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If We Have Not Love

Andrea Luxton, *president*

A short time ago I was pleased to represent Andrews University in a partnership meeting to support the local Benton Harbor District Schools as they seek to improve their standing with the state by measurably raising student outcomes. It was an Andrews University student who primarily paved the way for us to say to the School District, "We are here for you." This student project, unconnected to any class, was solely the outpouring of love by Andrews University students (more than 200 over the last two years) to students in Benton Harbor. Now this is the cornerstone of our partnership on the institutional level.

A few weeks ago the 5th year Architecture design studio won first place in the Charter for New Urban (CNU) Design Awards for 2017, a group that according to the CNU website, "recognize exemplary work by CNU members and their allies who design and build places people love." We are proud of course of the professional excellence that led to their receiving of what is considered the world's preeminent award in this field, but even more so of the award's focus on projects that make a difference in people's lives.

We are further humbled by the reality that it was a current Andrews University student from Durban, South Africa, who conceived and led out in this project to make a difference in the shanty town he knew from his childhood. The class and its teachers embraced his passion and a wonderful result ensued.

These are just two examples of how during this past academic year Andrews University students, along with the University, have said to the community, local and international, that we are serious

about the connection between what we learn, our faith, and our commitment to bring positive change.

One of my favorite biblical passages is Isaiah 58, where God makes clear to the Israelites that worship is meaningless if it does not lead to our accepting responsibility to act with grace and love in our personal relationships and in our communities. That always has been something Andrews University has taken seriously. Many of you have modeled what it means to make a difference with the education you received at this University. Thank you.

Now, in 2017, we continue to find relevant ways to engage in those connections. Just as one example, on September 14, 2017 we will have Change Day—a morning taken from our normal routines to reach out in support of myriad community needs—more on that later. I want you to know that making a difference in the lives of others is still an imperative at your alma mater. Paraphrasing one of our graduation speakers this year, "If you are an Andrews University graduate and you have not love for those that God loves then.....?"



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Don't forget to write

Letters are always welcome.

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

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Preamble

Dear Friends of Andrews,

My mother attended EMC (now AU) in the 1920s and I attended 30 years later in the 50s for three semesters (1955–57). Andrews will always have a place in my heart and although my time there was brief I have memories which are still very much with me. Merlene Ogden was my Freshman Comp teacher, her first year of college teaching. It heartens me greatly to see her name and picture often in FOCUS.

I could mention several other teachers that were such a blessing. I am a grateful recipient of FOCUS and am thankful to see the University is going forward as is needed for our technological age.

May God bless all who attend and serve at Andrews.

Thomas E Durst (att.)

Dear Editor,

I was quite heartened by the school's response to the #ItIsTimeAU video. As a family, there certainly have been legitimate hurts, real healing, and continued growth. The Andrews my great uncle attended is not the Andrews I love, or the one I am excited my son will attend!

I studied architecture between 2003 and 2008, and had the opportunity to lead the Student Movement, Graduate Student Association and Caribbean Club. I saw instances of racism, but more often I saw an administration taking deliberate efforts

and initiatives, to purposefully embrace and capitalize on the campus' diversity and bring people together. In student life and academia, I experienced an amazingly inclusive culture developing. International tours, assembly speakers, photos in the various publications, Fusion worship service, international food fairs, and cafe dishes from around the globe, testify to something special, something meaningful. In my major I took architectural courses on Islamic, Caribbean and Ancient American architecture. I always boast of my school, how it challenged me to reach beyond myself and to be concerned with the world of people.

Following Andrews online and in FOCUS, I see snippets of this story. I hope your publication might give some room to telling a fuller version of the Andrews story. I believe there are thousands of persons, congregations, institutions and administrations who could learn the lessons of bringing people from diverse places into meaningful fellowship and purpose with each other. Across the church, whether on questions of ordination, worship and music or how we arrange ourselves as conferences—working harmoniously and melding our cross-cultural knowledge to inform the mission—is a skill we are still developing. The Andrews community has something to offer. May God bless you and our dear AU.

Andwele Worrell (MArch '08)



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Andrews University Health & Wellness
“Very excited for THE JACKIE FILM to have won an AWARD OF MERIT at the CLIFF Film Festival in Canada this past weekend!”
www.thejackiefilm.com



Andrews University Biology 12 lucky biology students went on a 2-week excursion to learn about the ecology and natural history of Cuba.



Andrews University A tower of giraffes viewed on the Andrews University Tanzania Study Tour. (Photo by Don May, asst provost/assoc dean)



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Andrews University School of Architecture & Interior Design
 —<https://youtu.be/yakp-ysCiU> — Take a few minutes and watch this new in-process video about Umbumbulu house project that our students designed and is now being built by Wandile Mthiyane!



andrews_university One of the most awe inspiring moments.
 #auroraborealis #iceland
 #ultimatelceland #auvad
 #ullomphoto #travelphotography



andrews_university Before the rain came a bit of sun snuck through the clouds, lighting up these flowers at the globe entrance to all their seasonal brilliance.
 #spring#swmichigan #tulips
 #color



sbaandrews Andrews Enactus team received 3rd place in their league in the Opening Round of the Enactus US National Expo. #AUedu #EnactusAndrews #enactususa



andrews_university The day's not over! Dinner with friends at Baguette de France (a local favorite) before Virtual Preview. #takeovertuesday #aedu #lifeofarecruiter

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 Exec. Chef Brinegar:
 “Healthy food can heal. It can also be gorgeous.”



@DwightKNelson • May 6
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 Nursing School Lessons:
 We are wonderfully made;
 The little things count;
 It's important to know yourself. —Jayme, senior
 #NursesWeek #aedu



Graduates inspired to make a difference

Spring Graduation 2017

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY'S SPRING GRADUATION took place May 5–7, boasting beautiful blue skies and pleasant spring breezes.

Ryan Hayes, associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry, offered the Consecration address titled, “Got to Go THROUGH It!” on Friday, May 5.

On Saturday, May 6, Alvin Kibble, vice president for North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists and honorary degree candidate, presented the Baccalaureate address, titled, “So, Now What?” for both services in PMC. That evening, a vespers tribute to parents, faculty and students was followed by the annual President’s Reception for graduates and their families.

Lisa Beardsley-Hardy, director of the Department of Education at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, spoke on Sunday, May 7, for the first Commence-

ment service for graduates from the School of Education and the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. Her address was titled “Hold Fast!” During this service, Alvin Kibble received an honorary Doctor of Divinity for his outstanding dedication, leadership and scholarly contributions to the field of theology.

Founder and CEO of the Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project Twesigye Kaguri was the featured speaker for the 11 a.m. Commencement service on Sunday. His address was titled, “Faith Is Why I Do What I Do.” This service was for students graduating from the College of Arts & Sciences. Kaguri also received an honorary Doctor of Laws for his outstanding dedication, leadership, advocacy and passion for human rights activism.

Olen Netteburg, medical director and

physician at Bere Adventist Hospital in Chad and honorary degree candidate, was the featured speaker for the 2 p.m. Commencement service on Sunday, May 7, for the School of Architecture & Interior Design, School of Business Administration, School of Distance Education & International Partnerships and School of Health Professions.

His address was titled, “So You Know All the Mysteries...Now What?” Both Olen and his wife, Danae (Bland) Netteburg, received honorary degrees, Doctor of Humane Letters, for their contribution to Seventh-day Adventist medical missions, for bringing positive change to those in need through sacrificial service, and for living out the gospel in their personal and professional lives.

Clockwise, from far left:

Ryan Hayes, left, was the Consecration speaker on Friday evening. He and his wife, Suzi, performed a chemistry experiment as part of his presentation.

Alvin Kibble, vice president for the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, was the speaker for both Baccalaureate services. He also received an honorary Doctor of Divinity at the 8:30 a.m. Commencement on Sunday.

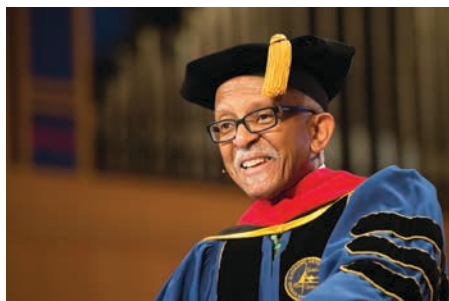
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New Andrews University alumni descend the steps of Pioneer Memorial Church with their diplomas in hand

Visit andrews.edu/graduation to view videos of the weekend services and read entire citations. Also, check out the **Spring Graduation 2017** photo album on our Facebook page.



Spring Graduation 2017 Fast Facts



Females: **182**



Males: **185**



Countries represented: **26**



Undergraduates:
211



Graduates:
156



House-baked cookies prepared
for President's Reception:
58 dozen (696 total)



Cups of tea served at
graduation rehearsal

120 Man hours
spent mowing
in preparation
for grad

Flowers planted
in preparation for grad:
17,000 (yes, that's correct)



Cuba mission trip a great experience

Impacting lives for eternity

222 NEW BELIEVERS WERE BAPTIZED IN Cuba at the culmination of a spring break mission trip hosted by the Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary.

For nine days, the team of 24 seminary students and three faculty sponsors led six simultaneous evangelistic series in various parts of Holguin, Cuba. The team also gave away clothing, musical instruments, 100 bicycles, 20 computers and 12 tablet libraries to pastors and Bible workers who have no transportation or access to Bibles, devotionals or other ministry materials.

On the final night, the six groups joined together in a basketball arena for a worship service ending in a call to baptism, with over 2,000 in attendance. The next morning, after a Sabbath program in the same facility, 222 new believers were baptized.

"A few years ago, it was unthinkable to do religious services in a public arena," says Fernando Ortiz, director of the MDiv program and Care for Cuba organizer. "This was only the second religious congress held in Holguin, and the first one was also Adventist-led."

Ortiz led the first mission trip to Cuba in 1998. When he became the director of the MDiv program in the Seminary, he united his passion for preparing pastors for ministry with his call to meet the needs of the Adventist church in Cuba. The result was "Care for Cuba," the yearly study tour that made history in 2013 as the first North American Adventist educational institution to reach Cuba in almost 50 years.

Since 2013, 120 seminarians and seven faculty members have done ministry in Cuba, resulting in over 800 baptisms and hundreds of Cuban pastors and Bible workers equipped to do more effective ministry.

One unique aspect of this year's trip is the first Care for Cuba youth evangelistic effort, where Seminarians practiced creative evangelism techniques such as a Frisbee ministry. The efforts drew 60–80 youth, young adults and university students to a rented Quaker church each evening.

"It was a true inside look of how to do ministry," says Samuel Ulett, a trip attendee who will graduate from the Seminary in December. "It was a great learning experience and an opportunity to learn how to do ministry in a different environment."

The trip not only benefits the Cuban people, but also transforms the ministry of the pastors-in-training who attend.

"What I see for myself in the future is having a church where we communicate and interact with the community like we did in Cuba," says Michael Shelton, a 2017 trip attendee. "If there's anything I learned from going to Cuba, it's the fact that people are longing for healthy relationships. They don't want to know how much you know about the Bible—they want to know that you care about them, and that's what it's all about."

Past Seminary students have been so inspired by the trip that they have organized Care for Cuba fundraisers and even led their own mission trips to Cuba.



Care for Cuba's goal is to give 1,000 bicycles, 500 tablet libraries and 500 computers to the pastors and Bible workers in Cuba. To donate bicycles (\$150), tablets (\$100) or computers (\$100) on behalf of your family, church or business, visit CareforCuba.org. Your dollars will impact lives for eternity!

Left: The group also brought dozens of musical instruments to share with pastors and Bible workers

Summit on Social Consciousness

“Border Wars: A Summit on Refugees and Immigration”

THE SIXTH ANNUAL SUMMIT ON SOCIAL Consciousness was held from April 6–8, focusing on the theme “Border Wars: A Summit on Refugees and Immigration.” Consisting of three main forums, the event started with “Being a Muslim at Andrews,” hosted by the School of Graduate Studies.

The forum began with a conversation with Imam Moustafa Elsayed from Benton Harbor, Michigan. The moderator then invited Andrews students Salman Alqahtani, Alya Suliman and Mohammad Talafha to

from many refugees about their experiences. Afterward, the audience formed groups to discuss the content of the videos, each group led by a faculty member. Group leaders included Ingrid Slikkers, assistant professor of social work, Rachel Williams-Smith, associate professor of communication, Nicolas Miller, professor of church history and Lester Merklin, associate professor of world mission.

