy.”

Henson concludes by saying, “The book ‘Euclidean Geometry and its Subgeometries’ is pure mathematics at its best: a clean modern approach to Euclid’s work, beginning with primitive notions, definitions, and axioms, and rigorously rebuilding the edifice of Euclidean geometry. It is for researchers and graduate students, and it can be used as a textbook for a high-level undergraduate course in geometry, as well.”
Although most people feel “hygge” defies definition, concepts include good social atmosphere, warmth of friendship and family, candlelight, something warm to drink, suspending worries. The annual awards event this year was billed as “Hygge: A Warm Winter Evening of Friendship & Recognition.” Attendees were ushered into the auditorium to the sounds of a crackling video “fire” and live piano music. Hosted by Charles & Julie Reid, associate professor of voice and adjunct music faculty, respectively, the evening was filled with music, fellowship and great food. Debbie Weithers, associate dean for Student Life, and Ronald Knott, director of the Andrews University Press, joined the Reids as guest performers. The group was accompanied by a band of musicians: Joshua Goines on the piano, Sebastian Serrano Ayala on saxophone, Marianne Kordas on violin, Andrew Gagiu and Pavel Tomenko on cello, Grant Johnson on guitar and Sergio Francisco on cajone. Denise Curnutt led a children’s choir composed of Kindergarten–2nd grade students from Ruth Murdoch Elementary School, who delighted the audience with a number of selections to start off the evening. Congratulations to all the deserving award recipients.
That tree-hugging teacher, avid Red Sox fan and Earl Gray are all labels Gary Gray has worn proudly during his 25 years of teaching in the Department of English. Gary is never happier than when sharing with students the seminal nature writing of one of his personal heroes, Henry David Thoreau, or introducing them to acclaimed writers who unfold the mystery and history of baseball. Gary’s career has also been marked by creative collaboration with his teaching colleagues. His wide-ranging interests infuse all of his teaching: Puritan sermons and Thomas Jefferson in American literature, the devotional poetry of George Herbert and the plays of William Shakespeare in Renaissance literature, and his philosophical and theological training combined with his literary studies in his Biblical literature class.

For 25 years, Griselda Guzman has served as a housekeeper in Lamson Hall. Griselda meets the difficult task of cleaning up after close to 600 women with a positive attitude and a thankful heart. She responds quickly whenever she is asked to assist with a facility crisis, even if she has already gone home for the day. Griselda loves Lamson Hall and treats it like her second home and its residents like her second family. As she walks the halls performing her duties, Griselda can be seen greeting students, asking about their day, and praying with them. Her care goes beyond the superficial as she willingly visits residents in the hospital, brings them home-cooked meals, and holds them accountable to a higher standard with her “motherly” conversations.

As one of a select few, full-time statisticians and methodologists, Jimmy Kijai has worked with hundreds of graduate students over the last 25 years and has become a research institution in the School of Education. His easygoing, kind and engaging personality has had a defining impact in his home department, Graduate Psychology & Counseling. He is always willing to help and his kindheartedness has resulted in him holding the “all-time record” for serving on the greatest number of dissertations as methodologist concurrently! Jimmy’s unassuming persona often deflects attention away from the fact that he is also a gifted statistician and researcher, with numerous publications and presentations to his credit.

Ron Knott’s two-stage career at Andrews University began in 1981, when he was hired as University staff writer. He held various positions, culminating in director of Public Relations in 1987. In 1990, Ron left to work at the General Conference. The second stage of his Andrews’ career began in 1999, when he was appointed director of Andrews University Press. Ron was creative as he enlarged the circle of influence by the press. He founded the College Faith volumes; nearly 100,000 copies were sold to scores of Christian colleges and universities. He also founded the Andrews Study Bible product line, available in English, Spanish, Portuguese and other languages. It really put the press on the map as a provider of print material, including, but not limited to the scholarly and arcane.

John Markovic has served as chair of the Department of History & Political Science in addition to his teaching, service and research commitments. As chair, he began a tradition of bi-monthly colloquiums to bring the students of the department together for instruction, entertainment and fellowship. John is dedicated to providing the best academic experience that he can for majors. He cares about students and their current and future success as historians and citizens of the world. John is a member of the Honors Program and his course, Western Heritage, is one of the founding courses of that program. He encourages students to read primary sources and to analyze history through the lens of a historian. John’s research has placed him on the cutting edge of new directions in the intersection of faith and history.

Lauren Matacio currently serves as instruction librarian, where she provides leadership in promoting information literacy across the curriculum. In 2011, Lauren received the Daniel A. Augsburger Excellence in Teaching Award. Bruce Glasser enthuses, “For several years Lauren and I have team-taught College Writing. Her knowledge of research strategies and resources, coupled with her enthusiastic willingness to work with students significantly enriches my classroom.” In addition to her instruction duties, coordination of artistic displays, service on the creative arts council, and academic committees across campus, Lauren is involved in research and service to the library profession. In 2012, she served as president of the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians.

Dennis David Nowack taught first at Andrews Academy and then in the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, which he has chaired since 2008. During that time the department has experienced renovation of labs and HVAC as well as the procurement of new instruments, resulting in an environment that is cleaner, more organized and better equipped. Dave’s sparkling sense of humor defaults to seeing the best in people and the situation. He brings that same spark to his demonstrations.
and to his recruiting activities. Dave also has the gift of hospitality, welcoming students into his home for many events. He encourages and participates in research and helps all in the department to engage in research with students, resulting in publications, posters and conference participation.

**Tom Straman** is an asset to Andrews University and Custodial Services. He is always willing to help as the need arises. The word “dedicated” can be used to describe Tom because over the last 25 years Tom has held worship services, helped with many moves, and you may have even seen him assist at funerals. He has taken on the Howard Performing Arts Center as his own, keeping it looking new. Debbie Weithers, who worked with Tom at the Howard Center, said, “He was often making recommendations for the care and improvement of the facility and would go the extra mile to see that the patrons were cared for.” Tom has a sense of humor that can lift the spirits of anyone. He is a loyal and caring person who has dedicated his life to serving Andrews.

**Socorro Terrero** serves as a housekeeper in Lamson Hall. Socorro has taken on the task of cleaning up after close to 600 women, at times a very challenging task, without complaint. She is known for her attention to detail and desire to make her spaces look their very best; this is one of the main reasons why Socorro’s responsibilities include the front lobby. As she performs her duties, Socorro can be seen lifting up cushions and checking behind furniture to ensure she’s gotten every last detail as clean as possible. She takes pride in leaving our building in perfect order. Socorro is a strong woman of faith who shows what it is to serve our Creator.

Serving others through community engagement has always been a deep passion for **Larry Ulery**. Larry took a leadership role as director of the Community Service and Assistantship Program (CSAP) in 1991 and later became director of the current Service Learning Program. He is well connected with local community service organizations, thus allowing community service placement opportunities for our students. Since the implementation of the service-learning requirement, Larry has had 347 students in BHSC 300 Fieldwork Placement, read over 2,500 essay reflection papers and interviewed the same number as well. Additionally, Larry has championed service on campus through the coordination of 50 annual blood drives, which has resulted in more than 2,300 blood donors.

**Alice Williams** has served at Andrews University with faithfulness and competence. She first worked as a professor of dietetics and nutrition during the 1980s and 1990s. She then served administratively in assessment and academic programs until 2010. Since that time she has served as University archivist. Alice has the ability to connect with people and work a goal through to completion. She is a caring person who has given herself wholeheartedly to addressing sometimes-thankless tasks that needed to be done for accreditation and maintaining a pleasant disposition through the process. Alice has contacted and interacted with key people in different schools and departments to arrange the transfer of important historical records to the archives.

**Christine Carlson** began her career at Andrews University in 1969. She worked in Dining Services and as a supply clerk. In 1975 she took a break to raise her family but in 1992 she came back to Andrews and spent the next 16 years working in the post office. In 2008 Chris made the transition to Financial Records to supervise the accounts payable process. Chris exhibits a can-do attitude and is always ready to assist when needed. Her student workers appreciate the personal interest she takes in each of them. Even after they leave Andrews, many maintain contact with her on a regular basis. After 30 years, Chris has a considerable knowledge with regard to Andrews University employees and processes, making her an excellent resource.

**David Faehner** is the consummate advocate of Andrews University. First he advocated for students, both domestic and international. As vice president for University Advancement, he has represented Andrews to a large number of local businesses, public services and community leaders. But perhaps best of all, he is known for his tireless pursuit of donors and supporters of Andrews. President Andreasen said, “It is in this capacity that I know him best, for we have crisscrossed this continent and some other continents as well, together sleeping in planes and in cheap hotels, eating fast food between visits and pitching Christian education to supporters of Andrews.” To that end, David established the President’s Circle, now known as President’s Council. During his tenure at Andrews, his Advancement team has raised upwards of $150 million in gifts, estate plans and gifts-in-kind, and the University’s endowment has grown from $3 million to $50 million. David and his team have also raised funds for 10 key building projects on campus.

**Frances Faehner** has spent her whole career working for students in a student life capacity. At Andrews University that began in 1985 when she became dean of women. In 2001 she took the position of dean of students and for the last 12 and a half years she has served as vice president for Student Life. During her 30 years of employment at Andrews,
Frances also completed her PhD in educational leadership to add to her BA in social work from Andrews University and MA in counselor education from La Sierra University. In 1990 she won the Excellence in Administration Award from the Adventist Student Personnel Association and in 2014 the J.N. Andrews Medallion from Andrews. Franci’s career of service for students has been exemplified by selfless commitment and passionate care.

During her 30 years of service to the James White Library and Andrews University, Cynthia Helms has developed expertise in providing excellent service to students, faculty and staff. One of her colleagues, Sarah Kimakwa, states, “She knows the reference collection very well and can dig very deep to get information to answer patron questions.” Cynthia has been highly active in the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians, serving as president, secretary, editor of ASDAL Action, Overseas Libraries coordinator, local arrangements coordinator at Andrews, and as a member of various committees. She provides regular opportunities for student and professional staff to improve and upgrade their knowledge and skills. She also trains student workers in cross-cultural understanding.

Glenn Russell represents the quintessential model of Christian teaching and service. He is bright, diligent, creative and always forward thinking—a respected scholar among his colleagues and students. Glenn taught religion at Andrews Academy from 1985–1999, when he joined the Department of Religion & Biblical Languages at the University. He hosted the weekly radio and television program Scriptural Pursuit, broadcast on Hope Channel TV, from 1991 to 2006. It is still a weekly radio program broadcast on WAUS. In the summer of 2005, Glenn directed the first Andrews undergraduate Global Evangelism campaign. He also leads an annual mission trip to Honduras during winter break. In 2007 he received “Teacher of the Year” and “Spiritual Life Leadership” awards.

Randall Younker is professor of archaeology and history of antiquity in the Department of Old Testament, director of the Institute of Archaeology, and director of the PhD in biblical and Ancient Near Eastern archaeology program. Randy has directed and participated in numerous archaeological excavations in Israel, Jordan, Cyprus and Sicily. He is currently director of the Tall Jalul excavation in Jordan and senior project director of the San Miceli excavation in Salemi, Sicily. He has mentored many students and has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars on behalf of Andrews University students and archaeology projects. Randy has written nearly a hundred articles, contributed to numerous books on archaeology and edited nine scholarly books.

Douglas Jones has spent most of his Andrews years in the Department of English. He taught American and British literature and specialized in English education, mentoring future secondary English teachers. He also served the department as chair on two different occasions. Doug is a recent recipient of the Daniel A. Augsburger Award for Excellence in Teaching for the College of Arts & Sciences. In addition to his Nethery Hall-centered career, Doug has contributed to life at Andrews by directing University Relations, editing FOCUS magazine, and serving as a professor in the Department of Teaching, Learning & Curriculum in the School of Education.

Oystein (Sten) LaBianca was hired by Andrews University to be instructor of anthropology in the Department of Behavioral Sciences in 1980. He worked his way up the ranks, becoming a full professor in 1987. From 1983 to 1992 he was chair of the department. Sten has won at least 13 honors and awards—three times earning Excellence in Teaching awards from Andrews University. He has created new curricula many times, developed new courses at least 13 times, and earned a national and international reputation of excellence in anthropological and archaeological field research in Jordan and Egypt. He helped develop an archaeological field school in Jordan where there are digs done annually under his guidance.
YEARS OF SERVICE

Jim Curry is the embodiment of the ideal image of service to an institution like Andrews University—always congenial, comfortably pleasant and extremely generous in conversation. His skills do not rest just with equipment operations, but include a vision with action for improving, updating and repairing Andrews’ infrastructure, even outside of his assigned work area. It is this sense of responsibility that has engendered such high regard for Jim as a man of principle, with so much common sense. Jim worked at Plant Services and Transportation, where he was director until retiring from full-time work at age 65. He now has almost 16 years of additional service to the Andrews Farm. This length of service is one few achieve and is also significant for his over 50 years of association and work here at Andrews.

Dean Snow is almost a household name around Andrews, serving as manager of Custodial Services for many years. Over the last 40 years he has shared his faith, talents and even monetary means to help students and staff alike. Dean has always gone the second mile. Sixteen of those years he has volunteered faithfully on the Eau Claire Fire Department. Former Fire Chief Tom Stiles said, “Dean is cool headed, dependable, and much appreciated.” His student workers say, “Dean has a lot of common sense and is an anchor for the students.” Staff members said, “Dean is a mentor, a hard worker, smart and reliable.” Dean has been a “behind the scenes” person for departmental furniture and housing moves, all the graduations and many piano moves, which all ran smoothly because of his leadership.