On Sabbath afternoon, students, faculty, staff and community members

security and biblical perspectives. Audience members were able to hear how the wall either financially benefited or hurt the country and how Adventism and safety played into the conversation. Particular time was spent discussing whether immigrants truly posed a security threat to the country.

“I think there has been a lot of extreme rhetoric on both sides,” said Nay, who opposes the wall. “I think it’s important that we listen to each other.”

Metzner, who advocated for building the wall, concurred.

“I’m a huge fan of constructive dialogue; we need to have talks like this. Campus Ministries has done a really great job facili-



The Thursday April 6 forum featured three Muslim students who attend Andrews University



John Nay, former U.S. ambassador to Suriname, presents his view on building a border wall while Gabriel Morales and Jake Metzner look on

join him on the floor for a question and answer session, where they responded to queries provided by the moderator and the audience. Some of the questions involved dismantling stereotypes about Muslims, such as appearance and practice of religion.

The second forum, “Short Films, Food & Dialogue,” which took place the following day, featured conversations about refugees. After an introduction by Jeff Boyd, research specialist for the Office of Research & Creative Scholarship, a TED-Ed video explaining the definition of refugee and a speech by Khai Khai, Andrews University student, two videos were played.

The first was a documentary from the New York Times called “4.1 Miles,” about refugees who try to cross the channel between Turkey and the Greek island Lesbos. The second, “Refuge,” featured interviews

filled Newbold Auditorium for “Agora V: Adventist Perspectives on Immigration and The Wall,” where John Nay, former U.S. ambassador to Suriname and current adjunct professor, discussed with Jake Metzner, outgoing president of Adventist Intercollegiate Association, their opposing views on Trump’s immigration policies and proposed wall along the Mexican border. Gabriel Morales, a student in the Seminary, was the moderator.

Participants answered questions from four categories: economy, opportunity,

tating these kinds of discussions.”

Attendees wanted to understand how Metzner justified building the wall, as well as understand why Nay felt it was unnecessary.

“I was really curious to hear the rationale for the wall,” says Esther Battle, senior sociology major. “I wanted to gain further understanding from someone whose views differ from my own. I’m glad I attended and I hope [the organizers] continue to encourage these kinds of provocative conversations.”

Morales also fielded several audience questions directed toward the representatives for each side. Ending with the Agora Creed, as is tradition, audience members and participants recited a passage from 1 Corinthians which says in part, “If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.”

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SonScreen Festival

Two Andrews films win awards

From April 6-8, Loma Linda University hosted the annual SonScreen Film Festival—a student film competition sponsored by the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. Of the 44 total films entered into the festival, four were produced by Andrews University groups, two of which won awards.

“The Hugs Project,” produced by Stephen Allcock, Jeriah Richardson and Maxine Murray, won Best Documentary Short. Denae Keizs, Madai Villa, Heidi Ramirez and Kiana Gurley’s documentary “Foreign Native” gained an honorable mention in this category, and also won the Audience Choice Award. According to Paul Kim, documentary film professor at Andrews University, this is the most important award at the festival.



The Andrews University group poses with Ernie Medina (far right), alum and board member, and his daughter Summer

Two additional projects from Andrews were screened during the event, but did not win awards. They were “Papi” by Nina Vallado and “Jackie: The Transformation Project” by University Health & Wellness.

“SonScreen was a really great opportunity to see what other Christian schools were doing in film, and to network with fellow creatives,” states Allcock. “It was also absolutely fantastic to have such support from the Adventist church for filmmakers and creatives.”

Allcock recalls the experience of not only observing an audience experience their film for the first time, but also of being given an award for their work.

“I couldn’t be happier about the award,” he says. “It was an amazing and challenging process for the whole film team, and to get such a fantastic reaction from the crowd as we witnessed them respond to the emotional roller coaster of the story was amazing. To me, that was more satisfying than winning the award itself. That being said, it was a good feeling knowing people got as caught up in the story and characters of our documentary as we did. The award itself stands as a testament to the power of film to connect people and share stories.”

“The Hugs Project” (trailer)—<https://vimeo.com/148007971>

“Foreign Native”—<https://vimeo.com/194252013>

“Papi”—<https://vimeo.com/164522718>

“Jackie: The Transformation Project” (trailer)—<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rTelmTizg1E&feature=youtu.be>

Ellen White Issues Symposium

Exploring Ellen White’s understanding of hermeneutics

THE 13TH ELLEN WHITE ISSUES SYMPOSIUM was held on April 3, 2017, studying the topic “Ellen White’s Understanding of Hermeneutics.”

More than 100 attendees heard presentations from speakers including Richard Davidson, professor of Old Testament interpretation, and Jiří Moskala, Seminary dean. Other presenters included Merlin Burt, director of the Center for Adventist Research, Denis Kaiser, assistant professor of church history, and Iriann Marie Hausted, PhD candidate.

Following the paper presentations, respondents shared their insights and responses. Respondents this year were Roy Gane, professor of Hebrew Bible and Ancient Near Eastern languages, Jerry Moon, professor of church history, and Keith Mattingly, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences.

Burt began the symposium to address the reality that much of the church’s study of White is simply a response to critics’ arguments.

“They’ve had the same arguments for over 100 years,” he said. “We need to press further, and explore what can be learned about Ellen White and the gift of prophecy from a faith perspective.”

The Ellen White Issues Symposium began in 2004. Since then, Adventist institutions all over the world, including Russia, Kenya, Mexico and Korea have hosted similar symposia using scholarly material published from the annual gathering at Andrews.

“I want to colorize Ellen White,” said Burt. “We have an emotionally and relationally black-and-white Ellen White, and the only way we can get beyond that is to begin to connect to her in her writings, life and stories.”

“Hermeneutics is the science of interpretation,” said Burt. “It is looking for what rules keep us objective when we interpret a text.”

Many attendees were drawn to the symposium because of the topic.

“I’m studying the development of



Adventist theology, so I came to get a better understanding of Ellen G. White and how she interpreted the Bible,” said Jimmy Atkins, an MDiv student.

This year, scholarly papers on the topic of hermeneutics were presented with a prepared response, allowing the presenter to refine his or her ideas before publication. Attendees were encouraged to submit questions to be discussed at a panel.

John Reeve, professor of church history and the panel moderator, challenged attendees to ask themselves, “Am I willing to go with objective hermeneutics, or are my personal, private conclusions and decisions going to trump hermeneutics?”

Attendee Janet Lankheet, who finished her degree at the Seminary in 1988, was inspired by the presentations.

Lankheet and her husband were invited by Jim Shields from Howell, Michigan, who has attended the event four times.

“I invited a lot of people to come,” he said. “I think this is important. I feel these issues need to come from here in the academic arena and be disseminated to the whole church.”

Shields particularly appreciated Davidson’s presentation exploring the exact beginning and end dates of the 2300-day prophecy in Daniel 8.

Davidson’s presentation, along with the others, will be published in the “Symposium Journal,” which is available for purchase through the Center for Adventist Research. Those interested in ordering the journal can call 269-471-3209 or email car@andrews.edu.

Teaching & Learning Conference

Workshops, breakout sessions and keynote speaker revitalize teaching methods

THE ANDREWS UNIVERSITY TEACHING AND Learning Conference took place May 30. Hosted by the Department of Teaching, Learning & Curriculum, the event was a collaboration between the University and its neighboring community of educators. This is the 15th year that Andrews has hosted the AUTLC, and this year's theme was "Woolly Teaching or Wholly Teaching: Interrogating the Tired, the Tried and the True."

In addition to the main speaker, Maria Salazar, associate professor and director of teacher education at the University of Denver (Colorado), the conference featured poster sessions, workshops and breakout sessions. Presenters discussed lessons they have learned regarding designing, developing and implementing education in effective and innovative ways.

"The AUTLC is an opportunity for schol-



Breakout sessions presented new and innovative methods of educating students

ars to share reports of significant work or integrative reviews in theory, research, development, applications and societal issues related to all aspects of education," explains Jeff Boyd, research support specialist for the Office of Research & Creative Scholarship.

One workshop, titled "Lights! Camera! Action!: Creating and using video in your classroom," was presented by Lee Davidson, associate professor of teacher education at Andrews University, and Aaron Koleda, technology director and teacher at Village Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School across town in Berrien Springs.

"Modern technology has made video production very easy compared to past years," said Davidson and Koleda. "Having

students create videos to make class presentations is a way to get them to engage with a topic in more depth."

Salazar, keynote speaker, presented "The Metamorphosis of a Rose that Grew in Concrete: Finding feet, wings, and voice." Salazar is the director of teacher education, specializing in teacher preparation, assessment and professional development for culturally and linguistically diverse learners. She also provides for the needs of English language learners across all grades and college preparation for Latino students.

She is the lead author of "The State of Latinos 2008: Defining an Agenda for the Future," which was presented to the U.S. Congress.

MARTIN LUTHER COMMEMORATION EVENTS

Two symposiums/conferences planned for fall 2017

OCTOBER 31, 2017 WILL COMMEMORATE the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 theses to the door of the Wittenberg Castel Church. A defining individual in the Protestant Reformation, Ellen White described Luther in "The Great Controversy" as "Knowing no fear but the fear of God, and acknowledging no foundation for faith but the Holy Scriptures, Luther was the man for his time."

In commemoration, Andrews University will be hosting two events: the first by the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and another by the Departments of History & Political Science and Religion & Biblical Languages.

The first Martin Luther Symposium will take place from October 12–14 at the

Seminary Chapel. Keynote speakers will be Timothy J. Wengert, professor emeritus of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania and professor of church history at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, along with Daniel Heinz, director of the European Archives of Seventh-day Adventist History located at Friedensau Adventist University in Germany. A book compiled from 27 various authors on the significance of Martin Luther to the Adventist faith will also be released at the event.

The second conference begins on the 500th anniversary of the 95 Theses, October 31 and continues until Nov. 3. In collaboration with the GC's Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research, it will address Luther's impact on medieval history and



the Protestant Reformation, including a roundtable discussion and presentations from speakers both inside and outside the Adventist faith. Most events will take place at Buller Hall with a concluding event at the Howard Performing Arts Center.

 andrews.edu/cas/history/lutherconference
or email lutherconference@andrews.edu

SBA & VACD undertake rebranding project for Syscon

Students build a strategic business plan and design business system & marketing tools

LAST FALL, THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Administration received an email from Syscon International, a local global leader in industrial controls, requesting assistance with rebranding their multi-million-dollar company. Knowing that this project could stand out on student portfolios, professors Kimberly Pichot and Jacquelyn Warwick from the School of Business Administration (SBA) and Doug Taylor from the Department of Visual Art, Communication & Design (VACD) in the College of Arts & Sciences, brought their marketing and design courses together as though they were a firm of their own, each class with its own important part to contribute.

The SBA set out to build a strategic business plan for Syscon International, and VACD set out to design new logos, letterheads and other visual marketing tools.

Expanding into both undergraduate and graduate-level curriculum, the scale of this project was unlike any other previously acquired. Andrews University students brought their professionalism and zeal towards hard work to the table, impressively representing their University, their professors and the Andrews mission at the final presentation on April 14.

Including online students, this project brought seven time zones together in collaboration and, at times, the entire SBA in one unified meeting place. Surpassing the expectations of everyone involved, Maxwell Murray, an MBA student who was also the enrollment strategic marketing leader at Andrews University, received an exceptional response to his work: a job offer.

From his new office at Syscon International's headquarters, Maxwell commented, "I went in to this assignment completely unaware of Syscon and the industry they operated in. With the help of my classmates (Danae Brousson, Harold Morales, Junior Orelus) and professors (Denise Shaver and Kim Pichot) we tackled this new territory for the School of Business Administration."

Undergraduate marketing major Joey Jorgensen also commented on his experience, saying, "...Working side-by-side with my peers for a serious company was very



The combined group of student presenters, faculty and Syscon representatives

refreshing—it felt like the training wheels had been taken off."