As certification registrar in the Department of Teaching, Learning & Curriculum, Jeannie Wolfer is the most knowledgeable person about certification on campus. “Jeannie Wolfer has a great depth of knowledge regarding scheduling, course sequencing and finances to best assist students timely program completion. She personally invests in her advisees and our TLC students, she is always pleasant, patient and helpful,” says colleague Michelle Bacchicoci. Students discover quickly that the fastest way to get through the program is to follow the plan she lays out for them. She has been recognized as “Advisor of the Year.” Whether it is completion plans, bulletin copy, certification issues, schedules or many other details that are needed to make a department run efficiently—she is the person they depend on.

SIEGFRIED H. HORN EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH & CREATIVE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

This award was established in 2011 to honor Siegfried Horn’s legacy of scholarship and contribution to the field of biblical archaeology at Andrews University, and his impact upon the world church and the wider community of scholars. The award was established to recognize the lifetime scholarship achievement of Andrews University faculty members. Nominated from each of four categories by the chair of the Scholarly Research Council, and selected by the membership of this council, recipients must be associate or full professors, and full-time employees for a minimum of five years.

Arts, Humanities and Education: Stephen Zork, associate professor of music, exhibits a remarkable breadth in his creative work, which includes significant performances and recordings as a conductor, singer and pianist. The achievements of his students speak to his dedication to the apprenticeship model of artistic scholarship. His graduates are widely sought for advanced study and a variety of conductor positions worldwide. Stephen regularly conducts concerts, clinics and workshops at a broad variety of venues across the United States. He has been an invited festival conductor, workshop clinician, and guest lecturer around the world. Stephen is also active as a soloist, singing in major oratorio and opera productions, and has served as adjudicator for regional vocal competitions.

Pure and Applied Sciences: Karl Bailey has played a major role in leading Andrews University into a new era of student research mentoring and the resulting scholarly presentations and publications. His vision is for faculty to integrate their research with student interests
and that departments integrate research methods into the curriculum. His unique ability to bond with students produces a desire to undertake leading edge research projects. As a result of his leadership 15–20 students each year submit research projects for presentations at regional and national conferences. He is a leading scholarly voice in understanding the strengths of religious belief for the individual and society. Karl is a significant contributor to the Honors program and a leading proponent of mentoring student research as a core part of expected faculty workload.

**Professional Programs:** **Ann Gibson**, formerly professor of accounting and the Hasso Endowed Chair of Business Ethics and now professor emerita, has given over 80 professional seminars and workshops for the Seventh-day Adventist Church and presented at over a dozen international sites in this capacity. She manages the General Conference Treasury website, moneywise.adventist.org. In the past year she has developed a weeklong workshop and seminar program for new treasurer training, including creating over 30 curriculum guides. In 1998 Ann founded and co-chaired the first professional growth seminar, “Beyond the Bottom Line,” for financial officers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church across North America. Her dream is to professionalize those who handle financial matters for the Adventist Church.

**Religion and Theology:** **Richard Choi** joined the faculty of the New Testament department at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in 1991. Since 2007, he has served as chair of the department and promotes research and teaching excellence for each of the faculty. Richard has presented different scholarly papers around the world. He was part of the team that produced the Andrews Study Bible and is currently completing a commentary on the book of Galatians for the new Seventh-day Adventist International Bible Commentary series. He is currently president of the Midwest Society of Biblical Literature and has served for a number of years as the chair of the Regional Coordinators Committee for the Society of Biblical Literature. Richard is also the executive secretary and coordinator of the Chicago Society of Biblical Research.

**DANIEL A. AUGSBURGER EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD**

Seven faculty members received the Daniel A. Augsburger Excellence in Teaching Award. This award recognizes faculty whose teaching reflects the high standards of excellence modeled by Dr. Augsburger in his 60 years of teaching at Andrews University. Augsburger’s leadership, academic rigor, breadth of knowledge, teacher-scholar role, along with care and concern for students, exemplify the best of faculty endeavors. Faculty from each school nominate and choose their individual candidates.

**Larry Burton** is an outstanding individual who exemplifies the best in Adventist education. As the acting director of the School of Education’s Curriculum & Instruction program, Larry teaches online and traditional courses. He is also actively involved in academic research. For many years he has chaired AICER, the Andrews International Center for Research program, which is currently exploring denominational
HYGGE

persistence of students who attended Adventist colleges in the North American Division. Larry has been the editor of the “Journal of Research on Christian Education” since 2004. As a mentor to graduate students, he has also chaired many dissertation committees.

John Peckham, associate professor of theology and Christian philosophy, has served at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary since 2013 and has made a significant impact upon his students and colleagues. His passion for scholarship is evident and his crowning achievement in the last year was the publication of “The Love of God: A Canonical Model” published by InterVarsity Press, which received the 2015 Readers’ Choice Award. This year John is scheduled to publish another book, this time with Eerdmans, titled “Canon, Sola Scriptura, and Theological Method.” John has also written a number of peer-reviewed articles, published in a variety of Adventist and evangelical venues. John is loved for his excellence in teaching. He transfers his expertise to the classroom and consistently receives high evaluations.

Karen Reiner, associate professor of medical laboratory sciences, exemplifies the best that a teacher can be as a professional content expert with a passion for students to learn. She illustrates concepts with her professional experiences and students frequently remark that it is an excellent way for them to remember the materials. They greatly appreciate her highly organized laboratory sessions, kindness and understanding. In Karen’s course evaluations, students write how they appreciate the way she stimulates interest in what she is teaching and how she motivates them to do their best. MLS faculty appreciate her as a servant leader, who welcomes new ideas for improvement in the classroom and in clinical education. She has also been instrumental in securing new clinical sites for students.

Quentin Sahly, assistant professor of accounting, joined the School of Business Administration in 2014. His career objectives are to share his financial, leadership and administrative experience by instructing ethical accounting and business practices to the next generation of leaders. As a Certified Public Accountant, in addition to his academic qualifications and business experience, students in accounting benefit from his caring concern for their success. The School of Business Administration particularly appreciated Quentin’s willingness to pick up a teaching load of additional accounting courses from the middle of fall semester 2014 and through the spring semester 2015, because of the need for the regular teacher to go on sick leave and long-term disability.

Ariel Solis, assistant professor of architecture, brings expertise in the areas of building information modeling, computer assisted design, comprehensive building design and integrative design to the School of Architecture & Interior Design. His contributions in these areas are critical to a well-rounded architecture curriculum. Comments from his peers speak to his excellence in relating to students and colleagues. One individual said, “Ariel teaches in a most encouraging manner. His availability, tone of voice and demeanor reflect that each student and their learning are important to him. This is especially evident in teaching students of varying ability, where Ariel excels at extending an uplifting attitude while he patiently communicates in a variety of ways to reach an appropriate level of understanding.”