In reaction to the presentation, Lary Johnson, president of Syscon, said he was "pleasantly surprised at the submission of the homework...more was delivered than expected." Johnson also said he "appreciated the perspective of young fresh eyes," providing a clue as to how the partnership was drummed up from the start. Gary Bendix, Syscon International's vice president of sales, reflected on the partnership from its start to finish: "This project showcased the broad skillset that Andrews University students have."

codeShack receives funds from Google

Will help RMES to acquire more equipment and software

IN MARCH 2017, THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING & COMPUTER SCIENCE (ECS) received a grant from Google's igniteCS program for their outreach program titled "codeShack." igniteCS offers funding and resources for university students to help them mentor their communities in computer science.

codeShack is the ECS outreach program at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School on the campus of Andrews University, where they provide a coding and creative project class for grades 7–8.

"We plan to use the funds from this grant to acquire more robust equipment, software,

and other necessary supplies, as well as to enhance and expand our coding program for all grade levels," writes Evelyn Savory, RMES principal. "Though the demand for coding is high with teachers and students, the lack of equipment and staff prevents these classes from regularly being offered."

codeShack was designed to offer coding as part of the curriculum for RMES students, as the founders had noticed the lack of computer science courses in the past.

"We started this effort last year in partnership with RMES and it has been hugely successful," says Hyun Kwon, chair of

ECS and faculty advisor for the group. The program is led by six student leaders who visit RMES two times per week to work on the coding project.

Kwon comments, "Programs like this are impossible unless students who want to serve the community and become role models put in the necessary time and dedication to make it happen."

Google's igniteCS program is one of many initiatives to foster learning in computer science.

"We hope to continue applying for igniteCS funding and becoming a part of their 'legacy' team," Huang explains. "If we succeed, the codeShack program at RMES can grow and expand to the other students and fields, and offer new opportunities to University students, too."

Love thy neighbor

Seminary students embrace Syrian refugees

IN EARLY 2011, A SMALL GROUP OF SYRIAN teenagers painted revolutionary symbols on the walls of their high school to protest recent government actions. They had no idea that their subsequent arrest, torture and death would spark a national civil war. In the last six years, hundreds of thousands of Syrian citizens have been murdered, and more than 10 million have been displaced or fled the country as refugees.

In November 2016, Hafiz Ally, Seminary Student Forum (SSF) president, discovered that there were dozens of Syrian refugee families living in Kalamazoo, Michigan, just one hour away from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. Determined to mobilize the seminary community to aid these families, he soon found himself before the refugees.

“My heart broke as I listened to their stories,” Ally admitted. “Some children had been in Michigan for a month but had only the clothes on their back. Same underwear, same thin windbreaker pants, same shirt. I wondered, how are they going to get through winter?”

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In response, Ally and the SSF team decided to spend the seminary’s annual Week of Spiritual Emphasis collecting nonperishable food items, winter clothes, diapers and funds for the refugees and inviting students to join them on a trip to Kalamazoo to distribute supplies and meet the families.

By the end of the week, SSF had a team of 22 volunteers, eight Arabic translators and enough supplies to fill two trailers. On Feb. 3, 2017, the team headed to Kalamazoo to serve the Syrian families.

When they arrived, the group split into teams, loaded boxes with food and size-ap-

propriate clothing, and began to visit families. In one home, the husband shared his story with the male students in one room while his wife and two small daughters welcomed the female students in another, according to their custom. Despite the language barrier, the women were soon sitting on the bed laughing, sharing photos of family members and caring for the children.

Another family, affectionately called the “triplet family” by seminary students because of their three 10-year-old children, spent four years in Cairo, Egypt, going through the vetting process to come to the U.S. as refugees. Now, they are in Michigan’s frigid winter season with no winter clothes and no way to pay their rent.

Rebecca Murdock, a seminary student who visited the “triplet family,” left feeling overwhelmed.

“We had a great experience, but felt like anything we could do would just be a drop in the bucket; it wouldn’t really fix anything,” she said.

Many students reflected the same concerns on the bus ride back. While the families had been grateful for supplies they had received, students wanted to do more.

Murdock decided to share the needs of the “triplet family” on her Facebook page. Within hours, messages began pouring in from contacts all over the U.S. who wanted to send funds, clothing and other supplies.

She also created a GoFundMe account for the family. Within 24 hours, more than \$800 had been donated, capping off at \$1,450, enough to cover another month of rent, grocery items and supplies.

“I put the needs into the hands of God and the community and was amazed at what happened!” she said. “We showed up at the family’s house, and I just said, ‘This is from a group of people in America who want to welcome you, be your neighbor and support you through this.’ We were all tearing up.”



A group of Seminary students gathers for prayer before visiting Syrian refugee families in Kalamazoo, Michigan

On March 31, SSF returned to Kalamazoo with additional supplies to visit families from the first trip, as well as help ten additional families. Each family received a 50-lb bag of rice and a \$40 Aldi’s grocery gift card, in addition to clothing and other resources.

Yvette Parham was among the students who returned for the second trip. “I came back because I wanted to see how our family was doing,” she said. “It was so exciting to see how what we gave them last time had impacted them!”

On the first trip, Parham and her fellow students learned that the family had almost no pots, pans or cooking utensils. The group pooled their funds to purchase a cooking set for the family as well as fresh herbs, so that they would be able to prepare food for themselves and their five children.

“They’ve been able to do so much with the cooking equipment,” said Parham. “The father of the family showed us photos of dinners he’d made and he’s even begun cooking for events at the Muslim Center. The equipment has provided a potential source of income for the family.”

Parham shared that she has been impacted as well. “Although they may see us coming to them as a blessing, they are the ultimate blessing to us,” she said. “To continue to be a true Christian in this Western society, we will have to give ourselves over to doing acts like this.”

“The Bible is always on the side of the refugee,” Parham continued. “That’s the person they call ‘the stranger in your land,’ and we are to do what the Bible says: take care of them.”

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Sherwin and Hayward given top recognition

Presented with J.N. Andrews Medallion during 2017 spring commencement

TWO COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES FAC-ulty were recognized with the prestigious J.N. Andrews Medallion at the 11 a.m. Commencement service.

First was James L. Hayward, research professor of biology, emeritus, who was recognized for his contributions to the field of biology and the scholarly development of students and faculty.

Hayward said, “I was surprised, stunned, and humbled! Andrews has provided me with amazing opportunities to thrive and grow with my students. I’m truly appreciative and inspired to remain engaged and productive!”

Hayward completed a degree in biology with a minor in chemistry at Walla Walla College in 1972 as an Outstanding Graduate in Biology. In 1975 he received his Master of Arts in Biology at Andrews University, and went on to complete his PhD in zoology at Washington State University in 1982.

Before joining the faculty at Andrews University in 1986, Hayward taught biology at Southwestern Union College, Texas; Walla Walla College, Washington; and Union College, Nebraska.

Over the course of his career, Hayward received 26 faculty research grants from Andrews, and since 2003, has attracted more than 1.2 million dollars in research funding from the National Science Foundation. He has spent 30 field seasons working on Protection Island National Wildlife Refuge in Washington State.

His book, “The Creation/Evolution Controversy: An Annotated Bibliography,”

was selected by the American Library Association’s magazine “Choice” as one of its Outstanding Academic Titles in 1999.

He has also published over 60 peer-reviewed articles, numerous non-peer-reviewed articles, encyclopedia articles (many for the new Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia), and a book chapter. Additionally, he has delivered more than 40 oral presentations at research conferences and has advised more than 20 master’s theses and more than 30 undergraduate researchers.

Hayward won the Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1995, then again in 2002. In 2015, he won the Siegfried H. Horn Award for Excellence in Research & Creative Scholarship and two months later, he received the Undergraduate Research Mentor Award.

The second recipient was David B. Sherwin, assistant professor of photography, who was recognized for his passion for making a difference in students’ lives through the art and craft of photography and his professional contribution to the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Sherwin said, “I was blown away by the honor of receiving the J.N. Andrews Medallion. It took me by complete surprise! I feel blessed to be able to serve Andrews University all these years.”

Sherwin completed a Bachelor of Fine Arts in photography at Andrews University in 1982. In 2005, he studied under Michael Grecco, an American photographer, film director and author, and received a Contemporary Black & White Portraits certificate.

He has also earned additional certificates in lighting techniques and portraiture.

Before coming to Andrews, Sherwin worked for six years at the Review and Herald Publishing Co. in Hagerstown, Maryland, as their head photographer. He joined the faculty at Andrews University in 1987 and worked full-time until 1991 as an instructor of photography.

From 1990–2000, Sherwin founded and operated First Light Studios, a commercial photographic studio. He continued to teach a studio class at Andrews until 2000, when he returned to teach full-time as assistant professor of photography.

As the child of missionaries, Sherwin has a passion to provide his students with a broader world view, showing them how they can be of service, as well as exploring other cultures visually. He has taken his students on several international study tours and trips to Egypt, Jordan and India, as well as various national parks and locations in the U.S. Sherwin has also participated in a number of mission trips with his family to the Philippines, Peru and Venezuela.

The Adventist world church recognized Sherwin’s professional and leadership ability by inviting him to manage the team of ten Adventist Review photographers who documented the 2015 GC Session.

He has received more than 15 awards. Recent awards include the Society of Adventist Communicators “Best in Class” Award for Envision Magazine (2016), and American Graphic Design & Advertising “Best of Category” Award for Photography (2012).



**J.N. Andrews
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*Far left:
James Hayward
Left: Dave Sherwin*

“I’ve already been to heaven”

Alan Mitchell retires after a 45-year career teaching music, 30 at Andrews

IN A SQUARE OFFICE ON THE WEST SIDE OF Hamel Hall, a white-haired gentleman bends over a table covered in CDs, sheet music and stacks of books. On a nearby wall, framed pictures of concert programs and posters, smiling musicians and newspaper clippings hang in even rows. The opposite wall hosts near-floor-to-ceiling bookshelves brimming with music and books—music history, music theory, composers and other reference works.

It’s a room full of memories.

After 30 years teaching music at Andrews University, and a career that spans 45 years, Alan Mitchell is ready to retire.

“I was going to become an archaeologist,” he says. “That was until I took an archaeology course in college and then that was out of my system!”

Music was just something he always did.

“It was always in my life and was the best thing I did,” Mitchell says softly.

He treasures memories of rubbing shoulders throughout his formative years with musicians whose names were familiar to him from textbooks and recordings. It wasn’t until he switched to pre-med that he

and various locations across the U.S.

His favorite memory from his time at Andrews happened just last year, when the Wind Symphony toured in Europe.

“The Basilica di Sant’Ignazio in Rome had a 7–8-second echo,” Mitchell recalls. “Watching the kids’ faces when we played our first note in that space was a big kick. Their eyes got huge.”

That trip to Italy was the culmination of seven international music tours Mitchell led from Andrews, and he looks back fondly on each of them for the opportunity to experience different cultures and performance spaces with his students.

However, the Howard Performing Arts Center on the Andrews campus outshines them all.

“It’s like I’ve already been to heaven, playing in that hall,” says Mitchell with reverence. “It’s a beautiful space with fantastic acoustics, and allows many different groups of people to come together and share musical experiences. That’s important to me.”

Music isn’t the only area in which Mitchell has experienced profound and passionate moments. Mitchell recalls a summer as a young man that he attended Bible camp in Thousand Oaks, California.

“I was by myself with God out in the hills,” he says quietly. “I made a commitment there that has stuck with me for life: I believe. If I could offer any advice to my young-adult self, it would just be to stay true to my beliefs.”



Following Alan Mitchell’s final concert as director of the Andrews University Wind Symphony, he was presented with a Bach 42B trombone

the performance, the Department of Music presented Mitchell with a very special gift.

“It’s a Bach 42B trombone,” Mitchell says proudly. “Forty years ago, I ordered a trombone with an F attachment like this one, but when it still wasn’t available six months later I gave up. I never did try again.”

The Bach 42B is a professional instrument Mitchell always thought he’d grow into. It took him 45 years as a professional trombonist, but he finally has his prized possession.

“Every morning I look at it and smile,” he says, grinning. “I play it every day.”

That trombone will serve Mitchell well in retirement, as he plans to continue offering private lessons and substitute teaching for area schools. He also intends to dive more deeply into photography—a hobby he never really found the time to develop as much as he wished—among other things.

What is Mitchell most proud of?

“I’m proud of all my students who are now doing what I do. Hopefully I had some part in the inspiration of their work. I do what I do because I love it and I’ve wanted to instill that in other people who are now teachers doing the same thing for their students. I’ve turned the battle over to them, and I love seeing them carry that flag forward.”