Uncompromising in excellence, demanding in discipline, motivating, caring and helpful, foremost pedagogue, these are some of the attributes that characterize Trina Thompson’s teaching and research mentoring experience at the Department of Music. As associate professor of music theory, Trina is one of the most beloved and respected faculty members in the department. The following comments from students and peers stand as witness to her efficiency and popularity as a teacher: “I liked how she explained her concepts in different ways to fit everyone’s learning styles.” “Professor Thompson displays outstanding skills of undergraduate research mentorship.” “You’ve inspired me so much as a scholar and musician, I feel so privileged to have been your student.”

Lynelle Weldon’s peers consider working with her to be a privilege and joy. As associate professor of mathematics, Lynelle uses a variety of instructional methods and creative in-class activities including pre-writes, learning games and group work. She spends a significant amount of time preparing and innovating yet still devotes hours to individual students. Lynelle pioneered using online homework systems. She wrote the “Instructor’s Guide for College Algebra: Concepts and Contexts,” the textbook edited by Stewart currently used for Reasoning with Functions. Stewart is one of the most prolific and successful authors of mathematics textbooks in North America, so for her to be chosen to write the “Instructor’s Guide” was a high honor.

Jan Wrenn, professor of social work, is, quite simply, a master teacher. Colleagues in the Department of Social Work view her as the gold standard by which they measure their own teaching. Her philosophy of teaching is deeply grounded in Christian character and example, challenging course materials, a variety of teaching methods, and a comfortable learning environment. Her approach to teaching is rooted in the idea that students will respond to well-prepared courses, delivering an engaging experience. Jan stays current, constantly updating her materials. Students often comment on how knowledgeable she is across a variety of subjects. They rave about her classes and her student evaluations leave virtually no room for improvement in any category. She is always available to help and encourage students, and is legendary for sending supportive messages.
FAITH DEVELOPMENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award is given to any employee, faculty or staff, who has made a significant contribution to the spiritual life of campus. Names are considered and voted by the Faith Development Committee. Instituted in 2005.

Kathy Demsky’s heart for God is evident in her thoughtful care of students, faculty and staff. Over the years students have been blessed by her consistent support of departmental vespers, accompanied by good food and fellowship. Her class, Special Topics in Waldensian Beliefs, is regarded by many students as one of the highlights of their experience at Andrews University and a course that helps them focus on the very foundations of their beliefs. Kathy’s colleagues regard her as an amazing individual and recognize that it is she who has made the Architecture library the living room for their department and a safe place for students to find rest.

EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE AWARD

Recipients of this award are hourly or salaried full- or part-time staff who have served for at least three consecutive years, and have not previously received the award. The award is given “in recognition of outstanding service to the University, the church, and the community, and for demonstrating, by precept and example, a Christ-centered life.”

Deby Andvik has dedicated 16 years of excellent service to Andrews, working in different capacities. Currently, she is the assistant to the dean in the School of Health Professions, where she has been instrumental in setting up the infrastructure of the new school. Before that she served as administrative assistant in the Department of Nursing and assistant to the dean in the College of Arts & Sciences. One of her greatest strengths is attention to detail. Department chairs appreciate her support very much. She works as a mentor to administrative assistants in the School of Health Professions and throughout the University and has actively contributed to the development of a system that assesses faculty workload.

Kris Knutson has a passion for Andrews University and its students. Interaction with college students has been a constant factor in her working career, first in Quebec and then on this campus since 1994. At Andrews University she worked first in the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry and since 2004 in Student Success, most recently as director. In all her roles she has been known for her commitment, creativity, encouragement and yet gentle firmness. From her work over the years in Pathfinder clubs to the students who walk into the Student Success Center, Kris has a passion to help young adults succeed and grow personally, academically and spiritually, yet she also has a deep knowledge and respect for University values and policies.

After earning a degree in English and an MA in communication from Andrews University, Gillian Sanner has given eight years of extraordinary service to Andrews University. As assistant to the vice president for Student Life, many view Gillian as the essential hub for the division. Gillian has earned great respect from her colleagues all over campus. Here’s a sample of what they had to say: “Gillian faithfully performs every aspect of her work with the highest level of competence, communicating effectively with an attention to detail that is simply unparalleled!” “Gillian creates a warm and caring work environment with a willing and gracious spirit—so valued in a high pressure work environment.” Frances Faehner, vice president for Student Life, said, “Gillian is simply the best she can be. Andrews is blessed every day to have the rare and priceless treasure of Gillian Sanner.”
5 YEARS-OF-SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Front row, L–R: Ashleigh Burtnett, Patrice Jones, Janet Ledesma, Sarah Kimakwa, Julia Kim, Sharon Moore, Keila Diaz, Dana Johnston, Darryl Kotanko, Amy Waller, LeRoy Ruhupatty, Melissa Ponce-Rodas

Not pictured: Myrna Araujo-Constantine, Christon Arthur, Alina Baltazar, Christopher Denda, Julie Dronen, Lynnetta Hamstra, Viviana Insunza, Gretchen Krivak, Nathan Lowry, Andrea Luxton, David Muth, Timothy Newkirk, Reginald Ridgway, Teela Ruehle, Ivan Sierra-Rivera, Ariel Solis, Maria Velez, Noe Velez

10 YEARS-OF-SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Front row, L–R: Elaine Navia, Keila Sanchez, Vicki Wiley, Stefanie Elkins-Bates, Felipe Tan, Anne Oyerly
Back row, L–R: Richard Wright, Wilfredo Diaz, Glenn Meekma, Bradly Hinman, Vicki Thompson, Robin Johnson

Not pictured: Duane Covrig, Alan Kirkpatrick, Andrej Kić, Hyun Kwon, Randall Lonto, Armand Poblete, Graciela Gaytan

15 YEARS-OF-SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Front row, L–R: Rodrick Snow, June Scott-Grzybowski, Darah Regal, Roberta Colwell, Rita Turambi, Rita Pusey, Vida Giddings
Back row, L–R: Todd Freeman, David Susens, Sylvie Baumgartner, Deborah Andvik, Philip Giddings, Licia Rothermel

Not pictured: Larry Adams, Skip Bell, Alvin Glassford, Joon Hyuk Kang, S Joseph Kidder, Trevor O’Reggio, Stephen Thorman, David VanDenburgh

10 YEARS-OF-SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Front row, L–R: Allen Stembridge, Katherine Koudele, Anna Piskozub, Kristine Knutson, Rhonda Peak, Wanda Cantrell
Back row, L–R: Reginald Swensen, Josip Horonic, Bryan Clayton, Timothy Trine, Lester Birney, David Sherwin

Not pictured: Larry Burton, John Reeve

Visit andrews.edu/agenda to listen to audio files of the recorded tributes
Alumni calendar of events
For more information visit us online at www.andrews.edu/alumni/ or contact the Office of Alumni Services at 269-471-3591 or alumni@andrews.edu.