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got far enough from the music department to realize he needed it in his life.

“Well, that and the constant headaches from memorizing information for my practicum exams,” he snickers and shakes his head. “It was too much. I missed music.”

And so began a career that led Mitchell around the country and allowed him a chance to explore the world. Mitchell studied in Ohio, California and Nebraska. He has worked in Michigan, Washington State, Nebraska and California. He has toured with ensembles to Italy, Spain, Germany, France, Switzerland, England, Puerto Rico, Canada

Mitchell believes music is powerful. The science of its effects on brain development, language acquisition and math skills aside, music also teaches influential life lessons.

“Music has taught me self-discipline, how to work effectively with others—basically how to live with other people,” he says. “And it has given me an expressive outlet and an activity I can enjoy the rest of my life. I hope I passed at least some of those lessons on to my students.”

On April 23, 2017, Alan Mitchell conducted his final concert as director of the Wind Symphony at Andrews University. Following

The only way to live

Carlos Flores looks back on his career with appreciation and no regrets

IN 1971, WITH NO SPONSORSHIP, NO scholarship, and no understanding of Michigan weather, 17-year-old Carlos Flores left his family in Mexico and enrolled at Andrews University.

"It was cold," he says, shaking his head. "My wife and I swore we'd never come back because the weather was just too harsh. Its funny; now that we're retired and can go anywhere, we've chosen to stay here. Friends make the weather tolerable."

Though Flores has only been a faculty member at Andrews since 1998, his teaching profession goes back to 1975. In 42 years, Flores served at four Adventist institutions of higher education, in roles spanning professor, chair and dean.

Andrews students have always impressed Flores. He notes that his colleagues at other schools complained about the disrespectful, lazy nature of their students, but he never experienced that here.

"One thing that has made being at Andrews so special is the character of the students," he says. "They are respectful, kind, caring and fantastic academically, too."

Following the final recital of his Theory IV students' compositions at the end of spring semester, Flores' students presented him with a soccer ball, on which they had written what they appreciate about his teaching.

"It's a trophy," says Flores. "Things like this remind me of how fortunate I have been to work here."

Looking back over what he's proud of in his career, the first thing that comes to mind is the textbook he wrote in both English and Spanish, "Principles of Melody & Harmony." The book is used in many places across Latin America.

"I am also proud of my teaching," he admits. "Just recently I got a note from a student saying classes won't be the same without me. It makes me feel like I've done a good job in my contributions to the field of music."

Like most professional musicians, Flores was involved in music from an early age.

Though his family encouraged him to become a pastor or a doctor, Flores dedicated himself to music, a choice he admits took great sacrifice, as he had to leave his family at a young age to pursue that dream.

"I couldn't have made a better decision," he says.

Flores specializes in piano and cello, and has performed numerous times with his brother, Hector, who followed him to the U.S. and currently teaches music at Andrews Academy.

"I grew up in a very close family," says Flores. "My favorite memories center around playing tennis. My father, my brothers and I would play any chance we got."

God has always been at the center of Flores' life. He followed God's call to live a life teaching music, and he followed the call to every place he's lived, learned and served, including Mexico, Puerto Rico, Massachusetts and Michigan. And he saw God's hand in a real way when he was seriously injured in 1973.

"I have absolutely no regrets... I am positive that every decision I've made was God's way for me."

To pay his way through college, Flores worked at a foundry in Stevensville, Michigan, about ten miles west of the Andrews campus. While at work one day, Flores seriously burned his right foot.

"I was faced with the most likely scenario that my foot would be amputated," he says quietly, remembering the fear and disappointment. As a pianist, the prospect of losing his right foot meant he would need to re-learn with his left foot an important part of playing the piano: Using the pedals.

Flores spent eight weeks in the ICU. With no one but each other during this difficult time, the newly married couple of two months turned to God.



Carlos Flores

"God responded positively," says Flores. "I did not lose my foot."

As he faces retirement, Flores smiles as he considers what he plans to do with his time. In addition to increased time with his wife, two children and five grandchildren, Flores looks forward to short-term mission trips serving schools around the world. He and his wife also hope to travel, exploring the U.S., Mexico and Europe. First on the list is Mt. Rushmore in South Dakota.

"I have spent the longest time of any of my posts, 19 years, at Andrews," Flores says. "Somehow that time went faster than any of the other periods of my life, and I believe it's because it was such a pleasure to be here doing what I love."

Flores shakes his head when asked if he would change anything.

"I have absolutely no regrets," he says. "I am positive that every decision I've made was God's way for me."

In the last class of his teaching career, Flores' students asked him for one final bit of advice. He read to them Psalm 37:5.

"I like the way it reads in Spanish," he says, translating as he reads aloud. "Put your life in the Lord's hands, trust in him and he will deliver." That's what I would have told myself as a young man, that's what I've told my children and that's what I tell my students. It's the only way to live a regret-free life. It's the only way to live."

The search for the Sabbath-keeping Waldensians

Gerard Damsteegt, associate professor of church history, conducts research to provide clarity

FOUNDED BY THEOLOGIAN PETER WALDO in 1173, the Waldensians are admired for their bravery across Protestant religions and gain high bidding in Adventist writings. “The Great Controversy” states, “Their religious belief was founded upon the written word of God, the true system of Christianity” during the Dark Ages, when biblical truth was hard to come by in the pervasive Roman Catholic Church. Though their beliefs and teachings are considered to be forerunners of the Protestant Reformation, a question that is a bit harder to answer is if they kept the seventh-day Sabbath.

“The Great Controversy” implies that they did, introducing its chapter on Waldensians with, “In every age there were witnesses for God—men who cherished faith in Christ as the only mediator between God and man, who held the Bible as the only rule of life and who hallowed the true Sabbath.” However, the historical confirmation is elusive, since most Waldensian work was destroyed in its day for being heretical.

According to P. Gerard Damsteegt, professor of church history at the Seminary, several historical documents refer to Waldensians

worshiping on the Sabbath, though the sources that did, being primarily inquisitors and Catholic historians, wanted it otherwise.

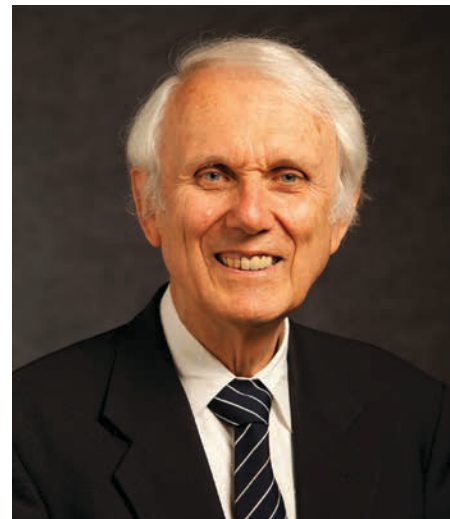
The Waldensian historian Emilio Comba in 1821 stated that northern Italy included many Christian groups that defected from the Catholic Church in the Dark Ages, who were associated with the Waldensians and kept the Sabbath.

For some, this information may not come as much of a surprise, since Waldensian practices and Sabbath worship are often closely associated in the Adventist church. However, the historical community has had a hard time solidifying the concept because of other defining characteristics which set the Waldensians apart, earning them names such as “sabbatati,” “sabatatos,” “xabatati” and “insabbatatis.”

Damsteegt clarifies the religious implications behind the name “insabbatatis.”

“What I have discovered is that the name ‘insabatati’ was being used both for the rejection of all the Catholic traditions and holy days, and also for those that reject Sunday as a tradition,” he says.

In May, Damsteegt took his research to



P. Gerard Damsteegt

the Waldensian church headquarters in Italy for review, which will hopefully result in more religious and historical clarity on this important topic.

“Though it has been nearly one thousand years since the formation of the Waldensian religion,” Damsteegt muses, “their influence has been an important part of both the history and theology of Protestant religions.”

Burnack named Advisor of the Year

For her knowledge, motivation and availability

CAROL BURTNACK, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR of public health, nutrition and wellness, was named Advisor of the Year at the annual Awards Assembly on April 25.

The award is given by the Student Success Center after evaluating hundreds of student comments about their advisors.

Burnack’s students provided the following comments: “Being Ms. Carol Burnack’s advisee is a one-of-a-kind experience since she can both be accurate and clear about academic processes as well as be there to listen when you have something on your mind that’s bothering you.”

“My advisor has been amazing. She is always available to meet with me. She projects

a friendly, caring, Christian interest in me. She is always ready to listen and help with any problem I may have. She made sure I understood what classes I needed to take. I appreciate everything she has done for me.”

Burnack says, “My mission has been to focus on serving the students since they are why I am here. I had such a great student experience in my undergraduate studies at Andrews. My professors and advisor made me feel a part of the Andrews family and took the time to talk and pray with me, and I try to replicate that for my student advisees as best I can. I am truly grateful for my advisees and the opportunity to do what I do in helping them succeed in their studies.



Carol Burnack



A SPECIAL KIND OF ENGINEER

by Becky De Oliveira

WHEN YOU THINK MISSIONARY, MOST likely you picture a pastor, teacher, doctor or nurse. Not many people would envision an audio engineer—certainly not an individual described at one point as a “guerrilla geek” and “self-styled Robin Hood of the mobile industry” by the BBC for his successful hack of the U.S. version of the iPhone in 2007. Daryl Gungadoo (BS ’95) has a graduate degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and 96 patents to his name—two of them sold last year. He could probably do just about anything, and certainly has the skills and drive to avoid the modest and unassuming label of missionary. But Daryl has long had a passion for service, determining as a young man that he would go ahead and be an engineer—but he was going to be a special kind of engineer. A missionary engineer. It is this passion that drives him to seek opportunities to serve others in ways that are highly unconventional and always surprising. When the refugee crisis hit Europe in the wake of Syrian Civil War, many people looked away. Daryl Gungadoo almost immediately started to figure out how he could help.

Reaching the hardest-to-reach

Daryl has worked for Adventist World Radio (AWR) for more than 20 years. His current job is global resource engineer and director of the global distribution and research department based in Bracknell, England, near Newbold College. AWR’s mission is to reach the hardest-to-reach people groups on earth with the good news of the Gospel, but most people envision the work of radio as somewhat removed from everyday life and perhaps even rarefied. If ADRA is the “gospel in work boots,” AWR is “the gospel through sound waves”—perhaps perceived as ephemeral and distant from the ugly reality of human suffering and need. Those who create radio programs

send their messages into the ether, often having no idea of who might be listening or what the result of their programming might be.

AWR, which started broadcasting out of Portugal in 1971, is always looking for potential projects in places like the Middle East and North Africa—locations that have a high concentration of hard-to-reach groups. This can be very difficult. The Arab Spring and the onset of the war in Syria in 2011 brought an unusual opportunity for outreach in the form of an extreme crisis; refugees began showing up in huge numbers on European shores, desperate to reach Germany, Scandinavia or the United Kingdom. Daryl wanted to reach out to them—not only spiritually but holistically as well, meeting their physical needs for food, shelter and medical attention, as well as their social needs for purpose, meaning, friendship and belonging. “It seemed likely that if they were escaping tyranny, they would be naturally more open-minded to new world views and possibly more receptive of the gospel,” Daryl says.

But AWR initially had little interest in working with refugees, seeing this as more of a job for ADRA. In 2015, Daryl recruited a couple of colleagues, including EUD communication director Corrado Cozzi, for an unofficial trip to Lesbos—an island just a few miles off the coast of Turkey—to do potential audience research. Lesbos was a particular hot spot for refugees from across the Middle East at this time. Many would travel first to Turkey and then take a Zodiac [inflatable rubber boat] the four or five miles across the sea to the island. At the peak of activity, as many as 1,000 people arrived each night.

During this initial reconnaissance, Daryl also visited the refugee camps outside Dunkirk, France, and Frankfurt, Germany. “I came back from my exploration quite shocked at how little meaningful

work our church was doing for refugees,” Daryl recounts. ADRA was running a few camps, but the real needs were not being met—mostly because of logistical challenges in organizing resources. ADRA receives most of its funding from governments, not from the church, and not many governments were interested in putting money toward helping refugees. The most significant operation taking place at the Dunkirk camp was done by one woman, Claudette Hannebicque—a member of a tiny local Adventist church (30 members). She single-handedly fed the refugees once a week—at first one or two hundred people and later peaking at about 3,000.