April
15 Alumni Board of Directors Meeting
4:30 p.m.
Alumni House
Andrews University

17 Nebraska Regional Event
11 a.m.
Wilderness Ridge, Blackfoot Room
1800 Wilderness Woods Place
Lincoln, Nebraska

19 Colorado Regional Event
6 p.m.
The Old Spaghetti Factory
1215 18th Street
Denver, Colorado

May
1 Spring Commencement Services
8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m.
Pioneer Memorial Church
Berrien Springs, Michigan

June
11 Michigan Camp Meeting Event
5 p.m.
Fellowship Hall, Cedar Lake Church
Cedar Lake, Michigan

18 Indiana Camp Meeting Event
5 p.m.
Indiana Academy
Cicero, Indiana

18 Wisconsin Camp Meeting Event
5 p.m.
Andrews University cabin
Camp Wakonda
Westfield, Wisconsin

25 Lake Region Camp Meeting Event
5 p.m.
Camp Wagner
Cassopolis, Michigan

July
31 Summer Commencement Service
9 a.m.
Pioneer Memorial Church
Berrien Springs, Michigan

Please Note: Locations and times are subject to change. As the date of the event you’re interested in gets closer, be sure to double-check www.alumni.andrews.edu/rsvp or call the office for updates.

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

Regional events
Florida
Approximately 150 alums gathered at Highland Manor for brunch on Sunday, January 10, 2016. Edwin Hernandez (MDiv ’86) offered the blessing. Tami Condon (BS ’91, MA ’13) shared news from campus, and David Faehner (MA ’72), Audrey Castelbuono (BS ’78) and Hebe Soares (att.) helped host. Pictured are Patricia Dade-Williams (BS ’74) and Eric Williams.

Alumni vs. Student Hockey Game
This annual event was held on Feb. 20, 2016, at the Ice Box Skating Rink in South Bend, Indiana. Emily Carlson (MA ’15), assistant director of Student Activities & Involvement, said, “I was pleased with the engagement of the alumni and students who came to support current and former Cardinal hockey players.” The score was 7 to 6, with alumni the winners!

Both teams posed for a group photo before the game began. The alumni team is wearing the black uniforms. After the game, everyone took to the ice to enjoy a time of open skating.
Regional events (continued)

California Regional Events
Sadly, this was Niels-Erik (MA ’65, BD ’66) and Demetra (att.) Andreasen’s final tour of alumni gatherings. Alums came out to wish them well as they transition into retirement.

Newport Beach
More than 50 alumni and friends met on Jan. 21, 2016, for brunch at True Food Kitchen in Newport Beach. Pictured are Mercy and Ken (MSA ’97) Mambo with their daughter.

Loma Linda
An Italian buffet was served at the Wong Kerlee International Conference Center on the campus of Loma Linda University on Jan. 22, 2016. Approximately 150 guests joined us in saying farewell to the Andreasens. Jean (BS ’71) and Bill (BA ’70, board member) Murdoch recognized the service of Demetra and Niels-Erik Andreasen.

Napa
More than 50 alumni and friends joined us at Cindy’s Backstreet Kitchen on January 25. Eric Anderson (BA ’70) and Loretta Anderson gave a special tribute to the Andreasens. Pictured, L–R: Matthew Gamble (BA ’99, MDiv ’03), Susan (Mentges) Gamble (BS ’01) and Jodi Parrish.

Alabama
On March 12 more than 60 alums met at the Huntsville Marriott. Hebe Soares and David Faehner shared news and pictures, then President-elect Andrea Luxton (MA ’78) took questions and highlighted campus updates. Pictured are Jeffrey (MDiv ’83, PhD ’93) and Pattiejean (att.) Brown.

North Carolina
Close to 80 guests joined us at Asiana Grand Buffet in Asheville on March 15. Hebe Soares offered the blessing, Tami Condon gave campus updates, and David Faehner shared news, took questions, and gave the Andrews benediction. Pictured are David Prest (MA ’62) and wife Barbara.

Tennessee
The Residence Inn and Conference Center near Hamilton Place in Chattanooga was packed on March 13. More than 150 guests enjoyed brunch while networking with each other and hearing news from campus. Alex (att.) and Jocelyn (BA ’05) Loza attended with their two daughters.

Roseville
On January 24, 2016, approximately 40 alumni and friends joined us at The Old Spaghetti Factory, Inc. Paul Stokstad (att., board member) and wife Shelley gave special recognition to the Andreasens.
1950s

Lawrence Raymond Show (BA ’50, former staff) recently wrote, “I’m sad to have to announce the death of my darling wife, Phyllis Sunderland Show (att., former staff) on October 15, 2015. She was 86 and we had been happily married for 66 years, having met at EMC in 1947. She rests in the Good Lord! Blessings on Andrews U.—we both served on staff there for 12 years from 1965 to 1977.”

1960s

Terry Gene Seifert (BA ’64) completed two things on his bucket list. He spent two weeks in Egypt, starting in Luxor then Aswan and Cairo, where he saw ancient temples (1500 B.C.) and the Valley of the Kings. Then he traveled north to see the first pyramids and then the great pyramids. His next visit was to South Africa to go on three safaris. He writes, “It was neat to be close to the wild animals. And, boy, do I have the videos! Had lots of fun.”

1970s

Sandra Morgan (BS ’70) was an invited participant at the International Congress on Arts, Communications, Science & Technology held in Edinburgh, Scotland from June 29 to July 6, 2015. Delegates from 40 different countries shared their professional accomplishments, ideas and talents. This was Sandra’s seventh year representing America and Michigan at this world forum. She is the only one who presents dramatic poetry.

Valerie (Gray) Lee (MA ’73) retired from The Ohio State University where she held the dual posts of vice provost for Diversity and Inclusion and chief diversity officer and vice president for Outreach and Engagement. A recipient of both the university’s Distinguished Teaching Award and its Distinguished Service Award, Valerie also served as chair of Ohio State’s Department of English for two terms and chair of the Department of Women’s Studies for one term. She is married to James C. Lee, and they are the parents of four adult children. The Lees are members of the Ephesus Church in Columbus, Ohio.

1980s

Mukesh Aghi (MBA ’80) was appointed a director of CSC in Falls Church, Virginia. He will serve on the Compensation Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Aghi is president of the U.S.-India Business Council and has more than 27 years of experience across diverse industries. Aghi has been associated with Universitas 21 Global, the world’s largest consortium of research-led universities and a global leader in providing post-graduate online education. He holds an advanced Management Diploma from Harvard Business School, an MBA in international marketing from Andrews University and a PhD in international relations from Claremont Graduate University in California. He earned a BA in business administration from the Middle East College, Beirut, Lebanon.

Peter J DiPietrantonio (MS ’85) recently retired after 25 years as director of the Emergency Department at Parkview Adventist Medical Center in Maine. His wife Patti is also retired. Peter writes, “Greetings from Maine where life is lived as it should be. We encourage all to remain faithful to Jesus.”

In his new book, “Over-Tested and Under-Prepared: Using Competency Based Learning to Transform Our Schools,” Bob Sornson (EdS ’85, PhD ’03) describes the reasons we operate within a content-driven one-size-fits-all instructional model, and why this model produces only small numbers of highly successful learners. He offers a compelling vision of a competency model, in which progress toward crucial outcomes is carefully tracked until each student achieves competency. Published internationally by Routledge, this book clearly describes how many of the inadequacies of American education are systems issues.

1990s

The Board of Directors of Raphael House of San Francisco named Ralph Payton (BS ’95) executive director of Raphael House effective December 14, 2015. Raphael House was founded in 1971 and is the oldest and only privately-funded shelter and services program of its kind dedicated
to providing short-term housing, rental assistance and ongoing supportive services to Bay Area families experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Payton has more than 15 years of experience directing nonprofit human services programs. He served most recently as director of the family shelter at Hamilton Family Center, a nonprofit program in San Francisco that provides shelter, housing placement and support services for hundreds of homeless families in the Bay Area. Prior to moving to San Francisco in 2011, Payton lived in New York City where he directed a large family shelter for many years and then went on to direct an alternative high school, both in the South Bronx. He earned a Master of Clinical Psychology from Nova Southeastern University in South Florida and a Bachelor of Science in counseling psychology from Andrews University.

2000s
The Management Agency (TMA) in Jacksonville, Florida, has signed author and recording artist Kelley (Wilson) Lorencin (BA ’00) to a development/management deal. Lorencin toured with the Andrews University Singers and was the music director for the weekly contemporary worship service at Pioneer Memorial Church. Kelley was also an on-air announcer for WAUS 90.7 FM. Her work in full-time worship ministry led her to re-craft great, old hymns for younger generations, and she began to refocus her songwriting on “tampering” (as her husband calls it) with sacred music. In 2007, Kelley’s father was diagnosed with ALS and the ensuing journey of his illness and death shifted her ministry message to one largely focused on finding good news in the midst of suffering. She plans to return to writing all-original music with this in mind as a general theme. Kelley is the author of “Freedom Fighter” (with Ken Wilson), “From Great Disappointment to Great Expectations” (with Joyce Wilson), “The Worship Experiment,” “Sweet Songs” and two studio-produced CDs, “No Night” and “Midnight Clear.”

Stefan Radu (DMin ’01) wrote in response to his 77th birthday wishes from the Alumni Association. He says, “I am very busy every day. In the last years I published a lot of books in the Romanian language for Romania, the Republic of Moldova and for all the Romanians, wherever they live in this world. First, I published a book of homiletics of 604 pages, one about marriage and family, then about the Sabbath, doctrines and four volumes of sermons, in each of them 50 sermons. I continue with these books until I write the eighth volume of sermons and this is all. I also sent to Romania a booklet about creation and evolution and am ready to send one more, already written, about the Biblical teaching on life and death. As you see, I did not pursue my doctoral degree, which I received on May 19, 2001, for nothing.”

Cleidy De La Cruz (BA ’04, BBA ’04) is a 4th-grade Spanish Immersion teacher at Roguewood Elementary. De La Cruz, who has a graduate degree from Grand Valley State University, previously taught in Rockford from 2008 to 2011.

2010s
Charis Goulding (att.) has been promoted to account executive at Bug Doctor in Paramus, New Jersey. Goulding joined the company in 2008 as a seasonal employee while attending high school and college.

Lillian-Marie Ware Drew (MS ’14) of Cleveland, Mississippi, who received a Master of Science in nutrition and wellness from Andrews University, is among the students who have received grants from the University of Virginia’s Center for Global Health to pursue projects around the world this summer. The scholars, who come from multiple schools and disciplines, as well as UVA’s College at Wise, will conduct six- to eight-week intensive, mentored research projects, most at partnership sites, where they will be engaged in community-based projects with long-term connections to UVA. Drew, a first-year graduate nursing student, will research palliative care in South Africa’s Limpopo Province with two other UVA students.
Deaths

Born July 24, 1924 in Copenhagen, Denmark, he was raised on a farm, the oldest of seven boys. He attended the Danish Adventist high school, Vejlejord, where he worked his way through school and graduated in 1943. While attending a summer camp to learn about literature evangelism, a young girl, Ruth Thoger, caught his eye.

On May 6, 1946, they were married in Stockholm, Sweden, and spent their first year of married life canvassing. The following year he returned to Denmark to fulfill his mandatory military service as a medic. Soon he was holding evangelistic meetings and was assigned a church. In 1952, to fulfill a dream, he immigrated to the United States and earned a BA in theology from Emmanuel Missionary College in Michigan and an MDiv from the seminary in Takoma Park, Maryland, where he was ordained.

In 1958 he became a missionary to West Africa. He served as a pastor and Bible teacher in Ghana and Nigeria and during this time he started a ministerial training school in Ghana so that nationals could minister to their own people. Louis then added the role of secondary school principal to his duties in Liberia and Sierra Leone. He was active in school development projects, curriculum and facility enhancement, and began campus industries so students could pay their way.

He returned to Andrews in 1965 so that his wife and four young children could receive an American education. Over the next 12 years, while working as a science teacher, he earned a master’s degree in education and biology, and a Doctor of Ministry from Andrews University. In 1977 he accepted a call to return to Denmark and served as pastor of several churches, chaplain of the Skodsborg Sanitarium, and Bible teacher at the Skodsborg Physical Therapy School.

In 1981 he returned to Africa where he built and established a mission school in Gambia, serving as principal and pastor. He later was called to Uganda as academic dean at Bugema College. In 1994, he and Ruth retired in Candler, North Carolina. He served briefly as interim principal at Asheville-Pisgah Church School, and was active in the Mt. Pisgah Academy Church.

His hobbies included developing a five-acre animal farm for his grandkids and the youth of the church, travel, genealogy, collecting of beetles, fossils, rocks/minerals, stamps and books. His life and career was defined by his love for God, family and church.

He is survived by his wife Ruth (BA ’88), two brothers in Denmark, Ib Nielsen and Bent Nielsen, and children, Jan Nielsen (BS ’74) of Savannah, Georgia; Anita Grandy (BS ’82) of Candler, North Carolina; Arne Nielsen (BS ’83) of Silver Spring, Maryland; Frank Nielsen (att.) of Seattle, Washington; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Winston Donovan Edwards (MA ’73, DIP5YR ’75, MA ’95, PhD ’03), affectionately known as “Donnie,” died Feb. 7, 2016, in Charlotte, North Carolina. He was 67.

Donnie was born August 22, 1948, in The Bahamas to missionary parents.

More than 20 years ago, Donnie was diagnosed with Myasthenia gravis, a chronic autoimmune neuromuscular disease characterized by varying degrees of weakness of the skeletal (voluntary) muscles of the body. But that did not slow him down.

Donnie enjoyed music, especially singing. He loved singing with his brothers. During his early years he also enjoyed singing with the Heralds Quartet in Jamaica and at Andrews University, Michigan. They created two albums in the early 70s titled “The Milky White Way” and “Something Within Me.” The members were Donovan Edwards, Garth Edwards, Oswald (Oz) Rugless, and Carlyle Simmons.