Changing lives in Dunkirk

Daryl’s mens’ prayer group at Newbold Church had initially discouraged him from visiting Lesbos over fears for his safety. When he returned with incredible photos and video footage to share with the group, they decided they could make a difference in Dunkirk, which is only a two-hour drive (and ferry ride) from Bracknell. The group began making weekly convoy trips—usually on Sundays—to the camp at Dunkirk, bringing truckloads of fruit, rice and other food and supplies that could be purchased more inexpensively in England. The women’s group got involved too, making a special Valentine’s Day trip to deliver roses to the women of the camp.

Meanwhile, the refugee camp at Dunkirk had developed a very poor reputation similar to that of the infamous “Jungle” of Calais. Conditions in the camp were dangerous, unhealthy and overcrowded; people lacked proper sanitation, there were rats. The camp was buried under a meter of mud. “I’ve visited 22 refugee camps,” Daryl says. “Dunkirk was the worst.” The French government found the situation shameful and embarrassing, but felt it had to

LEFT: Refugees wet from a recent sea crossing getting warmth from a fire on the beach.

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Giving an AWR GodPod to a Kurdish refugee from Syria



In Lesbos, welcoming refugees to Greece

I hope that Andrews continues to bathe every student—especially undergrads—with a sense of mission. Everyone can be a missionary in their own field. It doesn't have to be theology."

determine how to provide for people in a humane manner without attracting more refugees. All over Europe, the refugee crisis was political dynamite. The town of Grand-Synthe, population 22,000, located between Dunkirk and Calais, joined with Doctors Without Borders to build a model camp, one that met United Nations (UN) standards. Daryl spent three days helping to build this camp, and ending up getting to know many of the leaders and administrators of Doctors Without Borders. He used one of his "pet engineering projects," a 360-degree video capture technology (image stitching software) that he developed—selling a portion of it to GoPro—to document the camp building project. Doctors Without Borders subsequently contracted him to film in 360 degrees at refugee camps all over Europe. His videos are available on YouTube.

Broadcast to baptism

Still looking for ways that AWR might connect with the refugee population across Europe through broadcasting—the thing it does best—Daryl realized that the organization really could help in a meaningful way. "The refugees are very bored. They can't work and there's nothing much for them to do." That's where the God Pod digital MP3 solar-powered

"talking Bible" came into the picture. AWR allowed Daryl to try a few of these at a camp in Europe (the location cannot be disclosed to protect the individuals), loading content in Farsi and Kurdish.

This idea proved effective. Just recently, two families have been baptized and another 10 are attending a local church. AWR is also gearing up to provide content to Radio Rozana FM, a station created to "bring objective and independent reporting to Syrian listeners" that began broadcasting from Paris in 2013. The AWR programs will not be heavily "Bible-bashing" or theological, but focus on practical issues that refugees face. Doctors from Loma Linda University School of Medicine, for instance, write scripts about the trauma of going through war, etc. "Even more than food or shelter, addressing these issues is key in helping these people," Daryl says. "We're able to provide meaningful content to a station that already has a following among the groups we're trying to reach."

It started at Andrews University...

While Daryl received his master's degree from MIT, he credits Andrews University with making him who he is today, primarily through its student missions program. "My sophomore year, I hit a kind of crisis point," Daryl recounts. "I

didn't know what my purpose was. Why was I studying engineering? Why was I studying at Andrews when I could be somewhere with better weather, like California? My grades were slipping and my motivation was gone. I ended up going to Guam for a year to work for AWR, and at the end of that year, I knew exactly what I was going to do. I hope that Andrews continues to bathe every student—especially undergrads—with a sense of mission. Everyone can be a missionary in their own field. It doesn't have to be theology."

Daryl is always thinking ahead, planning and dreaming about new possibilities. One thing he'd really like to do is create a series of "incubation centers" throughout the world—possibly connected to universities. These would provide Adventist inventors with the space and resources to build and patent their inventions and receive royalties for their work. You can't help but feel that if Daryl really wants this to happen, it's only a matter of time.

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NEVER A Question

by Becky St. Clair

“In Spain, in the summers, we’d pile into our little Fiat and go into towns and do Vacation Bible Schools. We’d pile everything in-between us in the seat and off we’d go.”

AUTHOR’S NOTE:

When I was asked to write this story I never imagined it would affect me as deeply as it did. Ingrid walked into my office on a semi-sunny morning and as she settled into a chair across the desk from me I explained my goal with the interview. As she opened up about her experiences, I began to realize that the story I was writing was as much about the children as it was about Ingrid. This article contains stories that may be difficult to read; I will admit I cried more than once during the interview. But difficult does not mean bad and it does not mean wrong; it just means we’re being challenged to think and feel differently than perhaps we have in the past. And the world we live in needs us to think and feel differently. We cannot effect change in comfort.

INGRID WEISS SLIKKERS HAS fond memories of her childhood, driven by the ministry of both of her parents. As a pastoral family, they moved a lot; Ingrid lived in a variety of places such as New York, Spain, Washington, D.C. and even a little bit in her family’s native Argentina.

“Watching my parents’ minister was probably hugely influential,” she says. “I don’t know if they realized how much my siblings and I joining them doing ministry mattered.”

Today, like Ingrid, her sister is a social worker; their brother serves as a vice president at Maranatha International.

“They didn’t tell us, ‘Go into ministry and service,’ it was their example,” Ingrid reflects. “We always knew that it was what God wanted us to do so that’s what we did.”

During college, Ingrid spent her summers working at a homeless shelter in downtown Washington, D.C., She planned activities and was responsible alone at times for 15 kids, transporting them to museums, the zoo and more.

Later she served at Camp Blue Ridge, working with inner city kids who had never been outside the city. “It was beautiful,” she says with a smile. “They could be kids with us. They weren’t



Left: Ingrid and her brother were raised with a passion for ministry, including Ingathering at a young age
Facing page: Ingrid with a staff member in the Social Work lobby, which is decorated with pictures that refugee children have made of “themselves”



scared of what might happen, and they had predictable meals every day. Seeing many of them accept Jesus as they saw that someone cared about and loved them was extremely moving.”

Though she earned her undergraduate degrees in English and communication, Ingrid knew she eventually wanted to do social work. So she went to grad school and got her master’s. During this time, Ingrid worked in an advocacy role for Hispanic communities, trying to keep the youth out of gangs, offering parenting seminars and family therapy, raising awareness of issues within the community, among other things.

“I participated in a march to address the issues of gangs while pregnant with my first child,” Ingrid laughs. “My husband probably wondered what was wrong with his crazy wife!”

In her role as assistant professor of social work at Andrews University, Ingrid not only teaches her students how to care for others, she exemplifies it, as she continues to consult with a local non-profit,

specifically those who work with refugees entering the United States, such as Bethany Christian Services.

“I’m kind of a lifer there,” says Ingrid with a smile. Bethany has been working with refugees since the 1970s, assisting with family resettlement, reuniting children and parents, finding foster care for unaccompanied minors and providing mentorship programs, among other things. They have helped refugees from many countries or areas like the Sudan, Eritrea, Myanmar, Afghanistan, Central America and, most recently, Syria.

The stories that emerge from such work are not for the faint hearted.

“I remember seeing a 15-year-old boy in therapy who had escaped from a war-torn country,” Ingrid says. “They recruited him, threatened his family and then trained him to kill people with machetes. He finally decided he’d had enough and found his way to the U.S. Working with him during counseling was really something. The things he had experienced were not things anyone should, let alone a young boy, and the resulting nightmares he had were terrifying. Those were key moments when I began really becoming aware of refugee realities and the impact of trauma.”

In early 2013 when the Grand Rapids branch of Bethany expanded their immigrant and refugee child services and asked the Southwest Michigan branch to help, Ingrid was placed as the site manager and therapist. Some of the children coming through her department were from Central America and were unaccompanied minors who had been picked up by Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE) as federal prisoners. Ingrid and her team were tasked with screening the children for trafficking and/or abuse.

“The stories they told...” Ingrid says softly, letting her voice trail off. “Someone pays someone else to get them here, then they dump the kids somewhere and hope they find their way. They don’t speak English, and when we pick them up at the airport from the ICE officers they are wearing the

same flip-flops they wore for 3,000 miles. They have lice, chapped lips and stories of murdered parents, rape and abuse. Many are under 13 years old.”

Ingrid and her team work tirelessly as social detectives to find people to sponsor these children. A sponsor would claim responsibility for the child so that they could stay in the U.S., pursue some type of legal relief and begin adjusting to a home with safety.

“There was a 5-year-old girl I picked up from the ICE agents once,” Ingrid recalls. “She had beautiful curly hair that was matted and full of lice. She could tell us her first name and that she was going ‘to the United States of America,’ but that was

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about it. Occasionally she would talk about a mom, but she would refer to ‘mom’ back home and ‘mom’ here in the U.S. so we were a bit confused.”

After a week or so in Bethany’s care, a teacher noticed the girl was regularly singing a jingle to herself. Listening closer, she realized the girl was singing numbers slurred together. On a whim she asked all the other students in the class to listen to her sing and to write down what they heard.

“It was a phone number,” says Ingrid with an incredulous look on her face. “Someone had taught her a tune with numbers to remember it.”

When they called the number, the woman who answered the phone began shrieking and sobbing. The girl was the woman’s daughter, whom she had lost in the desert as they were fleeing. The woman thought her child was dead.

Most recently, when Bethany again expanded their services in Southwest Michigan they began receiving unaccompanied refugee minors from UN refugee camps



The girl and her sister were orphans living with another family in the village. When a violent local gang decided they wanted the family's corner house for illegal drug trafficking, the family received a note under their door to hand over US \$50,000 or the girls would be kidnapped.

"That little girl decided right then that if those people were going to kidnap them she had to figure out how to kill her sister and then herself," Ingrid recalls. "She had seen what the gangs did to other kids—she had seen their tortured bodies in the street and she didn't want that for her sister or for herself. So she'd lie awake at night trying to decide the best way to do it. No 10-year old should have to think anything like that."

Ingrid's team also works with 17-year-old boys from refugee camps who live in a boys' home run by Bethany. Since the boys are too close to their 18th birthday to join a family, they become each other's family in the group home and learn independent liv-

"Let's be aware and let's do something. We could be the one thing standing between life and death for a child."

around the world. Some have seen their families gunned down or otherwise killed in front of them, others don't know where their family is, they just fled to save their own lives. These children are not allowed to enter the U.S. until they have a foster family willing to open their home, so Ingrid and her team work around the clock to identify willing families to bring as many children into safety as possible.

"Once we post that we have a licensed family, within seconds we get referrals for children in myriad locations around the globe just waiting," she says. "There's usually a tiny picture of the child and their address at the refugee camp—it will say something like, X block, row 5. No child should have that as their address."

Ingrid sadly admits that not all stories have happy endings where the child is welcomed into a new family with teddy bears and balloons at the airport. For example, one boy on the list for a foster family had suffered significant injuries fleeing his village in Africa after everyone

else, including his family, had been murdered in front of him.

"We had a family willing to take him in, and had started to line up doctors for him, but due to logistics we weren't able to get him here before he died," she shares. "That story devastated our staff. We prayed that he knew before he died that someone wanted him. That there was a family here for him, and that we were going to offer him safety and hope."

Not all children have personally experienced physical violence, but have been traumatized in other ways. Ingrid shares the story of a 10-year-old girl who arrived at Bethany with her 4-year-old sister. Ingrid was tasked with screening the pair for trafficking and/or abuse. One of the questions was about self-harm or suicidal ideation.

"When I asked her if she'd ever thought about hurting herself or ending her life, this little ten-year-old girl looked me in the eye and nodded her head yes," Ingrid says. "I asked her to tell me about that, and she told me her story."

ing skills such as managing public transit, how to purchase groceries, and more.

"It's like our own mini United Nations in that home," laughs Ingrid. "There are boys from so many different countries and cultures there, and they each have stories of sadness and devastation. And they're still just being boys—hanging out and laughing and loving to eat, but now they are safe."

Every experience she has with a child opens Ingrid's eyes even more to the world around her, the needs people have and her role in being God's hands and feet.

One nine-year-old girl sitting in Ingrid's office was asked if she went to church when she was living in her country of origin. Immediately she jumped up and proudly stated, "I did! I'm a Seventh-day Adventist and I'm a Pathfinder!"

"I had this moment of, 'She's one of ours!'" says Ingrid. "I had to stop myself as I heard God saying to me, 'Wait—aren't they all one of mine?'" That moment has been forever etched in her mind and she relays it often.

Ingrid admits that if you'd asked her ten years ago about refugee work it wouldn't have been on her radar. She acknowledges that it's God that put this burden on her heart and passion in her soul and then put her where she needed to be.

"As Americans, it's easy to forget what's going on in the world around us because it feels like it's so far away," says Ingrid. "We have to take Matthew 25 literally: Did you give me something to eat? Did you give me something to drink? Did you visit me? Did you take me in?"

In addition to teaching classes at Andrews and consulting for Bethany, Ingrid continues to share the stories of these children with various groups and speaks about the trauma they have endured. She encourages listeners to be open to what God is telling them to do about the global refugee crisis, to talk about it with other people, share the stories they hear and be aware of what's happening outside their bubble.

"Let's not go about our everyday lives like it's not happening," she implores. "Let's be aware and let's do something. We could be the one thing standing between life and death for a child."

Recently, while driving, Ingrid heard a story* on the radio that stuck with her. It was about a German woman who lived through WWII. The church she attended during the war was situated next to railroad tracks, and every Sunday a train

would whistle past as the congregation worshiped. One Sunday they heard the cries of people as the train click-clacked down the track. In her own words, the congregation "grimly realized that the train was carrying Jews...We could do nothing to help these poor miserable people, yet their screams tormented us." It became tradition to begin singing hymns when they heard the train approaching, singing louder and louder as the train roared past the church, drowning out the sounds of the Jews on the way to their deaths.

As she listened to this story in her car, Ingrid found herself applying the lesson to herself.

"What more can I do as a Christian?" she asks. "Am I just singing louder and louder in my church and drowning out the cries? But what does 'doing' look like? The work is so big and I am but one person."

The Southwest Michigan branch of Immigrant and Refugee Services of Bethany began with three employees a little over four years ago. Now they have 25 employees and have seen over 400 refugee children come through their program. Bethany aids only a small fraction of the children who need assistance; of the 65 million refugees around the world today, over 50 percent of them are children. Though Ingrid is no longer as involved as before, she continues to provide clinical consultation once a week, helping the staff

process cases and supporting them in their own progression of working with children with such traumatic stories.

"It was never a question, really, whether I would serve people," she says with a shrug. "I never questioned a life of service. I continue to be devastated, but at the same time, motivated to continue on," she says firmly. "I share these stories with the students I teach because that's what we believe in here at Andrews. We're going to seek knowledge; we're going to affirm our faith; and we're going to go out and change the world. That's my passion both in the classroom and outside of it."

Note: For information on how you can support Bethany Christian Services, visit bethany.org. For information on other organizations supporting refugee children and families, including Adventist Development & Relief Agency (ADRA), visit charitynavigator.org. Lots of organizations need funds, some are looking for refugee mentors and many more people than do can open their homes as foster homes. Ingrid says, "It's all about praying for God to show us exactly how we fit into this picture to serve and love our neighbor, and then being open to his answer."

**<http://www.internationalwallofprayer.org/A-010-Holocaust-Memorial-Day-Stover.html>*

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A planning meeting to discuss starting a home for refugee girls similar to one already in place for refugee boys.



It is time.

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Koinonia Day: Together in *fellowship*

Sabbath, April 29, 2017.

It was going to be a high day. A unique day. It was Koinonia Day, born into conception through inspiration just a few weeks prior.

“KOINONIA IS THE GREEK WORD FOR fellowship,” explains Dwight Nelson, lead pastor of Pioneer Memorial Church on the campus of Andrews University. “It is embedded in the Pentecost story where 3,000 people were baptized in Jerusalem. New members devoted themselves to the...*fellowship* [emphasis Nelson’s]. The Bible says everyone was filled with awe. 2 Corinthians 13:14 bids, ‘May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the *fellowship* of the Holy Spirit be with you all’” [emphasis Nelson’s].

“That was code to the followers of Christ that what we experience in him we share with each other,” Nelson says. “It’s a bond—blest be the tie that binds.”

In March, the Spiritual Life Committee was discussing next steps for the campus following the #ItIsTimeAU* campaign still fresh in everyone’s minds. They recognized that the campus was galvanized and didn’t want the school year to end with “a chapel and two videos.”

Nelson appealed to the committee: “The world church’s eyes are on us. We cannot squander this moment.”

After the meeting, Michael Polite, associate chaplain, emailed Nelson, asking to meet.

“Nelson’s speech moved me,” says Polite. “I understood his heart in that moment. I felt like he was seeing an opportunity in a way that none of us around the table were seeing.”

So they met. They prayed. They made a plan that came to fruition on Sabbath, April 29: Koinonia Day.

On this special Sabbath, New Life Fellowship, a historically black congregation which meets in the too-small-for-them Seminary Chapel, and the historically predominantly white congregation of Pioneer Memorial Church, swapped worship spaces for the second church service. Musicians, preachers, deacons and regular attendees all moved to a different space for their regular worship experience.

“Relocating New Life to PMC has been discussed in the past,” says Polite. “I have been uncomfortable engaging in these discussions because they were void of proper context and sensitivity to a hurtful history. This conversation was different; it not only admitted that the current setup is not ideal for the New Life community, but it also positioned New

Life as the lead on crafting the experience and surveying the attendees to see how they felt in the PMC space.”

So, Koinonia Day served as a litmus test. Campus spiritual leaders created a simple survey to distribute to both congregations: Where do you usually attend church? Do you feel comfortable here? Do you feel this was a positive thing? Did you encounter God today?

“It was a really beautiful opportunity to see something powerful that has never been done here,” says Melanie Reed, senior architecture major. “It was packed, and people were worshiping in a different way. It didn’t feel forced, or black and white, it felt like genuine, collective worship among people who all love God.”

It wasn’t just about the worship experience. Following the church service, PMC, New Life and One Place (a weekly church service that meets in Newbold Auditorium in Buller Hall) came together for a fellowship meal on the lawn outside the Campus Center.

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When the weather forecast for Sabbath predicted rain, event coordinators knew they had to prepare a contingency.

Enter Lorraine London Polite, project manager for the provost. On Friday, she worked with Paul Elder, director of facilities management, and his team to set up nearly 1,500 chairs at tables in Johnson Gym. Then, she and Elder personally went to seven stores in the area and purchased 86 identical portable canopies to be set up over the sidewalk between the Campus Center and Johnson Gym so no one would walk in the rain.

“The gym space was important,” says Nelson. “The ambiance and energy of the room made all the difference. It was Koinonia.”

Thanks to Mark Daniels, general manager of Dining Services and Linda Brinegar, executive chef, over 1,600 people were served their haystack lunch in under an hour.

June Price, University chaplain, and her team coordinated the personal connection experience for the afternoon, seating people randomly so they wouldn’t sit with those they already knew. Specially made cards at each table invited those seated to ask and answer questions of themselves and each other.

Price’s team also facilitated room-wide conversation from the front, asking questions and having people stand so all could see who had similar experiences. They

covered everything from liking Taco Bell to losing a parent to personally experiencing discrimination.

“We wanted the audience to understand that we’re similar in deep things,” Price says. “The atmosphere was exactly what was needed. There was great camaraderie as each table actively got to know each other.”

“It was inter-generational, inter-congregational and inter-cultural,” explains Polite. “One student shared that he sat with an elderly gentleman from PMC and had a conversation during which they learned they had more in common than they thought. That’s priceless.”

Garrison Hayes, student chaplain and MDiv student, felt Koinonia Day was exactly what was needed.

“The fingerprints of God were all over it,” he says. “I believe God wanted us to get a small taste of Heaven and the unencumbered fellowship we will enjoy there. He was successful.”

Following lunch, a special Koinonia vespers, facilitated by J. Murdock, pastor of One Place, allowed for additional praise and prayer. Nelson reviewed how Koinonia came about, and used the story to motivate a time of small-group prayer for Andrews. Andrea Luxton, University president, led attendees in corporate prayer and Kenley Hall, associate professor of Christian ministry in the Seminary, gave a stirring charge.

“Let’s make Koinonia not an event, but a lifestyle,” Hall urged.

So, what’s the long-term impact of Koinonia Day?

Responses from the 1,500 survey cards distributed between PMC and New Life will be tabulated and reviewed to determine and define next steps.

“Coming together is an intrusive project,” says Polite. “It’s difficult. It requires sacrifice, time, effort, energy and money. But when you have individuals willing to sacrifice those things together, it’s a sign that staying the same is not an option. They are willing to sacrifice together.”

A multiracial team from PMC will identify strategic steps forward to create a more ethnically inclusive environment at PMC. Concurrently, a New Life leadership team will study possible next steps. These groups will spend fall semester 2017 reviewing, learning and building consensus. Any long-term commitments will be launched in January 2018.

“This is not unique to PMC or Andrews,” says Nelson. “This is life. The nation is as fractured as we’ve ever been racially, and this is an opportunity for God to put something together that reaches far beyond Andrews.”

In his Koinonia Day sermon, Nelson referenced Philippians 1:6 several times: “He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

“What God starts he finishes,” Nelson says confidently. “We believe he’s started something and we’re just as confident that he will finish it. The best is yet to come. With Jesus, that is always the case.”



*To view the Koinonia Day services, visit andrews.edu/diversity/itistime

Alumni calendar of events

For up-to-date information visit us online at alumni.andrews.edu or contact the Office of Alumni Services at 269-471-3591 or alumni@andrews.edu.

AUGUST

3 Houston Area Regional Event/ASI Event

6 p.m.

Dimassi's Mediterranean Grill

919 Milam St, Houston TX 77002

Please check alumni.andrews.edu/rsvp for up-to-date information on this and other events in your area.

6 Summer Graduation 2017

9 a.m.

Pioneer Memorial Church

Berrien Springs MI 49104

20 New Student Move-In

All-day

Volunteer Event

Andrews University Campus

25 New Student Mentorship Event

Volunteer Event

Andrews University Campus

SEPTEMBER

28 2017 Homecoming Weekend

Andrews University Campus

For more information see our homecoming website: alumni.andrews.edu/homecoming

OCTOBER

29 Maryland Area Regional Event

Location TBD

Please check alumni.andrews.edu/rsvp for up-to-date information on this and other events in your area.

30 New York City Area Regional Event

Location TBD

Please check alumni.andrews.edu/rsvp for up-to-date information on this and other events in your area.

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.

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



JULIO FLORES (RIGHT) AND HIS SON JOSIAS BOTH GRADUATED from Andrews University on Sunday, May 7, 2017. Julio earned a Doctor of Ministry from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. He is a pastor in the greater Charlotte, North Carolina area. Josias graduated from the College of Arts & Sciences with a Bachelor of Arts in religion, *summa cum laude* and J.N. Andrews Scholar. He has already been assigned to a church in the Hendersonville/Asheville area with the Carolina Conference.

Comments Solicited

Comments Solicited for DNP Program Accreditation Visit

Andrews University wishes to announce that it will host a site review for initial accreditation of its Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) nursing program by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

You are invited to meet the site visit team and share your comments about the program in person at a meeting scheduled at 4 p.m. on **October 17, 2017** at Dean Rudatsikara's conference room in Harrigan Hall.

Written comments are also welcome and should be submitted directly to:

Dr. Marsal Stoll, Chief Executive Officer
Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing
3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850
Atlanta GA 30326

Or email: mstoll@acenursing.org

All written comments should be received by **October 12, 2017**.

Regional events



Kettering, Ohio

Sabbath, May 13, 2017

The historic Moraine Farm formed a beautiful backdrop for alumni attending the regional event in Kettering, organized by **Fred Manchur** (BA '74), CEO of Kettering Health Network and **Dr. Robert Smith** (BS '75, MA '78), vice president of medical affairs and chief medical officer of Kettering Health Network. President **Andrea Luxton** (MA '78) answered questions from alumni and **Andriy Kharkovyy** (BS '06, MBA '09) shared a few notable updates from Andrews. The locally-catered food was top-notch, and everyone enjoyed a relaxing afternoon dining and connecting with Andrews friends while exploring this historic site.