Donnie also loved animals, particularly dogs and especially his three-year-old “Pinky.”

Over the past five years, he had four major strokes and eight ministrokes. He is one of God’s miracles. He was resilient. The family always said he had nine lives. A few months after his first stroke, he preached with an oxygen tank on his back. Donnie was caring, loving and had a get-up-and-go that was remarkable.

Donnie served as a pastor in Kingston, Jamaica after completing college with a BA in religion in 1969 from West Indies College. After graduation, he served as a pastor in the East Jamaica Conference of Seventh-day Adventists until 1971 when he opted for higher education in the U.S. He joined the work–study program at Andrews University in 1971, remaining there until 1976. That same year he returned to Jamaica to join the staff at his alma mater, NCU, functioning as the associate dean of men, and moving into ascendancy as the dean in January 1978.

He moved with his family to Florida in 1981 where he pastored for more than ten years. In 1991 they moved back to Andrews University where he studied for and completed the PhD in counseling psychology. In 2000, he moved to the Arizona Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Scottsdale, where he served as an assistant to the president for African American Ministries. He also served as a church pastor until his retirement in 2013.

He leaves behind a rich legacy for his loved ones: Judith Carol (Brennen) Edwards (att.); his three sons: Donovan II (att.); Jonathan (att.) and Adam; one daughter-in-law and one grandchild: Jackie (Jonathan’s spouse) and Pennykat (granddaughter); also his brothers: Desmond of Nassau, The Bahamas, Garth (BSMT ’74) of Chicago, Illinois, and Barry of Cape Coral, Florida; and one sister: Marlene Walter of Miami, Florida.

Lillian Moore, 82, died on Feb. 3, 2016 in Thousand Oaks, California.

She was born on Jan. 9, 1934. She taught for both Hinsdale Sanitarium and Andrews
life stories

University at the Hinsdale Hospital campus from 1962–1985. While working for the Andrews University Department of Nursing, she received a Master of Nursing from St Xavier College in 1972. She received her EdD from UCLA in 1991.

She is survived by her siblings Ruby White, Lois Barrett (att., former faculty) and Jesse Cooley: her daughters Kathy Roth (BS ’81) and Konnie Beasant; her son Kenneth Moore (BS ’83) and six grandchildren.


K.B. was born March 15, 1918, in Enosburg Falls, Vermont, the daughter of Chester and Margie (Wells) Durgin. On Dec. 28, 1937, he met his future wife, Dorothy Hannum. On Jan. 31, 2016. Paul served in the Philippines during WWII as a Staff Sergeant and was delegated the job of Assistant Sergeant Major and Chief of Services Records. He supervised three men and was payroll clerk for the division.

Paul learned the building trade by helping his father build barns—the old-fashioned way. No air-powered tools then, only wrists and hands that were strong. He applied this skill while in college, working at the College Wood Products factory on the EMC campus.

Shortly after graduating, he took a job with a residential construction firm. Leaving the firm in 1961, he and his friend/coworker, Virgil Tacket (BA ’55), formed Tacket and Cress Custom Home Builders, a quality home construction partnership that built 153 homes and lasted until their retiring years.

Surviving are his son Daniel (AET ’77, BET ’79, current staff) and his wife Cami (BS ’85) and their children Kristina (current student), Meira and Benjamin (BBA ’15) Cress; and daughter Gely (BS ’81) and her husband Mike (BSMT ’97) Stiles, all of Berrien Springs, Michigan.

After a courageous six-month battle with acute myeloid leukemia, Gary Glenn Johnson (BBA ’85) passed to his rest on Jan. 11, 2016 in Portland, Oregon.

Gary was born August 25, 1961, in Erie, Pennsylvania, the son of Glenn and Carlene (Heid) Johnson. As a boy he attended Lake Erie Junior Academy, collected baseball cards and exhibited a remarkable ability to recall statistics and players.

In 1980 he graduated from Blue Mountain Academy in Hamburg, Pennsylvania, putting in many long hours at Harris Pine Mills Inc. making furniture. Gary furthered his education at Andrews University graduating in 1985 with a BBA in accounting. Between his sophomore and junior years he served as a student missionary in Malawi, Africa, doing accounting work at a leprosy treatment center. Gary eventually finished his CPA and MBA.

Gary began his career in the Treasury Department of the Northern California Conference. Beginning as an intern accounting clerk, Gary worked his way up to under treasurer and served NCC a total of 12 years.

Gary joined Adventist Contact and met the love of his life, Candice Jaqua, who was the principal at Santa Barbara Adventist School in California. They were married on June 25, 1989, in the Santa Barbara Adventist Church. They loved to worship together, go on bike rides and hikes, enjoyed owning a boat, water and snow skiing, snorkeling, sports and eventually traveling to some 50 countries together. Their
On the evening of Jan. 18, 2016, Esther Leonora Hare (former staff), 94, died at home as a result of heart failure.

Esther was born in Mussoorie, India, in the foothills of the Himalayas, on May 14, 1921. She was the younger of two daughters of Robert James and Leonora Borrowdale, Seventh-day Adventist missionaries from Plymouth, England.

Esther spent her early childhood among the Santal ethnic minority, in mission schools where her parents taught. She would often accompany her father, a trained nurse, on his visits to the Santal villages, and would listen as he talked with the village elders, thus acquiring the language naturally. She remained able to speak and read Santali all her life.

At the age of 9, she was sent to Vincent Hill School in Mussoorie, where she studied until the age of 16 and passed the Senior Cambridge exam with high marks. She traveled to the U.S. just before the outbreak of World War II, to study secretarial science and accounting at Pacific Union College in Angwin, California. It was there that she met Leonard Hare (former faculty), son of missionaries to Burma. They were married in 1943 and left immediately with Burma as their destination.

Because of dangerous wartime travel conditions, they didn’t reach Burma until 1945.

Their mission school was located among the Karen ethnic minority, deep in the jungle and at the heart of a civil war that rages to this day. In 1949, the Burmese government expelled the missionaries, along with other foreigners, but the Hares kept in touch with their Karen friends. In July of 2015, Esther was honored at a reunion of Karen people held on the Andrews University campus.

From 1951 to 1956 the Hares served at Raymond Memorial Training School in Falakata, India, where Leonard was principal. Esther oversaw the girls’ dormitory and the food preparation as well as teaching classes. She stayed in touch with many of her students over the years and regularly spent time with the local Indian community in Berrien County.

After returning to the U.S. and settling in Takoma Park, Maryland, with their two children, Esther supported the family by working as a secretary while Leonard obtained his doctorate in botany.

In 1961 the family moved to Berrien Springs, where Leonard joined the biology department at Andrews University. Esther was offered a position in the business office when it was learned that she had managed to save up a down payment for a house during the lean missionary and student years.

By the time of her retirement in 1986, Esther was the financial aid officer for Andrews University, influencing the education of hundreds of students.