London, UK

Tuesday, May 30, 2017

Andrews University was delighted to host a new regional event in the London area this year to connect with our valued alumni across the pond. After a prayer led by **Bjorn Ottesen** (MDiv '83), head of department for Theological Studies at Newbold College, attendees met fellow alums and heard what's new at Andrews from **Andriy Kharkovyy**, alumni director, during a cozy afternoon tea.



Denver, Colorado

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

Andrews alumni gathered at India's Restaurant in Denver to enjoy delicious food and meet our new president, **Andrea Luxton**. **Richard Stenbakken** (BD '65, MA '65) led the group in a prayer after which everyone enjoyed mingling with other alumni and hearing about the latest news and updates from Andrews presented by **Andriy Kharkovyy**, alumni director.

1960s



Seated, left-right: Deirice Williams Chapman, Neil Chapman, Margaret Norman Williams, DeWitt S. Williams, Darnella Elaine Williams **Standing:** Cedric Chapman

DeWitt S. Williams (MA '65) recently moved to Laurel, Maryland, to be near his youngest daughter, **Darnella Elaine Williams** (MA '98). This move followed the death of his wife, **Margaret Williams** (att.) on Nov. 7, 2016. Margaret had muscular dystrophy; she and DeWitt were married for 54 years. Margaret earned her MS from IU and took several courses at Andrews while DeWitt was in the Seminary from 1963–64. She served as a missionary teacher in Africa (Congo and Burundi) and as a teacher and principal for many years in the States. Their two daughters are service-oriented: a physician and a teacher.

DeWitt has written three books since he retired: “Spirit-Filled Leadership,” “Highly Committed,” and “Precious Memories of Missionaries of Color.” He also reprinted one written previously, “She Fulfilled the Impossible Dream.”

Antti Oksanen (MA '66) is happy to have had a chance to study at Andrews University. Before coming to Andrews he studied at Newbold College in England, where he received his BA in 1962. Later on, he continued his studies at the Swedish University of Turku in Finland, receiving a Master of Theology, and then continued at Uppsala University in Sweden, where he completed doctoral studies in the psychology of religion at the University of Lund in Sweden. He is currently retired, but still serves the church in Finland.

Colonel José R. Thomas-Richards (BA '66) is a retired orthopedic and hand surgeon who currently lives in Virginia. He writes, “I am so thankful for New Perceptions which I watch every day at 1 p.m. I am the product of missionary work. Like Abraham, I left my home, my loved ones and as an immigrant on a foreign student visa I came to America. I lived the American dream as an orthopedic surgeon. I defended the American dream as a Colonel, Commander of a Forward Surgical Hospital, leading the men and women of America in the theater in Afghanistan. I received the Bronze Star and the Legion of Merit from a grateful Nation. Today, I am the “American Dream” and I wear the uniform as a soldier of Heaven’s Highest Command. God bless my alma mater. God bless America.”

1970s

Geneth Wolfer (BMus '73) added MBA from Tennessee Technological University to credentials (physician (DO) and attorney (JD)) last December and anticipates graduation in December 2017 with a master’s degree in healthcare administration.

Bert (MA '78) & **Donna** (BA '78) **Williams** recently moved from their home for the past 12 years in Lincoln, Nebraska to San Mateo, California. At their new abode, Donna, who operated her own massage therapy business for the past nine years in Lincoln, has taken up new duties as full-time nanny to twin granddaughters, Avery and Ruby Kinsey. The twins were born to daughter and son-in-law Sara and Jeff Kinsey. Bert continues—from the new, remote location—in his position as editorial director for Christian Record Services for the Blind. In the Bay Area, in his spare time, Bert has become a member of the San Francisco Mandolin Orchestra.



Bert and Donna Williams with son Joel, daughter Sara, spouses and grandchildren

1980s

John Battenburg (BA '82) has been awarded a Fulbright Senior Scholar Grant to teach in the English Department at Cadi Ayyad University in Marrakech, Morocco in 2016–17. Battenburg is professor of English at California Polytechnic State University. Previously he was American University of Sharjah English Department Head in the UAE and Cal Poly director of International Education and Programs. Along with having received three Fulbright grants to teach and conduct research in North Africa, Battenburg has also served as US AID consultant in Costa Rica and U.S. State Department academic specialist in Morocco, Tunisia, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Austria.





The Holford Family

Karen Holford (MA '85) is currently the Family Ministries director for the Trans European Division of Seventh-day Adventists (since January 2016) and a freelance writer for several Adventist publications. She worked in Family & Children Ministries for the South England Conference

from 2002–2009 and earned a Master of Science in family therapy from the University of Luton. She lives with her husband **Bernard** (MDiv '86) in Hempstead, England. They have three adult children, Bethany, Nathan and Joel.

1990s

Nadine (BBA '99, MBA '01) & **Vaughan** (BS '98) **Nelson** along with big sister Adele welcomed baby Brendan into their family on April 27, 2016 in Lincoln, Nebraska. Vaughan works for Five Nines, a technology group and Nadine is the vice president of Enrollment and Student Financial Services at Union College.



Kent Alan Davis (BS '92) was recently honored as Educator of the Year at Pacific Union College in Angwin, California. Davis has been teaching at Pacific Union College since 2002 and currently serves as the chair of the department of chemistry.

Faculty and students shared tributes to Davis, including **Georgina Hill** (MA '79, former faculty), professor of English. She praised him for his dedication to teaching, saying, "As you've heard, Davis takes flour, water, the air, and turns it into astoundingly delicious sourdough bread, especially good with his homemade goat cheese. He also takes the complexity of chemistry and patiently explains it until there is clarity, and he is quite good at sorting out the trivial from the important, but I would argue his best feat is turning complacency into curiosity."

After graduating from Andrews University, **John Solomon** (MDiv '97) went on to get his master's degree from Eastern Washington University in 2015, after serving as a full-time minister for over 20 years. He currently serves as a part-time pastor and a full-time speech language pathologist in the Spokane, Washington area.

2010s

Esteb Pierre (MDiv '14, MBA '15) is working as a pastor for the Rocky Mountain Conference in Denver, Colorado. He has been married for 20 years and has two children. He enjoys advising and visiting his church members.



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Richard I. Morris (former staff), 88, died May 13, 2017, in St. Joseph, Michigan.

Richard was born Sept. 16, 1928, in Decatur, Michigan, the son of Alba and Mildred (Huber) Morris. He was the great-great-grandson of Dolphin Morris, the first pioneer settler of Van Buren County. He proudly served his country with the U.S. Army.

On June 20, 1948, in Glenwood, Michigan, he married Jeanette Hall. The couple made their home in Berrien Springs for the last 45 years, coming from Decatur. Richard was a mason by trade and helped build Pioneer Memorial Church, where they were members. He later worked at Plant Services at Andrews University for many years until retirement. He enjoyed working in his yard and loved traveling around the world with his wife.

He is survived by a nephew, Ron (Sheridan) Morris of Millburg; and many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Jeanette, two daughters, Janice and Judy, brother, Roger, and an infant brother.

Riva Fidel Robinson (BA '54), 89, died April 30, 2017, in Palm Springs, California.

He was born on Nov. 7, 1927 in San Andres, Colombia, South America.

After graduating from high school, Riva followed in the footsteps of his father by becoming a seaman. He was on his way to becoming a sea captain when he changed course and decided to further his education.

Riva attended Emmanuel Missionary College, graduating with a double major in business and history and a minor in French. On July 18, 1954, he married Vivien D. Townsend.

At the age of 40, Riva re-

turned to school to study medicine at Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara, Mexico. He practiced medicine for many years in Paw Paw, Michigan and in Santa Maria and Blythe, California.

His education was sponsored through generous loans and gifts from friends and family. He then paid it forward by assisting untold others with furthering their education.

After retiring from medical practice at the age of 79, he wrote four books, including a biography of his mother and an autobiography.

Riva was a modern-day Renaissance Man. He loved music, history, science and travel and spoke French, Spanish, English and Creole fluently. There were two passions in his life: religion and baseball. He was a lifelong member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and was instrumental in starting and nurturing churches in Santa Maria and Blythe and the Rocky Point School in Providence, Colombia.

He is survived by his wife Vivien Robinson of Vacaville, California, his children, **Riva F. Robinson Jr.** (M.Div. '85), Ronald E. Robinson, Ronda Ringer and Richard Robinson; seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild and two step-grandsons.

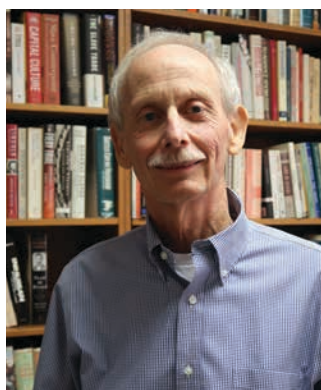
Charles Robert Dowell (BS '60, MMus '70), 84, died April 16, 2017 in St. Joseph, Michigan.

He was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, to Walter Ernest and Rhea (Short) Dowell on August 15, 1932, the only son of six children. He served in the Army from 1953–1961 and was stationed mainly in Germany.

He was a music teacher in the Southwest Michigan area for many years. He then started his own insurance business and served his clients with kind, thoughtful and ethical care until he retired.

He will be remembered for his infectious smile and his willingness to help anyone in need. He loved to sit on the porch watching the birds and the sunset, and talking about the years he sang in the men's quartet.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents and sisters Bessie and Sally. He is survived by three sisters: Nancy, Martha, and Kathy; his wife, Judith Ann Deck Dowell; his children: Randy (Leslie) Dowell, Teri (Chris) Dowell Guzicki, and Mike Dowell; and six grandchildren.



Benjamin Gerald McArthur, (BA '73), 66, of Collegedale, Tennessee, died April 10, 2017.

He was born Feb. 12, 1951, in Lincoln, Nebraska, to John and Ruby (Shafer) McArthur. He graduated with a degree in history in 1973 from Andrews University and in 1979 received his PhD in American history from the University of Chicago.

Ben was a respected teacher and an active scholar. From 1979–2017 he taught in the History Department of Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tennessee, except for a three-year period from 2009–2012 during which he served as the academic dean of Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas. He published three books and numerous articles during his long academic career.

Ben was also a member of the Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church, an avid

tennis player, and a Nebraska Cornhuskers fan.

He is survived by his beloved wife Callie, whom he married in 1980; his daughter Emily McArthur deCarvalho and her husband Rob deCarvalho; his son Mills McArthur who is pursuing doctoral studies at his father's alma mater—the University of Chicago; two grandchildren, Lily and Alec; and his five siblings: Sue Krueger, Frank McArthur, John McArthur, James McArthur, and Linda Krein.



Melvin Gene Krause (former staff) died March 25, 2017 in Seattle, Washington, due to kidney failure as a result of metastatic prostate cancer.

Mel received his pilot's license while enlisted in the Army and was a graduate from Oregon College with a degree in education.

He functioned as the chief flight instructor and program director of the Andrews University aviation department from 1973–1977. The highlight of his time at the university was delivering a de Havilland Beaver that had been purchased from an Army Surplus facility.

Following his time at Andrews, he taught 2nd and 3rd grade students in Cassopolis, Michigan from 1978–1995 and spent his summers flying as a crop duster in Plainfield, Wisconsin. In his spare time, Mel

also enjoyed building homes and constructed three of them for his family in Berrien Springs

After retiring in 1996 he moved to Newberg, Oregon, then to Niles, Michigan and finally Auburn, Washington.

Mel was predeceased by his wife, **Phila-Mae** (BS '81) in 1987. He is survived by his son, **Tony Krause** (MSPT '92), daughter-in-law **Jeannie (Tison) Krause** (MSPT '90), daughter Tammie (Krause) Schear, son-in-law Brian Schear and three grandchildren.



W. Larry Richards (MA '63, BD '68, professor emeritus) died March 18, 2017, at home surrounded by his family, accepting his passing just as he lived his 81 years—with infinite grace, dignity and tranquility.

Richards received his undergraduate degree from Pacific Union College, his Master of Divinity from Andrews University and his PhD from Northwestern University.

Larry was a church pastor, professor in Pacific Union College's Department of Theology, seminary professor in the New Testament department at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and director for the Greek Manuscript Research Center at Andrews University.

Richards contributed to Adventist theological discussion through teaching and writing for decades. Most notable was

his commentary on the books of First and Second Corinthians and his very popular "Read Greek in 30 Days (or less)."

Bille Kelly Burdick (BS '75), 84, of Ooltewah, Tennessee, died Feb. 5, 2017, in St. Joseph, Michigan.

Bille was born March 31, 1932, in Shelby, Michigan, the daughter of Richard and Ellen (Collins) Kelly. She earned her bachelor's degree and was a teacher for a time before devoting herself to being a homemaker and caring for her family.

Survivors include two sons, **Gary Burdick** (current faculty) of Berrien Springs and Rich Burdick of Montrose, Colorado; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Burdick.



Robert Don Moon III (CERT '81, BBA '84), 55, died Feb. 3, 2017, in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Bob was born Feb. 27, 1961, in Charlotte, Michigan to Robert Don Moon Jr. and Marie Louise Penner Moon. He was joined by sister Cami and brother Jim.

He grew up in Berrien Springs, Michigan attending Andrews Academy and later graduating with a bachelor's degree in accounting from Andrews University, where he met Annette Trubey. They married on May 22, 1983. Seven years later they had Kara Dawn, who was followed by Alison Renee and Robert Don Moon IV.

Bob completed his MBA from Webber University while working for Adventist Health Systems (AHS), where he started his career in the audit department. Bob enjoyed a distinguished career with AHS, serving as their Chief Financial Officer (CFO) in several regions for 20 years, followed by his career at Catholic Health Partners.

Bob became the CFO for Christus St. Vincent Regional Medical Center in Santa Fe, New Mexico in 2013. He led a team of dedicated colleagues and served on the Board of Directors Finance, Audit & Compliance, and Investment Committees where he contributed significantly in his pivotal role to the mission of the organization.

In Bob's spare time he loved playing basketball, golf, hiking and skiing, and he enjoyed them most when it was with his family. You would rarely find him on vacation with fewer than five, as he so generously allowed his children to bring a friend. He found extra joy in dragging them on treacherous uphill bike rides and long hikes.

Bob's biggest delight was the accomplishments of his children, whom he loved and inspired as a role model in business and in life.

He is survived by his parents, **Robert Don Moon Jr.** (att., retired staff/faculty) and **Marie Louise Penner Moon** (MA '76, retired faculty); his wife, **Annette Felisa Moon** (BBA '83). and their children: **Kara Dawn Moon** (att.), **Alison Renee Peterson** (BBA '14) and **Robert Don Moon IV** (BBA '17). He is also survived by his brother, **James Moon** (BA '95, MDiv '98) and sister, **Cami Cress** (BS '85).

He was predeceased by his grandparents: Robert Don Moon Sr. and Beatrice Moon.

Genevieve Rose (Clark) Goosey (BA '52), 86, of Berrien Springs, died Dec. 3, 2016.

She was born March 14, 1930 in Hinsdale, Illinois, graduated from Broadview Academy in 1947, then Emmanuel Missionary College in 1952 with a BA in education. She married Wilburn Goosey June 3, 1952, making their home in Berrien Springs. She worked 42 years as teacher/librarian, the last 36 years in the Benton Harbor School System. She was a member of the Village Seventh-day Adventist Church for 64 years.

Genevieve is survived by her children: Brenda (Larry) Thomas, Linda (Mark) Bennett, Glenda (Joe) Winnell, David (Diane) Goosey, Melinda (Don) Milliken and Rhonda Sheehan; 21 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Aida Acosta Weiss (former faculty) died Nov. 10, 2016. She was born in Victoria de las Tunas, Provincia de Oriente, Cuba, on Sept. 1, 1935.

Aida earned a BA in chemistry from Southern Missionary College in 1958, and a master's degree in metabolic nutrition from Columbia University in 1962. That same year she married Herold Weiss and continued studies toward a doctoral degree at Columbia University. In 1968 she became an instructor in the chemistry department at Andrews University.

After the birth of her two sons, she dedicated herself to the raising of her boys, and when her parents retired and came to live in Berrien Springs, she became their caregiver.

Pursuing her artistic inclinations and talents, she took classes on china painting and became an admired china decorator, much to the delight of her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, **Herold** (MA '57, BD '60); her sons, Dito and Carlos (Melanie); her brother, Edwin Orval Acosta (Bruce Tichenor); and five grandchildren.

George Hillry Akers (former faculty), 90, of Collegedale, Tennessee, died Feb. 4, 2017.

He was the son of the late Hillry B. and Kitty H. Akers and was preceded in death by his son, Douglas Allen Akers, and sister, Miriam Dalecki. The Akers family lived all over the United States but spent a majority of their time in Berrien Springs, Michigan at Andrews University, where Akers mentored education students and was the first dean of the School of Education. The Akers retired to Collegedale, Tennessee in 2003.

Akers, who earned his PhD from University of Southern California in 1966, was a lifelong educator and administrator for the Seventh-day Adventist educational system. He served over 51 years from 1947 to 1998 in teaching and leadership roles and continued to be active until recently on a voluntary basis. Over his career, Akers served at the academy level as boys' dean, teacher and principal; at the college and university level as professor, dean of students and academic vice president and president. Akers was also an ordained minister of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and head of the worldwide Adventist education system for five years.

His family, close friends, and many students and colleagues will remember him for his warmth and charm, both at a personal level and professionally. He's remembered fondly as an insightful and inspirational speaker, teacher and administrator who particularly focused on the integration of faith and learning.

He will also be remembered for his likeness to President Richard Nixon and one spur-of-the-moment escapade in 1970 when he was president of Columbia Union College in Washington, D.C. and was mistakenly identified as Nixon and admitted to Camp David, causing a security furor as recounted in the December 5, 2009 Chattanooga Free Press.

Survivors include his loving wife of 68 years, **Imogene A. Akers** (MA '67), of Collegedale, Tennessee; son, **Daniel** (BS '77) (Darlene) **Akers**, of Oceanside, California; four grandchildren: Daneen (Stephen Eyer) Akers, Deeanne (Garret) Akerson, Kallen (Josh) Thornton, and Cade Akers; five great-grandchildren: Lily, Enoch, Thaddeus, Abel, and Lucy; sister, Eolin Ann (Donald) Tripp, of New Market, Virginia; and several nieces and nephews.



Robert Arthur Williams (former faculty) died on Nov. 5, 2016 in Wyoming.

He was born May 31, 1925 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the eldest of four children of Forrest and Gladys Williams. He married the love of his life, Leora Kilbourne, in 1946.

Bob received his undergraduate degree in English from Western Michigan University, a master's degree in speech from University of Michigan and a PhD in counselor education from Michigan State University. He held a certificate in secondary teaching and was licensed as a psychologist in Michigan.

Bob's first job was teaching at South High School in Grand Rapids. In the early 1950s, he taught speech at La Sierra University. He worked as a school counselor and then director of Pupil Personnel Services for the Grand Rapids school system. After completing his PhD, he worked for the Oakland County Public Schools based in Pontiac, Michigan.

In 1972 Bob was hired by Andrews University to chair the Department of Education. Later he was appointed graduate dean. Beginning in 1983, Bob became the president of Kettering College of Medical Arts. Upon his retirement in 1990, he and Lee bought a motor home with the plan of spending their time visiting their children and grandchildren. Those plans were delayed by an invitation in 1991 to work with David Greenlaw in developing Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences. When the school opened in 1992, Bob was appointed its first academic dean. The next year, Bob retired again and became assistant to the president at Florida Hospital

College, a part-time position he held for the next 22 years.

Bob served on the Michigan Governor's Commission on Crime and Delinquency, and on President Gerald Ford's Advisory Committee on Title IV. He also served as president of the Michigan Chapter of the Association of School Counselors and president of the North Central Association of School Counselors.

He is survived by Lee, his wife of 69 years, his four children, Greg, Vicky, Kevin and Bill, 10 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren and by his sister Maris Kilbourne. He was preceded in death by his two younger brothers Don and Forrest.



Ruth Helen Kaiser (BS '55, MA '64), 93, of Berrien Springs, died Oct. 8, 2016, in Stevensville, Michigan.

Ruth was born July 19, 1923, in North St. Paul, Minnesota, the daughter of Walter and Amanda (Wellnitz) Kaiser. She moved to Wisconsin when she was young, and in 1954 she relocated to Berrien Springs, where she taught school at the Village Adventist Elementary School and Ruth Murdoch Elementary School.

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Clara Kaiser, and niece, Sally Dahl, both of Merrill, Wisconsin; **Alice Takomana-Luwemba** (BA '99, MDiv '02, DMin '15) of the international Malawan family; and many friends from her Sabbath School class and church family.

Alexandria Edge, Senior ACS Chemistry major

MY TIME AT ANDREWS IS CHARACTER-ized by thoughtfulness: A mixture of mindfulness, eagerness to learn and an integration of ideas.

It started with a simple question during freshman orientation week: What is present truth? As I plunged into the world of Western Heritage, an introductory Honors class, I was exposed to a combination of philosophy, history and literature that highlighted the growth of Western thought. It introduced me to a wide range of influential figures whose ideas stimulated questions in my life: What do I think? Why do I think that? What role is God playing in my life? I was fascinated as we traced the basis of our beliefs back hundreds of years, and as I saw how Western world views have both changed and stayed the same over all that time. I could even see in our study of Adventist history how decades had proven the idea that our access to truth grows when we as humans grow, both individually and as a collective.

This teaching of thoughtfulness spread across disciplines; my science classes placed a special emphasis on how we've gotten to the theories we use today, and how even now we are expanding our knowledge of the universe. For example, our basic understanding of the universe has profoundly grown from earth, fire, air and water to quarks and leptons. Even with all of that, we still have room to grow.

Thoughtfulness as a way of life also spread into my spiritual journey. One speaker in particular, David Asscherick, broke down and rebuilt the way I viewed Adventism. He connected me back to its foundation: God is love. This dovetailed smoothly into the topics of God's nature and perichoresis recently discussed in Western Heritage. With all of these exploratory opportunities, I grew in faith.

The rest of my college experience was imbued with this same thoughtfulness. I've looked at changes in colonial thought and cultural identity in classes



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such as Literature and the Arts and What is the Other. I've been exposed to the movement from Newtonian to Einsteinian to quantum physics in my science classes. Two of my favorite classes, Cosmos and Physics & Faith, analyzed how science and philosophy of religion evolved to separate and conflicting interpretations. Every semester, I see more of the world and the ebb and flow of ideologies. So many of the questions I didn't even know I had were answered by the thoughtfulness woven into everyday life at Andrews.

Before coming to Andrews, I was on the verge of leaving the church. I grew up Adventist, and while I had the knowledge of our beliefs, I didn't have the 'whys.' I saw a broken system that tried

to shelter me from wanting to question its fundamentals. I didn't see how far we'd come—the rich history of conflict and growth that got us to where we are. I didn't see that even now, we can and are still changing. Just as my experience at Andrews has taught me the process of learning, praying and growing, I want to be a part of the Adventist church as it continues to do the same. I can contribute to our spiritual progress. That, as I come to the end of my time in college, is the answer to that initial question of what is present truth.

Psalms 23 articulates one of those truths we cling to, which I have witnessed in God's guidance to the green pastures and still waters of Andrews University. I've walked through the valley of the shadow of uncertainty; God's goodness and mercy followed me through it. I chose to be baptized at the beginning of this school year, and I hope to continue in the tradition that Andrews has taught me: Careful thoughtfulness about my faith and how it affects every aspect of my life.

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A new living garden area between Beaty Pool and Bell Hall was established in honor of David Nowack, professor of biochemistry, and his wife Judy by Ron & Laura Butlin. All three of their children, Ashley (BS '06), Evan (BS '08) and James (BS '17), graduated with a degree in biochemistry from the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry. All three graduated with "cum laude" grade point average or higher. All three have graduated from or will enter Loma Linda University School of Medicine in California. An excerpt from the special dedication service held on May 6, 2017 states: "We ask God's blessing on this garden and dedicate it to David and Judy Nowack in the spirit of parental love, for their devotion to our children, and for their continual devotion and dedication to all the students of Andrews University. Let this beautiful place be a reminder to David and Judy that a piece of the Butlin family heart will always be here with them." (Photo credits: Brad Christensen; Inset: Brad Hwang)