From 1986 until Leonard’s death in 2009, the Hares enjoyed retirement in Berrien Springs as well as travel on three continents.

Esther possessed a green thumb as well as nimble fingers. Her hobbies over the years have included gardening, both outdoors and in her greenhouse, china painting, oil painting, quilting, embroidery, and knitting. She was part of Demetra Andreasen’s knitting group, which focuses on knitting winter scarves for children in need locally and overseas.

Esther was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard Hare, and her son, Dennis Hare. She is survived by her daughter Janet (Penny) Tkachuck (BA ’69).

Born Jan. 24, 1965, in Pune, India, a son of Violet (Wann) Zachariah, of Garden City, California and the late George Zachariah (former staff), he completed his undergraduate studies at Kettering College in Ohio and graduate studies at Loma Linda University School of Medicine in California. As an internist, he had practiced in Maine and California. As an internist, Zachariah graduated the world as an engineer.

He was born Dec. 26, 1921 in Hominy, Oklahoma, the son of Alfred Schnell and Esther (Hamilton) Schnell.

Alfred had been both an engineer and a minister during his life. He loved reading and Bible studies, vegetable gardening, golf, snow skiing, woodworking, and traveling. Alfred had traveled the world as an engineer.

He was preceded in death by her husband, David Ladd (BA ‘64, MA ‘70), in 2005; her parents; and a sister, Sara Boutwell.

Margrace R. Ladd (BS ‘66), 72, of Bridgman, Michigan, died on Nov. 26, 2015.

Margrace was born Feb. 8, 1943, in Decatur, Indiana, the daughter of Growe and Irene (Shiver) Rupe. She was an accomplished pianist, teaching piano lessons and providing accompaniment in the community. She also served as a chaplain for Memorial Hospital in St. Joseph, and was a member of the Berrien Springs Optimist Club.

She will be missed by her daughter, Brenda Lee Ladd, of Conway, South Carolina; two grandchildren and one great-grandson; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Don and Mary Dockerty; nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David Ladd (BA ‘64, MA ‘70), in 2005; her parents; and a sister, Sara Boutwell.

Alfred Clinton Schnell (MA ‘63, BD ‘67), 93, of Jones, Oklahoma, died on Nov. 26, 2015.

Born Sept. 18, 1922 in Hominy, Oklahoma, he was the son of Alfred Schnell and Esther (Hamilton) Schnell.

Alfred had been both an engineer and a minister during his life. He loved reading and Bible studies, vegetable gardening, golf, snow skiing, woodworking, and traveling. Alfred had traveled the world as an engineer.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Gladys Mae Preston.

Survivors include his wife Shirley Schnell, two sons, Mark Schnell of California; and Charles Schnell and his wife Lisa of Tennessee; two daughters, Kathy (Dentzel) Landstreet of Georgia; and Karen (Delbert) Gilman of Jones, Oklahoma; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two brothers, Ralph Schnell of New York and Arnold Schnell of Oregon; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Helen Inez Stevens Guth (BA ‘40), 97, died Nov. 25, 2015, in Walla Walla, Washington.

Helen was born to missionary parents in Entre Rios, Argentina on Jan. 15, 1918.

She graduated in 1940 from Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University). Helen married Grant Elliot Guth (BA ‘41) on June 1, 1941. She spent her years as a teacher, teaching French and also served as a librarian until her retirement in 1983.

Helen was a people person who made many friends and kept in touch with them when she moved from place to place. She was a lifelong member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and helped at the College Place Community Service Center for many years.

Helen is survived by her four sons and their wives: William (BA ‘67) and Sharon (att.) Guth, The Dalles, Oregon; Richard (BA ‘70) and Kathlene Guth, Loma Linda, California; Ronald and Judy Guth, Ukiah, California; and Leonard (BA ‘79) and Rena Guth, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho; nine grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by both parents, her husband Grant E. Guth, and stepmother Grace (BA ‘1916) Evans-Stevens-Green-Lundquist.

William Francis Farver (BA ‘50, MA ‘61), 93, passed away Nov. 6, 2015, at home in Cottonwood, Arizona.

He was born Dec. 26, 1921 in West Bridgewater, Pennsylvania.

William is survived by his wife Irene (Friesen) Farver (BS ‘50) and daughters Lahna Farver (BS ’73, MAT ’77) and Janis Farver (BA ’69).

Margaret (Steeves) Roy (att., former staff), 94, died Sept. 7, 2015, in Bradenton, Florida.

Margaret was born on June 13, 1921 in Paterson, New Jersey. After graduating from North Plainfield Academy she attended Madison College in Tennessee. She then moved to Washington, D.C., where she became secretary to the director of the Youth Department of the Potomac Conference for three years.

Returning to school at Union College, she met Norman J. Roy (former faculty), and they were married on Aug. 31, 1947. Moving to Sheyenne River Academy in Harvey, North Dakota, Margaret became secretary to the principal and taught some classes. In 1953 they moved to Lodi Academy where Margaret was asked to be secretary to the principal.

They joined the faculty of Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Massachusetts in 1957. Margaret became secretary to the college president in 1960 and served in this capacity under five presidents.

In 1973 Margaret and Norman accepted a call to Andrews University, and Margaret served as secretary to presidents Richard Hammill, Joseph Smoot and W. Richard Lesher. She retired in 1987.

Through the years she was active in the ministries of several churches was ordained an elder in the Berrien Springs Village Church. In 1994 the Roys moved to Hendersonville, North Carolina, where Margaret continued to live after Norman’s death in 1998.

She was active as a volunteer at Park Ridge Hospital for many years. In July 2014 she moved to her daughter’s home in Parrish, Florida, where she continued to be active in the Palmetto Church until her death.

She is survived by her two daughters and sons-in-law, Sherry (att.) and Colin (MDiv ’78) Rampton of Parrish, Florida, and Sandra (BS ’78) and Dale Schmid of Freeport, Illinois, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.
Charitable bequests.
Good for Andrews.
Good for you.

Roy and Darlene Puymon always enjoy the ride. They’ve been biking together for decades, and they know how great it feels to do something they love while staying active and spending time together. Roy and Darlene also remembered Andrews University in their estate plan, and they know how great it feels to give such a meaningful gift to an institution they love—a gift that doesn’t slow them down any in the present.

Learn how you can do something that’s good for Andrews—and good for you. Call or write today.

Phone: 269-471-3613
Email: plannedgiving@andrews.edu
Web: andrews.edu/plannedgiving

Office of Planned Giving & Trust Services  
Andrews University
Cardinals basketball coach David Jardine (left) and Terry Newmyer (right) present Julia Foster, coach of the CAYA (Collegedale Adventist Youth in Action) women’s team, with a leadership award during the Newmyer Classic basketball tournament, held February 4–6, 2016, at Andrews University. A total of 672 players and coaching staff participated, representing 40 teams from across North America. For more images from the Newmyer Classic, search #newmyer2016 on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook.